

# Warfare Flares in Softball League -- Piche Protests Fluhrer Win

## BAKERYMEN SIGN ASHLAND TALENT TO ADD STRENGTH

Use of Lithian Stars in Last Night's Game Basis of Protest by Piche Softballers—Bowerman Silent

Intense rivalry between the Commercial league softball teams of Fluhrer's and Piche's flamed into open warfare today as Al Piche, manager of the Piche hardware club, filed a formal protest of the game played last night in which Fluhrer's, with five players imported from Ashland in the lineup, defeated the Piche outfit, 4-3.

Piche alleges in his protest that Bill Bowerman, manager of the Fluhrer team, imported five players from the Southern Oregon Normal school in Ashland without having in the hands of the Medford Softball association manager, Russ Acheson, the signed contracts of said five players. Also, that he did not have in the hands of the manager the cancellation of the contracts of the players which he let go, therefore causing another violation of the rules by having over 15 players on his roster.

Bowerman today was noncommittal on the protest.

In his protest, Piche sets forth, in part, "The above true facts are based, and filed, by me as being very poor sportsmanship, causing the morale of my team to be broken up and has made unkindly feeling among his discharged players as well as among all the spectators, all the other teams, and the league officials."

The players used by Fluhrer's in last night's game, and which set off the fireworks, were Jean Eberhart, coach of Southern Oregon Normal school; Ted Schopf, shortstop of the Ashland Lithians of the Southern Oregon baseball league; Darrell Leavens, center fielder of the Lithians; Arba Ager, third baseman of the Lithians, and Al Simpson, second string catcher of the Lithians.

Piche formally filed the protest with E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, in the absence of Russ Acheson, association manager.

The protest also stated that Piche's team desired another game with Fluhrer's, with both teams using the same players.

## Terry Chased to Showers



Hill Terry, manager of the New York Giants, started to argue with Umpire Klem in the ninth inning of a game in Philadelphia and was chased to the clubhouse for his effort. He's shown starting the losing argument.

## WATER CARNIVAL FOR CCC TALENT SATURDAY NIGHT

A water carnival, featuring swimmers and divers attending the Red Cross-CCC life-saving school being held here this week, will be staged at Ashland Saturday evening.

The aquatic sports will be a part of the "Greater Ashland" celebration and will be held at the Twin Pinnacles where practical work in the water is being carried on this week as part of the life-saving school.

Lieut. Henry H. Marsden, Jr., Red Cross examiner in charge of the school, has been putting his athletes through their paces this week in preparation for the water sports. Events will be held in swimming and diving and several stunts will be staged in addition to life-saving and water first-aid demonstrations. The show will start at 8 o'clock and will be free to the public.

Lieutenant Marsden has been assisted in the instruction by Lieut. Marcus H. Muller, who returned recently from the Red Cross life-saving school held at Guerneville, Calif., where he also qualified as a life-saving examiner.

Forty-seven men, two from each of the 23 camps in the Medford district and one from headquarters detachment, are enrolled at the school. Practical work in the water is held at Ashland each morning with afternoon study classes in Medford. The men will attempt to qualify as senior life-savers and will return

## MEDFORD INVADES CRESCENT SUNDAY FOR LEAGUE TILT

Ashland Will Entertain Roseburg—Glendale at Grants Pass—Hard Race Is Indicated in Second Half

Southern Oregon League (Second Half)		
Team	W.	L.
Medford	1	0
Ashland	1	0
Glendale	1	0
Crescent City	0	1
Grants Pass	0	1
Roseburg	0	1

Games Next Sunday  
Medford at Crescent City.  
Roseburg at Ashland.  
Glendale at Grants Pass.

Three Southern Oregon league ball clubs, weak sisters of the first half pennant race, are at present in a triple tie for the top spot as a result of startling upsets over members of the first division in battles last Sunday. Next Sunday, in the second round of the second-half pennant battle, those same teams again take on clubs which outdistanced them the first-half.

Medford's Craters will journey to Crescent City for a tough encounter with the powerful Chinooks, first half champions, and undefeated until Ashland knocked them over, 6-3, last Sunday. Last time the two teams met, Medford lost in the last of the ninth inning when Orville Framated, fastest man in the league, stole home off Larry Pepper. The game was originally slated for Medford, but the schedule was changed soon after the first-half season started to allow Ashland one less long hop. Because of that change, the Lithians will play in Medford August 1. Instead of Medford traveling to Ashland, August 15, Crescent City will travel to Ashland instead of Ashland going to the coast city.

