

Training Camp Briefs

SARASOTA, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Outfielder Hank Bauer, whose time-hitting has been missed by the Cincinnati Reds since he was sidelined three days ago with an ankle injury, has been sent back to the training quarters in Tampa for an X-ray.

Manager Johnny Neun said he was not disturbed because Bauer's left ankle, badly swollen, was not responding to treatment.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Eddie Stanky, peddler to the Boston Braves by the Brooklyn Dodgers, is scheduled to get into the Braves' lineup Saturday.

Manager Billy Southworth says he'll probably use Stanky in the exhibition game against Kansas City at Lake Wales.

Clyde Shoun and Dick Manville are slated to pitch today against Newark at Haines City.

SARASOTA, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Tex Hughson's question-mark pitching arm gets its first test today when the Boston Red Sox entertain the Cincinnati Reds.

Hughson will have a makeshift Sox lineup behind him. Ted Williams, Vern Stephens, Don DiMaggio and Bobby Doerr are out with minor ailments.

LOS ANGELES, March 25 (AP)—Versatility may land Newcomer Ray Boone a position on the Cleveland Indians' roster—the 4-year-old rookie can both catch and play shortstop.

Boone prefers shortstop but wouldn't mind handling around as a utility man, he says. So he may be kept as No. 2 shortstop and No. 3 catcher.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25 (AP)—The weather on the West Coast is proving so disagreeable that Manager Mel Ott is sending some of his New York Giants back to Phoenix, Ariz., to complete their training.

With more rain in prospect, Ott put six players and Coach Ben Kres on a plane last night with the destination, Arizona sunshine. The players were Willard Marshall, Buddy Kerr, Catcher Ben Warren and Pitchers Dave Koso, Ray Post and Ken Trinkle.

CIUDAD TRUJILLO, D. R., March 25 (AP)—A couple of rookie pitchers are catching the eye of Manager Leo Durocher of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Big Christ Van Cuyk and John Hall both looked exceptionally good in hurling the Dodgers to a 10-1 win over a mixed Montreal-Dominican team yesterday.

Van Cuyk allowed four hits and five runs in five innings. Hall pitched four scoreless, hitless frames. He walked two.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25 (AP)—It looks as if Manager Bucky Harris has given up his idea of trying Bobby Brown at first base. George McQuinn and Jack Phillips held down the first sack in the game with the Cards yesterday while Brown believed at short. The Cards won, 7 to 1, in ten innings.

Charlie Keller made his first appearance since last June for the Yankees, lining out a pinch hit in the ninth.

Ironmen Get Into Hockey Loop Playoff

By The Associated Press
Seattle and Vancouver will vie for the northern division championship in the Pacific Coast Hockey league in a three-out-of-five series opening in Seattle Sunday.

Top club in the regular season, the Seattle Ironmen assured themselves a shot at the playoff title last night by pushing New Westminster aside 4-2.

Vancouver had clinched a finals spot by defeating Tacoma.

The Seattle-New Westminster game completed the first round of the league championship play in both the northern and southern divisions.

The Fresno Falcons and the San Diego Skyhawks are matched in the south.

Winners of the division titles will meet for the league crown.

After the first game of their series at Seattle Sunday the Ironmen move to Vancouver Tuesday, with a third

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Grimes Would Restore Saliva Pitching

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Burleigh Grimes, who was the last of the spitballers, would restore what was considered a nasty pitch.

Spit is a horrid word, 'tis true, so Grimes, currently coaching the Yankees' pitchers, would make the saliva easier on the ears by giving it a more pleasant and glamorous name.

He'd call it the glider, or something like that.

"The spitball was called unsanitary in 1919, when it was banned to all but the few of us who had been using it," recalls the renowned right-hander. He was in world series with the Dodgers, Cardinals twice and Cubs in his 18 years in the majors, practically all of it spent in the National League.

"Well, I wonder just how infielders and outfielders spitting in their gloves, pounding them and rubbing the ball therein improve sanitary conditions."

