

Archie Moore Sues For Damages As Speiser Quits Ring

"Disgusted" Fighter Quits Sports Can't Line Financial Backing

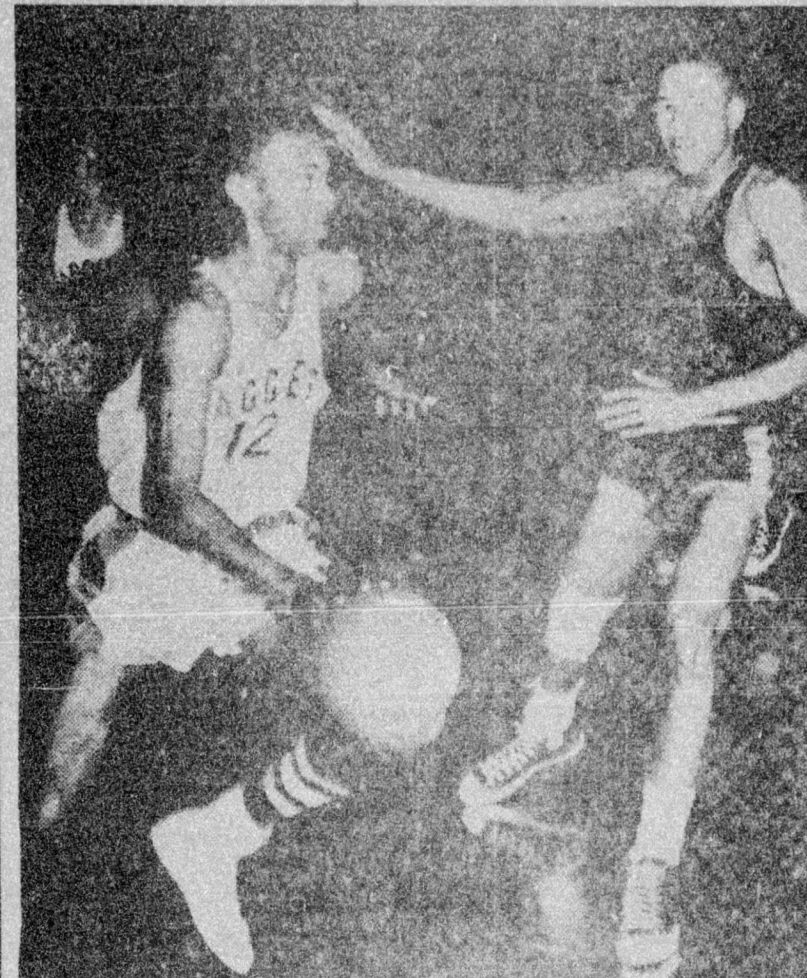
DETROIT — (AP) A disgusted Archie Moore, stymied in his bid to line up adequate financial backing for his pending fight, heavyweight title bout with Archie Moore, Wednesday abruptly announced his retirement from the ring.

Speiser and Moore, the current light-heavyweight champion, argued last fall for a full fight, but the fight was never called out of the falling state chiefly because of the failure of Chuck's supporters here to sell the bout to national television.

Upon learning of the retirement, Moore, having always a sharp eye for a buck started court action, demanding \$11,000 in damages because of Speiser's failure to go through with the fight.



ARCHIE MOORE
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A DRIVE IN — Joe Cotton (12) by F-4 forward from Garysburg, N.C., a star in the AAT College Athletic League, drives in, past the helpless arms of Freeman Hodges, Virginia State College guard, in a game between the two teams last week in Greensboro. He made an easy layup shot with the effort. Cotton, now a sophomore, broke into the Aggie starting lineup this year and over and above his fine shooting (close second to leading scorer Joe Howell) is doing a fine job of sweeping the boards and rebounds. The Aggies won 73-67.

Virginia State Frosh Runners Receive Honors

PETERSBURG, Va. — Four freshmen members of the Virginia State College indoor track team took a section fourth place in the sprint medley at the Metropolitan A. A. U. Developmental Meet held recently. This meet was run at the 168th St. Armory, New York City, New York, and had participants from most of the amateur track powers along the eastern coast, including colleges and athletic clubs.

Competing in a field of nine running units these Trojan speedsters got off to a good start by maintaining a lead for the first lap and a half, but finished in fourth place behind the Pioneer Club of New York, Georgetown University and North Carolina College.

