

# Happy Says No Meddling From State

Diplomat Says Baseball Making U. S.-Mexican Relations Difficult

CINCINNATI, April 12 (AP)—"The state department," says A. B. (Happy) Chandler, the baseball commissioner, "has enough to do without meddling in baseball."

Replying to a statement in Washington yesterday by an unnamed state department official that the government "wishes baseball would show some indication of a desire to clean up" differences with the Mexican league, the former democratic senator from Kentucky added: "I'm sure our state department does not recognize disorders and other breaches of international affairs when its only reports are through the newspapers. I'm sure they await official reports before taking action. That's what this office does."

## Not Recognized

Mexican baseball is not recognized, he said, "because we've had nothing on it."

The state department spokesman declared controversies over American players entering into agreement with Mexican league officials injured relations with "one of our closest and best allies."

"Baseball is making it tough on us," he continued. "We try to build up good will and this sort of thing tears it down."

By "this sort of thing" he apparently referred to instances involving Vern Stephens, St. Louis Browns shortstop, who played for a short time with a Mexican league team but later returned to the Browns, and Mickey Owen, Brooklyn catcher who reportedly signed a Mexican contract but decided not to report. Jorge Pasquel, president of the Mexican league, has threatened to sue Stephens.

## Frankie Albert Injured By Saw

FRANKIE ALBERT—318—L GLENDALE, Calif., April 12 (AP)—Frankie Albert, 27, former Stanford all-American quarterback, was recuperating in a hospital today from a severe leg cut suffered when a power saw he was operating at his home here slipped.

Albert, under contract to the San Francisco 49ers of the all-America conference, probably will remain in the hospital for five days, Dr. F. J. Gaspard reported. It was not believed the injury will affect Albert's playing. The accident occurred Tuesday.

## Pelican Trackmen Run At Medford

KUHS Pelican cindermen will journey to Medford again tomorrow to take part in the little Hayward relays in preparation for the real Hayward relays to be held in Eugene April 19 and 20.

The meet in Medford will be an exact replica of the Eugene races in which Klamath will compete against high school track squads from all over the state.

Henley and Bonanza have already signed for C class competition in the Hayward relays.

## Women's Downhill Ski Set Sunday

PORTLAND, April 12 (AP)—The second annual all-Oregon women's class B and C downhill and slalom championships will be held at Mount Hood Sunday under auspices of Timberline lodge and Associated Women Skiers.

Wanda Lou Payne, of the University of Oregon Ski club, will lead the field. Her name was chosen by lot from the 24 contestants.

## FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

By The Associated Press  
PITTSBURGH—Spark Reynolds, 147, Indianapolis, knocked out Willie Jenkins, 145, Homestead, Pa. (4).

PHILADELPHIA—Santa Buca, 136 1/2, Philadelphia, outpointed Doug Ratford, 137, New York (8).

ATLANTIC CITY—Sandy Saddler, 129, New York, outpointed Johnny Wolgast, 124, Philadelphia (8).

