

SPORT NOTES

By Claude Newman

TOOLS OF IGNORANCE A SMART REDHEAD

Although some of the old-timers refer to the equipment used as "the tools of ignorance," quite a few baseball players are "dumb like a fox."



Charley (Red) Barrett, the erstwhile major league pitcher now with the Los Angeles Angels of the Coast League, for example.

Barrett, who used to pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Braves, is the guy who unblushingly admits, "I have a cream puff curve thrown with a ball of yarn." He isn't kidding either, because the soft stuff he dishes up to batters is almost like tossing a baseball up there. But he can pitch and has a lot of stuff, because he has control.

Enough of digressing. Barrett is "dumb like a fox" because in the twilight of his career he is reaping a harvest on thinking ahead a few years and learning a new profession to use when over the hill.

Today he's a great master of ceremonies, night club performer, and vaudeville entertainer. He can tell jokes like nobody's business, dirty if the location is right, and can strum a guitar while singing the doggonedest songs.

He's a professional artist and baseball's almost a sideline to him, except that he says of the national pastime: "What other job can you get where you work six months and vacation six."

Barrett took up the entertainment profession while with the Cardinals, learning to be at ease in front of crowds by talking to clubs, boys' groups and other organizations.

Today he can get from \$50 to \$150 an appearance, at least when he's not pitching baseballs to batters who scorn his offerings as "soft" but respect his control and envy his foresight.

In which sport would you say it takes the greatest perfectionist to be champion?

Perhaps there are a number of them, but the nearest to hand is figure skating on ice, a sport dominated among the individuals by Richard Button of Englewood, N.J., Olympic Champion who recently won his third straight world's title.

Grouped into two divisions, compulsory and free skating, the figure-making event calls for more coordination, perfection and grace than any other sport I can name.

Button, of course, presently is in a class by himself. For instance, in the recent world championships the lowest mark he scored in the free skating final where a mark of 6.0 is perfection was 5.7.

Just how perfect this is can be seen by the final figures. He counted 594.76 points out of a possible 613.2 in free skating and a two-day total of 1419.47 where perfection would be 1537.2.

No surprise should be occasioned if a 14-year-old Burbank, Calif., boy comes up to challenge him, perhaps in this year's national senior championship at Washington, D.C., in March.

The lad is Richard Dwyer, United States men's junior champion, former holder of the U.S. men's novice title. In fact, Button's is about the only individual title Dwyer has not taken and the cool-headed youngster may give him a run for the money. Dwyer, in fact, looks to be the only prospect with enough present and future ability to defy Button.

A popular pastime may be the American one of shouting "kill the umpire," but can you imagine anything more horrible than a robot to call balls and strikes?

I can't, but there's a device out now, described in the March issue of the American Magazine, that would replace live umpires with a contraption full of electronic rays and photo cells.

It's called a "Foolproof Umpire" and it has a mechanical batter at the plate to set the target. If a pitch thrown by the twirler is even a whisker out of the "strike zone," nothing happens. But if the pitch is even one-quarter of an inch in the proper zone a light flashes on and it's a strike.

Man, oh man, imagine the lack of joy in a game where a fan could not cuss out the ump, or a manager had to argue with an inanimate piece of metal! Not me, I like to hate umpires in good clean fashion—and to believe they all are honest and call 'em as they see 'em.

The mechanical age may be wonderful, but not when it insidiously attacks an American institution of umpire baiting. First thing you know we'll be getting peanuts, three bags to a capsule.

Don't believe the rumor that Loyola University of Los Angeles, a Jesuit school, is going to de-emphasize football.

The Lions, for a fact, not only have no such plans but say they are building up to big-time football. They would be, with Jordan Olivar as coach, else why have him at all?

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NOTICE READERS AND ADVERTISERS

Because of unnecessarily long hours and too much overtime in publishing in recent weeks, it has become imperative that certain deadlines be established and rigidly followed. We ask for your co-operation and understanding as our facilities are limited when so many things are brought in at the last minute. But don't mistake that we do not want late news, because we definitely do.

