

CRONIN AND O'DOUL TRADE FELICITIES ON PAY BOOSTS



Joe Cronin, Washington shortstop and Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, slugging outfielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers, swap compliments in San Francisco over the larger pay envelope each is to receive during the coming baseball season. Tony Lazzeri, New York Yankee third baseman, who has been keeping in condition with the boys, looks on.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30. (AP)—Three big league baseball players who make their home in San Francisco during the off season are not worried about being on the outs with "old man condition" when spring training starts. They are Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, heavy hitting outfielder of the Brooklyn Nationals; Joe Cronin, shortstop for Washington, who was voted the most valuable player in the American league last season, and Tony Lazzeri, second baseman of the New York Yankees. Four times a week since last October Cronin has walked from the Ferry building at the edge of San Francisco bay, to the shore of the Pacific ocean. It is about six and a half miles. O'Doul and Lazzeri, old time buddies, did plenty of walking but combined it with pleasure. They averaged four rounds of golf a week. Both Cronin and O'Doul are at peace with the baseball world, so far as contracts go. Each received substantial salary increases over last season and they signed their contracts long ago.

Hoosiers Assign Coach New Role In Novel Policy

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 30. (AP)—Indiana university has inaugurated a novel policy in mid-west college athletics, employing one man, E. C. Hayes, as coach of two major sports, track and football. Hayes, who has trained Hoosier track teams since 1924, was chosen to succeed Pat Gees, who resigned as football mentor. All other iron rank colleges of the middle west have specialists for each of the major sports. Until a few years ago, Knute Rockne coached both football and track at Notre Dame, but he now coaches only the gridirers. Hayes' cross-country teams at Indiana have won the Big Ten title for the past three years, and his distance men have dominated conference meet distance runs. Hayes was head football coach at Mississippi A. and M. before coming to Indiana.

Quiet Conductor Directs Fastest Radio Orchestra

NEW YORK, March 30. (AP)—B. A. Rolfe conducts the fastest playing dance orchestra in radio with the unruffled calm of a tropical sea. The 52-year-old leader of the group of 50 musicians who go on WEAF and chain for an hour each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night stands erectly on the conductor's stand, always cool and collected yet ever observant. There's none of the excitement in his movements that is often a part of jazz orchestra conducting. Rolfe's direction is confined entirely to the fingers and the arm. Sometimes he uses a baton, not always. But his expression he can convey with these arms and fingers! One hand will twist to one side, a finger will pop up, maybe two or three, or the arm will move from the elbow, and to the tunes of the fast stepping dance are produced for the microphone.

SUITS FILED IN DISTRICT COURT
Clara M. Murry plaintiff, vs. T. M. Murry, defendant. The plaintiff asks for a decree of separate maintenance, alleging extreme cruelty on the part of the defendant. E. F. Dupray, attorney for plaintiff.

A new lunch wagon and fruit stand is being opened at 318 Fremont street by Williams and Van Orden, next to the Pat Cline Inc. offices.

There are more than 250,000 acres of alfalfa in Illinois.

ON THE SIDELINES

Carl Zimloch, manager of the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league, has made an intensive study of pitching with its relation to night baseball and as a result tells his pitchers to develop a change of pace. "A pitching staff made up with men with a good change of pace will win," he says. "Invariably it will fool the batters. It is hard enough to time a change of pace in the daylight, but at night I have observed that rarely can a batter connect solidly with a change of pace. It is difficult to time the ball and the man at bat usually is too far through with his swing by the time the ball gets up to the plate. A curve is effective at night, as it is in the daylight, but the real ball in a pinch, the one to pull out when the pitcher is in "a cinch," is the old change of pace.

Jack Declines Fee
Jerry Luvadis, former trainer of Jack Dempsey, is the best booster the Manassa Mauler has. New Jerry is telling one and all how good Jack is as a referee. "Jack can referee with the best of them, past and present," says the former trainer. "He can make any fight a success by taking the job as referee, and the fighters are always sure of an even break. "Jack refused a fee" for one of my boys at Ventura and hasn't collected his referee's fee yet. When it was offered to him he waved it aside and said, Give it to the fighters." Dempsey calls Young Strubling "the best heavyweight in the world today." Sharkey, he says, is "slipping" and Carmen "promising." Schmeling he dismissed as an "uncertainty."

