

## SHORT SPORT SHOTS

### A REAL MOMENTO—

Though we have been slow in publicizing the incident, Vernonia baseball fans may now view a baseball that is really autographed.

The ball's from Uncle Dan to Nephew Duke. Dan, of course, is Dan Jesse, coach at Trinity College in Connecticut, and Duke, of course, is Duke Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster Byers of Riverview.

Uncle Dan (and we hope he won't be offended for our familiar reference) is a former Pacific University student, and a graduate, and made quite some record as a baseball player. He made his way to the majors . . . with Cleveland . . . and follows the progress of this club with a heart-felt interest.

What did Uncle Dan do, while thinking of his Vernonia nephew, but get a good baseball and have it autographed by all of those slugging, league-leading Cleveland Indians. And topping the list of autographs was that young sensation, Bob Feller. And these signatures are as clear as a crystal on the ball that Uncle Dan sent to Nephew Duke. The whole family's proud of it and the ball has been the center of much interest at the Dew-Drop Inn, where Mrs. Byers will gladly show it to you.

Duke's tickled, as well as his father and mother, and his ball-playing Uncle Bill, right fielder with the Vernonia team.

Yes, we touched the ball, and looked it over. A ball fan can visualize all sorts of situations when he sees those big-name players' names by their own hand, on the pellet . . . and it's right here in Vernonia! Go out and take a squint. We'll invite you, and if you make yourself a pest, we'll apologize to the Byers. It's worth the trip over the bridge.

### HAD 'ER IN THE BAG—

There's no use beating around the bush. Vernonia's ball club in the Timber League is just about as good as any of the others, at least in this stage of the play. With two games under their belt, the Loggers have lost two, both by 1-run margins, and could just as well have won them as lost them, with any kind of breaks.

Poor fielding, infield and outfield, has been the cause, to a great extent. Hitting Sunday was as well as could be expected when you consider the poor baseball weather we've had. There's just one thing to do. Get out there and practice with a diligence that'll tighten the weakness. We can still go to town in a big way, we believe.

### BOB HITS—

Poor Bob Cline. He's about the neatest infielder a fellow'd want to find. Though he has never hit much . . . and he curses this weakness . . . he surprised himself Sunday at Kalama against the Strawboard outfit by pounding out two hits in succession. And they weren't scratchers, nor they would not have been out if a fielder had been a few feet this way or that. They were both earned hits that would have gone in any league. He is hoping that he has his batting eye. He looked good Sunday.

### SOFTBALL ON OLD PARK—

The Vernonia Soft Ball League is back at the old stand in the city park with a practically new infield and outfield after a leveling job which took several days and which was paid for out of the city park fund under L. H. Dewey's direction. The field is now in better shape than ever and should be the source of much pleasure here during the summer months.

### GRADERS GO TO TOWN—

The Vernonia grade school tracksters certainly covered themselves with laurels at Rainier Saturday when they took about everything there was to take in the way of places and points. Paul Gordon, coach, took over 20 participants to the meet and, believe it or not, every one of them took a place in some one or another event. Quite a record and one, we are told, that will go into the books as a "never before".

# CATHLAMET "9" IS DUE HERE SUN.

## Fans Can Rest Easy on Dove Sent to Vernonia by Truitt

Bert Tisdale, mail-carrying-baseball-fan No. 1 in Vernonia, was not satisfied with the result of the Clatskanie game here May 1 and appealed to Rollie Truitt, KEX-KGW, The Oregonian, for a ruling on the play which cost Vernonia the opener.

Here's Truitt's letter. Read it: Bert W. Tisdale, Vernonia, Oregon Dear Mr. Tisdale:

As I understand it by your letter the situation was like this: Clatskanie was leading 1 to 0, Vernonia at bat with two out—a man on third and first; catcher drops a third strike on hitter—hitter runs to first—man on first goes to second—runner on third scores; Clatskanie then walks off the field, and the umpire does not allow the score.

RULE: SPAULDING'S BASEBALL GUIDE—OFFICIAL RULES—RULE NO. 44, PAGE 28 AND 29.

### THE BATTER IS OUT:

Sec. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base runner, the third strike be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are already out.

UNDER EXPLANATION OF RULE—PAGE 29.

## FEDERALS IN SOFT BALL LEAD

### WIN SECOND GAME OF SKED MONDAY; CCC IS TOUGH

Bert Tisdale's Federals topped the Vernonia Soft Ball League Monday night with their second consecutive win, this time over the tough Southern Accenters from Camp Reehers. The score was 17-11 in seven of the wildest innings viewed yet this year.

