

YANKEES FIRST ASSIGNMENT OF LOOKOUTS' GIRL HURLER



JACKIE MITCHELL

Miss Jackie Mitchell, 17-year-old scouthpaw, is shown signing a contract with Chattanooga in the Southern association. Her father (left) and club officials look on. The diminutive star also is pictured in uniform.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., (AP) — Jackie Mitchell drew a tough one in her first assignment. The 17-year-old girl, first feminine player ever signed by a Class A baseball team, was asked by the Chattanooga Lookout management to make her mound debut against Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, and the other powerful New York Yankee sluggers. Jackie received the assignment to face the Yankees, working north for the regular American league season, shortly after her father, Dr. Joe S. Mitchell, local optometrist; Joe Engel, president, and Bert Nishoff, manager, of the Lookouts, attended to the signing of the diminutive scouthpaw's contract.

In her duel with Southern association slugs this season Miss Mitchell will carry 130 pounds to the mound. She is well developed physically through ball playing, swimming and participation in almost every other branch of sport. She recently returned to Chattanooga after participation in the A. A. U. basketball tournament at Dallas, Texas. Jackie's interest in baseball developed before she was out of the pig-tail stage. Her family formerly lived in Memphis, occupied a duplex there. Occupying the other side of the house was none other than Dazzy Vance, speed ball artist of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Vance, then a hurler for the Memphis Chicks, became the little girl's particular chum, and he showed her many tricks of the game. Like Vance, Miss Mitchell's chief stock in pitching trade is a fast one with a hop on it. Jackie's father, is confident that

his girl has the stuff to make good. "She has a deceptive pitching delivery, hits fair and fields way above the average that a boy of her age would field," he says. If she makes the grade with the Lookouts, she will be chaperoned on the road trips of the club by her mother. It looks as though she will be retained for a time at least. The Memphis Chicks recently tried to trade two players for Miss Mitchell, but the Lookouts declined.

LONG- FELT WANTS

Scientific journal suggests a number of much-needed inventions. Strangely, however, it omits from its list the following: A self-washing automobile. An airplane that is not subject to the law of gravitation. A golf ball with a phonograph attachment that will sing out: "Here I am." An anglers' scale that will corroborate the fisherman's story. A berry basket that will prevent all the berries from staying at the top. A telephone call bell that will inform us who is on the other end of the wire. An attachment for home radios that will pass the collection plate after the Sunday sermon.—Boston Transcript.

TROUBLE ENOUGH

The schedule shows a drought in 1930, a possible extra session in 1931 and a national election in 1932. We couldn't give the seven-year locusts a date till '33.—Detroit News.

ON THE SIDELINES

by BRIAN BELL

James J. Tunney, seeing the sights of Egypt, may be glad to know that one boxer—and not such a bad one either—holds the retired champion as his hero of the ring. Steve Hamas, former collegian, has been compared to Jack Dempsey, but he aspires to equal Tunney.

"My admiration for Tunney is intense," says Hamas. "He could make such a careful, thorough study of his opponent he could anticipate every move. Other fighters have done that to some extent, but they became so occupied with their defense they forgot their offense."

"I shall try to copy Dempsey's style first and if ever I arrive I shall try to add the Tunney influence. As it is, I'm just a young fellow trying to get along."

Hamas has been very impressive in a number of bouts on the Pacific coast and has shown a punch. The knock of punching is not always a gift, he says.

"Several years ago I couldn't have knocked your hat off with my best lick," he says. "I was big, strong and disgusted with myself. I played football, hockey—everything—and the boys used to kid me about not being able to hit hard. I determined to do something about it."

"I spent much time learning to pivot on my toes so as to throw my leg, hip and shoulders simultaneously behind a punch. Now if I have half as much success in applying my researches on the art of boxing I may yet meet with some small degree of success as a heavy-weight."

