

# Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP)—Life is very satisfactory today for Tony Canzoneri as he punches a cash register instead of cashing in on punches.

Most of your erstwhile boxing greats have two clichés. They sigh for the "good old days" and tell you they were "born 30 years too soon."

Not Tony.  
"I have no regrets and I have a lot of fine memories," the little man says quietly as he admires his new "Pad-dock" restaurant on Broadway just off Times Square. "There isn't anybody around to fight these days and in my time there was, and you made a lot of money."

**PLENTY OF FIGHTERS**  
There were, indeed, a lot of fine fighters around in Tony's hey-day. And he fought the best of them in his weight range during the late '20 and through the '30s—Sammy Mandell, Jack Kid Berg, Benny Bass, Al Singer, Billy Petrolle, Kid Chocolate, Barney Ross, Lou Ambers and Jimmy McLarnin.

"From the time I was eight years old and I got a pair of boxing gloves for Christmas all I ever wanted to be was a boxer," Canzoneri recalls.

He sure was. Before he was 16 he had 105 amateur bouts. Then, turning professional, during a 15-year career he fought 177 times as he won the featherweight, lightweight and junior welterweight championships of the world. And the only time he was ever knocked out was in his final bout against Al Davis in 1939 when, as they say, Tony was "washed up."

**RECALLS TOUGHEST BOUT**  
Petrolle, Tony tells you, was the toughest man he ever fought. Yet he surprises you when he says that his most rugged bout was not against the "Fargo Express" or even those against some of the other great names.

"The toughest," Canzoneri says in his quiet way, "was against Harry Blitman in Philadelphia a few months after I won the featherweight championship from Bass in 1928."

As for today's boxers, Tony's theory is that they don't learn their trade properly, have only one style, hurry their taining too much and don't fight often enough.

"Sure they were the 'good old days,'" Tony smiles, "but I'm glad I had it when I did."

## Training Camp Briefs

By United Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Bobby Shantz, one-time 139-pound pitching giant of the American League, was expected to resume training today with the Kansas City A's after a narrow escape from serious injury.

Shantz, a 24-game winner in 1952 when he was voted the league's "most valuable player," suffered a cut left ear Tuesday when struck by a line drive off the bat of rookie Earl Smith of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Pirates won the game, 9-8, on Frank Thomas' two-run,

ninth-inning homer.  
Smith's second-inning liner was partly deflected by Shantz as he threw up his glove but the ball caromed off the side of his head and the 29-year-old southpaw fell to the ground unconscious. He was carried off the field on a stretcher but X-rays at a local hospital revealed no fracture. Shantz was instructed to remain overnight at the hospital but told he could be back in uniform today for the Athletics' workout.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Manager Leo Durocher of the New York Giants conceded today that the world champions have been frustrated in their efforts to swing a deal this spring.

"I'd like to strengthen our pitching," Durocher said. "We're willing to make a deal with somebody but nobody will deal with us for any-

# Red Sox Manager Has Lot Of Work Cut Out

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Whether or not Ted Williams plays ball this season, Mike Higgins has his work cut out in his major league debut as Red Sox manager.

He is taking over a team built around youth and one which finished fourth last season, 42 games behind the pennant-winning Indians. That showing was a disappointment and Lou Boudreau was let go.

So far Higgins has made little progress in solving his No. 1 problem, the infield. And that was the weak link in the Red Sox armor last season, contributing most of the 176 errors which the team committed.

**BOLLING'S INJURY HURTS**  
The desperate Red Sox have picked up such players as Owen Friend, who failed in previous major league tries and batted only .251 at Indianapolis last season; and Bill Klaus, who couldn't make it with the Giants, batting .280 at Minneapolis in 1954, and also are trying out Eddie Joost, the deposed

thing—pitchers or anything else."

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—It required just one swish of Duke Snider's bat to spoil the brilliant spring training record which rookie Humberto Robinson had compiled.

The big Brooklyn Dodger center-fielder blasted a three-run, 400-foot homer off Robinson in the first inning Tuesday to pave the way for a 5-4 triumph over the Milwaukee Braves. Snider's blow followed two walks and wrecked Robinson's glittering spring record of one hit, and no walks in 12 innings.

The teams play the second game of their eight-game road series today.

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP)—Manager Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees finally had today what he's been looking for all spring—an impressive performance from pitcher Bob Turley.

Turley hurled five shutout innings Tuesday as the Yankees beat the Detroit Tigers, 6-1.

MESA, Ariz. (AP)—Shortstop Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs sported a .419 batting average today as evidence that he may develop into one of the National League's outstanding infielders this year.

Banks slammed a homer, double and single Tuesday to lead the Cleveland Indians.

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)—Art Fowler's chances of drawing the Cincinnati Redlegs' opening day mound assignment were enhanced today as a result of a solid performance against the Washington Senators.

Fowler, 12-10 last season, and rookie Jim Pearce collaborated in a three-hitter Tuesday as the Redlegs down the Senators, 5-1.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Manager Marty Marion called for a routine workout today before the Chicago White Sox embarked on an eight-game trip north with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The White Sox closed the Florida phase of their training Tuesday with a 5-3 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

## Kid Gavilan Skidding Rapidly

NEW YORK (AP)—Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, skidding rapidly since losing his title to Johnny Saxton last October faded almost out of the welterweight picture today when the monthly ratings of Ring Magazine placed him eighth in the division.

