

SPORT NOTES

By Claude Newman

**GOOD EXAMINATION
JOE, IN OR OUT**

**RED SOX TO WIN
DOUBLE SOMERSAULT**

Sanity and common sense may be helping professional boxing in its fight for survival and its battle against the scourge of fatal and crippling injury.



A good example of the wisdom now prevailing in the top center of the game is New York's stringent physical examination rigamarole that recently cancelled the scheduled heavyweight "championship" fight between Ezzard Charles, the N.B.A. titleholder, and a run of the mill brawler, Freddie Beshore.

New York is most thorough in its examinations now and in the course of looking over Charles discovered he had a bruised heart muscle and would not permit the bout to go on.

Charles, many notches above Beshore in ability, probably could have gone into the ring and won without injury. But there was the everpresent chance he might be hit above the injured muscle and permanently hurt.

Such injury might not show up immediately, could come out in later years. On the other fist, repeated injury to a tender spot can result in crippling or fatal hurts.

Joe Louis, who is now with a circus at a reputed \$1000 a day, is going to have to make up his mind whether he is, or isn't.

So conflicting have been his statements since retiring that no one now believes anything he says. First he's coming back to the ring to fight Charles for the title, then he's through again, and later he's not sure of anything.

His statements are like the colors of a chameleon—they change with each city he's in. My wager is on him fighting again when the loot runs high enough into six figures.

A "little guy" of college football, College of the Pacific at Stockton, is making good in two ways.

The famous former coaching home of Amos Alonzo Stagg takes a step up in class of its competition next season when it plays teams like Louisiana State, Denver, St. Mary's, Santa Clara and Boston College.

It qualifies for greater things too with announcement it will build a new 35,000-seat \$250,000-stadium that will be ready for the 1950 season when "T" master Eddie LeBaron won't be around again to lead the victory march.

My betting gold plate for the 1950 season goes on the gold-plated Boston Red Sox to win the American League pennant.

All of which is another way of saying Casey Stengel and the New York Yankees will fail to repeat as pennant winners.

Injury-riddled all last season, the Yankees came up with a miracle to win. But they did it when every guess Stengel made was right—and every replacement of a regular by a substitute turned out to be money in the bank.

This cannot happen again, or so I believe. Boston's gold-plated Sox figure to do much better than last year when Manager Marse Joe McCarthy had a difficult time making a right guess. This cannot go on forever, not with players like Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Bobby Doerr, Birdie Tebbets, Dom DiMaggio, Boo Ferriss, Buddy Rosar, Billy Goodman, Lou Stringer et al.

On the other glove I have a liking for the Brooklyn Dodgers to repeat in the National.

Branch Rickey won with a young club last year and it will be about the same this season, only better. If there is a change in the line-up, a rookie coming up, the only one will be Bobby Morgan at third.

Otherwise the Brooks can be counted on to stand pat with Gene Hermanski, Duke Snider and Carl Furillo in the outfield; Gil Hodges, Jackie Robinson, Peeewe Reese and Morgan in the infield; Ray Campanella behind the bat, and a pitching staff spearheaded by Don Newcombe, Preacher Roe, Ralph Branca, Rex Barney & Co.

Bob Mathias, chiefly famous as Olympic and national decathlon champion, is beginning to make his mark as a Stanford freshman.

A short putter, he is reported recently to have thrown the iron pellet 49 feet in practice, a heave unofficial but better than the freshman mark of 47 feet, 7 1/4 inches set by varsity veteran Otis Chomler when he was a first-year man.

Ski jumping is a sport that looks to me like something that should be on the back of the lap.

But what does it become when the jumper not only takes to the space but does a double somersault while on his way to a landing? Suicide I would call it, but that's what Henry Hansen does in his appearances at the nation's sports shows like the one in Los Angeles.

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Mrs. George McGill Heads 1950 Cancer Campaign



Mrs. George McGill of Grants Pass is serving as Josephine county chairman for the current campaign of the Oregon division, American Cancer society, announces George W. Schoeffel of Portland, state chairman.

