

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE SPORTS

Sport Parade



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New York — (U.P.) — The mechanical man of golf will be 41 tomorrow and, while the gears are meshing better than ever, Ben Hogan insists that "there are times when I feel like I'm 90."

Those times are under adverse weather conditions or when he puts too much strain on the slender frame which almost was dismantled in a near fatal automobile accident in early 1949. But Hogan, who was born in the tiny town of Dublin, Tex., Aug. 13, 1912, will be around for the big ones quite a while yet.

"Golf is my life," he grins. "Actually, I feel fine. It's just that I'm getting too old to have birthdays any more."

You can't prove that to the tournament aces who have been chasing Bantam Ben with such ever increasing fury that the stock golf argument now is whether Hogan is greater even than the immortal Bobby Jones. The debate reached its peak after his British Open triumph, giving Ben a record of five wins in six starts this year.

His other triumphs were in the U. S. Open, the Masters, Colonial Invitation and Pan American Open. In his other start, he finished third at Greenbrier.

"In the future," Ben says, "I'll play in the Masters and the U. S. Open and possibly the Colonial Invitation. I don't know about playing in the British Open anymore. That's too far in the future."

Almost all agree that Hogan is the greatest active player, and most of them feel that he even surpasses the "Emperor Jones." This, of course, enters the realm of whether Dempsey was better than Louis, Man o' War greater than Colin or Cy Young was a finer pitcher than Walter Johnson.

Equipment is better now than in the Jones era yet it seems impossible, in view of the fast pace of today's game and the hundreds of outstanding players, that one man could completely dominate the game. Yet Hogan does.

BULLETIN

New York — (U.P.) — The faded New York Giants displayed their complete faith in Manager Leo Durocher today when they signed him to pilot the club for two more years at an estimated salary of \$50,000 a year.

NAM II PROMOTED

Tokyo — (U.P.) — Communist Peiping radio revealed today that Gen. Kim Kwang Kap has succeeded Gen. Nam II as chief of staff of the North Korean armed forces. Nam, who was senior Red delegate to the armistice negotiations, recently was moved up to the post of foreign minister.

Baby Show Planned At Hawthorne Park

A baby show will be held at Hawthorne park at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, according to Mrs. Richard Camden, playground supervisor at the park.

A number of ribbons will be awarded for various items including the baby with the largest dimples and the baby with the curliest hair.

All parents are invited to enter their babies in the show.

G.P. Postmastership Examination Scheduled

Washington — (U.P.) — The Civil Service Commission said today it will hold examinations to fill the vacant postmastership at Grants Pass and Eagle Creek. A written test will be held at Portland for the Eagle Creek job, but no written examination will be held for the post at Grants Pass. The Commission said applications for the examinations must be received here not later than Sept. 8.

Navy Trainer Planes Crash: Two Pilots Die

Pensacola, Fla. — (U.P.) — Two Navy trainer planes collided over this naval air station late last night and plunged to earth less than 100 yards from the nurses' quarters, killing the two student pilots. The Navy identified the pilots, whose bodies were recovered, as Ensign Robert L. Coffyn, 23, and Lt. JG Billie L. Flostrom, 25. Coffyn was survived by his widow, Janet, who was living

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Suggestion Favored

Portland — (U.P.) — The Oregonian said today a suggestion by Vancouver, Wash., Mayor Ralph Carter that the city change its name to Fort Vancouver met with widespread approval in a survey conducted by the newspaper.

The suggestion was made to help avoid confusion with Vancouver, B. C.

at Navy Point here, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coffyn of Portland.

Roseburg Man Loses Supreme Court Appeal

Salem — (U.P.) — Frank Monk of Roseburg today lost his appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court from his conviction in Douglas county of embezzling \$237.25 while he was manager of the Veterans lounge. The money belonged to the Patrick Kelly post of Veterans of Foreign Wars. A former conviction was reversed upon appeal. A new indictment was returned, correcting some irregularity.

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