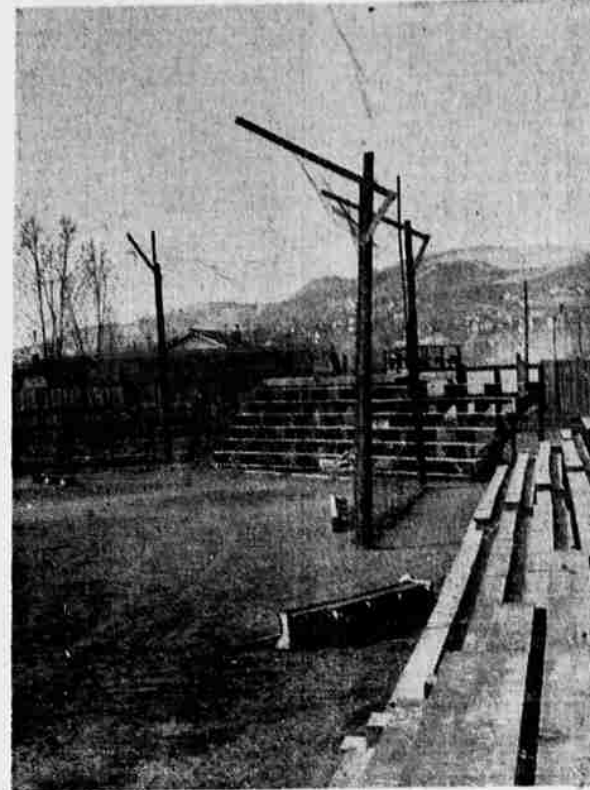
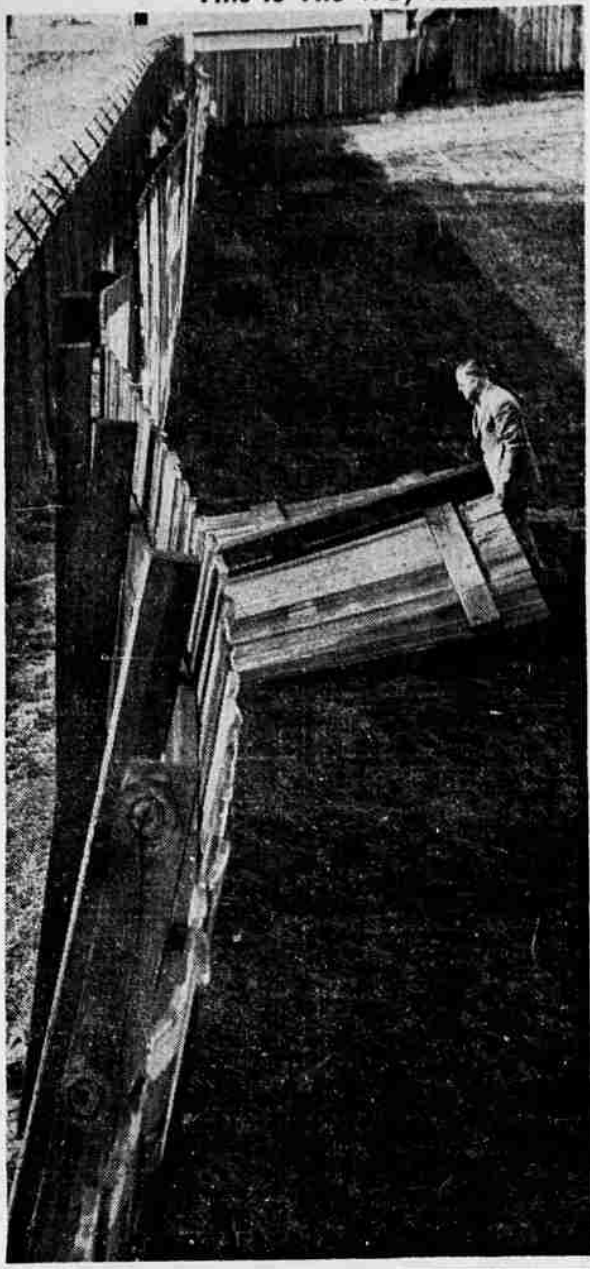
BARRE, Vt.—Buster Beaupre, 140, Burlington, Vt., TKO John Larue, 144, Brockton, Mass (8).

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This Is The Way Klamath Falls' Baseball Park Looks Now



The man who mentioned that Klamath Falls has "dilapidation without antiquity" must have taken a gander at Recreation park, the city's best, and almost only, baseball field. Picture at the left shows the right field fence, part standing, part fallen down and part apparently unable to decide on which position to assume. The only thing remarkable about the fence is that no one carried it away for kindling this past winter. The picture above shows the backstop net and rickety stands back of home plate. Just to get this field in shape for play this summer would cost an estimated \$2500. The playing field is just part of approximately eight acres owned by the city and tabbed as a recreation park, but the stalling attitude of the city council in regard to the park makes it extremely doubtful whether any recreation will be had in this park this summer. A city ruling that a lease of more than five years couldn't be given on the property has also put a crimp into a program for sports development held out by the American Legion.

## Baseball Meet Slated Tonight

Klamath's baseball future will come under study tonight when members of the city recreation committee hold an open session in the city council chambers to talk over Recreation park with baseball enthusiasts.

The American Legion, VFW and other interested groups are expected to be represented at the meeting. This marks the first time a city committee has shown a willingness to meet with baseball backers this spring.

The recreation committee hopes tonight's meeting will settle once and for all the red-hot baseball argument which has embattled the city government for three weeks, and would like to get a clear picture of proposals for a baseball and softball program if the city is to provide any money for the facilities.

ser were bracketed in different sections. Other events on the program tonight are the one meter springboard championships, with Champion Zoe Ann Olsen defending her crown; the 300-yard individual medley and the national junior 200-yard relay.

# SPORTS

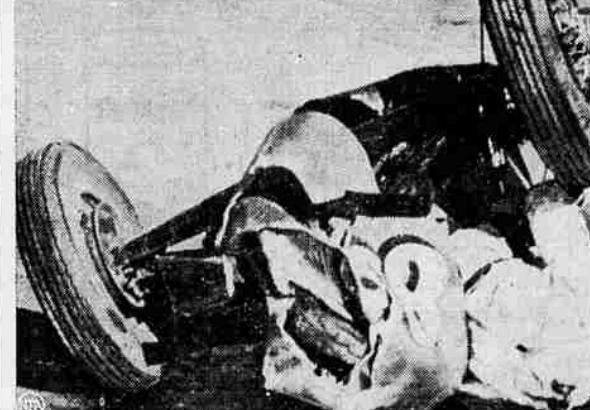
By Hale Scarborough, Sports Editor

## Brenda, Ann Curtis Match Strokes In Seattle Swim

SEATTLE, April 12 (AP)—The freestyle feud between San Francisco's Queen Ann Curtis and Brenda Helser of Hollywood and Portland, Ore., will blaze again tonight when the two match strokes in the 100-yard event of the women's national senior indoor swimming and diving championships.

