

# Medford, Roseburg Legion Juniors Play Twin Bill Here Sunday

## YOUTHS BATTLING FOR OPPORTUNITY IN STATE FINALS

Visitors Already One Up On Locals in Three-Game Series—Medfordites Are Well Groomed for Test

American Legion junior baseball, for the first time in six years, takes its place in the Medford sports picture Sunday afternoon at the high school park.

Clashing in a double-header, climax of the three-game series to decide the championship of this district and right to enter the state finals at Woodburn in August, will be the powerful Douglas county title-holders from Roseburg and Coach George Harrington's Jackson county American Legion junior team. Roseburg won the opening game at Roseburg last Sunday.

The first game of the twin-bill, a nine-inning affair, will start at 1:30 sharp. Second battle will begin after a 15-minute intermission following completion of the opener, and will be seven innings. One victory for the Douglas county club will clinch the series and right to enter the state finals, while the Jackson county team must sweep the two games to cop the series.

Wimer Opening Choice  
Coach Harrington said he would send Al Wimer, slender left-hander, against Roseburg in the opening encounter, while Bill Reed would face the slab in the nightcap. Herb Botts will do the receiving in both games. Remainder of the Jackson county outfit, which has practiced steadily for the past two months, will see Larry Schade on first base, Jimmy Lewis on second, Eugene Miller at third, Bill Reed at short in the first game and Al Gould holding down that post in the second battle. Dale Howard in left field, Cato Wray in center and Bob Newland in right. Harrington said that Mickey Miller would probably see action in the seventh inning game in rightfield, and Louie Thurman on first base in the same game.

This year's Jackson county American Legion junior team, first organized here since 1932, includes three

## Lefty Grove's Arm Dead Mound Days May Be Done

By SID FEDER (Associated Press Sports Writer.) They had lean Lefty Grove in a hospital today with a "dead arm," and the rumor started the rounds that Old Mose may not pitch any more this year.

Of course, there's no definite word yet that the greatest southpaw of his generation is on the shelf, and first reports from physicians indicated things may not be as bad as first suspected. But when a pitching arm, particularly a 38-year-old pitching arm, can't even hold a ball, let alone fire it across, you can look for almost anything.

It would be the toughest kind of a break for Lefty, for Tom Yawkey and, most of all, for the Boston Red Sox, if the ailing southpaw that sent the great Grove to the hospital yesterday should keep him on the sidelines.

Grove, with his fast one gone but his pitching "brains" working better than ever, seemed headed for one of the greatest campaigns in his 14-year career. Yesterday's 12-1 victory the Sox handed the Detroit Tigers was the pitcher's 14th win of the season, even though Jackie Wilson had to finish. With the campaign just about half over, and Lefty showing no signs of letting up, it's reasonable to assume he might have won 28 games, which, they'll tell you, is fair to middlin' flinging.

It was positively weird the way it happened yesterday. There was Lefty going along great, tossing shut-out ball. All of a sudden, in the fifth inning, his salary wing folded. There was no muscular reaction. He couldn't even grip the ball.

"I've never had such an experience before," he related afterward. Physicians wouldn't even hazard an opinion until, as they explained, they completed long diagnosis and extensive x-ray examination.

Junior high athletes, six from Medford senior high and two from St. Mary's high, Wray, Miller and Thurman attended Junior high last year. Schade and Lewis are from St. Mary's, and high school athletes are Botts, Wimer, Miller, Howard, Newland and Gould.

Boys Work Hard  
The youngsters, all under 18 years of age, have showed tremendous enthusiasm all season, practicing three times a week under the coaching of George Harrington. Many of them are certain to develop into real baseball stars, their mentor says.

With members of the team canvassing the town selling tickets to the double-header, and with local fans anxious to once again see the best of the county's young baseballers in action, a huge crowd is expected. It will be the local town's first and only appearance in town this season.

Games Tonight  
Office Boys vs. Zoric (challenge game), 8 p. m.  
Timber Products vs. Mail-Rite (Division A), 8 p. m.  
Grants Pass vs. Wooden Box (Inter-City), 9 p. m.  
Grants Pass vs. Medford (girls), 9 p. m.

The Grants Pass Boxers and Medford's Wooden Boxmen clash in an inter-city game and Office Boys attempt to climb back into Division A at the expense of Zoric, in feature softball attractions at the stadium tonight. In addition, Timber Products and Murray's Mail-Rite meet in a regular Division A encounter and Tracy's Whippets of Grants Pass and the Medford Merchants girls tangle, to round out the four-game program.