Pigeon Hole Assists

Although Pigeon Hole finished out of the money in the rich Agua Caliente handicap he was entitled to an assist. Mike Hall, the winner, and Pigeon Hole ran as an entry and their team work was perfect. Pigeon Hole was picked to go to the front and kill off the pace with Mike Hall to come from behind. Probably Hal Price, handicapper, owner of Pigeon Hole, collected just as much money as did R. M. Eastman, Mike Hall's owner. The jockeys, Steve O'Donnell, on Mike Hall, and Finnelly, who rode Pigeon Hole, had an agreement before the race to split the winnings.

Aqua Post-Mortems

There were plenty of post-mortems after the race. Some of the crowd guessers thought Frankie Collietti, who rode Sun Beau, the favorite, made a mistake when he took the big horse to the rail in the early part of the race. There the Kilmer horse was twice shut off. Mike Hall was out side and free from interference. But had Frankie taken Sun Beau outside there might have been openings at the rail. Some of the trainers pointed to the time for the first mile of 1:39 -5 and said it was too hot a pace for Sun Beau.

There was agreement on only one item: that Mike Hall was for that day and that race. The top of his 1928 form when he was rated among the best distance horses of the year. And it is still very hard for a favorite to win.

COIN OF THE REALM

It is not current issues, but currency issues that the Democratic national committee will need to consider most seriously. — Atlanta Constitution.

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Mayor Walker says more persons should walk to work and more of them would if they knew where it was.—Miami Daily News.

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BETTELHEIM COMMITTEE WILL MEET

A meeting of the Phil Bettelheim campaign committee will be held at the store of the Bettelheim Furniture company this evening.

Plans are being formulated to carry on a lively campaign up to election day and friends of Mr. Bettelheim have been invited to meet and assist in the work.

STEIN'S SWAN SONG

Paper cups are being substituted for steins in Germany. Alas, departed glory, with Heidelberg students "clinking" paper cups in a toast to Germany's paper strength army and navy.—Chicago News.

Horton Smith, for two years the leading tournament winner of the professionals, failed to win a golf meet during the past winter season.

GUIDING YOUR CHILD

By MRS. AGNES LYNE A WINDOW GARDEN

The city child suffers a genuine privation in his lack of a familiarity with living, growing things. He learns a lot about steam shovels, child's street cars, stores and automobiles, but often he has not the remotest idea of how things grow under the sun.

Yet even a child who lives on the seventh floor of an apartment house need not be completely deprived of the delight of this knowledge. There are some potted plants or bulbs in always room for a window box on the sill.

Until he is about four he has no curiosity about them, but likes to water them, touch them and smell them. Soon, however, he begins to wonder how they came to be, what makes them grow, and why they fade and die.

When he has reached this stage he will see great pleasure from watching the sprouting of peas and beans kept on a moist piece of blotting paper.

He will like to plant the apple, orange, and grapefruit seeds from the breakfast table in a box or pot of earth, and wait impatiently for them to grow. So filled with curiosity will he be that he will probably dig up most of the seeds before they get very far.

Narcissus and crocus bulbs, planted in pebbles in a glass dish, are especially satisfactory because the child can see such quick results and at last such bright, sweet-smelling blossoms.

Carrots and beet tops will send up long, delicate green shoots when placed in the sun in a shallow dish of water. A sweet potato placed over the top of a jar filled with water will grow countless long, silvery roots and several feet of lovely slight green vine.

These are things which every child enjoys and which every home can provide for the price of the effort.

The University of California at Los Angeles, never won a football game until Coach Bill Spaulding came to the Bruin school.

Shields U. S.'s Latest Tennis Hope; Said Certainty for Davis Cup Team



Here's America's newest Davis Cup hope: Frank Shields, strapping New York youngster, shown as he has appeared during his indoor campaign this year.

By FOSTER HAILEY (Associated Press Sports Writer)

NEW YORK, (AP) — Frank X. Shields, 21 years old, six feet two and a half inches tall and still growing, stands today as one of America's chief tennis hopes of the future.