Which Harold?
Dan Cronwell, University of Southern California track coach, is working with two Harold Mitchells, one a variety pole vaulter and the other a freshman broad jumper. For the purpose of furnishing correct labels Cronwell calls the vaulter Harold V. Mitchell and the jumper Harold F. Mitchell. The "V" Mitchell is the variety performer, and the "F" Mitchell is the freshman hope.

There is a third Harold Mitchell at University of Southern California, but as he has not yet put in an appearance in a track uniform the coach has not yet been forced to label him. Cronwell says if he comes out he will find a middle label for him. The Mitchells are not the only worry, however. There is only one Charles Anderson, the varsity sprinter on the squad, but there are two other Charles Andersons in the university. Recently the sprinter found himself about to be placed on the ineligible list because one of the other Charles Andersons had not turned in his registration card.

There are more worries for a track coach than getting his men in shape. Patrick Cline, Inc., having the contract for the first ten miles of the Boulder Dam highway, reports that he already has his contract one-third finished. Work on the grading was started full force March 18 and is progressing so rapidly that it is proposed to begin placing the gravel surface about April 10.

Minors Create Outfielder In Brown Slugger

By ALAN GOULD (Associated Press Sports Editor) WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 30. (AP)—Lefty Bettencourt, broad-shouldered, dark-haired, his face somewhat scarred from gridiron battle, was a ball-hawk when he won fame as all-American center four years ago with St. Mary's college of California. Roving about the football field, he was conspicuous for his ability to intercept enemy passes. He's a ball-hawk now with the St. Louis Browns, battling for a regular berth in right field. He started out as a catcher and third baseman in 1923, but two seasons of outfielding in fast minor league company, in 1929 with Milwaukee and in 1930 with Wichita Falls, have developed his defensive as well as batting ability.

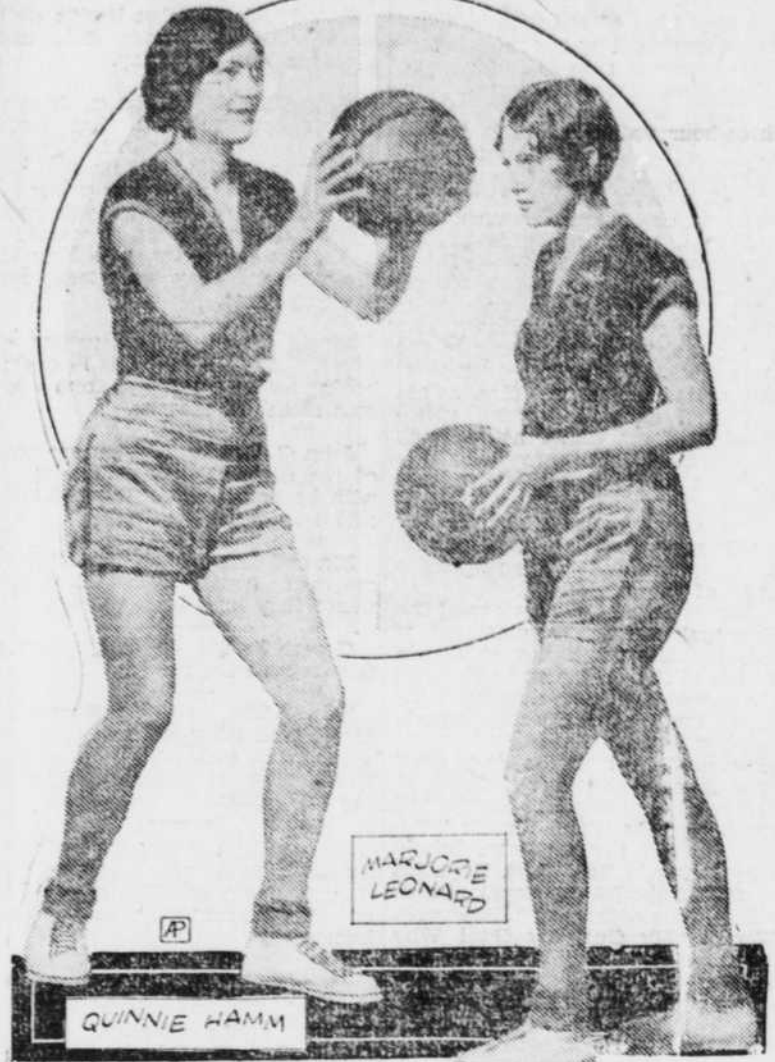
He led the Texas league with 43 caught naps last year. Bettencourt had no thought of a major league baseball career when he got his A. B. degree at St. Mary's. He was more interested in football coaching career but he was signed by the Browns in short order. Meanwhile he has played and coached professional football with the Memphis Tigers, one of the best teams in the country. He thinks the pro gridiron game is cleaner, more enjoyable than the college brand.

