

BROWNS, DETROIT WILL PLAY TODAY

ST. LOUIS, April 16.—(AP)—The American League pennant race will open on a high note here tomorrow with the champions St. Louis Browns having as their first guests the Detroit Tigers, voted by baseball writers as the club most likely to dethrone the title holders — if they are dethroned.

It will be the first time in league history that the Browns will take the field as defending champions. The 1944 pennant was their first.

The Browns, favored by a slight edge in the balloting to retain their title, will start the season with substantially the same players who won last year's pennant by one game.

One-armed Pete Gray has convinced Manager Luke Sewell that he deserves a chance in the starting lineup and will go to left field. In the six-game city series with the Cardinals, he batted .240, and handled 14 putouts and one assist without error.

Probable lineups:
Detroit: Webb, ss; Gutteridge, 2b; Mayo, 2b; Kreevich, cf; Walker, rf; Stephens, ss; Kramer, cf; Martin, 1b; Hostetler, lf; McQuinn, 3b; Hoover, 3b; Schutte, 1b; Swift, c; Mancuso, c; Newhouser, p.
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JACK ELKINS CASE REMAINS PROBLEM

GREENSBORO, April 16.—(AP)—Executive committee of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association was meeting here today to settle the case of Jack Elkins, member of the Brooklyn Dodgers farm system and on the Greensboro High school baseball team.

Coach Bob Jameson, himself a member of the committee but who will give up his seat at this particular hearing, is determined to make it a test case. He took the matter—and young Elkins—before Judge W. G. Bramham at Durham today, and the major leagues executive is investigating the affair. No comment was forthcoming from Bramham.

The high school committee is faced with several things. There is no written rule of the association covering actual signing of a professional contract. However, a player who has received remuneration is ineligible. Elkins' contract in Bramham's office reveals that he will not get any money until after 30 days with a Dodger club. Greensboro has already forfeited to Burlington, a team beaten last week with Elkins catching. Greensboro can be disqualified from the conference schedule for use of an ineligible player, if Elkins is found ineligible.

COHEN TO REFEREE THALIAN PROGRAM

Dave "Murphy" Cohen, popular Jewish lad and operator of one of the leading taverns at Holly Ridge, N. C., has agreed to officiate at Friday night's Thalian Hall matches announced. Promoter Bert Causey last night. It looks like Cohen is in for a busy evening. Although Cohen is a capable referee and has handled some tough matches dating back as far as the Villmer-Zaharian match, in which Dave lost a tooth, Cohen has never handled four girls at one time.

"That is one match I'm going to sit back and watch!" stated the jovial Causey. "I've never seen a four gal team match, and it must be a thriller."

Nell Stewart and "Mysterious Miss Red" will be one team, against Ann Miller and Violet Valentine on the other team. The match is scheduled for two out of three falls, 75 minutes time limit.

Sunday School Basketball League Banquet Cancelled

"Because of the meat shortage, the Sunday School Basketball League banquet, which was scheduled for Thursday night at the Grace Methodist Church, has been canceled," announced Adam W. Smith, 'Y' physical director.

However, the teams will meet at the 'Y' at 8 p.m. instead, and awards will be presented.

T. T. Hamilton, principal of New Hanover High School, has been contacted, and has agreed to speak to the group.

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Cubs, Cards Play Today As Coopers Call Truce

CHICAGO, April 16.—(AP)—The world champion St. Louis Cardinals, cheered by an 11th hour truce in the salary dispute of the stellar Cooper brothers, open their National League title defense tomorrow against the promising Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Threat of sub-50 degree weather was expected to limit the opening day crowd to around 10,000.

The high-powered battery of Mort and Walker Cooper temporarily ended a stalemate with club president Sam Stearn over a demand for \$3,000 annual pay hike and will be in uniform when the Cards and Cubs square off, with Walker Cooper scheduled to catch.

It was expected, however, that Manager Billy Southworth of the Cardinals would nominate Blix

Yanks Outflank Leipzig; Other Units In Nuernberg

YANKEE, SENATOR GAME POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Today's opening game of the 1945 Major League season, dedicated to the late President, was called off because of wet, chilly weather.

Officials of the Washington club walked out on to the Griffith Stadium diamond about noon, faced a chilling mist and decided that it would be too uncomfortable for the fans.

With Speaker Sam Rayburn making the first pitch, baseball's memorial game to Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be played here next Friday between the same clubs that were scheduled to meet today, New York and Washington.

SUGGS LEADING PINEHURST PLAY

PINEHURST, April 16.—(AP)—Louise Suggs of Lithia Springs, Ga. won the qualifying medal in the North and South Women's Golf Tournament today recording a sparkling 71.