After a disappointing showing in the indoor championships, where he fell before Berkeley Ball of Texas, in the semi-finals, the lanky, broad shouldered New York youngster came back in the international team matches with France to blow Jean Borotra and Christian Besson off the courts in straight sets.

That exhibition, especially his defeat of Borotra, France's number two and indoor champion of France, England and the United States, stamped him as a great of the tennis court.

The long, thin shadow of Shields first was cast across eastern courts in the National Boys Singles Championships of 1926, which he won to gain first ranking among the youngsters.

The next year he won the junior singles and gained his first national ranking at eighteen. In 1928 he climbed to 10th in the national ranking after winning the junior title at Culver, Ind., with the loss of only one game and going to the semi-finals of the national championships at Forest Hills.

Fitted against Henri Cochet in that play he waged a gallant but losing fight, carrying the second set to 8-6.

The year of 1929, with his graduation from the ranks of the juniors, saw him back down to 12th in the national ranking. He was eliminated in the third round of the national championships by Big Bill Tilden. "No fulfilling early promise," the experts said.

Just to show them how wrong they were, Shields came back last summer to win his way through to the finals of the national championships and carry John Hope Doeg of Newark to five sets in a blazing final.

He is an almost sure member of this year's Davis Cup squad. Vincent Richards, well known professional, who has been playing and training with Shields for over a year, says the New York boy has but one fault—that is extreme nervousness.

"When he gets a little older and gets over that nervousness he'll be hard for anyone to beat," Richards said recently.

Shields was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 18, 1910, but for the last few years has lived in New York City with his parents. He is a graduate of Roxbury school. He is now connected with the Marine Midland Trust company of New York City and engaged to marry Rebecca Tenney of Greenwich, Conn.

CONGRESSMAN IS SENTENCED

EVANSVILLE, Ind., April 15. (AP) — Harry E. Rowbottom, former congressman from the first district of Indiana, convicted in federal court on charges of accepting bribes from persons seeking post office appointments, was today sentenced to serve one year and one day in Leavenworth prison and was fined \$2,000.

His attorneys indicated that no appeal would be taken.

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France To Add New Decoration

PARIS, April 15. (AP) — France may include another national decoration among those famous orders for which many Frenchmen and foreigners strive.

According to a bill just proposed in parliament, the Order of Colonial Merit, or in French "Merite Colonial," may be created.

The bill argues that if France is a country of more than one hundred million inhabitants, subjects or proteges, 60,000,000 of them live mostly in Africa, Asia America and Oceania.

PROMISING FIELD

Those Westinghouse experts will say that they can make one noise kill another might experiment in the senate.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Water-borne intercoastal freight

moved during the fiscal year of 1930 totaled more than 10,000,000 tons.

More than 1,350,000,000 telephone calls were made in Great Britain last year, an increase of 34,000,000 over 1929.

LIBERALS HIT TEXAS CLERGY

EL PASO, Texas, April 15 (AP) — A movement to organize free thinkers and liberals in opposition to theology as an enemy to personal liberties is being met in the southwest by denouncement of the clergy.

With its headquarters in El Paso, the Southwestern Rationalist Association is militantly seeking to organize the army of liberals. The association assails theology as the historic enemy of progress and as anti-social in its results; it opposes churches as interfering with the rights and liberties of others.

Numerous pastors in New Mexico and western Texas, where the association is being organized, characterized the movement as "the blustering of persons who are trying to disrupt religion." Sermons have been preached from their pulpits and statements issued to the press.

Those urged to join the association are "all such persons as are opposed to sumptuary and restrictions regulations, such as Sunday 'Blue laws,' and believe in the right of every person to do as he pleases every day in the week, to the limit of non-interference with the rights and liberties of others." Special privileges, such as the exemption of church property from taxation, are opposed by the association.

Ulysses S. Goen, El Paso attorney is president of the society.

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