Gavilan the one-time Cuban hawk whose rapid hands and all-around ring generalship carried him to the title in July 1952, returned to the ring after the loss to Saxton of New York and squeezed out an unimpressive majority decision over Ernie Durando of Bayonne, N. J., on Feb. 4.

Gavilan then lost in succession to Hector Constance of Trinidad and the elongated Bobby Dykes of Miami.

The "Keed," who was ranked fourth last month, is now listed behind Carmmen Basilio, Vinoc Martinez, Tony DeMarco, Ramon Fuentes, Maurice Harper, Comstance, and Del Flanagan. Freddie Dawson and Virgil Akins are rated behind him.

Despite Mexican Raul Macias 11th round knockout victory over Chameron Songkitrat of Thailand, Ring Magazine continues to list Robert Cohen of France as the world bantamweight king. Macias is ranked as the No. 1 contender, while Songkitrat is rated sixth.

Among the heavyweights, Nino Valdes of Cuba, by-passed for a title shot at Rocky Marciano in favor of England's Don Cockell, remains the leading challenger, while Tommy Hurricane Jackson of New York, who currently is on a winning streak, has been upped from sixth to fifth. Jimmy Slade of New York has dropped out of the top in favor of Charley Norkus, Jersey City, N. J., who is ranked 10th.

Willie Hoepner of Germany has been moved up from ninth to fifth in the light-heavyweight division. Tiberto Mirti of Italy, Willie Troy of Washington, D. C., and Bobby

Philadelphia A's manager.  
Fried, Klaus and Joost are battling for the shortstop post because Milt Bolling, who was expected to win the job, will be out for at least six more weeks with a broken left wrist.

All other infield spots are troublesome, too, although the veteran Billy Goodman has been assigned the second base spot. But the feeling still is that a team doesn't win pennants with a player like Goodman at second. As good a hitter as he is, Goodman doesn't make the double play well.

### LEPCIO AT THIRD

Jones of Oakland, Calif., have dropped out of the top 10 in the middleweight division, while Eduardo Lause of Argentina has returned, in eighth, along with Dykes who is 10th.

Norm Zauchin, who hits a long ball and played for Higgins at Louisville last season, may beat out Harry Agganis for the first base job. Ted Lepcio, who had been playing second and short, has been getting the call over veteran shell Freeman and Al Scholz. The first three were with Higgins at Louisville last season. Other starters will be holdovers Frank Sullivan 15-12, Tom Brewer 10-9, Wildard Nixon 11-12 and Dick Bradowski, just out of military service but rated a brilliant prospect when he won five games for the Red Sox in 1952.

Other possibilities are Russ Kemmerer 5-6, Leo Kieley 5-8, both with the Red Sox last season, and Bob Smith, a 13-game winner at Shreveport. The veterans Ellis Kinder 8-8 and Sid Hudson 3-4, Grady Hatton, the former Redlegs, at third base. Biny Consilio probably will be kept for utility duty.

If Williams returns, the outfield will be set with Ted in, left field, Jim Piersall in center and hard-hitting Jackie Jensen in right. Should Williams retire the left field spot is wide open. The three candidates are: Faye Throneberry, just out of military service; Gene Stephens, who hit .296 at Louisville, or holdover Karl Olson will get the left field berth.

### ROOKIE PITCHERS PROMISING

Four rookies have a chance to make the pitching staff which will be anchored around Mel Parnell, the southpaw who broke his arm last season and won only three games against 21 the year before.

The first year men Higgins likes are Al Curtis, Ivan Delock. Herwill head the relief corps with Tom Hurd, a seven-game winner at Charleston also having a chance to stick as a fireman.

### Harnett Native Died Monday

M. M. McLeod, 64, of Portsmouth, Va., died at his home Monday. He was a native of Harnett County, son of the late Darnell and Martha McLeod.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3 p. m. from Mills

# Record Forum

March 28, 1955

To The Editor:

Last week it was our privilege to place eight columnar inches of display advertising for the account of Orton Plantation in your fine publication. In this advertising copy we stated that THE SPECTACULAR SHOW OF AZALEAS will last until after Easter. This is to advise you that the gardens were hurt due to the terrific freeze which covered

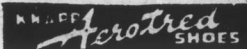
Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. G. Scott Turner will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The body will be taken to the Church an hour before the funeral. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. E. O. Cummings, Jr., of Holland, Va.; one son, Lou Carroll of the home; four sisters, Mrs. C. E. Butts, Mrs. J. R. Turner, Mrs. J. B. Upchurch of Angler and Mrs. Walt Wade of Bunnlevel. Two brothers, D. L. McLeod of Baltimore and D. H. McLeod of Raleigh.

the state this past weekend.

At the time of this cold wave we had substantial advertising made up for insertion in your paper this week, but did not feel that we could conscientiously place it after such a tragic incident as this freeze.

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