

# Rumor Has Mead Slated for Sports Coordinator's Job

By SID FEDER  
NEW YORK, May 13 (AP)—A national coordinator for all sports, rumored for nearly a year, is likely to be named by President Roosevelt within a month, and U. S. Senator James Mead, who advocated cancellation of the world series and all star games less than three months ago, is the leading candidate for the job.

Word on the early appointment of such a sports officer, whose big job will be to decide how the nation's sports "can be handled without affecting the war effort," came last night from Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the New York Racing commission and consultant on public policy to the war department.

In a speech at a dinner closing

the two-day meeting of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners, Swope pointed out also that racing has received a green light from Washington, since both Rubber Administrator William Jeffers and defense transportation boss Joseph Eastman have told him that operation of the turf is being carried on this year with 100 per cent cooperation with the war effort.

Less than a year ago, Swope removed himself as a possible candidate for the office of sports coordinator because he felt he was too busy with other jobs.

At this writing, Senator Mead, from Buffalo, N. Y., is supposed to have the inside track on the job Swope turned down. Mead is a vice president of the Buffalo (International league) baseball

club, but on March 1 he came out for cancellation of baseball's two fanciest shows for the duration to relieve the strain on the nation's transportation system.

Laughing Larry McPhail, who made the Brooklyn Dodgers tick until the army took him last fall, also was mentioned for the job, but it was learned no man in uniform would be considered.

Representative Sam Weiss of Glassport, Pa., near Pittsburgh, also was reported among possible candidates. And ex-Mayor Jimmy Walker of New York, father of this state's boxing and Sunday baseball laws, has been given serious consideration.

"There is no doubt a sports coordinator is necessary," Swope said. "Many sports did not take their problems to Washington early in the war, and they have suffered."

# Sports

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## Indians in Warpaint Crowd Yankees for Top

### Cleveland Scalps Senators at Night While Yankees Whip Sox by Pitching

By JUDSON BAILEY  
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The Cleveland Indians are crowding the New York Yankees for first place in the American league, but there is no way of telling yet whether the Tribe is on the warpath or simply doing its spring moving.

In recent years the Indians have moved menacingly in the spring and usually subsided in the summer. Last year they won 13 consecutive games in an April sprint and created some early excitement among their followers. On May 2 they were six full games in front of the Yankees, but the next day they went into a six-game losing streak and there is no point in recalling the subsequent details.

This spring the Indians have not been as flashy, have had no winning streaks, but they have not lost two consecutive games. This may mean they will stick in the scrap longer.

They overpowered the Washington Senators last night in a floodlight affair 8-2 to move within one game of the pace-setting Yankees, who were beaten at Chicago 2-1 in ten innings for their second straight setback.

Chubby Dean held the Senators to six hits and had a shutout till the ninth. His pitching was supported by a 13-hit attack on the part of his teammates, their biggest spree of the season.

The Yankees' whipping by the White Sox was the handiwork of Johnny Humphries and Joe Kuhel. . . . Humphries pitched six hit ball and allowed only one single after the third inning. He himself made two hits and started the rally that tied the score in the eighth. Kuhel singled him home with the tying tally and then in the tenth singled Rookie Thurman Tucker across with the winning run.

Ernie Bonham, the Yankees' ace who had won three games without a defeat, went the route and was tapped for nine hits, seven of them in the last four frames. A year ago Bonham won eight straight before he was stopped.

The Philadelphia Athletics and Detroit Tigers battled in a 15-inning marathon at Detroit before a single by Ned Harris gave the Tigers a 3-2 victory.

The St. Louis Browns staggered the bruised and bleeding Boston Red Sox 6-4 with Chet Laabs hitting a three-run homer—his second round-tripper of the season. It was the fourth loss in a row and 14th in 20 games for the last place Red Soxers, who made only six hits.

Also National league games were postponed because of unfavorable weather in the east.

## Angels Still Lead Coast Ball Parade

### Southmen Win Thirteenth Consecutive Struggle as Rainiers Bow to Barrage

By The Associated Press  
Los Angeles continued yesterday to make a parade out of the Pacific Coast league baseball race, winning their 13th consecutive game and their 19th of the season.