Running the first and second legs of the race were Milton Johnson and James Lewis both of whom are graduates of Boys High School, New York. Daniel

Major and David Bunch, two graduates of Lincoln High School, Jersey City, Jersey, ran the third and fourth legs.

Major also participated in the 100 yard dash, getting to the line first, but losing on a photo finish with the winner, Don Major, himself 10.2.

The Trojan indoor track team participated in the South Atlantic A. A. U. Meet on January 11, held in Baltimore, Maryland.

Production of wheat this year is down about 5 per cent.

Total U. S. cotton exports are expected to fall between five and six million bales this season compared to 7.6 million bales in 1952-53.

Shipment of U. S. fed cattle this fall is expected to be about as large as in the fall of 1952.

Keep farm machinery out of the winter weather.

Jackie Says Politics Not In His Plans

NEW YORK — (AP) — A published report that Jackie Robinson would quit business to enter politics was vehemently denied this week by the former baseball star.

Robinson, now vice president of Chuck Full O' Nuts Corp., said there isn't one iota of truth to the report published in the February issue of Pageant magazine.

The article said: "In a time when the desegregation fight threatens to widen the breach between Negro and white, the figure of Jackie Robinson will assume greater significance. He is now an executive in a business which employs thousands of his race. His present activities in business, it is believed, are part of a transitional phase."

He is prime political material and knows it. He is frequently seen in the company of high politicians, and 1953 will possibly bring an important announcement from him. He could be the first Negro to become a political figure of influence in America."

The ex-Dodger star said: "They've had me re-entering baseball managing, broadcasting, and now going into politics. There just is not one kernel of truth to any such reports or rumors."

Jayhawks Win As Chamberlain Returns To Play

LAWRENCE, Kan. — (AP) — "With the Stilt" Chamberlain put his Kansas teammates back in the win column last week when he netted 32 points to lead the Jayhawks to a 87-70 victory over Colorado in a Big Eight conference basketball game here.

The key man in the University of Kansas lineup, Chamberlain had been sidelined the past two games with an infected groin, and the Jayhawks, needing him badly, lost both contests by close scores.

One of the teams was Oklahoma. A quintet Kansas had previously beaten with the Stilt in the lineup.

Lightburn Stages Comeback; Beats New Orleans Man

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Ludwig Lightburn, former high-ranking lightweight contender, launched a comeback campaign last week by stopping Larry Armstead, a local favorite, in the 10th and final round of a bout here. Armstead out-weighted Lightburn, 137 to 136.

Lightburn, before his temporary retirement because of an eye injury defeated such top lightweights as Ralph Dupas and Joe Lopez, who fought Joe Brown for the lightweight title recently. He also fought two close battles with Isaac Lopez, the No. 1 welterweight contender.



SUGAR SIGNS TO PLAY "CARMEN" — Former middleweight champ Sugar Ray Robinson and International Boxing Club head Jim Norris pose at IBC offices in N. Y., Jan. 16th, after Robinson sign-urn title bout. The fight will take place March 25th to fight current champ Carmen Basilio in a ret in Chicago and will be televised to theatres only. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

Former Raleigh Tigers Start

Dodgers Sign Charlie Neal For Third Straight Season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — News from the Los Angeles Dodgers' headquarters that E. J. (Buzze) Baevast had received the signed contract of infielder Charlie Neal brought the list of contented athletes to a total of 20.

Neal moves into his third full season as a Dodger next spring but he was used sparingly in his rookie year of 1952. Neal formerly played with the Raleigh, N. C. Tigers, then owned by Arthur Dove of that city.

Neal, Don Drysdale, the pitcher from Van Nuys, and Gino Cimoli, the outfielder from San Francisco, were among the few Dodger regulars who earned salary increases by their improved play during the 1953 season.

Charlie probably will be moved

back to second base duties in '54 with Altadona's Bob Lillis given a real shot at shortstop when the spring maneuvers get underway at Vero Beach, Fla. Last year when injuries sidelined several Dodger infielders, including Capt. Pee Wee Reese, Neal moved over to short and there was no National League shortstop with a great ground range. But Charles lightning-fast pivot on the double play was missed at second and Skipper Alston hopes to return him to his old post.

