

SCHOOL DAYS WE'D LIKE—Eddie Lopat (center), former New York Yankee pitching star and now manager of Richmond in the International League, gives instructions to a group of young hopefuls at St. Augustine, Fla. The youngsters are attending the Baseball School at Francis Field which runs through Feb. 8

Oregon Flyer Saved From Pacific Dunking

Newport Beach, Calif. — (U.P.) Marine Radioman Robert D. Riggs, of Pondersa, Ore., was rescued yesterday by a fishing boat more than two hours after he bailed out of a flaming AD-3 Skyraider over the Pacific. The 26-year-old radioman was reported in good condition as he was transferred to Coast Guard cutter and brought to shore. Riggs, who was found floating in the water, was the object of a vast sea and air search. He bailed out and disappeared into a heavy fog bank about two miles off the coast. The burning night fighter-interceptor later landed safely without injury to its pilot and a second radioman at nearby El Toro Marine air station.

Liquor Privilege Tax Money Distributed

Salem — (U.P.) — Distribution of liquor privilege tax monies totaling \$235,000 for the quarter ended Dec. 31 was reported today by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery. These funds are distributed 75 per cent to the counties and 25 per cent to the general fund of the state, with the provision that the counties spend such money for old age pensions, mothers' aid, and direct relief of the indigent.

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Photograph Proves Unique Fish Story

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — This is the kind of fish story that seldom gets beyond the circle of anglers who are trying to out-do each other with slightly embroidered tales. But Keith Ackley of Madison came back with a photograph as proof. He was fishing at Allequash Lake in Vilas county when he hooked a walleyed pike. Just as he reeled the fish toward the boat, a muskellunge grabbed the walleye, which Ackley estimated weighed three pounds. Ackley let his line go slack, thinking the musky would get smart and spit out the hooked walleye. But the big fellow swallowed the pike instead and Ackley landed a 26-pound musky. His photograph shows the musky, its insides opened, with the still recognizable walleye in the stomach. About 4,000,000 U. S. cars were scrapped during 1954.

Gradual Increase in Employment Expected

Washington — (U.P.) — Government economists predict that employment will rise some more in the first half of 1956 but not with the leaps and bounds of 1955. At the same time, paradoxically, the possibility of growing skilled labor shortages is cropping up, particularly in the aircraft, machinery and metals industries. For the second half of 1956, economists are more uncertain. Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks has said he is "confident" that business activity will increase in the first six months. For the remainder of the year, he said he is "optimistic." Following the job slump in 1954, employment rose by a spectacular 5,340,000 in the first eight months of 1955. A record 65,489,000 persons held jobs in August. This was 1,800,000 more than the previous record set in August, 1953. Unemployment started out in 1955 at 3,347,000, the highest level for the month since 1950, rose against slightly in February and then declined to a low point for 1955 of 2,131,000 in October. This was still almost 900,000 higher than the postwar unemployment low of 1,240,000 in August, 1953, but 600,000 lower than in October, 1954. Economists expect the jobless total to rise again, perhaps to the 3,000,000 mark, and then start down next spring.

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SPORTS

Carlos Ortiz Beats Portilla

New York — (U.P.) — Lightweight Carlos Ortiz, a kid from the East Side's teeming Gas House district, will become a TV fight favorite. Promoter Tex Sullivan predicted today because of the class he displayed while winning decisively over Ray Portilla at St. Nicholas arena Monday night. Unbeaten Ortiz, 19, won his 13th straight professional bout on a lopsided eight-round decision over heavier and more experienced Portilla of New York in his first television appearance. He displayed exceptional hand speed, good power and unusual countering ability; but he lacked poise, was awkward with his leads and appeared too anxious to score a kayo. He was favored at 13-5. Scaling 135 pounds to Portilla's 141, Ortiz won by round scores of 6-2, 5-2-1 and 6-2. His solid left jabs, left hooks and straight rights shook up Portilla several times but could not put him down. In his eagerness, he missed often with his Sunday punch.

HOCKEY

Montreal — (U.P.) — Tod Sloan of the Toronto Maple Leafs made the biggest gain in the National Hockey League scoring race during the past week, tallying four goals and a pair of assists. Sloan jumped from eighth to sixth place in the standings with a total of 35 points. But Sloan's big effort still left him 11 points behind pace-setting Jean Beliveau. The Montreal center was credited with two assists last week and now has 46 points. Teammate Maurice Rocket Richard could do no better than Beliveau and remained four points behind in second place. Detroit's Gordie Howe advanced to third place with a four-point effort in two games to increase his total to 41 points, the same as New York's Andy Bathgate. Montreal's Bert Olmstead dropped a notch to fifth place. Sloan was followed by Dave Creighton of New York, while a Detroit trio of Alex Delvecchio, Earl Dutch Reibel and Red Kelly rounded out the top 10.

