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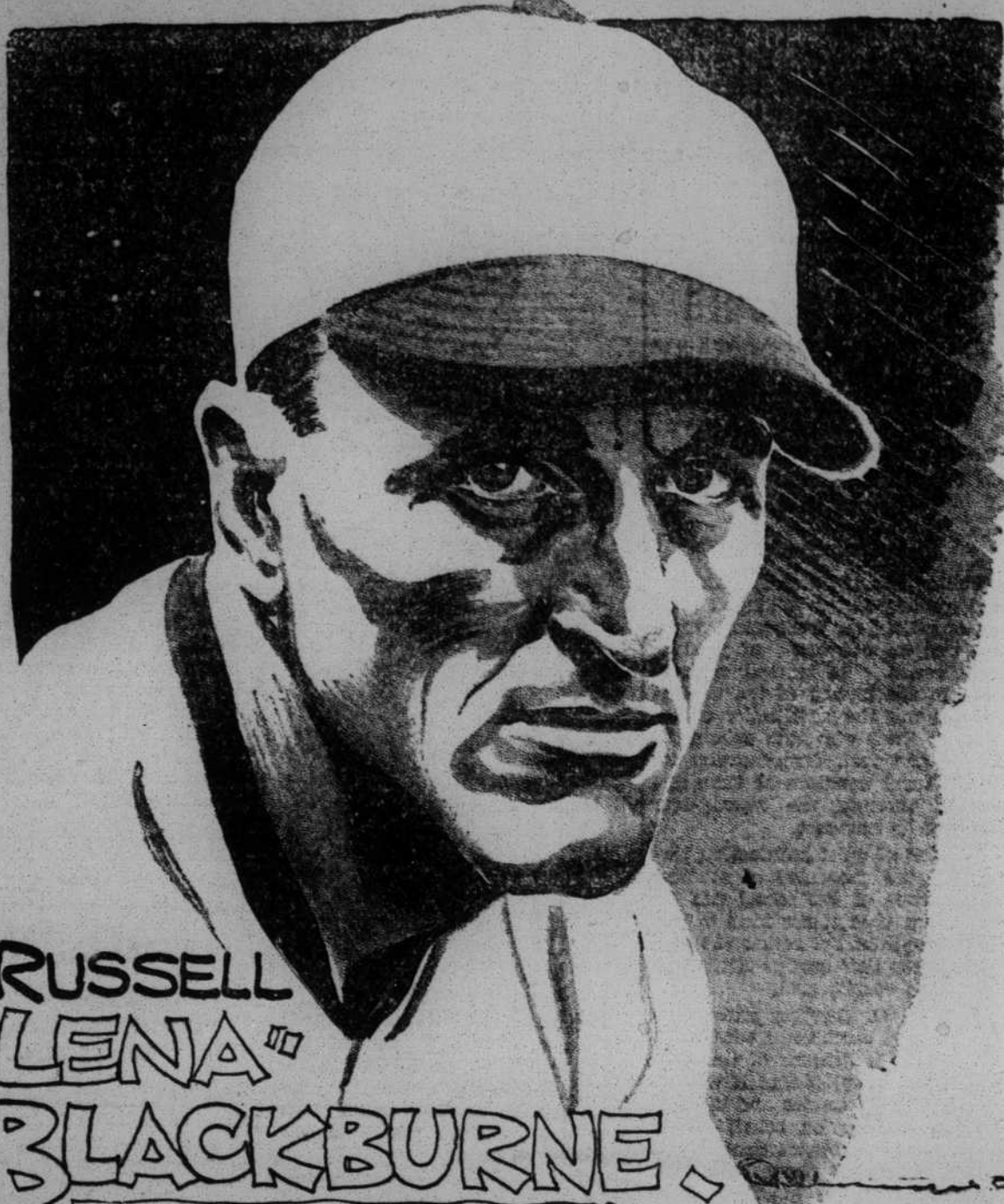
Fayetteville.—More murders are committed in North Carolina than in Chicago in proportion to population, and violation of the liquor law is getting worse every day all over the state, Judge N. A. Sinclair said at the opening of superior court in his home city. "We talk about the horrible conditions in Chicago so much that people are getting afraid to go there, but more murders are committed in North Carolina according to population than in Chicago," said the jurist. "And we call ourselves one hundred per cent Americans!" he added. "The vast majority of murders in the state grow out of the carrying of concealed weapons, a totally unnecessary habit and a violation of the law that should be punished."

Judge Sinclair struck a rather pessimistic note regarding enforcement of the prohibition laws. "It looks like a hopeless task," he declared, "but that has nothing to do with your duty or mine," he told the jurors. "Violation of the liquor laws is getting worse every day. The number of operating stills in North Carolina is increasing year by year, and the stills are going full blast from one end of the state to the other."

