

# COMMENTARY ON SPORTS

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Our desk is filled with notes on sports gathered from various sources, so we will clean the board this week by passing them on: What is this game of baseball coming to? . . . Dolly Stark, after being voted the most popular umpire in the National League, was presented with an automobile by 1,500 fans in New York who claim to be his friends . . . These fans better not make themselves known, as they, too, would be subjected to pop-bottle treatment next time Stark pulls a bad decision from his bag of tricks . . . We didn't know an ump had 1,500 friends . . . Lou Gehrig keeps a strict record of every homer hit, and says his book shows him to have hit eighteen round trippers with the sacks populated . . . S'funny, but the league books just show it to have happened seventeen times . . . Anyway, the mighty sultan of sweat, Ruth, only accomplished the feat sixteen times . . . In view of this fact we would, if we were Gehrig, have no further reason for keeping track of his bases-full-homers . . . Al Lopez, who has been in the big leagues almost long enough to be classed as a veteran, has dropped but one foul pop during the time, and that came the day after the first night game he played in . . . Which is a fair argument to use against Griffin, MacPhail, Marshall, and other advocates of the nocturnal battles . . . Curt Davis had never played any kind of baseball until he was fifteen years old.

In 1933 Dick Porter was the only regular outfielder in the A. L. to fail to swat a homer . . . However, in the first appearance at the plate the following season he slapped one over the wall . . . John Clancy, alternate major-league first baseman for several years and now in the Southern, played thru an entire game in 1930 with the Chicago without a fielding chance . . . Jimmy Collins, of the Cards narrowly missed duplicating the stunt recently . . . The Ripper's only chance was an assist, made when he picked up a roller and threw to the pitcher who was covering first . . . Only one other assist was made during the game by the Cards, and that was by Gelbert as he threw to force a man at second base . . . Japan is now heard from in regard to Olympic swimming plans for 1936 . . . In a recent meet between Japanese swimmers and American stats, Hiroshi Negami lowered the 800 Meter Free Style world record of 10:08.6 by turning in a time of 10:02.4 . . . Negami then teamed with three other members of his country's swimming stars to lower the world mark of 8:58.4 for the 800-Meter Free Style Relay with a time of 8:52.2.

In a recent game between the Reds and Phillies at Philly, the Reds scored nine runs in the first inning on only five hits and one error . . . Which means that there were plenty of walks besides the two hit batsmen . . . Then came another rally in the second frame, and when records were checked they showed that four Reds had hit three times in two innings . . . Then in the final game of the series the Phils scored five runs, only one earned, in the first to gain a five-run lead, and the Reds came back to score seven in the second and more later only to see the Phils win in the final innings . . . The same day saw Hank Leiber, of the Giants, hit two homers in one inning . . . They were wild and reckless baseball days, they were . . . If memory serves us correctly, the last time a player hit two homers in one frame was about 1928 when Regan, of the Red Sox, turned the trick . . . This next incident smacks of real grit and perseverance . . . Catcher Jackson, of the Carrollton, Ga., American Legion Junior team, which according to the Legion rules, consists of boys under seventeen years of age, played three innings in the Eastern finals against Gastonia, N. C., at Charlotte with a broken finger . . . Knowing the other catcher had been pressed into mound service for that day, Jackson said nothing of his severe pain until the game was hopelessly lost . . . Or- chids to him . . . Several Legion Junior players this year show real promise.

No one believed Manager Guy Sturdy, of the Baltimore Orioles in spite of the short fence when he predicted last spring that his three outfielders, Puccinelli, Abernethy, and Barton would hit 100 homers for him this season . . . They are at this writ-

ing approaching the 110 mark . . . The sports writers covering the American League teams in the Western section are doing a pretty good job this year of ousting the managers of the loop's clubs . . . They finally got Walter Johnson away from his Cleveland post, and their found that the strain of having no one to pan was too much for them, so now they are campaigning for Clark Griffin to replace Bucky Harris and Buddy Myer, and have written stories including quotations to the effect that Griff has announced plans to do this . . . Allison and Van Ryan looked good in winning the National Doubles over Budge and Mako, but there is little chance they will be the Davis Cup duo in '36 . . . Age will creep upon one, and Budge and Mako do right well by themselves at that . . . Mrs. Moody's absence from among the entries for the National Women's singles was quite a blow to the color expected in the matches . . . Barney Welsh of suburban Washington retained his National Public Parks singles title by licking William Schommer at the finals in New Orleans the day after he and Ralph McElvenny of Washington had won the double title . . . The National Capital rated on that tourney . . . In retaining their national doubles title, Miss Helen Jacobs and Mrs. Sarah Fabyan were content to let their opponents, Mrs. Dorothy Andrus and Carolin Babcock, make their own errors to lose the match . . . Score 6-4, 6-2.

The Baer-Louis go is to be at the Yankee Stadium on the 24th they say . . . The Yank Stadium needs a good show after the recent downfall of the athletic organization for which the park is named . . . Lefty Gomez is the right kind of a guy to have on a ball club . . . A little while ago the Yanks lost a ten-inning game to the Tigers because Jack Saltzgayer with one out and the bases full held on to a double-play ball so long that only one man could be retired, of course, scoring in the meantime . . . Gomez was pitching, walked straight to Saltzgayer and said, "Ah, forget it. We all done worse things myself." To which the answer is that every man on the Yanks, including Jack, will play just that much harder behind Lefty, the Goof, when he is on the mound from then on . . . They say that Maxie Baer is really taking the Louis bout seriously for a change and that he has quit his clowning till after the fight . . . We can't imagine the last part, but in taking the fight seriously he is doing what any fighter with any sense would do in training for a bout with such a mauler as Louis . . . Vance, the Dazzler, has been released by the Dodgers for what most people believe will be his last time . . . He has been traded about the senior loop so much since '31 that he frequently has had to look in his diary to find just what team he was on at the time . . . The Dazz led the N. L. in strikeouts for seven consecutive seasons and one season won 28 games . . . John Whithead eats away his chances to stay in condition for major league pitching.