While Medford and Crescent City are fighting it out, Roseburg will meet Ashland at Ashland, and Glendale will hop to Grants Pass for a renewal of their bitter feud.

Indications revealed in last Sunday's games point to one of the toughest stretch squabbles in many years. Ashland, Medford and Glendale, second-division clubs the first-half, have strengthened to the point where they are now figured the teams to beat. Crescent City will present its identical championship lineup the second-half, and Grants Pass will have added power. Only Roseburg seems weaker, due to the loss of Lefty Baker, slugging outfielder, to Crescent City.

**Weather**  
Northern California: Fair tonight and Friday, but fog on the coast; cooler interior extreme north portion tonight, moderate northwest wind off the coast.

**Oregon:** Fair tonight and Friday, but overcast on the coast; little change in temperature; moderate northwest wind off the coast.

**Hunt Aid Appreciated**  
WASHINGTON, July 15.—(AP)—Secretary Hull sent messages of appreciation today to the Japanese and New Zealand governments for their offers of assistance and expressions of sympathy in the search for Amelia Earhart.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulén Says:  
Organized Baseball Due Soon Is Belief Grants Pass Leader

Thank goodness, we are not alone of guys in southern Oregon who have hopes, visions, and even expectations of organized baseball getting a strong foothold in this territory sometime in the near future.

Fred Roper, dynamic business manager of the Grants Pass Merchants and a power-house promoter in anybody's league, was in town last Sunday to watch his club get their ears pinned back by our own Craters. Fred was considerably disgruntled over the battle's outcome, but the defeat didn't in the least cool his enthusiasm for the business at hand—organized baseball chatter.

Grants Pass has strong connections with the St. Louis Browns (Ray, Machado and Heyne are Brown farm-outs) and Fred stated with conviction that when Grants Pass was ready for organized ball, he was certain the major league club of Rogers Hornsby would back the Climate City entry. In other words, Grants Pass would become a farm team in the St. Louis system.

To say that Roper was hot for the proposition would be stating it mildly. He was burning up.

"It's coming, and coming soon," the Merchant chief announced. "Baseball all over the country has skyrocketed the past few years, and especially since last season. The number of leagues affiliated with the national association is almost twice this summer what it was last year, and the big fellows all say it will double again next year."

Asked what he thought of the possibility of organized ball in southern Oregon by next year, Fred said that he wouldn't be surprised if there was a class D league in operation. That beats our enthusiasm by ten city blocks, our figuring was that it was still several years away. We'll string along, though, with your prediction, Mr. Roper.

It is apparent that Roper has his mind set on organized baseball in southern Oregon in no uncertain terms. And, anyone acquainted with his work as secretary of the Josephine county fair board and in being "the works" of Grants Pass ball teams for plenty of years, will understand what we mean when we say, "If Fred Roper puts his shoulder to the wheel, it's all over but the shouting."

No grass has been sprouting under his dogs, either, while he has been playing seriously with the idea. Already he has established contact with several sources of information concerning actual operation of such a league and many minor details. He told us he expected to have some real low-down in a few days, and that he would pass it on.

If organized baseball were brought to southern Oregon, it would be almost imperative that all league clubs played under lights. Something like 80 percent of minor league cities have area over their fields, and only in the majors do the teams still stick to daylight ball. Pardon, Cincinnati.

## HUMRS WIN, 19-10, FROM 20-30IANS

Games Tonight  
Jennings vs. Catholic Men.  
Fabers vs. Office Boys.  
Piche vs. Timber Products.  
Home runs by Murray Bell and Ray Lewis and six-hit pitching by Ken Leavitt featured the HUMRS 19-10 defeat of the 20-30 club last night at the high school football stadium in a Commercial league softball encounter. It was the seventh straight defeat for the clubmen.

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There is little doubt in the minds of anyone interested in the national pastime in southern Oregon, that Grants Pass could support club. Least of all in the mind of Fred Roper. If Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland, all felt the same way about it, there would be little left to do but draw up the schedule and receive the charter.

Any letters written to this department on the subject will be greatly appreciated. We believe the wind is blowing the right way, and would like to have tangible proof. Or otherwise.