"People criticize the courts and the officers," continued the judge. "That is not calculated to encourage the officers. The sheriffs all over the state, with one or two exceptions, I have found, are doing everything in their power. Women denounce the sheriffs, saying the stills are there but the sheriff does not get them. These critics are too lazy to use their brains. It is not as easy to catch the liquor blockaders. The only way to get a still is go out at night, risk one's life, and hope to bump into the bootleg gang."

"It is our duty to enforce the traf-

Fighting to Stay at the Helm



**RUSSELL
"LENA"
BLACKBURNE**

TEMPORARY PILOT OF THE WHITE SOX WHO IS MAKING A STRONG BID
TO BE RETAINED AS THE REGULAR MANAGER NEXT YEAR

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By QUIN HALL.

WHEN Ray Schalk tossed his resignation as manager of the Chicago White Sox to the owner, Charley Comiskey, early in July, the Old Roman named Russell ("Lena") Blackburne to the post of pilot *pro tempore* for the nonce as "twere."

"Lena" still has his grapping hooks on the job and as the Sox fighting to keep him just where he is now when the next season blows around, as seasons have a habit of doing. In other words, the members of Chicago's South Side ball club have an idea that "Lena" would be a good guy to work for permanently and they are doing their best to convince Comiskey that it would be a good move to keep him right on the payroll as the regular headman of the aggregation.

Even though it was a tentative arrangement when "Lena" took up the reins where Schalk had dropped them, the pale hosed crew went out and won games to show they were willing to pull hard for Blackburne and they have been putting more fight in the games played since he was elevated to his temporary position than they exhibited in the early part of the year.

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laws," he told the jurors. Though he has been traveling one or two nights each week for years, he had never seen a single horse-drawn vehicle carrying lights, as is required by act of the legislature. Yet he had never heard of a single arrest for this violation of the law.

May Quit Post

London.—Sir J. Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, is not likely to resume his office when he returns from his long sea voyage to California and trip through Canada, in the opinion of British political circles. It is believed that the short space of two months is too short for his recovery from his recent breakdown.

Those fans in the neighborhood of Chicago's stockyards deserve the best team that Comiskey and his aids can whangle together and if the present players will dig hard for Blackburne it would seem a good move for the Old Roman to keep him in the pilot noose. Comiskey isn't taking the active part in the team's welfare that he did when he was younger, but in matters of this sort he is probably the big boss and from every angle it would appear that he needs the best pilot he can procure. He has some regular players on his roster and if these players will play ball for "Lena" it would seem that is all that would be required.

"Lena" knows conditions in Chicago and he knows the players on the team, as he has been coaching the Sox since 1926 and prior to that time he played on the team. Years ago his purchase created quite a furor in baseball circles. He was bought for \$12,000, and in those days it was heavy dough despite the fact that today such money is considered only as a light breeze in baseball finances.

For some years "Lena" has been nursing an ambition to be a manager. Now that opportunity has rapped on his door—even if only lightly—he is going to do a lot of hustling to make good that dream

which he has been toting around with him for such a long time. He's wise in the ways of baseball and he is adept at handling men. Bib Falk, who was a bunch sulker under the Schalk management is playing a good game. Bill Cissell has revived himself as a wow and old man Faber has been rejuvenated and, having tossed away a couple of crutches, he's pitching up to his old-time form.

Those things make Blackburne look like a great bet as a pilot. The Sox under "Lena's" guidance have shaken the musty-cellar odor from their feet and have ambitions. They have a yearning to finish in second place but that seems like a man's size year. In view of their dismal showing earlier in the year. But the Sox have surprised the American League fans by their reversal of form and now look like a real first division ball club with a chance to show even better next year if Comiskey picks the right manager.

It is said that Derrill Pratt is to be brought up from Waco to take charge and that Jack Leivelt and several other American Association leaders are listed in the rumors. But, after all, they're only rumors and the Sox players seem to want Blackburne retained on the job.

Out Of Race

Roosevelt Field, N. Y.—Clarence D. Chamberlain, trans-Atlantic aviator, withdrew from the class "A" cross country air race, as other contestants were tuning up their motors for the start for Los Angeles, more than 30 planes are entered.

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SIMMONS DUGHT TO VOTE FOR HERB

Charlotte News.

Senator Simmons announced some time ago that he proposed to have no part in the voting for president this Fall, that he could not conscientiously vote for Governor Smith as the nominee of the Democratic party because he did not regard his position as in consonance with the principles of the Democratic party.

At the same time, he could not find justification in voting for the Republican candidate, Mr. Hoover. Therefore, it was his purpose not to vote at all in the election for presidential electors.

Now he sends forth notification that he will do whatever possible to aid in the organization of anti-Smith Democrats to bring about the defeat of Governor Smith. Of course, the only way to accomplish that is to get enough Democrats in North Carolina to vote for Mr. Hoover that the Democratic majority will be wiped out. In other words, as we interpret the situation, Senator Simmons does not propose to vote for Mr. Hoover himself, but he does propose to help get as many other Democrats as possible to vote for him. He will, therefore, insist upon his fellow Democrats doing what he has said he can not conscientiously do.