Neal hit .270 as a regular last year, .297 as a part-time performer in 1952. Alston looks for Charlie to become one of the power hitters in the league and his thirteen doubles, seven triples and twelve homers last season, indicated he is moving in that direction. Charlie's most effective hitting spree was enjoyed against the World

Champion Braves

In 34 games against Fred Haney's pitchers he drove in 15 runs, made 19 hits for a .302 average and blasted 4 homers, 2 triples and a double. His 12 homers were sprayed in various directions—five to left, two to center and five over the right field barriers, although he is a right-handed batter.

His stolen base average of .733 (11 steals in 15 attempts) was the best in the league. His seven triples tied Gil Hodges and Duke Snider for the club lead and he also was the favorite target of enemy pitchers, being hit eight times.

Neal is 26, was born on January 30, 1931, at Longview, Texas, which he still calls home.

Amateur Athletic Union Forms Olympic Development Committee

NEW YORK (AP) — The Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S. in order to foster the development of athletes for future Olympic Games, has formed a National Olympic Development Committee to further the program.

Daniel J. Ferris, Honorary Secretary of the AAU is Chairman of the Committee which will seek to assure a full program of competition during the summer and fall months in sports and events where competition is usually meagre.

The program, started in 1953, aims particularly at events in men's track and field where the U. S. is normally weak, women's track and field, distance running, distance walking, the decathlon, men's and women's gymnastics, water polo and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Games in Chicago in 1959, the AAU has appropriated funds from its treasury to provide 1,000 sets of medals for these activities to stimulate the drive.

One of the conditions of the award of these medals is that events to be held are in addition to and do not supplant any of the ordinarily held competitions in the 48 district associations of the AAU.

Many top notch athletes have already been uncovered since the start of the program and it is hoped even further progress will be made under the supervision of the new committee.

Thirty two men and women are serving on the committee. They are individuals from all parts of the country who have proven in the

past their willingness to assist the youth of America through greater participation in athletics.



"Counterfeiting is too slow. Let's take over a union!"

In New Orleans:

Ban On Mixed Athletics Taken Under Advisement

NEW ORLEANS — A three-judge federal court presided over by recently appointed appeals Judge J. Minor Wisdom, former Republican National Committeeman from Louisiana along with Judge Herbert W. Christenberry and J. Skelly Wright heard arguments in the case of prize fighter Joseph Dorsey, Jr., who was trying to have declared unconstitutional the state law prohibiting Negroes and whites from mixing in athletic bouts.

Heard argument and took the case under advisement.

Louisiana law passed in 1956 prohibits Negroes and whites from engaging in athletic matches of any kind. It also prevents Negroes and whites being on social or dramatic programs together or indulging together

in any type of racial mixing.

This law was the reason for the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern League folding up and nearly going to the wall. They are not over the effects of the ruling yet and will start their new year with only 60 per cent of the public behind them. Negroes being unwilling to pay to see baseball in which they can not participate and must be Jim Crowed in seating.

It also put the Shreveport Sports of the Texas League out of business and kept many high type football and basketball teams away from New Orleans and from Louisiana thereby literally relegating the Sugar Bowl to a place of minor importance in bowl games of the nation.



TAKING IT EASY — San Francisco Giants' ace outfielder Willie Mays and his wife, Marguerite, relax on the porch of their newly-purchased \$37,500 home, Jan. 10. The friend on Willie's lap is unidentified. (UNITED PRESS TELEPHOTO).

A & T Tops St. Augustine's Here; Falcons Over Smith

The Agricultural and Technical College Aggies of Greensboro whipped the Falcons of Saint Augustine's College here 86-75 here Saturday night at the Ligon Junior-Senior High School gymnasium.

A and T was sparked by Joe Howell's 28 points. At the half Augustine's College here 36-15 here Saturday night at the Ligon Junior-Senior High School gymnasium.

A and T was sparked by Joe Howell's 23 points. At the half A and T led 39-23.

The St. Augustine's eagles de-

feated Johnson C. Smith University's Bulls 75-68 here Wednesday night. The Smith team comes from Charlotte.