In Division A battles last night, Wooden Boxmen walloped Zoric, 17 to 3, with Boxmen's Meris Betton whiffing 11 and Zoric's Herron walking the same number. The game was called in the fifth inning. Piche beat Lamports, 13 to 7 and Catholic Men took a thriller from Jennings Tire company, 5 to 4, despite home runs by Stewart and Bohil of the losers.

Division B ended its current schedule with Lewis Super Service smacking down Elks, 13 to 5.

Division A scores:  
R. H. E.  
Wooden Boxmen 17 13 5  
Zoric 3 1 4  
Steiner and Wilson; Herron and Satterlee.

R. H. E.  
Piche 13 8 2  
Lamports 7 11 9  
Hawk and Botta; Kubli; Walker and Gillispie.

R. H. E.  
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Jennings Tire 4 8 2  
Meyer and P. Sakraida; H. Singler and Stewart.

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San Diego	50	50	.500
Seattle	55	51	.519
San Francisco	54	53	.505
Portland	50	56	.472
Hollywood	49	58	.458
Oakland	39	69	.361

National			
	W.	L.	P.C.
Pittsburgh	45	26	.634
New York	47	29	.618
Cincinnati	42	31	.575
Chicago	40	35	.533
Boston	34	34	.500
Brooklyn	33	42	.440
St. Louis	29	43	.403
Philadelphia	20	50	.286

American			
	W.	L.	P.C.
New York	46	27	.630
Cleveland	45	27	.625
Boston	43	30	.589
Washington	41	38	.519
Detroit	38	40	.487
Chicago	31	37	.456
Philadelphia	28	44	.389
St. Louis	22	51	.301

## FEWER APPLES IN WEST THIS SEASON

PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—The federal bureau of agricultural economics estimated the Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California and Colorado apple crop today at 3 percent less than last year and 3 percent less than average.

Crop prospects in the five states represented 37 percent of the national total, compared with 24 percent in 1937.

The government said the Oregon output would reach 3,978,000 boxes, compared with 3,900,000 boxes a year ago.

The state's pear crop will scale about 4,120,000 boxes. The output in 1937 was 3,500,000.

The national apple crop of about 134,394,000 bushels will be about 36 percent less than last year and 11 percent off the ten-year average.

Ashland One—(UP)—More tourists were registered at the Chamber of Commerce station here during the first six months of 1938 than during the corresponding period last year. For the first six months this year, 13,790 cars were registered, and during the same period last year there were 11,844 registered.

## HELSENGFORS SEEN FAVORED SITE FOR OLYMPICS IN 1940

'Frisco Puts in Bid  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—(AP)—Man-made Treasure Island in San Francisco bay was urged today by business men and officials of the Golden Gate International Exposition as location for the 1940 Olympic games, relinquished by Japan.

Shortly after Japan announced suspension of the games yesterday, exposition officials conferred and sent a telegram to the American Olympic committee asking that the quadrennial athletic event be held here.

They proposed that the exposition could be extended for a second year, to run through 1940.

BY GAYLE TALBOT  
NEW YORK, July 15.—(AP)—Now that Japan has tossed in the towel, the 1940 Olympic games are almost certain to be conducted in Helsingfors, Finland, a neat little city of 300,000 in the far north, only a brief reindeer drive from the Arctic circle.

The site, if approved by the international Olympic committee at a special meeting to be called by its president, Count Henri De Baillet-Latour of Belgium, will supply in great quantities the bucolic simplicity that the Olympic folks have been wanting to get back to.

When the Finns originally bid for the 1940 games, and lost out to Japan, their big talking point was the promise that they wouldn't spill the boys with elegant surroundings, such as they were forced to endure at Los Angeles in '32 and at Berlin in '36.

Now that they will have two less years to prepare for the event than they had foreseen, there seems practically no limit to the simplicity which the Finnish people might achieve. They should be able to appease the Spartan instincts of the most rugged of the Olympic badge-wearers.

Helsingfors has only three or four first class hotels to accommodate the visiting committees, sports writers and spectators who will be drawn by the event. And then something, of course, will have to be done about the athletes who always tag along. It looks like a tight fit, but the Finns claim they can do it, and they haven't missed a payment yet on their war debt.

Tunney Says Louis Crown Is On Tight  
CHICAGO, July 15.—(AP)—Gene Tunney believes that boxing's heavyweight championship crown is lodged securely on the head of Joe Louis — "at least for five more years and probably longer than that."

The former heavyweight titleholder, who came here preparatory to addressing educators attending a Purdue university summer session, is convinced that none of the current crop of fighters is capable of whipping the Brown Bomber.

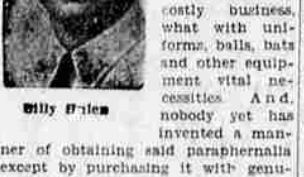
They All Have 'Em.  
PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—Lewis Mumford, writer on social subjects, said in an interview yesterday that he didn't know of a city of more than 25,000 "that isn't disgraced by slums."

PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—Contact with a 22,000-volt high-tension wire at the Beaverton sub-station of the Portland General Electric company killed Leonias L. Daubenspeck, Portland wireman, yesterday.

## Sport Graphs

Billy Hulen says:  
Legion Juniors Deserve Support In Sunday Tilts

It is sincerely hoped by local American Legion officials and Coach George Harrington that the old rivals click merrily at the high school park Sunday afternoon.



Billy Hulen

There is no need to make more than passing mention of the importance American Legion junior baseball plays in the perpetuation and development of the national pastime. Millions of words have been written on the subject, and they are all true. Without the slightest doubt, the American Legion junior baseball movement is the greatest thing ever done to keep the game alive, because it operates among the youth of the nation, instilling in them the desire to play and love of baseball that couldn't be produced in any other way.

This year's team is the first organized in Jackson county since 1932. What with the "recession" drop in membership in the local Legion and the general slump in baseball interest until last year, a county team was practically out of the question. This season, however, with veterans again lacking Medford post, and baseball in general enjoying a spirited comeback, the team was organized, with the help of the Medford Athletic association, and placed in charge of Coach George Harrington of junior high school.

The result has been even better than expected. Started for an outlet for their baseball-players' ambitions, local youths under 18 years of age have rallied to the call with amazing enthusiasm. They have proved definitely that they want to play baseball, that baseball is still the one game so far as they are concerned. When youngsters feel like that toward the game, they deserve the support of every fan in the city.

We don't want to preach but it's the simple truth that every baseball lover in Medford has a duty Sunday afternoon — and that's to attend the double-header and plunk down his two-bits along with the dried-in-throats. These Legion junior players have a game scheduled with Klamath Falls at Klamath Falls, July 23, and it takes money to buy gasoline and oil and meals. Sunday afternoon, these kids and the local Legion post can be shown Medford's appreciation

## CRATERS INVADE GLENDALE PARK COMING SUNDAY

Brown Stated for Mound Duty Against Loggers Aggregation—Second Division Clubs All at Home

Where They Play Sunday.  
Medford at Glendale.  
Grants Pass at Ashland.  
Crescent City at Yreka.

Moving into the second week of the Southern Oregon league's second-half pennant race, the three clubs deadlocked for first place hit the road Sunday for encounters against the trio of second-division teams. All games start at 2:30 sharp.

Medford's crashing Craters, off to a roaring start last Sunday with their 18 to 1 slaughter of Yreka, travel to Glendale to face the dangerous Loggers. Lowell Brown, star left-hander, will pitch for the Craters while either Merle Johnson, right-hander, or Glen Elliott, seasonal southpaw, will be on the Glendale mound.

Grants Pass, also off to a flying start by beating Glendale last Sunday, 4 to 2, invades the short left

field fenced Ashland park. For the Merchants Steve Crippen, right-hander, will probably be on the rubber. Manager Leonard Hall of the Lithians will counter with Alvie Merritt, the starboard flogger who turned in a four-hit performance at Crescent City last Sunday, only to lose, 2 to 1.

Crescent City, first-half champions and 1937 titleholders, makes the long jump to Yreka. Lefty Mike Koll is slated to hurl for the coast club, while Pete Foster will throw for Yreka.

With the three leaders all playing away from home, it is barely possible that the second-division clubs may rise up and jolt them to their heels. If such happens, the race will be in a six-way tie, with all teams having one win and one loss.

JUNIOR CRATERS GOING TO GOLD HILL SUNDAY  
Jackson county league baseball games Sunday will see Medford's Junior Craters traveling to Gold Hill, instead of playing here as previously scheduled, and Prospect moving to Talent. Location of the Gold Hill-Medford battle was changed to make way for the American Legion junior baseball double-header between Medford and Roseburg.

Manager of the Medford team will be Doc Glitzen, acting in place of George Harrington, who will handle the Legion juniors. Ray Erickson, right-hander, will probably start on the mound for the Junior Craters.

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Break for Gulls  
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PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—The body of Dwight Hanson, hotel worker for one day, was returned to his Tecumseh, Neb., home for burial yesterday. He died of poisoning from an untraced source.

Close, Log Camps  
TILLAMOOK, July 15.—(AP)—Tillamook county logging camps closed this week because of low humidity and the dry condition of the woods. The temperature, normally kept down by cooling ocean breezes, has hovered near 85 degrees for several days.

Deaths 'Neath Train  
PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—The body of a man apparently about 35 years old was found last night beneath the wheels of an Oregon Electric freight train. Police said the only clue to his identity was a hat band bearing the name of a Port Angeles, Wash., merchant.

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