The recap:

| Player        | AB | R | H | E |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|
| Sunell, rf    | 5  | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Costi, 3b     | 5  | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Mauer, 2b     | 5  | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| McCrae, ss    | 5  | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Byers, lf     | 5  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Aldrich, cf   | 5  | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| MacDonald, 1b | 5  | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Tisdale, c    | 3  | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bateman, p    | 3  | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| CCC (11)      |    |   |   |   |
| Russ, 3b      | 6  | 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Parker, ss    | 5  | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| McGovern, cf  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Polk, p       | 4  | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Pitt, c       | 4  | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Moore, 1b     | 4  | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Sailor, 2b    | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sullivan, lf  | 3  | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| Briggs, rf    | 4  | 2 | 3 | 1 |

### GAMES PLAYED AND SCORES RECORDED IN VERNONIA SOFT BALL:

| Date   | Game                                  | Score |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| May 2  | Junior Legion (4) vs. Federals (12)   |       |
| May 3  | Shippers vs. Camp Reehers (Postponed) |       |
| May 4  | Beer Barons (9) vs. Stackers (16)     |       |
| May 9  | Feds (17) vs. Camp Reehers (11)       |       |
| May 10 | to come                               |       |

### TIMBER LEAGUE GAMES FOR SUNDAY—

|                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|
| Clatskanie at Pacific Strawboard (Kalama) |
| Kalama at Ryderwood                       |
| Cathlamet at Vernonia                     |

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If the umpire calls a third strike with first base occupied and there are not two men out, the batter is out whether the catcher holds the third strike or not . . . This rule was adopted to prevent the catcher from dropping the ball purposely to ensure a double play.

This rule is very plain and should have been in effect for this particular play. In other words the run should have counted and the game gone on as a tie game.

I hope that this will clear up the matter and that you will forgive me for not having answered sooner.

Regards to yourself and the fans of Vernonia.

Very truly yours,  
Rollie Truitt  
KGW-KEX, The Oregonian

## SUNDAY'S GAME 2ND LOSS

### ANOTHER BATTLE RESULTS IN 1-POINT MARGIN; SCORE 9-8

Score by innings:  
Vernonia 0 0 4 1 0 0 3 0 0 8  
Strawboard 0 0 0 3 2 0 3 1 x 9

Vernonia's Logging baseball outfit was out-logged Sunday on the small Kalama diamond when it met the Pacific Strawboard aggregation of Longview.

Wading through four innings, the locals had the bewildered board outfit nailed to the scoreboard to the tune of 5-0 but the Strawboard boys stiffened in their portion of the fourth to score three on costly Vernonia errors.

Two more in the fifth for the Strawboards with only one for the locals evened the score. Three each in the seventh still kept the game even-Steven until the eighth when the Straws pushed over one to prove the winning tally.

At times both teams showed brilliancy but costly Vernonia errors, at the crucial moments, paved the way for the 1-tally win.

Here's the recap:

Vernonia (8)

| Player         | AB | R | H | E |
|----------------|----|---|---|---|
| Gordon, cf     | 4  | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Jesse, 2b      | 3  | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Hawkins, lf    | 5  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Strankman, ss  | 5  | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Howard, 1b     | 5  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Byers, rf      | 5  | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Cline, 3b      | 4  | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Taylor, c      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| M. Taylor, p   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Steele, p      | 3  | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Gatton, p      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Strawboard (9) |    |   |   |   |

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### TOPNOTCHERS

by KET

**Bob Feller**  
Pitching sensation of the Cleveland Indians is at it again. Bob opened this season with a one-hit game against St. Louis. Fanned 11 men in his second game at Detroit.

Bob's home is Van Meter, Iowa.

Bob throws one of the speediest balls in the big leagues.

## RUHL AND KING GET LOW SCORES

### GOLF SUNDAY ENJOYED BY LARGE CROWD; TOURNAMENTS DUE

F. M. Ruhl and Harry King were low scorers Sunday at the Vernonia golf course, both turning in 38's. The score was three strokes below par.

Mrs. King negotiated No. 5 with an eagle, the cards indicated.

A large crowd was out over the weekend, and especially Sunday did the golfers flock to the course.

Bob Owens, a comparatively new member, having played but a few games, came through Sunday with two holes parred.

A high school boys' tournament is scheduled at an early date, the management pointed out. Score cards were turned in Sunday and the course custodians are now laying plans for tournament play.

|               |   |   |   |   |
|---------------|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan, 2b      | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| SonDecker, ss | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Rowe, lf      | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bailey, 1b    | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Garlick, cf   | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Sowden, rf    | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peters, 3b    | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Naubert, c    | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Swetman, p    | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Struck out by Swetman 3, Steele 5, Gatton 1, Taylor 1; 2-base hits, Strankman, Hawkins, Cline, Howard, Naubert, Swetman, Bailey, Peters, SonDecker, Rowe, Garlick; bases on balls of Swetman 2, Steele 1, Gatton 1; double plays, SonDecker to Ryan to Bailey (2), Hawkins to Jesse. Umpires: Bafford, Vernonia, and Jewitt, Strawboard.

## 2ND HOME GAME DUE FOR LOCALS

### VERNONIA LAGS BUT SMALL BIT IN TIMBER LEAGUE PLAY

The League leading Cathlamet outfit will come here Sunday afternoon to give the Vernonia Timber League loopers their second home game of the current season.

The game gets under way here at 2:30 p. m., and right on time. Manager Glenn Hawkins said this week. A charge of 35 cents for adults, 20 cents for students with kids free will be the figures again again Sunday.

With good weather Sunday, the local Mills park on the O.-A. hill should prove the mecca for several hundred fans. Consistent practice each evening this week should bring to the park the strongest aggregation thus far during the season, the manager said.

### TROUT ANGLING POOR

Trout angling in this area has been unusually poor, according to reports by many who have sought out the streams the past week. A few catches have been made, but no particular lure has proved best for use, as the reports all vary.

A clear and warm weekend should increase the catches, it is believed.

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