"Bob Feller is exceptionally swift. Carl Hubbell threw a screwball. Dutch Leonard throws a knuckle

ball, so what would be wrong with a comparative handful of pitchers specializing in the spitball? Throwing a spitball was an art, stirred up interest in the individual.

Grimes recalls that there were only 21 spitball pitchers in the big show when they had to register as such in 1919—Urban Shocker, Red Faber and Clarence Mitchell, among them.

Frank Shellenback had to confine his brilliance to the Pacific Coast League because he could not exorcise the agit in the majors. Mitchell was one of a modicum of left-handed spitball pitchers. The wet pitch didn't seem to lend itself to southpaws.

To Grimes, a robust figure at 54 who remained as a combatant in the majors until he was 41, and others who employed it, the proper pitching of the spitball was an art. It also was a definite part of baseball, dating back before Elmer Stricklett, generally credited with having originated the spitball and who taught it to Big Ed Walsh. Happy Jack Chesbro, who led both big leagues,

handcuffed hitters with the spitball shortly after the turn of the century.

"The real reason the spitball was barred," says Grimes, "was because pitchers were roughing the ball with pop bottle caps, sandpaper, emery and whatnot, ripping a stitch or two out of the seam with razor blades and such, and discoloring the ball with tobacco, licorice, coffee and in other ways."

"I can show a boy in two minutes how to rough the ball and make it break, but in five years I couldn't teach him to throw a spitball."

"The pitcher throwing the spitball had to have a smooth delivery and perfect control."

"The pitch wasn't hard on the arm like the screwball. Hubbell threw with a twist of the elbow and wrist. It wasn't freakish like the knuckler. "Perhaps the most intriguing thing about the spitball was that not even the most effective of the pitchers throwing it ever completely mastered it. Today you have it, tomorrow no. Like the accomplished golfer or pianist, the spitball pitcher lost the touch here and there."

COLLEGE PLUNGE ACES READY AT ANN ARBOR

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 25 (AP)—Nineteen of the nation's best collegiate distance swimmers plunge into the grilling 1500-meter free style race at the University of Michigan pool tonight to open the 25th annual NCAA swimming championships.

The 5 p. m. (PST) starting gun will touch off a duel that will probably be sharpened by the approach of the Olympic games.

Roger Watts, Iowa State's power-

ful tanker, looks like the man to lift the title from defending champion George Hogerhyde of Michigan State college. But a half dozen other swimmers could upset the apple cart.

Watts proved himself more than a threat last week when he outswam Hogerhyde in the CCC meet at MSC. The Iowa Stater churned to a 19:43.8 mark, one-tenth of a second better than Hogerhyde's 1941 pool mark and considerably better than the CCC record of 20:10.4 set by the husky Spartan last year.

Tough opposition could be expected from Bill Smith, world's champion 440 and 880 yard free styler from Ohio State. But there is some indication he may pull out in favor of the shorter events.

Gypsy Billed In Starter

Joe Dorsetti, the man with the golden earrings, is relegated to the opening class despite the fact that he is one of the more successful grapplers on the Northwest circuit. Dorsetti will fight the curtain-raising bout at the armory tomorrow night.

Opponent for the New York gypsy will be Canadian Frankie Hart, the Saskatchewan flash, in a four-round match, starting at 8:30. Hart and Dorsetti have put up some rousing battles in the past, particularly as tag team opponents.

Georges Dusette and Frankie Stojack have the card's main event, while Joe Lynam and Buck Lipscomb tangle in the middle of the docket.

National Airing For Coast Games

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 26 (AP)—The Pacific Coast conference's top football games may be broadcast nationally next fall.

Associated Oil company of California has had an exclusive football broadcasting contract under which West Coast games were aired only in the West. Unconfirmed reports say that contracts will not be renewed.

A conference committee today made a secret recommendation on Associated's bid to renew its contract. Chairman Al Masters, Stanford, declined to say what the recommendation is pending action by member schools.

game slated for Seattle Wednesday. Dates for two additional games, if required, are April 2 at Vancouver and April 4 at Seattle.

Attention MOOSE!

