

Stan's Stand From the Stands...

By STAN THOMPSON

It is that time of year when the weatherman scribbles "Hot Today" on his forecast board and takes a couple of months' vacation. And while he is gone Mother Nature closes her oven door, turns the heat knob to "high" and watches sweat spill out on foreheads and a fast scurrying to shade trees. The horned toad and rattlesnake weather makes one feel like a raw egg dropped into a sizzling fry-pan and cooked on both sides.

While the mercury rises higher and higher, any ambition reaches a new low, making for lazy afternoons and daydreams of casting that favorite fly near that favorite ripple.

Some dare old Sol and tramp around a big lawn knocking small white balls toward tiny holes in the ground. Others crawl in front of an air conditioner and fill themselves full of ice water. One fellow in particular rushes home from work, climbs into his refrigerator, flicks on a small flashlight and reads stories of the "Frozen Yukon."

Nyssa Junior Legion baseballers played their first game of the season Sunday when they struggled through a hot afternoon double header with Burns. The games were played under the sun on the high school field and stretched out through the entire afternoon. Burns showed up late, much to the disgruntlement of fans who came on time and were beginning to cook.

There was a mixup on the starting time with the custodians and the field needed dragging. But Sunday afternoon ball games are always slow to get started. Finally a "wish I hadn't come" volunteer umpire motioned for the game to begin, sizing up the first uniform to plod up to the plate.

The small crowd who found out there was a game saw Nyssa field a potentially good club, lacking in hustle but strong in every department. Sure was good to see the Legion uniforms back on a ball field after being stored away for so long.

Steady Butch McDonald pitched through the first game for Nyssa while Burns stumbled over mental errors and gave away runs. The farther the local boys crowded into the lead, the hotter the sun beat down on the bleachers.

Thirsty fans watched nervously as players on the bench gulped heartily from fruit jars filled with water, carelessly spilling precious drops.

The seventh inning ended at last and the fans learned there would be a half an hour break until the next game. This was enough incentive to send them home for a near-drowning consumption of cold water. Only a couple of them returned for the second game.

Those who stayed home didn't miss much as Burns offered only a feeble return of competition against Maynard Sager and his assortment of junk pitches thrown from above and below. Getting close to dinner time, the game ran out and Nyssa won 9-0.

The Nyssa Babe Ruth hurried over to Fruitland Friday evening and broke into the season with a draw game called on account of darkness. The 1-1 tie will be played off at a later date. Veteran Les Mayden handled the pitching chores and rode a rocky road.

In trouble at the beginning of each inning, he wormed his way through the tangle of nerve-searing "almost scoring" frames, making fingernails a scarcity. Young Paul Wilson almost had to put up his dukes when he tried to slide in at home plate and caught a cleat in their catcher's chest protector. The accident was claimed intentional and a threatening fist was caught in time to save a detrimental blow to Babe Ruth baseball.

The Major Little league club clamored through a practice game with Adrian here Friday and marked a 9-4 win in the scorebook. The spring training program produced good results as the uniform fillers kicked through with fine ball.

Adrian Babe Ruth players hummed their way to a 24-0 score pile-up and the game was finally called after five innings last Friday night. Team managers Lloyd Parrill and Eugene Pratt ran all their boys through the lineup in what proved to be a practice session.

Some motorcycle enthusiasts are going to make it rougher for anyone to go near the high school athletic field if they continue to use the track for a racing circle for their scooters. Several nights these fellows have been maneuvering corners and spewing cinders while pretending they are in the "big race." And all this time they are picking away at the small grip the baseball program has on the school field.

More and more the importance of the Baseball for Kids program is becoming evident. Nearly a hundred young boys are occupied nightly with aspirations of someday being in Junior Legion uniforms or even higher. Concerned individuals spend hours of their spare time standing beside a young boy, pointing out the multitude of tricks and shortcuts that jell to make a ball player. Seeing these tricks and shortcuts pay off, these boys learn to respect experience and good judgment.

