

Fanfare

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This Southwestern Oregon Baseball league of which the Cheney Studs club is a member, becomes more potent week by week.

Latest report is that the Coquille Loggers, whom the Studs meet on Saturday and Sunday at Coquille, have signed Bobby Doerr, stellar American league second baseman until he retired at the end of last season from the Boston Red Sox.

The Logger roster also lists Dick Lerner, who has hurred for San Francisco in the Coast loop and chucked in the Pioneer league and who beat PCL crews in exhibitions while moundman for University of Southern California. He was losing pitcher in Roy Helser's 1 to 0 win for Drain over Coquille last week-end. Coquille has Aldon Wilkie, ex-Coast and major leaguer; Claude Buckley, outfielder for Eugene in the dormant Far West league; Dave Douglas, considered one of the top all-around performers in the circuit, and Joe Segura, University of Oregon catcher.

TO BROADCAST GAMES
Medford fans will have a chance to hear the play by play account of the Coquille-Medford series. Radio station KJYC will broadcast both the Saturday night and Sunday afternoon games.

DRIVES TO GAME
Paul Gehrman, who tossed a five-hit 6 to 1 win for the Studs over Roseburg last Saturday, worked up to 2 p.m. that day then drove from Bend to Medford the long way around, via Klamath Falls.

SCORES IDENTICAL
When Grants Pass beat Prospect 17 to 2 in the Rogue Valley Baseball league last Sunday, it duplicated the score that it won by when the two clubs last met. Sunday marked the first tussle between semi-pro clubs of the two communities since July 10, 1949.

Notes from the Western International league — thanks to the Sporting News . . . Mike Kanishin, Medford Rogues pitcher in 1950, has been released by Wentsteece . . . Gene Howard, Rogue first baseman in 1951, has been "returned to San Francisco" by Yakima . . . Mike Donahue, Yakima catcher, with the Rogues last year, recently tied a loop record for catchers with five assists only to see the record smashed a few nights later.

WINS TUNA DERBY
Nassau, Bahamas — (U.P.) — George Bass led all anglers in the Bimini tuna fishing tournament. Bass, Birmingham, Mich., reeled in six tuna for a total of 2,700 points.

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Sprint Car Races Friday On Track At Grants Pass

Three auto racing groups will be in competition for the first time on Friday when they participate in the Indianapolis sprint car Memorial day races at the Josephine county fairgrounds half-mile track.

They are the Oregon, Washington and Western Racing associations. Time trials are scheduled to get underway at 12:30 p.m. and the first of the races at 2:30 p.m. Heats will be five laps. There will be a trophy dash, a 20-lap B main and a 35-lap main event, with nine events in all on a 3 1/2-hour program.

There will be six top drivers each from the Washington and Oregon groups and 15 from the Western association, a California organization.

Nehl Heads
Washington drivers will be George Macoll, Johnny Gorman, Bob Simpson, Curley Steves, Bill Menchel and Oscar Lofquist. Thomas F. Nehl, Portland.

Taking of Fawns Illegal, Game Agents Point Out

Portland—If you're tempted to pick up a fawn this spring and haul it home as a playmate for the children, don't do it. It is against the law to take the young of any game bird or animal from its natural habitat and hold it in captivity.

Nearly all fawn cases investigated by game agents amount to "fawnapping," bambi really wasn't lost, just hiding until mom returned. A newborn fawn has no odor, and protective coloration and freezing are its best protection.

An Astoria resident fined \$27 in justice court this week for possessing a fawn was the first Oregonian convicted of "fawnapping," and the justice warned that the price of fawns is going up.

Fawns in Court
Until this year, game agents retrieved fawns from their captors and took them to State game farms. Now the fawns will first appear in justice court with their captor before the trip to the game farm foster home. Fawns held in captivity soon shed their gentle innocence, and on many occasions game agents have been called upon to dispatch a pet deer that turned on its owner.

There are several records of fatal injuries from the slashing hooves of a pet deer. If there is reason to believe a mother deer has been killed or injured, a game agent or the state police should be notified, but the fawn should not be disturbed.

Few Predict New Record Will Be Set in Indianapolis Auto Race

Indianapolis (U.P.)—Drivers of cars in Friday's 500-mile Speedway race indicated by their actions Thursday the winner probably will go most of the way at around 128 miles per hour.

Such a mark would be a new record, surpassing the 126.244 mile per hour speed with which Lee Wallard won a year ago.

Openly, few in the field were willing to predict a new mark. The man who has gone the fastest on the track, Chet Miller, said flatly there will be no new record.

Changing Gears
"It's going to be slower than last year despite all the speed so far," Miller said. "The boys are going to change their gear ratios and conserve their engines." Miller turned in the fastest qualification mark on record on Monday, 139.034 miles per hour for four laps. Saturday he set

will head the Oregon sextet. He is a former Midwest sprint car champion. The Californians are led by Cecil Burnaugh, champ in the southern part of his state. Burnaugh is president of the Western Racing association.

The big car event, usually held at this time in Southern California, is being brought to Grants Pass for the first time and there will be a traveling convenience to Washington and Oregon racers.

Gates at the track will open at noon.

Basinski Slates 500th Straight Coast Loop Tiff

San Francisco (U.P.)—Fiddler Eddie Basinski, Portland second baseman and off-season violinist with the Buffalo symphony, will play his 500th consecutive Pacific Coast league game Thursday night when the Bevoets try to tie strings around high-pitched San Diego.