Yesterday's victim, for the second day in a row, was Seattle, the Rainiers bowing 14 to 1 before a 21-hit barrage. The victory moved the Angels more than 300 percentage points ahead of their nearest rivals. Jodie Phipps held the Rainiers to four hits and it was the second straight day that the Angels defeated the northern team by a 13-run margin.

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Fifth place Hollywood kept pace, pushing Sacramento further into the cellar with a 6-5 victory. The Stars hustled in all their runs in the first three innings.

## Stronger in Longer Stretch



Lt. Lou Zamperini examines Jap-made hole in Liberator following bombing of island of Nauru. Lt. Zamperini and G. H. Cupernell administered emergency treatment to five wounded companions as ship limped to nearest base hospital, are credited with saving lives of two. Lieutenant Zamperini, former Southern California star, holds national collegiate mile record of 4:09.3.

## Sports Briefs

By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.

NEW YORK, May 13 (AP)—The postman has to work anyway (you know that "neither rain nor snow" line) so why should we both do it? . . . Here's today's offering, courtesy of U. S. postoffice department and various contributors:

### EXCELLENT EXCERPTS

From Harry Markson's thumbnail sketch of Bob Montgomery: "Bob worked on a tobacco and cotton plantation as a child but didn't like the work, which is why he took so kindly to Philadelphia." . . . From Gabe Paul's news of the Reds: "Around the clock baseball offered to Reds' patrons." . . . Sounds like a diamond version of the six-day bike race. . . . From Jimmy Johnston's latest communication about his newest fighter: "The most amazing list of knockouts on anybody's record is that compiled by Ham Wiloby." . . . In these days of point rationing, we wonder if Jimmy stopped to think that "Ham" might lose on points. . . . From a statement by President Rufus Carrollton Harris on wartime intercollegiate athletics at Tulane: "There should be no athletic scholarships unless there are some poor boys who are rejected by the military services." . . . In other words, don't pay 'em unless they're worth it.

### TODAY'S GUEST STAR

Lewis Burton, New York Journal-American: "A Senior Ginja of Mexico City and Lisbon is seeking to interest Mike Jacobs in bull fight promoting around New York. . . . Individually, bull and fight are two of the best products of Mr. Jacobs' office."

### HIGH SCHOOL JINKS

Reese Hart of the Raleigh, N. C., Times wants to know if it was a record when the Raleigh high school baseballers swiped 29 bases in two games—13 against Durham and 16 against Rocky Mount. . . . Henry G. King of the Huntington, W. Va., Advertiser reports that Right-hander Dave Stender pitched three consecutive one-hit games for Huntington Central high before he finally got his limps.

### SERVICE DEPT.

Commenting on the recurring rumor (which isn't true) that ex-Middleweight Champion Fred Apostol has been killed in action, Bill Diehl of the Norfolk, Va., Ledger-Dispatch quotes a letter Fred wrote just before Christmas: "I know I am doing the right thing in being out here. Nothing else matters, because this is it. Occasionally I have been boxing and boys are very enthusiastic about it." . . . Lieut. Ed Danowski, former Fordham footballer now at the Pensacola, Fla., naval air station, recently told local high school gridders: "Remember what you learned on the football field. Put it to use in life and you'll be a success."

## Pelican Tennis Men Drop Medford High School, 5-2

The KUHS tennis team defeated the Medford Craters 5 to 2 in a return match at Medford last Friday, May 7. The Pelican squad lost only two matches—one singles battle and a double match.

Noel of KUHS defeated Cate of Medford in three sets, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1. After getting off to a bad start in the first set, he made a great comeback to sweep the remaining two sets.

Vallancour trounced Nord-

## Wolf Knocks On Door of Seal's Home

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13 (AP)—President Charles Graham of the San Francisco Baseball club expressed confidence today that a deal could be worked out where by foreclosure against the club by the San Francisco bank could be forestalled and the present owners could retain control.

