



FIVE PEPPY GIRLS lead the yells for Altamont Junior High School games in bright red bulky sweaters and matching red and gray plaid skirts. Left to right are Dawn Revis, Judy Valentine, Sally Bratton, Julene Webber and Jerri Bowers.

Former Yankee Pitcher Riddles Dinner Plate

By DAVE COHEN
Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, once the clown prince in the court of the New York Yankees, riddled the dinner plate with anecdotes about his baseball days Sunday night before a large group of fans of the Klamath Falls Knife and a Fork Club in the Willard Hotel.

Gomez, who pitched for the New York Yankees during the era of Ruth, Gehrig, Koenig, Lazzeri and DiMaggio, won six World Series games without a defeat and won 26 games and lost only five during the 1934 season.

And yet the "kid" who came off the California sandlots in the late 1920s to make a name for himself with the team that has become synonymous with baseball, remembers—and with great satisfaction—many of the funnier things that happened to him during his career.

Now with the sales and promotion department of the Wilson Sporting Goods Company, "Lefty" or "Goofy" as he was later to be called because of some odd behavior, led off by telling about the day he almost pitched his first major league game.

Herb Penneck, a great pitcher for the Yanks and later a member of the "Hall of Fame," was sailing along nicely, Gomez said, for seven innings. It was during the 1930 season, Gomez' first year in the big time.

The manager had told Gomez that he would be in the bullpen, ready for relief.

"Well," Lefty said, "with two men on and one out, a line drive comes back through the box and Penneck is down."

"McCarthy waves for me to come in . . . and it's a long walk and I'm thinking about how I wish I didn't have to pitch."

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mouth he saw Penneck get up and the crowd applaud.

"I'm so happy, I put my glove under my arm and I applaud too. "Then the skipper turns to me and says, "That last ball took the webbing off Herb's glove. Give him yours and go sit down."

Oddly enough, Gomez claims his biggest thrill in baseball was seeing "The Babe's" famous "call-shot" home run off Chicago's Charlie Root in the 1932 World Series.

During the evening, the Contra Costa County native touched on stories dealing with all the Yankee greats and some stories dealing with his brief managerial role in the minor leagues.

Despite his many comments about holding such hitters as Jimmy Foxx and other greats to doubles or triples, he admitted that he was over .500 for every club he pitched against in the majors during his career and gave clear indications that he enjoyed himself during his stay in the majors and in baseball.

Pact To Be Let For Lab Center

PORTLAND (AP) — Award of the first contract in construction of a multi-million-dollar research center using monkeys will be considered early next week on bids opened Friday.

The low offer for first-phase work was \$279,000 by Donald Drake Co., Portland. Included in that work would be a central building with laboratory and maintenance facilities and four outdoor runs.

Bids on the main research center will be opened in December. The project, known as the Oregon Primate Research Center, is being financed by a federal grant. It is to be built on a 225-acre tract near Aloha, west of Portland.

Limited research now being conducted at the University of Oregon Medical School under Dr. Donald Pickering will be expanded at the new center, of which he will be director.

Ambassador Won't Go Back

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—U.S. Ambassador Philip W. Borsal arrived from Cuba by car ferry Saturday and indications were that he would not return to the island republic.

The Borsal party had more than 40 pieces of luggage, including five large trunks, and a 1959 model automobile. Three parcels were labeled "U.S. State Department" and were locked and sealed with metal strips.

Borsal would not indicate whether he plans to return to Cuba or will take another assignment. He said the secretary of state had ordered him home for a series of conferences, "which is normal."

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MD Faces Long Term

METROPOLIS, Ill. (AP) — Dr. Walter J. Goodpaster, 47, faces a 199-year sentence for murder in the rifle slaying last Christmas Day of a woman walking home from a round of taverns.

The Heftin, Ill., optometrist, brother of a White House aide, must serve 66 years before he will be eligible for parole under Illinois law. His attorney was given 30 days to file a motion for a new trial.

A Massac County circuit jury of 10 men and two women deliberated two hours and 40 minutes to reach the verdict Friday.

Goodpaster, who lost his composure only once in the 11-day trial, remained impassive as the verdict was read. His wife, son and secretary broke into tears.

State's Atty. Carl Sneed demanded the death penalty. Goodpaster broke into tears during the summation by defense attorney Fletcher Lewis.