There have been several intra-club managers this season . . . Dizzy Dean and Ducky Medwick had it out when each said the other wasn't giving his best to the good of the team . . . Maybe they should have taken the Gomez view of the situation . . . Then on the Red Sox, Bill Werber, who is having a very poor season everywhere except on the bases, tangled with Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren, his team-mate and club first baseman because he thought Dahlgren wasn't playing his best on his (Bill's) throws to first across the diamond, or something . . . Net results—bloody nose belonging to Dahlgren . . . Then Bill Jurgés and Wally Stephenson, of the Cubs, had it out about the Civil War, which, in their opinion, could be settled again as far as their respective families were concerned . . . Net results—Stephenson being fired for several days, only to be hired again upon apology and a dire need of catchers . . . At Washington Earl Whitehill has taken on an attitude adverse to that of Gomez, and Ceve Travis dassn't make another error with Earl in the box . . . Ed Linke and Coach Al Schacht, team-mates last season, had words when Linke accused Schacht of being a stool-pigeon of Joe Cronin . . . When Cronin and schacht moved to Boston the feud grew stronger . . . Then the two finally tangled, with no harm done although Linke was declared the winner . . . Then Schacht moved to Boston the feud ever, a few days later Linke was hit on the head by a line-drive and he was knocked to the hospital for a day or two, but he didn't lose consciousness . . . Schacht then and there announced, "It's no use, if a line-drive can't knock him out, I wouldn't have a chance." . . . Bill Terry credits Geo. Watkins with the greatest catch he ever saw . . . It was a Giant-Philly series . . . "Watkins had to dive for the ball and was set to catch it with his gloved hand," says Terry, "It took a big curve and Watkins made the catch with his bare hand." . . . Red Kress, of the Nats, pitched without a toe-plate the day he set the Yanks down quickly in his mound debut . . . A Washington scribe says he didn't miss the plate, though . . . Get it?—Board half clean . . . Finish up next time.

## State WPA Does Biggest Volume

Coan Approves \$7,695,000 In Projects; District Three Approves Eight Jobs; \$16,518 Allotted To Person For Sewing And Mattress-Making.

Representing the largest volume of clearances in a single day by the State Works Progress Administration office, applications for a total of \$7,695,000 in federal and local funds were signed yesterday by State Administrator G. W. Coan, Jr.

Bulkier of the projects was that to spend \$4,600,000 throughout the State to furnish employment to women. This was the largest single undertaking yet proposed. Other major proposals included: \$1,700,000 for mattress-making; \$500,000 for clerical work; \$347,000 for recreational work; and \$302,000 for packing and distributing commodities—all State-wide projects.

Total 26 Millions Forwarding to Washington of yes-

terday's batch of applications brought to a total of \$26,195,000 the applications so far filed by the State office.

Project approvals through Wednesday will total \$30,000,000 asserted Administrator Coan yesterday. Before the deadline for clearing applications brought the State office, September 10, the total will have reached possibly \$40,000,000 of which 75-per cent will be federal money requested, he said.

Chief among the applications which will reach the State office this week will be a request sponsored by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for \$5,000,000 or more for farm-to-market roads.

### District Projects

While the State office worked steadily on the checking of projects, the offices of District No. 3 of the FWA here forwarded eight applications to State headquarters, said Director Philip R. Whitley.

Included in the list were requests for \$14,376 for sewerage extension in Dunn, Harnett county; \$23,053 for 26.5 miles of farm-to-market roads in Warren county; \$16,518,888 88888 ar-Warren county; \$16,518 for sewing room and mattress-making work in Person county; \$13,094 for 5,074 feet of curb and gutter work in the city of Wilson; \$27,777 for painting and

## 17 Gaston Negroes Are Hurt In Wreck

Gastonia, Sept. 3 — Seventeen Gaston county negroes, en route to an all-day picnic at Doggett's Grove church in Rutherford county, are in the Shelby hospital seriously injured as the result of having been thrown to the highway when the side of a Gastonia truck, hauling 75 standing passengers, gave way while rounding a curve at Sandy Run creek near Mooreboro shortly before noon.

Nearly all of the seventy five were more or less injured, the seventeen taken to the hospital being reported as all critically hurt. Advices from the hospital are to the effect that three or four are expected to die. All of the occupants of the truck were from the Gaston county.

repairing four schools in the city of Durham; \$818 for drainage of a creek in Apex, Wake County; \$21,503 for women's work in Harnett County, and \$1,79 for a cannery building in the city of Wilson.

Several projects for District No. 3 were included in the list approved yesterday by the State office. None were rejected.

## Lost Boy Found Alive In Woods

Auxvasse, Mo., Sept. 3. — John Wesley Kennon, three, lost in Callaway county woods since Saturday afternoon, was found alive this morning about a mile from here.

The child, barefoot and clad only in rompers, walked out of the woods into a field this morning and immediately was spotted by a searching party.

The field was a mile from the place where the red-headed youngster disappeared while playing with two older brothers.

He recognized an uncle, Carl Kennett, and yelled. Kennett took the child to his farm home nearby. The boy fell asleep immediately. Later, the youngster was taken to the Audrian county hospital at Mexico, Sixteen miles away, to be placed under observation.

### SWIMS 8 MILES TO SHORE

Milford, Del.—Listen Bloodsworth, 28, swam eight miles to shore after being swept off the deck of a freighter by a huge wave. Reaching shore he staggered four miles to a farm house. Recovering, all he remembers is reaching land.

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