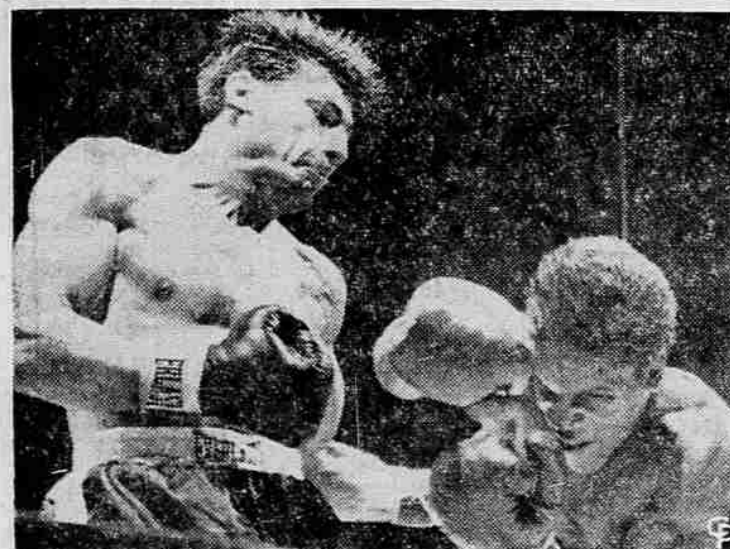
Pacific Island Rat Study Under Way

Davis, Calif. — (U.P.) — Under the project name, "Pirate," a three-year study of Pacific island rats now is underway. The study is directed by Dr. Tracy I. Storer, University of California zoology professor here. The relationship of rats to the place in which they live will be studied in the eastern Caroline Islands. Life on a "high" island — Ponape — will be studied in relationship to the way rats live on "low" islands represented by atolls adjacent to Ponape. The study's objective is to determine how damaging rats are to agriculture and to public health. Some of the information may be applicable to rats in the United States. In the Pacific, however, they breed faster and it may take a shorter time to get the desired data.

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ROADBLOCK—All-American Bill Russell of the University of San Francisco, considered one of the best defensive players in basketball today, demonstrated his ability as he blocks attempted layup by Pepperdine's Ermine Zappa in game at Kezar Pavilion in San Francisco. The Dons downed Pepperdine, 62-51, for their 37th win in a row.



SURPRISING RING EXPERTS, Milo Savage (right), Salt Lake City, gains 10-round draw with highly favored Eduardo Lause, Argentina, in New York. Savage dropped Lause for automatic eight count in seventh round. (International)

Dressen Has Rebuilding Job To Get Senators Out of AL Cellar

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Manager Charley Dressen has a rebuilding problem on his hands if he hopes to get the Washington Senators out of the cellar in the American League — but he isn't discouraged. "If we can get a couple of fellows we have in mind, and if some of our young stock comes through, we'll make a good run for the first division this year," said chipper Charley at his home here. Dressen pointed out that the Washington club had a run of injuries and ill luck last year that aren't likely to be duplicated. "Lyle Luttrell was going good in the outfield when his jaw was broken," Dressen said. "Then shortstop Pete Runnels had appendicitis; and Eddie Yost had a bad year, and we blame that on his tonsils, which have now been removed." Dressen is optimistic about the chances of some of the new talent. "I understand Karl Olson is a real fine outfielder if he gets a chance to play," he said. "We hope he'll be our regular center-fielder." Olson was obtained in the deal with Boston in which first baseman Mickey Vernon and pitcher Bob Porterfield were sent to the Sox. The Nationals also got three

McAFEE HAS SON

Portland — (U.P.) — Mrs. Ken McAfee, wife of the football end of the New York Giants, gave birth to a nine-pound boy yesterday evening in a local hospital. McAfee is spending the winter at the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Ethel Lockwood, Beaverton.

KNEE OPERATION

Chicago — (U.P.) — Max Boydston, rookie end with the Chicago Cardinals, will undergo an operation on his right knee today. He injured the knee while working out with the college all-stars last August and was hampered by the injury during most of the 1955 season.

OFFICE MINNOWS

Union City, Tenn. — (U.P.) — Pete Vincent shares his downtown office here with a couple of minnows. Vincent set up a vat to keep the bait minnows handy for quick fishing trips, and now two bullfrogs have moved in with the minnows.

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