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Cain Slates Coast Trip

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Senator Cain (R-Wash.) announced today he will lead a series of hearings on the West Coast next month for the senate small business committee.

He said he will fly to Seattle April 6 for a hearing there two days later on the export licensing system of the office of international trade.

At Great Falls, Mont., April 12, he will hear witnesses on problems confronting the oil industry.

In San Francisco April 14 he will hold a hearing on export licensing and go to Los Angeles for a session on the same subject April 15.

And, in San Jose April 16 there will be another session on oil industry problems.

Cain said he hoped to spend a day in Spokane and stop in Tacoma on the trip.

He will be accompanied by his secretary, Art Burgess.

Admiral Cooke To Quit Navy
WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Admiral Charles M. Cooke Jr., 61, former chief of the Western Pacific fleet, is voluntarily retiring from the navy after 42 years.

Cooke recently returned from Tsingtao, China, headquarters of the naval forces of the Western Pacific. He has been in command since 1946.

He was in command of the battleship Pennsylvania when she was hit at Pearl Harbor, and from 1942 to 1945, held top staff jobs under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, wartime commander of the Pacific fleet.

He plans to return to his home at Hillwood ranch, Sonoma, Calif. He is a native of Fort Smith, Ark.

SAIGON

Whiskey Price Normal Again For Alaska

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, March 25 (AP)—Whiskey was back to normal prices in Fairbanks today after a month-long price war which saw a fifth go for as low as 25 cents.

Most dealers slashed prices and patrons swarmed the stores to lay in a supply.

The total number of bottles passing over the counters of the 16 local stores was incalculable. But dealers whose average daily sales normally total \$500 were selling more than \$2000 worth of whiskey in a day.

With the lower prices figured in that meant a 1000 per cent increase in volume.

Byron Gillam, proprietor of one store, climaxed the price plunge when he addressed a mass meeting and charged that old-time merchants were attempting to "freeze out competition and free enterprise." Then he announced that he would sell 20 cases of whiskey at 25 cents a fifth.

The final shot in the war was fired by a proprietor who offered added inducements to get patrons to buy at low prices.

He inserted an advertisement in the local newspaper saying: "You're invited to the hanging of a prospector." The prospector was a giant, painted effigy.

"Hot" Music Is Too Much For Box
MOSCOW, March 25 (AP)—Some University of Idaho students like the music "hot."

They kept plugging nickels into the student union juke box to hear Torch Singer June Christi's sultry version of "Love Is Like a Glowing Ember."

In the middle of the song the juke box caught fire.

Firemen blamed it on the wiring. But they probably listen to Bach.

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Woodland Doctor Proves Hero At Time Of Crash

WOODLAND, Wash., March 25 (AP)—The heroic determination of a 66-year-old Woodland doctor to render assistance to two men still believed alive at the scene of the crash of an army air force C-47 plane in the rugged Davis peak area near Ariel dam yesterday gained the admiration of military personnel and others who participated in the grim search.

Hurriedly called from his office, where he has practiced for 40 years, Dr. C. J. Hoffman didn't even bother to obtain boots or an overcoat. He was told two men were alive and needed help. So he went.

The way in to the crash was difficult, meaning several miles through the snow and over rough terrain. Dr. Hoffman and the others kept up a steady pace, reaching the scene in good time but finding their trip had been in vain. All six at the crash scene were dead.

It was not until three hours later, when a coroner's listing of the C-47

victims disclosed a name which had not appeared on the passenger list, that the searchers determined there must be others near the wreckage. Also missing from the list of victims was the name of Pvt. Olin Horn of Longview, en route home on furlough.

Then a check disclosed that Major John B. Harding, one of the two survivors who had reached safety, said there were two other hitchhikers on the craft. The weary search party, many of whose members already had come down the mountain to Woodland, started back for the scene and joined those of the coast guard and army who still were in the area. A bitter wind came with nightfall, and the snow crusted over as the hunt for the other two men was taken up.

Dr. Hoffman remained available for further call, but the army informed him that it had a medical officer on hand.

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