

SPORTS

Fairgrounds Baseball Field To Have Drive-In Parking

Fairgrounds ball park, home of the Medford Cheney Studs semi-pro baseballers, will have a new look this year through a face lifting which will enable spectators to watch games from their automobiles.

The new drive-in feature has been accomplished by the erection of six foot high wire fencing back of the base lines. The old, unsightly dilapidated wooden fence is being removed. Fans can park their cars outside the wire fence along both sides of the field.

By the improvement, the park is being made considerably smaller with less grass to water and mow. The fence along the first base and left field line extends from the end of the dugout to the low wooden outfield barrier installed last year inside the old wood fence. The wire back of third base and the right field line stretches from the end of

the small grandstand to the low outfield wall.

Studds Practice
Cheney Studs' management plans next year to replace the low temporary outfield barrier with wire fencing. A tagging system will be used to charge admission to spectators who watch the games from their cars rather than from the grandstand.

The Studs will hold another practice session at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Manager Frank Roelandt is still seeking ballplayers and all wishing to tryout are invited to the workout. John Kovenz, Medford high head baseball coach, will assist Roelandt with the Studs this season and will see duty as a player.

The Studs will vie in the Rogue Valley league this season. They were champs last year in the Southern Oregon league which will not operate this year.

Old-Timer Tiff At San Francisco This Saturday

San Francisco—Major league baseball will come to San Francisco faster than expected.

In fact, it will be here on Saturday.

That's the day the San Francisco Seal old-timers play the Los Angeles Angel old-timers. Nearly every man in the lineup at one time starred in the majors.

The line-ups may be a bit aged, but in their hey-day, these boys won world championships and battled for the pitching and hitting titles.

In fact, the roster of the Seals, for instance, will be so powerful that the platoon system will be used.

One outfield is expected to be composed of all boys named Di-Maggio—Joe, Dom and Vince. This could be the best fielding outfield of all time. And it comes pretty close to being a top hitting outfit.

Then another outfield for the Seals will be made up of Earl Averill, Roy Johnson and Smead Jolley. This threesome played as a unit for the Seals back in the golden twenties. Johnson and Averill went to the Cleveland Indians, where they played many years. Jolly, a .400 hitter in this league, couldn't field well enough to last long in the big time. Each man was sold for \$50,000.

Among the pinch-hitters for the Seals will be Lefty O'Doul, two-time National league batting champion, and another two-time American league batting champion, Ferris Fain, will be on first base.

Crawford Gets Scroll
The Los Angeles club doesn't have as many of the big names who were successes in the majors. But on the staff will be Sam Wahoo Crawford, recently named to baseball's Hall of Fame. He'll stick around town to see the Sunday double-header, at which he'll be presented an appreciation scroll by California Gov. Goodwin Knight.

Statz, incidentally, holds an unusual record. He has played in more organized baseball league games than any man in history. Ty Cobb comes second in that department.

Among the others on the An-

Paul Harney Golf Leader

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

— Two old pros — Ben Hogan and Sam Snead — set out together today to determine whether newcomer Paul Harney is the man to beat out for the 1957 Greenbrier Open golf championship or merely a "one-day wonder."

Harney, a shy young shot-maker from Worcester, Mass., definitely was the many they had to catch as the field of 47 teed off for the second round. He showed them the way Thursday with a sensational seven-under-par 63.

Hogan's putter and his 45-year-old legs held up for him and the pantam Texan finished with a 65 — two strokes behind Harney. Snead rallied from a jittery start and carded a 66. This tied him for third with 26-year-old Billy Casper of Bonita, Calif.

Medford Athletes Gain Awards at Portland U

Portland—University of Portland's All-Sports Award dinner, held Wednesday, May 15, at Campus Commons, paid tribute to over 50 Pilot athletes who were presented with awards by their respective team coaches.

Len Casanova, head football coach at University of Oregon, addressed the athletes, coaches and parents and friends during the evening.