Miss Suggs, who won the North and South in 1942, went out in 37 strokes but played the back nine in 34, one under par, to top the defending champion, Mrs. Estelle Lawson Page of Chapel Hill, N. C., and Mrs. Jane Crum Covington of Orangeburg, S. C., by two shots.

Mrs. Page, defending champion for the sixth time in the last dozen years and former National Women's Champion, scored a 36-37-73 playing from the front tees yesterday from the back tees she carded a sensational 66 in the practice.

Mrs. Covington's card read 37-36-73. Strung out back of the leaders came Miss Margaret Gunther of University, Ala., at 74, Mrs. Marge Becker of Englewood, N. J., and Miss Jean Hopkins of Cleveland at 75, Mrs. John Gessler of Chestnut Hill, Pa., at 77, and Miss Jeanne Cline of Bloomington, Ill., and Mrs. Thomas R. Rudel of Roslyn, Long Island, N. Y., at 79.

It required a score of 83 or better to qualify for the championship flight of 16 in the field of 60 starters in the 43rd renewal of the ancient tournament.

Miss Suggs, who defeated Mrs. Page in the 1942 final, won the medal by birdieing the 17th hole with a four and by getting a par three on the 18th with a fine explosion shot from a bunker for a short putt.

Orchestra Conductor Treated For Neuritis

RENO, Nev., April 16.—(AP)—Dr. G. O. Bradley, Reno physician, said today he had treated a patient, whom he said he recognized as orchestra conductor Leopold Stokowski, for neuritis.

Dr. Bradley said the ailment did not appear to be severe.

Stokowski arrived last week and was met by Gloria Vanderbilt De Cicco.

Mrs. De Cicco, 21-year-old heiress, is in Nevada to divorce Pasqual (Pat) De Cicco of Hollywood.

Softball Standing

Team	Won	Lost
Causey's Service	2	0
Goodrich Stores	2	0
E. W. Goodwin's Sons	0	2
Lane's Pharmacy	0	2

'Y' JUNIOR LEAGUE

Hymans Supply	2	0
Su Ann	1	1
L. B. King's Groc.	1	1
Gregg Hardware	0	2

Self Defense, Life Saving Course Is Offered At 'Y'

"Classes in self defense, water safety, and life saving are being held at the YCMA on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30-7 p.m.," announced Adam W. Smith, 'Y' physical director.

In urging all persons interested in life saving to come by the 'Y' and sign up, Mr. Smith added that lifesaving is an invaluable skill, and all persons who frequent places where there is water owe it to themselves and their friends to learn life saving.

YANKS TIGHTEN BAGUIO NOOSE

(Continued from Page One) distance east-west, were reported by Gen. Douglas MacArthur in his Monday communique.

The Yank airmen struck heavily throughout the Philippines, blasted Formosa, hit shipping in the Makassar Strait immediately east of Borneo, bombed strategic Japanese centers and communication lines along the coasts of China and Indo-China and raided the big Nipponese base at Davao, southeastern Mindanao.

The Yank aerial blockade of the China Sea resulted in the sinking or damaging of seven ships. A freighter was sent down and shore installations damaged at Hong Kong, Canton and in French Indo-China. Japanese convoys were caught in Makassar Strait and Brunei Bay. Two merchantmen were sunk, another probably destroyed, and four, including a destroyer and a gunboat, damaged.

On the Luzon northwestern battle front Doughboys of Maj. Gen. Ennis P. Swift's First Corps closed in slowly on Baguio, summer capital in the Benguet mountains. On the Bicol peninsula, southeast Luzon, 14th Corps troops occupied Cagraray island on the northern flank of the sea approach to the port of Legaspi.

General MacArthur boosted Japan's total Philippine casualties to 323,215 and he listed 8,156 bodies counted and 205 prisoners captured during the past week.

Earthquake, 700 Miles From Mexico City, Is Recorded At Observatory

MEXICO CITY, April 16.—(AP)—The national seismological observatory reported today it had recorded an earthquake 700 miles from Mexico City, probably to the southeast.

The movement was registered at 7:52 p.m., Greenwich Mean Time (3:52 p.m. EDT yesterday) and the peak of intensity was recorded three minutes later.

Seventeen hours earlier seismic movements of less intensity had been recorded 5,300 miles from here, direction unknown.

HUMORIST'S SON DRATED

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 16.—(AP)—James B. Rogers, 29, son of the late humorist Will Rogers and associate publisher of the Beverly Hills citizen, was inducted into the Army today at nearby Fort MacArthur. His brother, Will Rogers, Jr., former congressman, is serving with the Army in Europe.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

The Americans were about 52 miles southwest of Berlin's Postdam suburbs after repulsing one small counterattack and deepening the bridgehead to five miles.

The Germans had not yet thrown a punch here comparable to the one uncorkeed when with three divisions they drove the Americans back into the Elbe south of Magdeburg.

