

Hunting Out Sports

By LARRY HUNTER

WELL, Medford, instead of Crescent City, beat Ashland at baseball last Sunday—and the writer did not get clouted on the noggin with a line drive along first base. Otherwise the season opener was largely a repetition of the inaugural game of the 1937 schedule.

The Lithians plainly showed that lack of practice also makes Jack a dull boy, particularly when it comes to fielding. Most of the time the Ashland infield was playing so short that they were breathing on the pitcher's neck—and that might have made the difference.

On the other hand, Medford used the other extreme in fielding systems and look what happened to them. Although a Medford write-up of the affair was very conservative when placing the blame for extra-base wallops on fielders, chalking up only six errors for the Craters and four for Ashland. To this department it looked more like 10 Ashland blunders and two less for Rickert's crew. Rickert, himself, drew a black mark in The Miner book when he galloped blithely out of his territory in the eventful second inning, spoiled a chance for Outfielder Hoffard, glanced over his shoulder, dropped the ball and let Johnny Schoneker, Lithian hurler, get on the sacks when his fly should have spelled a cinch put-out.

And, while we speak of Rickert, perhaps it will be well to mention that he is hot in his denial of the brand "player-stealing" which was applied in last week's Miner.

The Medford manager says that any and all ex-Ashland players who wear the colors of Medford this season do so of their own free will and volition, and that no inducement was offered to them previous to addition of their names to the Crater roster.

Here, we had heard a different story. In the case of McLean, for instance, it was believed that the Fear City had laid out a job for the Indian catcher so that he could perform for their team. Now it

seems that the Chief left the Lithian fold, tired of it all, and, upon his signing with Medford, was given employment as a noble but entirely secondary gesture. In fact, Manager Rickert did the right thing by Ashland and tipped Manager Jack Balding off to several players in the vicinity of the valley town who were offering their services.

On the surface it appears that such a trade, where one club barter several players for the star of another club, should be accompanied by a sizeable lump sum of cash to sort of balance the deal—say, \$50,000, or thereabouts! No mention has been made of such provision, however, but poor Balding is fast becoming a nervous wreck from haunting the post office in anticipation of the check which will even up the affair.

After Sunday's performance by George Gitzon, former Medford relief catcher who held the big mitt for the Lithians, many local fans are inclined to think that Rickert's trade was well-intended. Gitzon laid down a beautiful sacrifice bunt, got a hit and made one run in four trips to the plate in the opening game and, although he made an error, looked like just what the doctor ordered. Young and lively, he gandered for first base with speed which made any putout made on his batting a job of work, and he and Al Simpson, kept at school last week by studies, should be able to keep the situation back of home well in hand throughout the coming summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Duffield and son recently moved to the house at 74 Third street from their former residence on Vista street.

TALENT

- Mrs. W. W. Robison of Ashland attended the home economics meeting held at the home of Mrs. Irene Wells Tuesday afternoon.
- Mrs. Louis Smith was shopping in Ashland Monday.
- John Mills of Ashland made a business call here Monday.
- A number of persons from Talent attended the circus in Medford Wednesday afternoon and evening.
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ashcraft were given a surprise Wednesday evening when 30 of their friends from the M. E. church visited. The evening was spent in playing games and enjoying refreshments. Thursday evening teachers of the school gave a banquet for Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft in the Medford hotel. The honorees were presented

a pair of vases in appreciation of their work while in Talent. The couple's many friends have expressed regret at their departure soon and are wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft success in future school work.

- Miss Phyllis Householder was a Medford shopper Monday afternoon.
- Elton Petri, who recently has returned from the Warm Springs foundation in Georgia, and who now lives in Ashland, was calling on Talent friends Thursday evening and attended Grange while here.

- The Talent Home Extension unit held an all-day meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Irene Wells. The ladies presented Mrs. Ashcraft with handkerchiefs. A covered dish luncheon was served at noon. Discussion centered on the making of quilt blocks.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Hamilton

of Tule Lake, Calif., spent Mothers' day with his parents.

● Gold Hill and Talent met on the field of baseball honor in Talent Tuesday afternoon, with the local boys emerging the victors by a 9 to 2 margin.

● John Wayne, spectator at Tuesday's baseball game, was struck in the eye by a foul ball and suffered injuries which necessitated treatment in Community hospital, Ashland.

● Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loper of Valley View were visiting in Talent Monday afternoon.

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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the front door of the court house in Medford, Oregon, I shall sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point south 24 degrees 18' east a distance of 76 feet from the intersection of the southerly line of Nob Hill street, with the westerly line of Almond street in the city of Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon, said point being the southeast corner of land deeded by C. E. Swalm et ux to H. C. Kirshbaum as described in volume 58 page 479 of the deed records of Jackson county, Oregon; thence south 67 degrees 40' west along said Kirshbaum lot 62.50 feet to a stake for corner; thence south 58 degrees 40' west 65 feet to the southwest corner of said Kirshbaum lot; thence south 24 degrees 18' east 53.90 feet to the southwest corner of lot nine (9), Nob Hill addition; thence north 58 degrees 40' east 125 feet to the southeast corner of said lot nine (9); thence north 24 degrees 18' west 48.30 feet along Almond street to the point of beginning, all situated in Jackson county, Oregon.

Said sale is made pursuant to an execution issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Jackson, on the 29th day of April, 1938, in a certain cause wherein Home Owners' Loan corporation is plaintiff and Eugene O. Bailey and others are defendants.

Dated May 4, 1938.
SYD I. BROWN,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon
By HOWARD GAULT,
Deputy.
(May 6, 13, 20, 27)

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