We are not among those who are finding fault with the determination of Senator Simmons to withdraw his support from Governor Smith. Rather we are inclined to applaud him and any other man who refuses to stick to mere policies or expediency and opportunism when conscience interferes. Senator Simmons does not believe Governor Smith is a fit man to represent the Democracy of America in this campaign. He is out of sympathy with his views on the liquor question and otherwise holds him to be unacceptable to the party. As long as he holds such opinion, he would stultify himself by acquiescing in his candidacy and stifling his convictions long enough to help elect him. That no man has a right to ask or expect of another.

Even so, in order to be wholly consistent, Senator Simmons should vote for Mr. Hoover if he proposes to go so far as to get down into the trenches and contribute his might and main to the organization of Democrats of North Carolina for the Hoover cause. What justification is there in his asking them to do what he refuses to do? If Mr. Hoover is good enough for the privates in the ranks of the Democratic party of North Carolina, who have personal convictions that interfere with their voting for their own party nominee, then he is good enough for the leaders of the party with the same sort of conviction.

The position of the senator reminds us of the story of the commander of the battalion going into battle, who, with great fire and fervor, was trying to inspire his men to do their utmost on the field of battle. "Fight he said for all you are worth: fight until the last round of ammunition is exhausted, then it will be the part of wisdom and valor to run. Owing to the fact that I am somewhat crippled, I will begin running now," said the General.

Asks Repudiation

Washington.—Declaring Herbert Hoover is the "silent beneficiary" of a campaign designed to arouse religious prejudices, former Senator Henry C. Hansbrough of North Dakota, chairman of the Smith Independent league, has written the Republican candidate asking him to repudiate such support.

Bettis Reunion At Mount Paran Place

Descendants Have Enjoyable Meeting At Home Of Mr. And Mrs. Sapoch.

Blacksburg.—A notable reunion of the Bettis family was held when the children and grandchildren of the late Erastus and Albert Bettis met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sapoch at Mt. Paran, the latter being the oldest descendant now living.

The entire connection was present with the exception of Grady and Hugh Bettis' families, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sapoch of Los Angeles, Cal., and Curtis Bechtler of Philadelphia. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sapoch and family, Sage, Irene, Beona, Cynthia; Mr. and Mrs. Thad Thompson and family, Clyde, Marie, Fred, Mary, Dot and Zeb; Mason Bettis, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. James Bettis and son, Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bettis and children, Catherine and Marvin and Zeb Bettis, of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Will Bettis, Mr. and Mrs. Austell Bettis and children, Howard, Mary Love, Jack, Billie, Ralph and Eugene; Baxter Bettis and sisters, Misses Sallie, Kate, and Althea, of Earl, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. George Washburne and little daughter, Bettie, Rev. and Mrs. Lowe and son, Willie, of Shelby, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bridges and family, Edmund, Maurice, Beth, Grace, Ruth and Ruby, of Blacksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts; Mr. and Mrs. Chivous Byers and little daughter, Bonnie, of Patterson Springs, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bechtler and family, Edward, Emma and Ollie, of Earl, N. C.

Dinner was spread under a beautiful elm tree. A long table was laden down. After dinner, an old time singing was engaged in by all present. There were many callers during the day, among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sapoch, Mrs. George Moss, Mrs. Dean Martin, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Neal, of Patterson Springs, N. C. and sisters, Georgia and Mollie; D. A. Gold and son, Dan, of Blacksburg; Miss Roberts of Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Billie Earl, of Earl, N. C.

REPUBLICAN MANAGER
MARRIED A CATHOLIC

News & Observer.
"I'll have no part in any bigotry," said Paul West, manager of the eastern North Carolina Republican headquarters here. "I am a Protestant, but I married a Catholic and I have no patience with religious prejudice."

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Suspense Probe

New York.—Investigation into the mysterious death of William L. D'Olier, head of the Sanitation corporation, which figured as a sub-contractor in the construction of a Queens sewage disposal plant, was suspended for a short time with the authorities still unable to determine whether the sanitation engineer came to his death by his own hand or through foul play.

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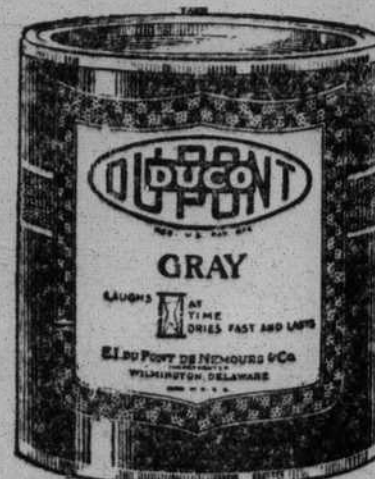
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