"Why?" he repeated, "Chiefly because the professionals are better blockers and tacklers. Being older, they are less likely to lose their temper." The best college team Bettencourt has ever watched was the 1930 Notre Dame machine. He played in a charity game in San Francisco against Joe Savoldi and labels the ex-Notre Dame fullback as one of the hardest men to stop he ever encountered. If he succeeds in the big show, Bettencourt will do what many other college football heroes have failed to accomplish. Jim Thorpe was ruined by curve balls. Ernie Nevers, the Stanford fullback, showed brief pitching promise. One of the few to succeed so far is Charley Berry, Red Sox backstop, and one-time Layne to all-American end.

"Liberty" Under New Ownership

NEW YORK, April 1. (AP)—The sale of Liberty magazine to the Bernard MacFadden publishing interests was announced today. The amount of the consideration was not mentioned by the Liberty publishers, who took over a Detroit Daily Tribune from the MacFadden interests. It is announced that the same editorial policies of Liberty magazine will be continued by the new owners. Typhoid cases in drought-stricken areas of Missouri more than doubled in the latter half of 1930, as compared with 1929. More men and fewer women enrolled at the University of Missouri for the second semester of the 1930-1931 school year.

High School Girl Champions Meet As Rivals on College Hard-Court



Quinnie Hamm, two years All-American forward, and Marjorie Leonard, All-American guard, while playing with the Sparkman, Ark., girls' basketball team will meet this year on rival Arkansas college sextets.

SPARKMAN, Ark., March 30. (AP)—The Sparkman Sparklers are "sparkling" again this year, but from opposite ends of Arkansas. This famous basketball team, rated as the greatest high school girls' team in America, and which demonstrated that it was second to only one amateur team in existence, is carrying on in 1931 as members of two college teams in the state.

Half the galaxy of sensational girls are at Crescent college, exclusive girls' school, Eureka Springs, in the far north, and the rest have entered the Agricultural college at Monticello. Quinnie Hamm, first choice for All-American forward in 1929 and 1930, who broke the former world's record for scoring in one game, toward, and Hazel Beem, guard, making 109 points, and outscored all girl stars at the national all-class tournament in Wichita, Kas., last spring is a Crescent.

Marjorie Leonard, the other All-American Sparkler, a guard, is at Monticello. When the Crescents meet the Aggies, Leonard will no doubt be placed to guard the great Quinnie, her former team mate. With Miss Hamm at Crescent is her sister, Irene, second All-American team guard; Cosie Fite, first-team, All-American center, or forward; Frances and Mabel Blakeley, sisters, a guard and a forward; Selma Green, guard, and Vira Mann, tall forward or center. At Monticello with Miss Leonard are Ruby Seigh, great floor player forward; Dorothy Butler, forward, and Hazel Beem, guard.

DX Fans Wake Early To Find Japan on Radio

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 30. (AP)—Listeners in the middle west and southwest have been amazed to find that their receivers—the kind bought across the counter—deliver programs or bits of programs from Japan direct. There is nothing astounding or amazing about it. The same conditions prevail at 5 to 6 o'clock in the morning now, in hearing Japan, as prevailed in the United States in 1921, when the first stations began to broadcast. There is almost nothing else on the air at that hour. Just as there was almost nothing on the air when broadcasting got under way ten years ago. When Oklahoma's first station, WKY, with 100 watts power, opened in 1921, it was heard on home-built receivers in every state and in some foreign countries. Every station which began operation at about that time had a similar experience. They were heard because the air was clear of interference. Arising at 4 a. m. now to fish for Japan, the listener usually finds nothing else on the air. There will be an occasional station, but as a rule all of the stations from 750 to 830 kilocycles in this country are silent. When it is 4 a. m. here, it is about 6 p. m. in Japan. That difference in time creates an atmospheric situation of darkness and coolness all the way across from the United States to Japan, ideal for reception.

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New Highway To Dam Rushed

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