## HOW THEY STAND

Coast		
Team	W.	L.
Sacramento	62	42
San Francisco	62	43
San Diego	55	44
Los Angeles	54	50
Portland	51	51
Seattle	47	58
Oakland	42	65
Mission	39	67

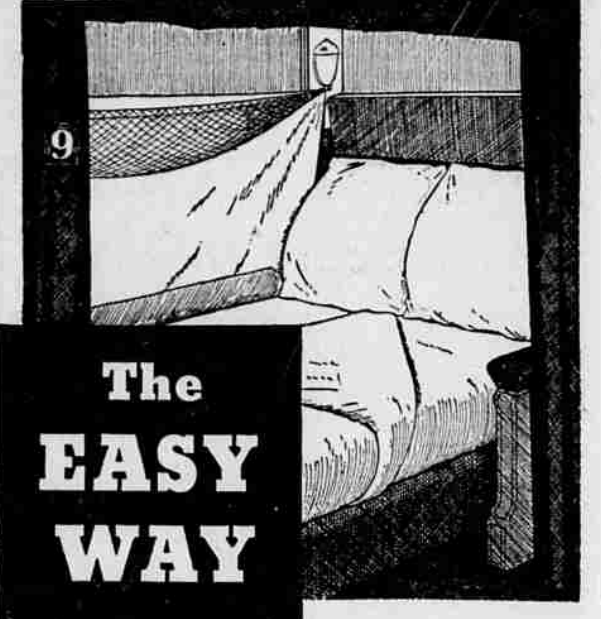
National		
Team	W.	L.
New York	47	29
Chicago	45	28
Pittsburgh	40	33
St. Louis	39	33
Boston	34	41
Brooklyn	31	41
Cincinnati	29	43
Philadelphia	28	47

American		
Team	W.	L.
New York	48	22
Boston	41	28
Chicago	44	31
Detroit	42	30
Cleveland	35	34
Washington	30	39
St. Louis	22	48
Philadelphia	20	50

**To War On Gangsters**  
PORTLAND, Ore., July 15.—(AP)—Portland got ready for a declaration of war on gangsters today. The city council authorized the purchase of two armored cars equipped with machine guns and tear gas bombs.

## Three more Commercial league entanglements are slated for tonight, with the first games called for 7:45 sharp.

Team	R.	H.	E.
HUMRS	19	16	8
20-30 Club	10	6	8
Leavitt and Gitzon; Miles and Brown.			
Fluhrer's	4	6	5
Piche	3	5	2
Bowerman and Simpson; Verbiok and Wilson.			



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Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday but overcast on coast. Little change in temperature. Moderate northwest wind off coast.  
Temperature a year ago today:  
Highest, 87; lowest, 50.  
Total monthly precipitation none; deficiency for the month, 0.24 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1936, 16.56 inches; deficiency for the season, 1.17 inches.  
Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 24 per cent; 5 a. m. today, 83 per cent.  
Sunrise tomorrow, 4:40 a. m.  
Sunset tomorrow, 7:44 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY	High Temp	Low Temp	Wind	Clouds	Remarks
Boise	86	50			Clear
Boston	72	62			Cloudy
Chicago	88	70	86		Cloudy
Denver	84	54	05		P. Cd.
Eureka	58	52			Cloudy
Helena	70	48			Clear
Los Angeles	80	58			Cloudy
MEDFORD	85	54			Clear
New York	74	62	39		Rain
Omaha	92	68	18		P. Cd.
Phoenix	106	74			Clear
Portland	76	58			Cloudy
Reno	88	44			Clear
Roseburg	80	52			Clear
Salt Lake City	86	56			Clear
San Francisco	68	56			Cloudy
Seattle	70	56			Cloudy
Spokane	74	56	05		P. Cd.
Washington, D.C.	76	74			Cloudy
Yakima	82	58			Clear

## MARSHFIELD COUNCIL FOR WATER PURCHASE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 15.—(AP)—The city council expressed approval today of a program to purchase the People's Water company either jointly or without assistance of the twin city of North Bend. The action came after the council had voted to take no steps for formation of a water district to build a municipal system in Brewster valley. The Brewster project would cost \$2,400,000, it was estimated. Cost of acquisition of the private system has not been determined.

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