Among those receiving awards were Frank Rector, ex-Medford high, in varsity basketball, and Laval Meunier and John Walsh, ex-St. Mary's of Medford, in first year basketball.

gel club will be home-run hitter Wally Berger, ex-football star Kenny Washington; homer-hitter Max West; and pitcher Jack Salverson, one of 11 PCL hurlers who have won 200 or more games in this circuit.

Oh, yes. One of the San Francisco pitchers will be Walter The Great Mails, one-time World Series hero of the Indians and now a publicity man for the Seals.

(P.S. The umpires will be welterweight champion Carmen Basilio and 6th ranked middleweight Joey Giambra.)



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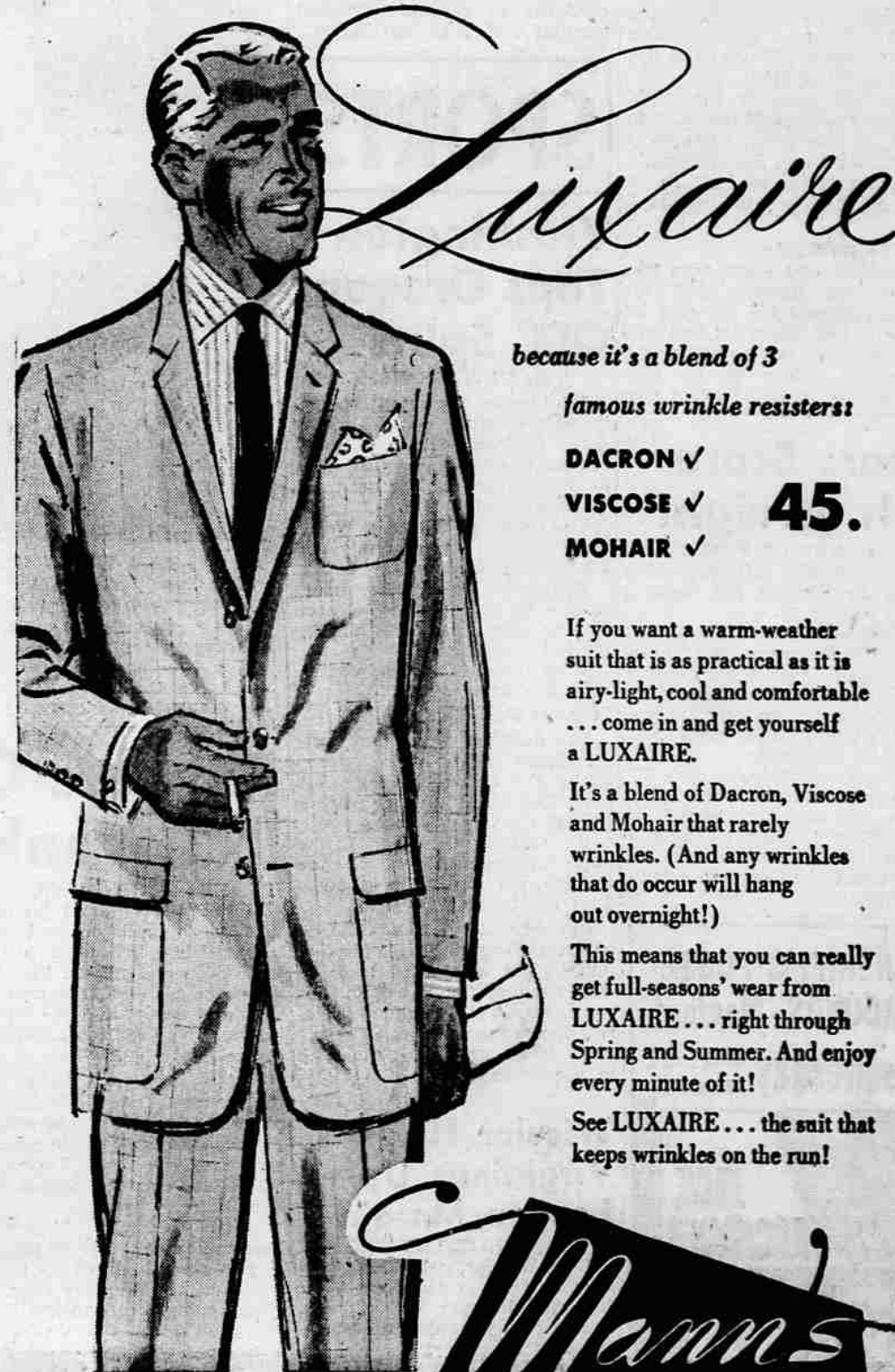
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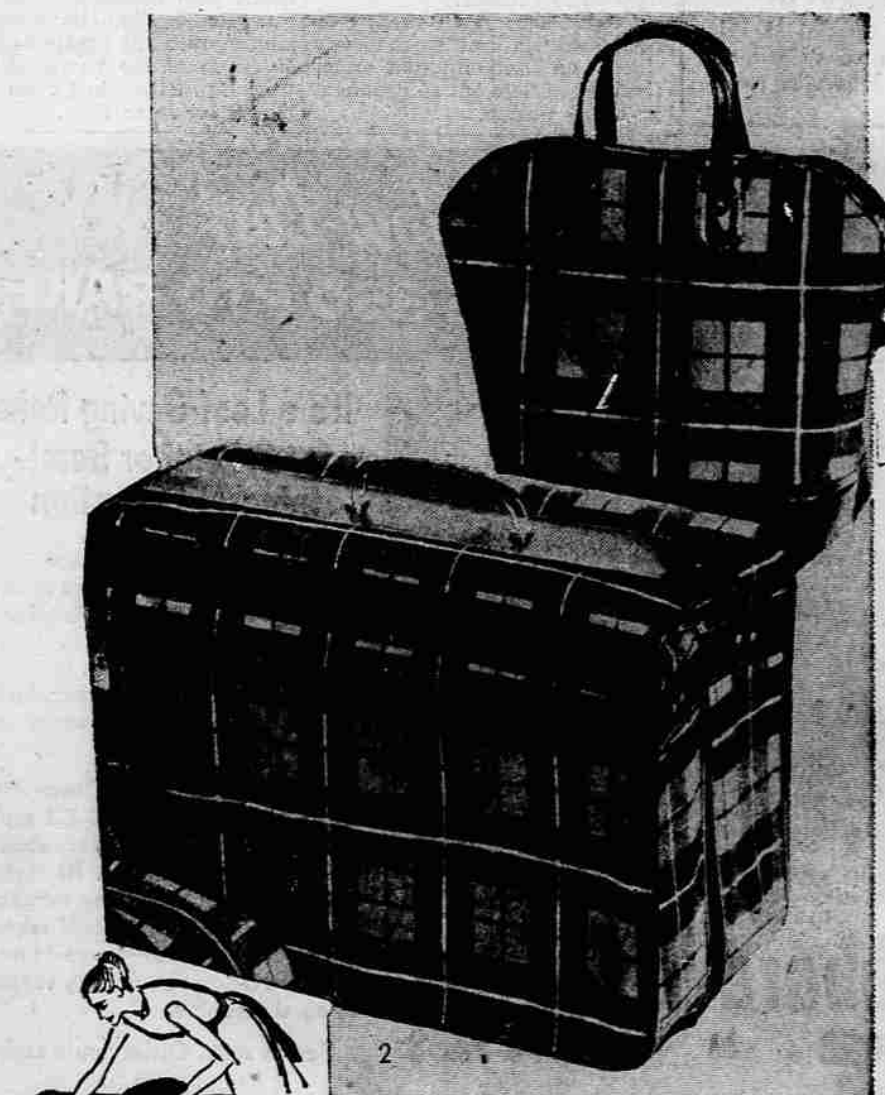
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