The campaign will run through the month of April, which has been designated Cancer Control Month by the United States Congress.

Mrs. McGill reports the early response to the campaign has been very encouraging, but is hopeful the returns will increase considerably during the weeks ahead.

"The work of the American Cancer society in the fields of cancer research and education are most important," Mrs. McGill said, "and are certainly deserving of the all-out support of the people of Josephine county."

She said the American Cancer society could spend "prudently and productively" twice as much money as it has collected for research in recent years. The society has spent over \$13,000,000 in research during the past five years.

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The navy will train approximately 6,000 NROTC college men this summer aboard various ships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets and at the naval air station, Pensacola, Florida; naval amphibious base, Little Creek, Virginia, and the Marine Corps schools, Quantico, Virginia.

The college students, who are midshipmen of the Naval Reserve Officers' Training corps in 52 colleges and universities throughout the country, will receive diversified training—ranging from submarine and aviation indoctrination to general shipboard duty and amphibious landings.

Practically all ships in both fleets, including aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, will be utilized in the extensive training program announced by the bureau of naval personnel.

The NROTC program is designed to supplement the U.S. naval academy in producing career officers for the navy and Marine corps, and to provide a continuous supply of young, well-trained officers for the naval and Marine corps reserves. Regular NROTC students are required to take two summer cruises and one summer period of indoctrination in aviation and amphibious warfare.

In the Pacific, 940 NROTC seniors and sophomores will board the heavy cruiser Saint Paul, the escort aircraft carrier Badoeng Strait, and four destroyers, leaving San Francisco on June 19, for a training cruise that will include

stops at Pearl Harbor, San Diego and the San Clemente Island operating area, before the ships return to San Francisco on July 30. Enroute they will undergo antisubmarine training, and gunnery and tactical exercises, and will witness air operations. At San Diego, the seniors will be given submarine indoctrination.

In addition, approximately 1,900 NROTC juniors from the 52 colleges and universities will receive four weeks of aviation indoctrination at Pensacola, Florida, and two weeks' amphibious training at Little Creek, Virginia. The midshipmen will be divided into two groups; the first reporting to Pensacola on June 26 and to Little Creek on July 24; the second group reporting to Little Creek on July 10 and to Pensacola on July 21. Most of the western schools are in the latter group.

A new feature included in this 1950 summer training program will be the training of approximately 1,150 senior NROTC students as "junior officers" aboard more than 70 ships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets.

In this type training the midshipmen will be fully integrated into the various ships' organizations and will perform duties similar to those assigned all new junior officers reporting aboard ship. They will, in general, perform their duties on an individual basis rather than as members of a group undergoing instruction. Several of the "junior officer" students will be aboard ships of the Point Barrow Resupply Expedition which sail to Alaska each summer with provisions and supplies.

Oregon Vet Home, Farm Loans Over 5,000

The Oregon World War II veterans' farm and home plan program, inaugurated in the fall of 1945, has gone over the 500 mark in numbers of loans granted, the State Department of Veterans' Affairs announced today.

Loan number 5000 was granted to Edward John Lindstrom of Eugene, a Greyhound bus driver who saw service in the recent war as a navy radarman in the south Pacific. Lindstrom borrowed \$5250 from the state veterans' department to apply on the purchase of a six-room frame house in north Eugene.

The state veterans' loan is available to any veteran who resided in Oregon prior to World War II service, who served 90 days or more and was honorably discharged. The loan act provides for a four percent loan, not to exceed 75 percent of the appraised value of the property and not to exceed \$6,000. Current policy limits the repayment period to 15 years or less.

The state veterans' department said a total of \$20,462,189 in loans has been made since 1945, of which more than \$8,000,000 was loaned in the past 12 months ending March 31 for a monthly average of \$672,400. The average amount of each loan is running slightly over \$4,000.

Veterans interested in the loan program were advised to see their local county service officer, or to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 305 State Library Bldg., Salem; or 415 S.W. 11th avenue, Portland.

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