This town that gave the world Helene Madison and stuffed its scrapbooks with her championships has caught the fever of the battle between the two western standouts and meet officials said the standing-room-only sign already was in place.

## His Number Just Wasn't Up Yet



Auto racer Steve Morlock plunged through a retaining wall and somersaulted twice when his speedster went out of control on an Atlanta track, but Lady Luck must have been an extra passenger, for Steve crawled out and walked away with only minor injuries.

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## Baseball Scores

By The Associated Press  
Chicago (A) 4, Pittsburgh (N) 0.  
St. Louis (N) 14, Tulsa (TL) 0.  
Boston (N) 3, Boston (A) 3 tie.  
Philadelphia (A) 16, Hagerstown (Interstate) 3.  
Cincinnati (N) 2, Detroit (A) 0.  
Brooklyn (N) 11, New York (A) 3.  
Cleveland (A) 4, New York (N) 3.  
Philadelphia (N) 9, Washington (A) 0.  
St. Louis (A) vs. Chicago (N) cancelled, wet grounds.

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# Portland Ends Seal Win Streak

Southpaw Roy Helser Outpitches Trio Of San Francisco Hurlers

By The Associated Press  
A southpaw's success over three right handers spelled the end of a six-game winning streak for the San Francisco Seals last night, but left them still a game and a half ahead of the nearest challenger in the Pacific Coast Baseball league.

Portland's Roy Helser proved to be the Seals' stumbling block in his 6-5 victory as the second place Oakland Acoms kept their distance by losing to the Sacramento Solons, 2 to 1.

Hollywood held third place, trimming the Seattle Rainiers, 4 to 1, while the fourth-ranking Los Angeles Angels slugged out a 11-4 decision over San Diego.

Helser was opposed by Ray Harrell, Frank Rosso and Eddie Stutz, who was charged with the defeat although he entered the game in the eighth inning. Outfielder Herman Reich's ninth-inning single scored Eddie Wheeler, who had walked, for Portland's margin of victory.

**Three Hits**  
At Sacramento ex-Soldier Jerrold Staley limited Oakland to three hits and neatly packaged the game for the Solons by singling in the seventh frame to drive in the winning run. Gee Walker of the Solons gave a base-skirting exhibition in the sixth by beating out a bunt, stealing second, advancing on a sacrifice and scoring on an out-field fly.

At Hollywood Eddie Erautt of the hometown Stars struck out 11 batters and missed a shutout in the ninth when Cliff Mapes tripled and scored as Chuck Aleno grounded out. Seattle starter John Orphal was charged with the loss. Butch Moran, Hollywood outfielder, extended his hitting streak to 10 straight games.

Los Angeles doused the Padres at San Diego in a spree for eight runs in the second inning. The Padres put across all of their runs in the opening frame, driving Clem Hausman from the mound. Jess Dobner, who relieved him, allowed San Diego only one hit the rest of the way.

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# Ross Gets Four-Round TKO Over Keneston At Armory

By HALE SCARBROUGH  
There is little doubt that both Bob Keneston and Tony Ross are better rasslers than they are boxers but anyhow Tony is a bit better boxer than is Keneston.

Bob landed the first blow in their glove match at the armory last night, a swinging right, bored in and put Tony to his knees for a four count. That was the first of 17 total knock-downs before Frankie Clemens tossed in Keneston's towel toward the end of the last round.

The result goes down as a TKO for Ross. His chopping rights opened the cut over Keneston's eye at the close of the first round and Bob was out on his feet the latter part of the fight.

Neither boy showed any particular aptitude for ring science but displayed a knowledge of anything-goes boxing. Tony tossed in some of his rassing tricks occasionally, tricks which would have cost him a strictly governed fight.

The main rassing go ended with Martino Angelo ahead of Angelo Martinelli, two falls to one, and with the latter being toted bodily back to the dressing room.

Martinelli got the first fall after a dropkick in the opening frame. In the second Martino took issue with his opponents left leg, wounded the member with a stamping toehold and as the third round opened clamped a half crab on the same leg for a fall.

The fourth round was an all-out battle, inside the ropes and out, with Martino getting all the best of it. He dazed Mar-

## Yanks, Dodgers Open In Gotham

BROOKLYN, April 12 (AP)—Prewar baseball will be back on display in New York today when the Yankees and Dodgers meet in the first game of their annual pre-opener weekend series at Ebbets' field.

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