The victim, Margaret Strunk, 52, mother of 12 children, was making her way home with the man she lived with, Bernard Dobraski Jr., 33, when the shooting occurred near Goodpaster's rural Cartersville home.

Dobraski testified Goodpaster became enraged because he threw rocks at the optometrist's watch dog, then pursued them and shot Mrs. Strunk with a rifle and Dobraski in the head with a pistol.

Goodpaster denied the shootings but admitted scuffling with Dobraski. Goodpaster is the brother of Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Goodpaster, White House staff secretary.

Bigger Roads Asked By Solon

SANTA ROSA (UPI) — Sen. Randolph Collier, R-Del' Norte-Siskiyou, Friday called for "more and more" freeways in California to handle the more than 20 million autos expected to be in the state by 1980.

Collier was the featured speaker at a program presented by the State Department of Public Works and the Division of Highways at the closing session of the 40th annual convention of the Redwood Empire Association.

Collier acknowledged that financing the new highways was a problem, but he said that some way must be found.

At the convention's general assembly, acting REA Treasurer George Hoberg reported that the association took in \$93,300 last year and spent \$96,900. He predicted that revenues would increase \$10,000 to \$15,000 next year.

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Dues Paid To Unions Reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — With some outstanding exceptions, labor union membership costs turn out generally to be moderate.

The first comprehensive study ever made of union dues and fees shows some workers pay as high as \$1,400 to join a union in their trade. But this is a rare case. The initiation fee usually is a fairly modest sum. Similarly, some monthly dues exceed \$25 but most are below \$4.

Full data have become available because labor organizations now are required to submit sworn statements to the Labor Department of the dues and fees they charge. Over 50,000 such reports are on file.

The department's Bureau of Labor-Management reports says this is what they show:

Dues—More than half the unions have a monthly rate below \$4. Three out of 10 charge \$5 or more. Only about one out of a hundred charges \$10 or more monthly dues.

Initiation fees—One of four of the organizations charges \$5 or less. Two out of five charge more than \$10. One out of 10 charges \$100 or more.

Transfer fees—Less than 12 per cent of the unions charge such fees. They are collected when a member switches from one local to another in the same national union.

Work permit charges—Generally these are fees charged non-members during temporary labor shortages to work at jobs normally filled by union members. One of eight local unions requires such payments. The work permit fee typically is \$5 a month or less. But more than 500 unions charge \$10 or more a month.

Missile Site Faces Move

BELMONT, Iowa (AP) — Rep. Mervin Coad, D-Iowa, said here Saturday night he had learned from reliable sources that this country's entire program of missile testing may have to be moved from the Cape Canaveral site because of the Cuban situation.

Here for a Democratic congressional rally, Coad said: "The State Department already is holding up missile and space flights from there because they do not want any malfunctioning rocket to land on Cuba, which would set off an incident similar to the U2 spy plane last summer."

"In addition, it also is reported that the Communists may be setting up a telemetering station in Cuba which would give them vital information concerning our tests at the Florida site."

Coad said it now appears the Communists have "won another round in the cold war because these changes, in addition to costly untold billions of dollars, will also hamper and delay our defense program beyond estimation."

Both the Defense Department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Washington made no immediate comment on Coad's remarks.

Awfully Close

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—Radio station KFRC reported Friday night that results of a week-long telephone straw vote showed 19,144 votes for Richard M. Nixon and 19,131 for John F. Kennedy.

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Cancer Society Short Of Funds

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Cancer Society reported today it is unable to provide the amount of research money it needs, for the first time in its 16-year history.

Its scientific advisers have called for support of high-merit scientific projects that will cost more than the \$9 million available for research during the current year, 1960-61.

The society's 1960 crusade brought in \$28,400,000, said Dr. Harry M. Weaver, vice president for research. It was substantially less than the crusade's 1959 total of \$30,373,000. Research support will be reduced even more markedly next year if more funds are not given, Weaver said.

In another report at the society's annual meeting, Dr. Warren Cole of the University of Illinois said an experimental method of treating breast cancer has reduced the death rate in patients 60 per cent so far.

Cole, who retires as society president at this meeting, said the method consists of medication with a potent anti-cancer drug—nitrogen mustard—before and during the removal of the diseased breast by surgery.