The bank, which holds a \$198,000 mortgage on the property of the club, including the Seals' stadium, started foreclosure proceedings yesterday, but action will not become effective until after a four-month grace period.

Graham said the club's property was valued at \$800,000. Graham has rejected an offer made by Joe Goldie on behalf of the Rainier Brewing company to buy the Seals' plant, pay the mortgage and allow the club to use the stadium 10 years rent free.

### TRACK MEET OPENS

PORTLAND, May 13 (AP)—The annual Portland Interscholastic track and field tournament opened here this afternoon with a series of elimination races. Qualifiers will meet next week.

### THE STANDINGS

By The Associated Press  
COAST LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Los Angeles	19	3	.864
San Diego	13	11	.542
Oakland	13	11	.542
San Francisco	12	11	.522
Hollywood	11	12	.478
Portland	9	14	.391
Seattle	8	14	.364
Sacramento	7	16	.304

### Results Yesterday

Los Angeles 14, Seattle 1.  
Oakland 11, San Diego 9.  
San Francisco 2, Portland 1.  
Hollywood 6, Sacramento 5.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	13	6	.684
Cleveland	11	6	.647
Detroit	9	7	.563
Washington	10	10	.500
St. Louis	8	7	.533
Philadelphia	8	12	.400
Chicago	6	10	.375
Boston	6	13	.316

### Results Yesterday

New York 1, Chicago 2 (10 innings).  
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 3 (15 innings).  
Boston 4, St. Louis 6.  
Cleveland 8, Washington 2.

wick of Medford easily in two sets, 6-2, 6-1.

Proctor of KUHS won over Alford in a close match, taking two straight sets 6-4, 8-6.

In perhaps the most evenly matched fray Newman of KUHS won over Wisenburg of Medford, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The only KUHS defeat saw Knits of Medford defeat Metz of KUHS 4-6, 5-7.

In a doubles match Noel and Vallancour defeated the Medford team of Cate and Nordwick in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.

The last and final match was a doubles affair with the Medford team of Alfred and Wisenburg soundly trouncing KUHS's Newman and Proctor in two straight sets 3-6, 1-6.

This was the second KUHS victory over the valley team in their only two starts of the year. Coach Wayne Scott is dicker for at least one more match with one of the valley schools before the end of school.

## Pastel Shades Battle in Girls' Play Day Ball

The girls' softball play day held at Roosevelt grade school last Thursday was a huge success. One hundred and eighty school girls competed from various schools in the city, and were divided into A and B groups and teams were chosen from these, named after colors.

Results:  
A Division—The Royal Blue team defeated the Reds to win the championship.

Consolation A — Pink won over Light Green 5 to 3.

B Division—Light Green beat Royal Blue for championship of this division.

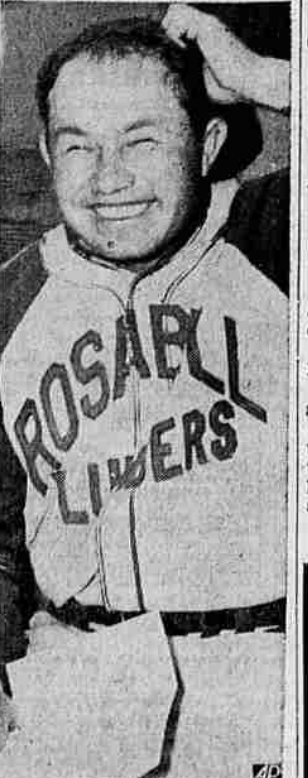
Consolation B—Red team defeated Light Blue.

The play day was under the direction of Luella Sanders of Roosevelt, Frieda Kennitzer of Riverside and ably assisted by the other women physical education instructors from grade schools in this city.

### RENT—\$1 A YEAR

Over a score of patriotic citizens have leased their property to the government for war housing sites at rents of \$1 a year.