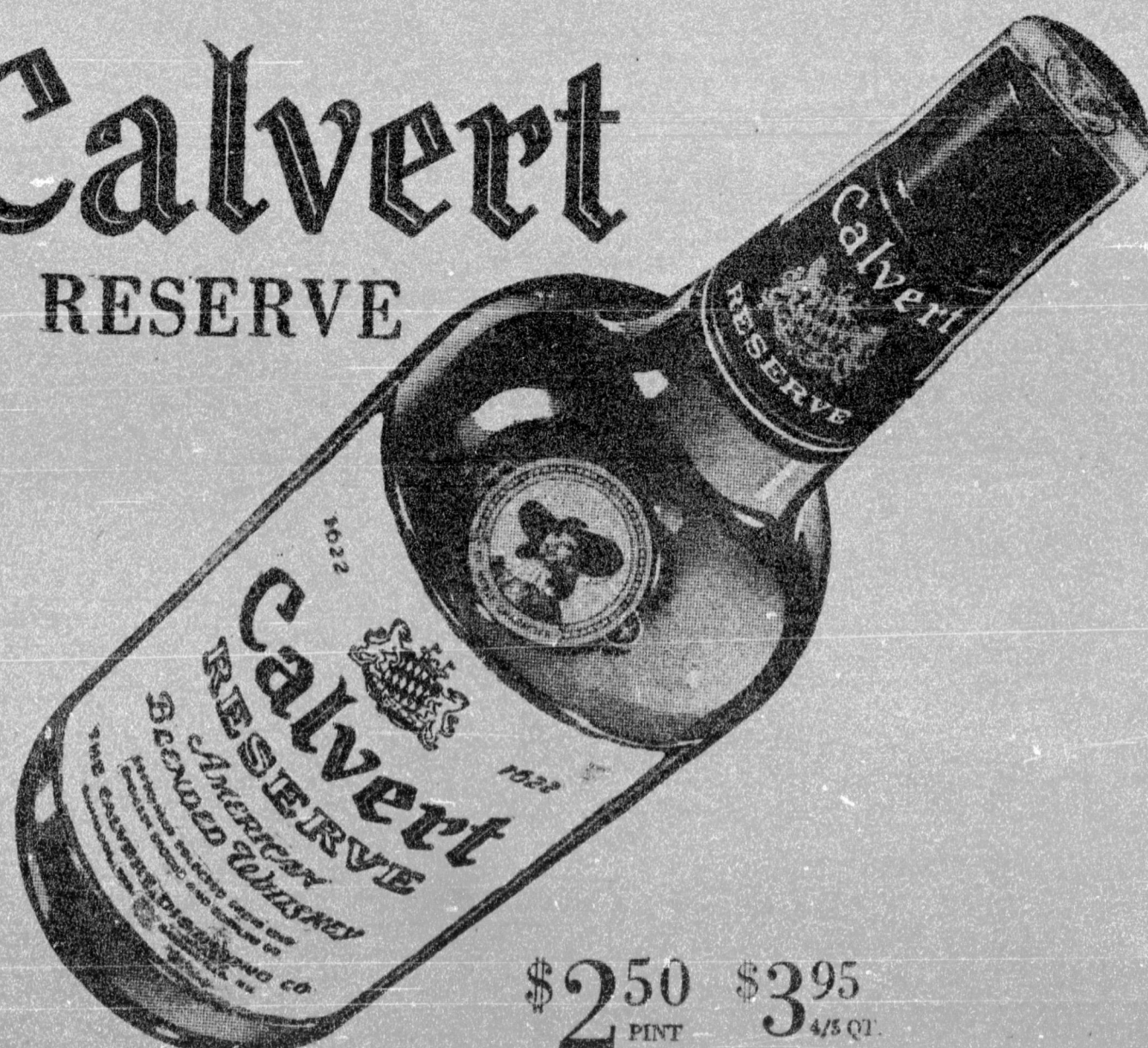
"Triumph is just 'emph' added to 'try'."



DEMPSEY URGES STIFFER RULES FOR RING — Middleweight king Carmen Basilio (center) and heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson (right) congratulate former heavyweight title holder Jack Dempsey, who won the James J. Walker plaque he received Jan. 4th at the 22nd Annual Dinner of the Boxing Writers' Association.

ciation for long and meritorious service to the sport. At the Waldorf-Astoria dinner, Dempsey urged boxing commissions to stiffen their requirements for granting licenses to professional fighters and to be stricter in forcing them to retire when they were "washed up." At the dinner, Basilio received the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque as "Fighter of the Year" for 1953. (UNITED PRESS PHOTO).

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