PERSONAL NEWS AND CLUB NEWS—All personal news and club news which happened in the previous week should be in by not later than Tuesday evening. The absolute deadline on this news is 10 a.m. Wednesday, except for events occurring Wednesday evening. We are glad to get your items and hope you will bring as many as possible, but please bring them early.

DISPLAY and CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING—Should be in by noon Wednesday, unless space has been reserved and confirmed by us. We appreciate the fine cooperation you have extended as we attempt to get our "news factory" organized, and we believe this matter of deadlines can be resolved simply by acquainting you with our problem.

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Orders Placed by S.P. For 36 More Diesel Locomotives

Southern Pacific has placed orders for another \$17,500,000 worth of new diesel locomotives, President A. T. Mercier announced yesterday. This raises the railroad's postwar equipment program for new cars and engines to more than \$275,000,000, he said, and with this purchase Southern Pacific will become one of the few railroads with more than one million horsepower of diesel locomotives.

The latest orders are for 36 locomotives, of which 24 will be of 6,000 horsepower, each, and 12 of 1,500 horsepower, each, Mercier explained. Deliveries are scheduled to start in July and be completed by end of the year.

Deliveries on previous diesel orders were completed by the builders early this month, the railroad president reported, giving Southern Pacific a total of 400 diesels in service at the present time.

Of the 24 new 6,000 horsepower locomotives just ordered 22 will be built by Electro-Motive Division of General Motors Corporation for freight service, and two by American Locomotive Company for passenger service. The 12 new 1,500 horsepower locomotives will be built by Baldwin Locomotive Works for freight service.

Postwar purchases of Southern Pacific also include 31,630 freight train cars, Mercier said, of which 28,064 are in service and the rest coming by about year's end; 185 passenger train cars of which 66 are in service and the rest scheduled for delivery before the end of August, and half ownership of 8,000 new Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator cars, all in service.

Forest Service to Continue Charge For Use of Forest Recreational Areas

The Forest Service will continue to make a small charge for public use of some of the larger national forest recreation areas, it was announced today by the U.S. department of agriculture.

Lyle F. Watts, chief of the Forest Service, stated that the charge is a continuation of the experimental policy started in 1949 and that it would be levied in some 50 to 60 of the largest public recreation areas where the conveniences and services justify a charge. The remainder of the 4,500 national forest camp and picnic areas will be free, as in the past.

The campgrounds and picnic areas for which a charge will be made in the national forests of Oregon and Washington in 1950 have not as yet been selected. No charge for camping and picnicking will be made in the Siskiyou National forest. The Forest Service plans to consider carefully those to which this experiment was applied last year, to continue the charge on some of these, and possibly drop or add others. As was the case in 1949, a charge will be made in only a few of the many camps in Oregon and Washington. Those to which charges will be applied will be announced in advance of the summer camping season.

Charges will be the same as last year. Campers will pay 50 cents a day or \$3 a week for a car party of not more than six persons. Picnickers will pay from 25 to 50 cents for a party of not more than six.

Some charge areas will be operated by the Forest Service and some by concessionaires, Mr. Watts stated. Charge areas will be conspicuously posted and, in general, will be the largest and best developed areas on national forests.

The continuation of the charge policy is desirable, Mr. Watts said, because last year's trial, when a charge was made at 50 areas, was not conclusive. He stated that the subcommittees on agricultural appropriations in both House and Senate expressed the hope that the Forest Service would continue the experiment.

At areas operated by concessionaires, rates will be the same as those charged by the Forest Service. Concessionaires will pay the United States a small fee based on total income from the area.

Ambulance Service Started in Cave Junction

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Tytheott and two children have moved to Cave Junction from Port Orford and Mr. Tytheott has established an ambulance service here. The Tytheotts formerly conducted a similar service in connection with a garage and tow-car service in Port Orford.