Five Killed In Accident

OMAHA (AP)—Three girls and two boys were killed in Omaha late Friday night when their car missed a curve in a park and was crushed against a tree.

All six occupants of the car were pinned in the smashed vehicle. The dead were identified by investigators as Robert W. Gregg, 17, Omaha; Gus George Braun, Omaha, 19; Eileen Marie Micek, 17, Omaha; Carol Hollars, 16, Omaha; and Joan Janousek, age and address not immediately determined.

Injured and in critical condition was Jo Anne Eymann, 17, Omaha.

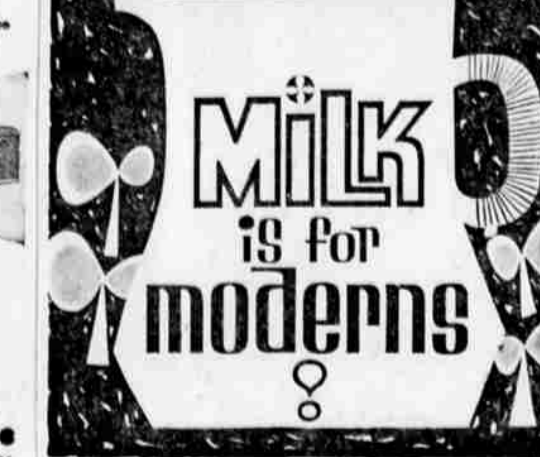
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Parrot's Identity May Hinge On Slang

PENSHAW, England (AP)—There's an ugly-faced critter in this town who has only this week-end to talk—or else.

He has kept his mouth shut now for four weeks.

The Durham County police say the third degree might help but they are holding off because the courts have decided to take up the case on Monday.

The only thing that can stop court action now is an open confession. If the critter opens his mouth and says just one cuss

word, he's Mac. If he says something polite, he's not a he at all but a she by the name of Jezebel.

A tape recorder has been waiting for a month for the first squawk out of the critter.

The court is going to rule if the critter is Mac, a broken-beaked parrot owned by Isabella Morrison, or Jezebel, an equally broken-beaked parrot claimed by Margaret Pretty.

The bird was found at a seaside resort, an escapee. Mrs. Morrison took him as her Mac and Mrs. Pretty sued.

"Anybody can see it's my Mac," said Mrs. Morrison as she set up a tape recorder to prove her case. "His language is foul, he'd make a Marine sergeant turn pale."

Investigator Is Appointed

PORTLAND (AP)—The regional Bureau of Indian Affairs office here Saturday announced the appointment of Anton G. Van Risswick as its criminal investigator and chief of its branch of law and order.

Van Risswick succeeds William Wilson, who has been transferred to the bureau's headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Van Risswick is a former Montana highway patrolman, who served as criminal investigator at the Northern Cheyenne Indian Agency in Montana prior to coming here.

The weeks went by. Not so much as an "Oh, fudge" out of Mac.

"See," said Mrs. Pretty. "It's not Mac at all but my Jezebel, who doesn't talk like that."

"There's still time," said Mrs. Morrison.

"It's very involved," said a police officer. "We only hope he'll talk before Oct. 31 when the case comes up in Durham County Court. Maybe the third degree would help."

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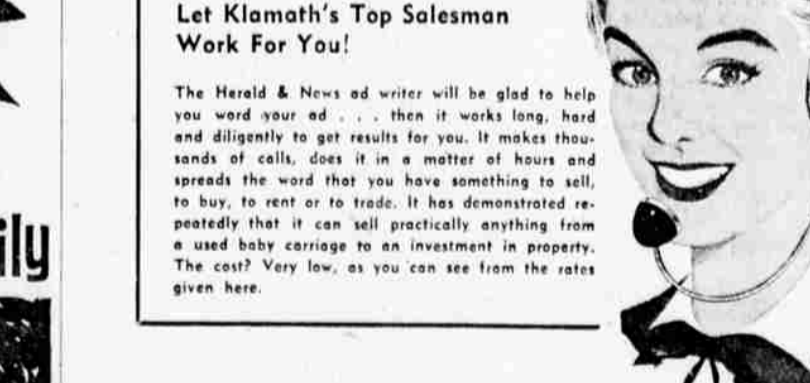
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