The answer may be that they are uncertain where the main blow will fall. German commentators said the Ninth Army was "preparing to cross the Elbe at several points" north of Magdeburg. There was no confirmation that the Ninth had crossed at Havelberg, which is about 50 miles northeast of Magdeburg.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army was prying open some of Germany's best-kept secrets of war as it swung up to the Elbe river on a front of more than 100 miles.

One prize was a \$10,000,000 jet-plane factory hidden deep underground in salt mines in the area of Magdeburg. This factory was capable of producing 700 jet planes a month.

Another was the German equivalent of America's Aberdeen (Md.) proving ground. Overrun north of Magdeburg, it had more than 2,000 artillery pieces, many never seen by American military men before and some larger than any used on the Western Front.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third Army, having severed all German north-south roads, was slashing east to head off the last means of southward retreat through Czechoslovakia.

His Sixth Armored Division appeared well on the road to that goal after driving to within 30 miles of Dresden and the Elbe river at an undisclosed point.

RACIAL BILL SIGNED

TRENTON, N. J., April 16.—(AP)—Surrounded by leaders of Negro groups from all parts of New Jersey, Gov. Walter E. Edge signed into law today seven legislative bills banning racial and religious discrimination in employment, schools, municipal hospitals, hotels, and places of entertainment.

Robert Weede, Baritone, Acclaimed By Audience

In the sixteen years of the local Community Concerts Association's continuous existence, there has never been a finer concert given than the one Robert Weede, baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Association presented in the High School auditorium last night.

That may be going off the deep end, but if audience reaction is any gauge—and it mostly certainly is—the statement is not extreme.

There have been many baritones in the list of artists who have sung here, but never a friendlier one to an audience than this Robert Weede. And friendliness was not all he had to offer. His magnificent high baritone voice never had a faulty tone, and his diction was absolutely perfect. He interlarded his numbers with remarks, some addressed to the young members of the association, and that won him friends. Some of the youngsters were jumping up and down with excitement at one part of the proceedings, and that is a tribute youth doesn't often pay to a singer whose front name is not Frank.

Arias galore were in the evening's enjoyment, all done with a finesse that must have delighted the cognoscenti in the audience. The programme opened with a group of English songs, and that is just plain good sense in programme building for this city. The group gave some indication of what the evening had in store, and the first impression was confirmed right straight on through the list of songs Weede sang.

The very old aria from "Euridice" showed a bel canto that was satisfying in the extreme, and the next number, a ballad of a gondolier, was done with exquisite pathos. Tosti's "Aprile," a timely enough number, was done to the audience's great delight. The second aria "Non piu andrai" by Mozart, was gorgeous, which isn't a good word to describe it, but which is the only one that comes to mind at the moment. An encore, "Mattinata" by Leoncavallo with its flowing melody, followed this group.

"Rigoletto" followed, and with a wise explanation to the younger members, to which the older members were admitted, the baritone sang the heartbreaking, heartbroken "Cortigiana." The encore to this was nothing less than the "Large Factotum," a most generous and warmly received present.

Following the intermission, Pablo Miquel, who played excellent accompaniments throughout the evening, came to the fore in solo work. His first number frankly was uninteresting to this listener, which is a purely personal opinion, but his second, a "Naverre" by Albeniz was in strong contrast, full of verve, and with a sonorous reiteration in the bass.

Capture of Plane Plant Proves Nazi Foresight

(Continued from Page One) Fuselages were lifted at night by freight elevator to railroad cars which ran them some 15 miles away to Bernburg, where the wings and engines were put in at another secret factory.

The director of the factory said it was moved here from above ground at Schoenebeck on the Elbe last August.

Because the steam power was cut off one had to go down into the mine in a small electric cable elevator. It was an odd feeling to drop 900 feet into a dark hole depending on enemies to see that one got there safely. Just to make sure everything went well, Lt. Col. Eugene Trahan of Layette, La. La., took the mine director along on the inspection tour.

Senator Bailey Denies Talk of Cabinet Post

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Senator Bailey (D-N.C.) said today he expects to remain in the Senate, that there is nothing to capital talk that he might become Secretary of Commerce.

"There is absolutely nothing to this story that I will be offered this cabinet position," Bailey told a reporter. "I believe Henry Wallace will remain Secretary of Commerce."

The Senator added: "I do not want to be Secretary of Commerce."

MINE STOPPAGES

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Mine work stoppages and absenteeism in the first week of April during contract negotiations cost the Nation more than 4,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, the Solid Fuels Administration estimated today.

Bomber Output Impaired By Ford Motor Walkouts

DETROIT, April 16.—(AP)—A walkout of 550 workmen tonight on the giant Willow Run bomber plant's final assembly line impaired still further the output of B-24 bombers, a Ford Motor Co. spokesman declared.

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