Basinski, a competent workman, started more slowly this season than he did with the 1951 early-season Beavers. A 29-year-old right-hander, he is hitting in the .235 neighborhood for his second division mates.

Record 868
The PCL record for consecutive games played is held by Hugh Luby, the ex-Seal and Oak, who worked 868 in a row. It would take Basinski more than two years to tie that mark.

Basinski and the Beavers fiddled while San Diego won its seventh straight game Wednesday night, 8-2. The success stretched the Pads' lead over second-place Hollywood to four games.

The Stars succumbed to Oakland and squat Eddie Lake's homer, 4-3. Elsewhere, Los Angeles whacked San Francisco, 5-1, and Sacramento jumped back out of the cellar with Ken Gables' 7-2 pitching victory over Seattle.

WILDLIFE SESSION

Portland—Youth summer camp directors for 90 Oregon camps, including Boy scout, Girl scout, YMCA, Campfire girl, 4-H Future Farmers of America, and denominational camps, have requested the two-day wildlife sessions to be offered this summer by the game commission information-education department. Instituted in 1950, the wildlife sessions have expanded from an original 24 camps to nearly all youth summer camps in the state. The classes and field trips, conducted by game commission personnel, are designed to acquaint young campers with Oregon wildlife in a natural setting.

DUCK TO TOUR

Eugene (U.P.)—Daryle Nelson, University of Oregon's outstanding senior second baseman, will play for a team of college all-stars that will tour Japan this summer. If the trip, which is under the guidance of John Scollins, head baseball coach at Pepperdine college, meets with success in Japan, the team may continue on to the Philippines and Hawaii for games there.

WESTERN STARTS

St. Louis, Mo. (U.P.)—The forty-ninth Western open golf championship underway here Thursday at the Westwood country club with 121 pros and amateurs teeing off. The pros concede that the tough part of this tourney will be Sam Snead, a favorite to win.



HOGAN AGAINST AMERICA—Ben Hogan, above, called by experts the greatest golfer of this generation will pit his skill against an estimated 300,000 golfers on National Golf day on Saturday, May 31.

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BASEBALL

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Coast League
Oakland 4, Hollywood 3
Los Angeles 5, San Francisco 1
Sacramento 7, Seattle 2
San Diego 8, Portland 2

National League
New York 6, Brooklyn 2
Chicago 7, St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 2 (night)
(Only games scheduled)

American League
St. Louis 3, Chicago 1 (night)
Detroit 6, Cleveland 2 (night)
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Western International
Victoria 10, Spokane 3
Tri-City 18, Salem 8
Lewiston 6, Wenatchee 4
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Valve-Turning Ceremony Will Loose Water in Columbia Basin

Ephrata, Wash. (U.P.)—Federal Reclamation Commissioner Michael Strauss turns a valve Thursday to loose water from the Columbia river into the first acres of the world's biggest irrigation project.

The water, as it flows into a 66,000-acre section of the Columbia basin, will fulfill a dream that has inspired engineers and agriculture experts since the pioneer days of the Pacific Northwest.

By 1958, more than 1,000,000 acres in the basin will be irrigated with water from the Grand Coulee dam reservoir, 50 miles north of here.

The life-giving water will make it possible for farmers to work the soil of the arid Eastern Washington district on a practical basis for the first time.

Thursday's event has been celebrated in towns throughout the area during the last week.

Hundreds of visitors came from throughout the country to join the festivities, including pa-

rades, aquaramas, pageants and fairs.

Many plan to stay as modern-day pioneer settlers in the area newly opened to farming.

As part of the celebration, hundreds of men worked today to carve a 160-acre farm from the desert for Donald D. Dunn, 30, named as the nation's most deserving veteran in a national contest.

The entire farm will be created in the 24-hour period that started at midnight.

Dunn's farm will be the first in the basin project. In Othello, Wash., on Saturday, the federal government will conduct a land-drawing to determine which of the eligible applicants for other homesteads will be allowed to purchase 199 farms to be available in 1952.

Reclamation Commissioner Strauss will turn the valve letting the water into the basin at 5:30 p.m. (PDT).

Strauss said the history-making event was only a symbol of greater things to come, however.

Grand Coulee and the Columbia Basin project, Strauss said, are the "biggest everything" by present standards. The dam is the biggest in the world. It produces more power than any other, and the irrigated acreage is more than in any other single project.

But Strauss said projects like it are "not sufficient to meet the need." The nation, he said, is going to have to think about moving water 1,000 miles or more before it goes onto farm land.

A quarter of a million persons are born throughout the world each 24 hours, he said. The population of the Pacific Coast states increased by 50 per cent in the past 10 years.

"Food shortages are becoming urgent," he said. "The velocity of the reclamation program will increase and the law regulating it will change."

With Columbia Basin's 1,000,000 acres, the irrigated acreage in the 17 western states will amount to 7,000,000, he said. That's about half of what the available water will irrigate under "a present financial standards," he said.

There's plenty to be done yet in the Columbia basin, he said. The Pick-Strauss plan designed by Strauss and Lt. Gen. Lewis Pick of the Army Corps of Engineers, lists some 200 dams in the watershed and only a small minority of them are underway.

But he said other rivers on the coast are being "exhausted." The dispute between California and Arizona over the waters of the Colorado river, he said, shows that river is about used up.

How fast new irrigation projects are started, he said, is up to Congress and the appropriations it allows. He complained that his bureau hasn't any assurance it will get money to complete the 1,000,000 project here, let alone for the 200 dams in the Pick-Strauss plan.



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