

Fanfare

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Softball a few years back was a flourishing summertime sport in Medford. Interest dropped off about the time professional baseball came in. With no pro ball here this year, softball might be revived. That's talk going around at the present. A handful of men, at least, are enthusiastic about getting a Medford or possibly a valley league underway this summer.

Those interested in fielding teams and forming a league may contact this department or Ray Lewis of Pierce Freight Lines. Lewis served as president during the last active year of the city softball association and is still considered head of the circuit. He reports some funds still in the treasury.

RON LEE IN KOREA

Ron Lee, pitcher for the Medford Dodgers professional baseball team in 1948, was pictured in a recent issue of the Sporting News. He was shown in his Army regalia in Korea. Corporal Lee is with 25th Division Headquarters Company.

In 1949 Lee moved from Newport News in the Piedmont league to Montreal in the International circuit. In 1950 he established himself as a leading reliever by hurling 54 games, winning 14 and losing four.

Also in the Sporting News picture with Lee is Richard Neal, who caught for Redding of the Far West league in 1948. He is also a corporal in the headquarters company.

CLUB COMMENDED

George Mann, Beaverton, one of the judges had a word of commendation for the hard work of Rogue Valley Retriever club members in staging their first points field trial last week-end at Hoover lakes. He said that it was "a very good trial" and added that it had "good mechanics," meaning that it was well-run.

Mann remarked that the grounds were "nice" and that, while they were a bit dry of cover, the cover was good for this time of year.

THE RAINS CAME

There are those who would blame Alfred Schmidt, Portland, the other retriever trial judge, for Sunday's wet weather. He remarked at the Saturday banquet about experiencing two fine days at the local trial after contending with bad California weather. By Sunday the so-called "California sunshine" had moved into Oregon.

MANY TOURNEYS

Idaho high school basketball teams "play more tournaments than they breathe," according to Ned Liebman, ex-Medfordite, who is now a sportscaster for radio station KSRV, Ontario, Ore., with part of his work broadcasting Idaho prep games. For B schools he lists three tournaments prior to state tournament play. The A's are about as bad, Liebman said. In all cases, each team in the state meet participates in a tourney to get there and season record mean's nothing. It looked to Liebman as if the state championship games might be held in conjunction with the state track meet.

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SPORTS

Illinois Ring Czar Says Talent Needed

Chicago—(U.P.)—Joe Triner, a burly brewmaster who specialized in wrestling himself, knows more about how to rule boxing than any other man in Illinois. Triner is in his second term as chairman of the Illinois Athletic commission. As such, he wants to "clean up" the game without indulging in any "witch hunts."

"A man still is innocent until he's proved guilty," Triner said. "Small minority."

"There's a very small minority hurting boxing, but they should be driven out of the game."

"That's not boxing's biggest trouble," he added. "What the game needs most is talent, and I wish I knew how to get it."

"Maybe boxing should do what baseball did. Finance small fight clubs. Television has hurt boxing, and maybe television ought to finance the clubs, through the big promoters."

"In the old days we had lots of fight clubs around Chicago and downstate. We had a lot of talent without TV. Now television is killing the gate in the small clubs."

"When you can get big shows from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and even the west coast on television, people stay home. Why should they go to the small fight club?"

Triner proposed that the next session of the Illinois legislature should pass a law to give the athletic commission a 10 per cent cut of what television pays to put on boxing and wrestling shows.

"If we'd had that this year," he said, "the commission would have taken in \$57,000. But we can operate without it. And if

we can't get 10, we'll take five."

Not Fighter

Triner first was commission chairman from 1933 until 1941, preparing for the job with work for the Democratic party on Chicago's West Side.

"I never was a fighter," he said. "I guess I had a couple of bouts. But I was a wrestler. Did a lot of wrestling years ago."

He planned to continue as chairman of the athletic commission only as long as Adlai Stevenson remains as governor.

"When he retires, then I resign," Triner said.

Two Tornado Clubs Slate 1st Rivalry

Two Medford high school squads open their 1952 inter-scholastic rivalry this week-end.

Coach Alex McDonald's baseballers take on Grants Pass at 3 p.m. on Friday in a practice hassle, weather permitting. The track squad encounters Klamath Falls in a dual meet at 1:30 p.m. here on Saturday.

McDonald still has 28 men on his diamond roster and may give a good number of them a chance to show their abilities in the king's-x affair. He plans to give Derald Wooton, Terry Maddox and Lloyd Hart turns on the pitcher's hill. Ted Landers probably will get the opening call as catcher with Dick Wooton undoubtedly also getting into the ruckus.