## "What Now?"



Lou Novikoff, Chicago Cubs' outfielder, scratches his head in bewilderment as he tries to figure out the future after receiving a notice from the Cubs' general manager, James Gallagher, that he had been suspended for failure to report. Novikoff, who works out daily at a ball park at Long Beach, Calif., says the

## Oregon Sport Notes

By FRED HAMPSON  
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A question that may be decided in the June meeting of the Pacific Coast conference will be: Is Ed Atherton running the southern division of the league or is the southern division running Atherton?

Atherton spoke out the other day concerning the double round robin football schedule being cooked up by California members whereby California, Stanford, USC and UCLA will play each other twice and schedule no games with the northern schools.

"Schedule matters are to be decided when the league meets in June," said Atherton. "Announcements of the southern division plans are premature."

But even if a majority of the league votes for the old schedule, or some form of it, can Atherton enforce it? If the Californians stand together for a war-time split of the league it looks from here as though the league will have to divide itself for the duration and like it. The big four of the south can always withdraw and when they do they take the big gate receipts with them. It will be a question of whether the northern schools can afford to bring the affair to a crisis and risk such a withdrawal—which might outlast the war. It's no secret that some Californians always have favored a revised league.

As to Atherton's influence—well, it also seems from here as though the southern schools could walk out on the czar as easily as they could walk out on the northern teams. They might even use the issue to walk out on the Atherton purity regime, which hasn't been too popular in California.

A good deal could develop from this impasse.

## Tire Rationing on Way Out, Believes Goodrich President

PORTLAND, May 13 (AP)—If all goes well with the present synthetic rubber program, tire rationing will be on the way out sometime next year, believes John L. Collyer, president of the B. F. Goodrich company.

Synthetic plants, he said in an interview, should produce 600,000 tons or more next year—as much as the nation uses in a normal year. He estimated synthetic production for 1943 at 250,000 tons but pointed out that most of it would not be available until near the end of the year.

### GRANT LEADS

PORTLAND, May 13 (AP)—Grant high took the lead in the Portland Interscholastic baseball league yesterday, defeating Benson, 9-6, for its eighth win in nine games. Franklin defeated Washington, 8-3, and Jefferson won from Sabin, 11-2.

### RESOURCEFUL

CARLTON, Ore., (AP)—It took a lot of sprinting, but Farmer John Kirsch solved the manpower shortage.

He had two tractors and only himself to run them.

He set the controls of one and started it driverless across the field. Then he jumped aboard the other and followed. Before the first one reached the fence he ran it down and turned it around. . . .

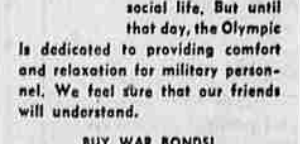
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## KUHS to Hold First City Swimming Meet

Klamath Union high school will hold the first high school swim meet ever put on in the city Tuesday, May 18, under the supervision of the physical education department. It will be an all-school intra-class meet.

Events will include a 35-yard dash, 70-yard free style, 70-yard back stroke, 140-yard relay, and under-water distance plunge and swim. The meet will start at 4:15 p. m.

## Spokane Editor Killed in Crash

SPOKANE, May 13 (AP)—The death in a plane crash of Major Cheney Cowles, former managing editor of the Spokane Chronicle, was reported last night by his family.

(At Shreveport, La., where Major Cowles was stationed, officials of the second air support command said that the plane in which he was killed was a medium bomber which crashed near Mobile, Ala. They said details would be released today.)

sophomore. Norene chased Swanzey of Washington, coast half-mile champ, to the tape in the 880 race of the OSC-Washington meet, losing by a couple of inches. Swanzey's time was 1:55.6.

Short takes from Oregon sport pages:  
Al Lightner of the Salem Statesman doesn't think that wartime coast league ball is Class AA by a long shot.

"We've got to get this war over in a hurry, if only to get some of the kids back to hustle these old grand-dads out of any notions that they can still play AA ball. . . . We saw nothing that our Salem Senators of yesterday couldn't keep right on whacking."

One Oregon commentator not One Oregon commentator notes in the same paragraph that Charley De Autremont, the former Uni-High all-star of Eugene now in the service, has married and has entered commando training.

Oregon State track followers think they have a great half-miler in Stu Norene, just a

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