HARRY L. AKERILL

Harry L. Akerill, well-known old-time miner of this area, died at the home of his son, Frank, in Hoquiam, Washington, on March 11, following an emergency operation. Services were held at the Edward Holman funeral home in Portland on March 15, and interment was in the Rose City cemetery.

Mr. Akerill first came to this section of the country in 1897 and mined at Gerrigan Point, about one mile from Holland. More recently, he had mined on Green creek in the Bolan lake country, and had several mining interests in that area.

In addition to his son Frank, he is survived by three daughters; Mrs. Martha E. Snyder, Mrs. Ruth N. Ross and Mrs. Norma B. Rhoades, all of Portland, and two brothers, Parley Akerill of Glenwood and Milton Akerill of Grants Pass.

With Mr. Akerill's passing, we lose one more of the few remaining pioneers who made this area colorful around the turn of the century, and paved the way for the solid communities found in the west today.

CAROLINE SAUER

Caroline Sauer, 85, died Thursday, March 16, at 9 p.m., at the Parkview Nursing home in Medford. Mrs. Sauer was born Oct. 31, 1864, in Bavaria, Germany, and came to this country in 1881. She came to Kerby in 1894 where she made her home until her last illness.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Oscar N. of St. Cloud, Minn., Maurice J. and Clement R., both of Kerby; a daughter, Mrs. Fred Linkhart of Kerby; a sister, Mrs. Charles Wolter of St. Paul, Minn.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Mass for the repose of her soul was said at 7 a.m. Monday, March 20, at St. Anne's church. Absolution services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Cave Junction church, followed by interment in the Laurel cemetery at Kerby.

THOMAS LINKHART

Thomas Linkhart, 73, of 802 East J street, Grants Pass, died Friday, March 17, following a heart attack which occurred while he was at work on the Lower River road. Linkhart was born Dec. 8, 1876, in Sheffield, Ill. He had been a resident of Grants Pass since 1912.

The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Emma Linkhart of Grants Pass; three sons, Ralph J. of Klamath Falls, Fred M. of Kerby, George William of Grants Pass; a daughter, Mrs. Eble Winters of Medford; a sister, Mrs. Ona Selby of Grants Pass; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the L. B. Hall Funeral home at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. Interment was at the Hillcrest cemetery.

IVHS ACTIVITIES

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shown to the I.V.H.S. student body, March 24. It is brought to the screen with Donald O'Connor in the leading role. With a carnival background to lend color, this musical comedy is one of the delights of the new season. Admission for students is 20c. The picture is sure to set spring dancing for everyone who attends.

SPEECH MEET

(By Sharon Bengé)

Several I.V.H.S. students participated in the Speech Tournament held in Grants Pass March 18, 1950. They were entered in various contests which included debate, oratory and poetry reading.

The debate team, consisting of Marilyn Masters and Jerry Kelly, won through default because no other "B" class school entered a team. They will compete against "B" class schools at the State Speech Meet to be held at Eugene March 31 and April 1.

Marlene Kaiser and Doris Hall represented I.V.H.S. in oratory. Doris won third place with her oration entitled "What Americanism Means to Me." Marlene Kaiser gave an oration entitled "The Disciples."

Doris Hall also read poetry but didn't win in this event.

This is the first year that the Illinois Valley High school has entered a speech meet.

You may be entitled to monthly insurance benefits if you are 65 years old and have worked under Social Security. Inquire at once at your nearest field office. Your postmaster can give you the address.

EASTER SEALS HELP HIM



Eight-year-old Chester Doana of Port Orford, Oregon, a cerebral palsy victim, practices climbing stairs at the Easter Seal agency's children's hospital school in Eugene. Mrs. Helen Dittman, physical therapist, lends an assist. The hospital school is financed by the sale of Easter Seals.

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