Wet weather has hampered practices. McDonald reported that the field is rough and needs considerable working on but plans are made to go ahead with the fracas if rain holds off sufficiently.

Time Trials Held

Medford trackmen had their first time trials yesterday. Newland said that Earl Covey, senior transfer from Phoenix, was outstanding in the dashes. Don Spinas did well in the hurdles and Dennis Kittle and Dennis Davis showed well in the quarter-mile, the mentor stated. Distance and middle-distance men looked fair for this early in the season.

Letterman Jack Moad is showing outstanding work in the shot put, Newland commented. Benson Foley, a sophomore, is pushing Letterman Dave Newland and Roland Thompson in the pole vault, he reported, and Ed Bingham is doing extremely well in the javelin and high jump. Don Jacobs is showing progress in the discus.

NO SALE SIGN

Clearwater, Fla.—(U.P.)—The Cincinnati Reds Wednesday hung up a "no sale" sign as far as pitchers Ewell Blackwell, Herman Wehmeier and Ken Raffensberger are concerned. "We can't afford to give up any of them and nobody seems to want to deal with us on any other basis," manager Luke Sewell said.

Bears Nick Ducks 10-9

Berkeley—(U.P.)—Oregon's Ducks lost their second baseball game in a row on their California trip Tuesday, dropping a 10-9 decision to California's Bears.

California got four runs in the ninth inning without getting a hit to win the ball game. Oregon hurler Norm Forbes walked five men to allow two runs and shortstop Pete Williams' wild throw allowed the other two to score.

Second Sacker Daryl Nelson and Catcher Ron bottler smacked homers for Oregon.

Phone Recruiting Banned in Big 10

Chicago—(U.P.)—Big 10 Commissioner Kenneth L. (Tug) Wilson has cracked down on conference recruiting practices, banning any telephone contact with prospective athletes, it was learned Wednesday.

His policy statement was made in a letter to athletic directors and faculty representatives after the conference meeting with the council of 10, composed of the presidents of the member institutions, March 16.

The interpretation means that the members can contact prospective athletes in the future only by mail, or when the boy visits the campus.

MAYS SIDELINED

Phoenix—(U.P.)—The New York Giants continued their spring series with the Chicago Cubs Wednesday minus the services of outfielder Willie Mays. The National league's rookie of the year in 1951 underwent minor surgery Tuesday and will be sidelined three or four days.

Scribes Pick Yanks for 4th Consecutive Flag

St. Petersburg, Fla.—(U.P.)—Manager Casey Stengel agreed Wednesday with the nine New York sportswriters covering the Yankees who picked them to win their fourth consecutive American league championship this year.

Stengel grinned from ear to ear when told of the results of the poll and commented: "You know, I think so too."

Stengel Big Reason

Only two teams have ever won four consecutive league titles—the 1921-22-23-24 Giants and the 1936-37-38-39 Yankees.

Most of the writers said Stengel's leadership was the big reason for picking the Yankees, pitching in depth, capable reserves and the Yankees' strong defensive infield were, other common reasons the reporters picked the world champions to repeat.

PESKY OFFER REPORTED

Sarasota, Fla.—(U.P.)—The Boston Red Sox were reported Wednesday to be considering a Detroit Tiger offer for infielder Johnny Pesky. The reports generated as a result of a long conference Tuesday between the higher echelons of both clubs.

BASEBALL

TUESDAY EXHIBITORS

Brooklyn (N) 9, Philadelphia (A) 5
Cleveland (A) 7, Chicago (A) 5
St. Louis (A) 6, Pittsburgh (N) 2
New York (N) 7, Chicago (N) 6
Pittsburgh (N) "B" 2, Seattle PCL 1

Basketball

TUESDAY SCORES

NCAA Tourney, Seattle
St. John's 61, Illinois 59 (Eastern regional final)
Kansas 74, Santa Clara 55 (Western regional final)

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

YOUNGSTERS TO SKI

Sun Valley—(U.P.)—Ski racing youngsters from throughout the West were pouring into this famous ski resort Wednesday to prepare for what officials term the western region's outstanding junior racing event.

"Crippling" not only includes apparent physical handicaps. Children with speech, heart, visual and hearing impairments are "crippled" too. Easter Seals help make them have full, productive lives.

Legal Document Found Penciled on Desk

Champaign, Ill.—(U.P.)—Workers for a furniture company found a 59-year-old legal document penciled on the bottom of a desk drawer.

Workmen were refinishing the big walnut desk when they found the note. It said:

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