If you wish a break from that large gray light bulb shining from a box squatting firmly in the living room, hop in the car and drive to the ball field. The games and their times are posted elsewhere in the paper each week.

There is hardly a male reader of this column who has not at one time in his life thrilled over a new ball glove or making a team. These moments can be re-lived at the games as thrill after thrill sweep like ocean waves over the ball field and young shouts and screams echo the pure joy of being an active boy.

Mrs. Lyle Miner, Larry and Lori, Mrs. Mamie Baker, Jean and Joan left Monday to spend a week in Utah visiting relatives. They plan to attend the dance festival June 8 and 9 in Salt Lake. Jean will be one of the performers on the program.

Nyssa Softball Team Evens League Record

Winning two and losing one game Nyssa's softball team (Ray's Food Fair and B & M Equipment) recently brought their league records to an even four wins and four losses.

Taking a 9-5 win from Goff's of Payette May 26, the Nyssa crew was powered by catcher Clark Jaques who slugged out a double and two singles to go three for three, and centerfielder Keith Stouffer who knocked out a double and a single to drive in two runs.

Nyssa's second win came when they pounded out a 10-4 victory over Ontario May 31. Chuck Reib was the big gun for the victors as he went three for four, knocking in two runs and scoring two himself.

The local nine's defeat came when New Plymouth proved rude visitors June 2 and grabbed a 9-2 victory. Nyssa's runs came in the fourth inning when Mel Calhoun

BASEBALL FOR KIDS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

Today—Minor club hosts Payette; Junior Legion at Ontario.
Friday—Babe Ruth at Weiser; Major Little league hosts Ontario No. 1.
Sunday—Junior Legion team in Double header at Burns.
Monday—Minor Little league at Payette.
Tuesday—Babe Ruth hosts Vale; Major Little league hosts Vale.
* Indicates night game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and daughter drove to Succor creek Friday for a picnic.

reached first on an error and Bruce Fife brought him across the plate with a single and in the seventh when Larry Roberts rapped out a double and came in on a fielder's choice.

Monty Burbank went the distance on the mound all three nights, with Jaques and Roberts assisting behind the plate.

Nyssa Births...

June 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Uirey of Nyssa, a girl.
June 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Gomez of Nyssa, a boy.
June 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Frandsen of Parma, a girl.
June 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Alberto Solis of Nyssa, a boy.
June 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawford of Wilder, a girl.

VISIT AT GONYER HOME

Visitors at the Leo Gonyer home the past week were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rehorst and son Dennis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Starr and Kay Jean Countryman. They were enroute to their homes in South Dakota following a trip to Denver, Salt Lake, Reno, San Francisco and the Oregon coast.

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Board of Health Urges Examinations As Cancer Death Rate Rises in Oregon

"Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Oregon and the United States," Robert M. Heilman, M.D., director of chronic disease and licensing of care facilities, Oregon State Board of Health, said this week.

In 1960, 2,552 people in Oregon died from cancer as compared to 2,077 in 1950. "The death rate due to cancer is on the increase despite the great headway made by medicine, dentistry, voluntary agencies, educational centers and public health. Nevertheless, great strides are being made to combat this disease through research, early case-finding, better diagnosis and health education, the director declared.

"It is estimated that each year 450,000 Americans develop cancer and that about one-third or 150,000 of these persons will be

cured. Another 75,000 could probably be saved if treatment were started early enough," Dr. Heilman said.

Applying these same figures to Oregon, it is estimated that more than 2,000 Oregonians die of cancer because of lack of information or failure to act on what information they know.

The seven danger signals of cancer are unusual bleeding or discharge, a lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere, change in bowel or bladder habits, hoarseness or cough, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, a change in wart or mole, or a sore that does not heal.

Oregon State Board of Health urges anyone having any of the above symptoms to see his physician at once. Many times these danger signals are non-cancerous.

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