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SEATTLE Negro golfers finally get opportunity to compete against an open field. Read results of the first municipal-backed "wide open" golf tournament in this large Northwest city on page two of the Portland Challenger. It's another first in our expanding news coverage.

Portland Challenger

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PRICE 10 CENTS

CIVIL rights legislation in Oregon is having rough going. Every citizen can support this measure in some way. Letters should be written to the representatives in Salem urging their support of Senate Bill 169. Read late civil rights developments on page two of your Portland Challenger.

Organizer Tells Youth To Activate

Miss Claire Johnson, regional youth chairman of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, urged Oregon youth to support the civil rights measure now before Oregon legislators in a speech here last Friday at the Central library.

The University of California graduate student told the Portland NAACP Youth Council to "unite yourselves and make your voice heard along with that of your parents."

Miss Johnson told the group of young people to take advantage of educational opportunities while in high school and to get adequate high school counseling. She cautioned them against passing up "hard" subjects. "Don't be fooled; you are not getting away with anything," said the youth organizer.

Urges FEP Use

Noting that Oregon had an FEP law, fair employment practice, Miss Johnson urged the Oregon youths to use it. "Before you complain, be sure you can deliver the goods," she cautioned.

Miss Johnson said that in order for the Youth Council to be effective in working for racial understanding, other groups must be brought into their program. She encouraged the youths to expose themselves and become thoroughly familiar with the different people of our society.

Miss Johnson conducted a workshop Saturday on youth organizations in the Library hall.

Grover Campbell, NAACP youth group president, presided over the meeting. It was directed by Robert Herndon, youth chairman.

Meeting Slated By Urban League

April 12 is the date set for the annual meeting of the Urban league of Portland. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of Benson high school, with an estimation of 2,000 being present.

The theme "Accent on Youth" will be approached through a panel discussion lead by six college students representing Marylhurst, Portland State, University of Portland, Reed and Lewis and Clark college.

Gary Hing, student body president of Benson high school, will give the welcoming address followed by Richard Bogle presiding over the panel.

The team will discuss how youth looks at democracy. To further stimulate the discussion, two college foreign students will tell how America looks through foreign eyes.

A TV set, which is to be given to the person or organization with the largest new membership roster over 25, will be displayed at the meeting.



MISS CLAIRE JOHNSON
Speaks to youth

Portland Girl Receives Degree

Miss Edythe Earline Minor graduated from the University of Washington School of Nursing Friday, March 20. Miss Minor is a graduate of Washington high school in Portland and is a member of the Army Nurse corps reserves.

Present at the graduation ceremonies, held at King county's Harbor View hospital, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Minor; her grandmother, Mrs. Gaskin; cousins, Janet and Robert Fuller; aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Henson; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Campbell, Melvin Ward and Mrs. Hattie Holliday.

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Refusal of Sea Hag to Serve Negro Brings Interference From Policeman

An American citizen by birth, Benny Webb, 7516 NE Everett street, walked into the Sea Hag tavern, 2401 NE Union avenue, recently and was refused service on the premises by the barmaid in what seemed like another case of racial prejudice.

The incident turned out to be more than just a racial one to Webb, however, when he returned home to find that an anonymous caller had told his father over the phone that "he had overstepped his bounds and would be dead within 48 hours."

Webb related this story to the Portland Challenger. He and a friend, Pat Patterson, walked into the tavern shortly before 10:30 p.m. and asked for service. The barmaid told him that she could give them drinks to take out but couldn't serve them at the bar.

Man Interferes

According to Webb, a stocky man sitting near them, apparently a patron, immediately entered the conversation and, placing what looked to Webb like a police badge on the counter, using good English but talking forcibly, said,

Race Bias Called Evil By Hatfield

BY J. HAROLD JONES II

At a legislative conference sponsored by the Oregon State Farmers Union held in Salem last Saturday, Mark O. Hatfield, youthful representative from Marion county who is chairman of the Committee of State and Federal Affairs, told those present that discrimination based upon race, creed, color or national origin is evil and vicious.

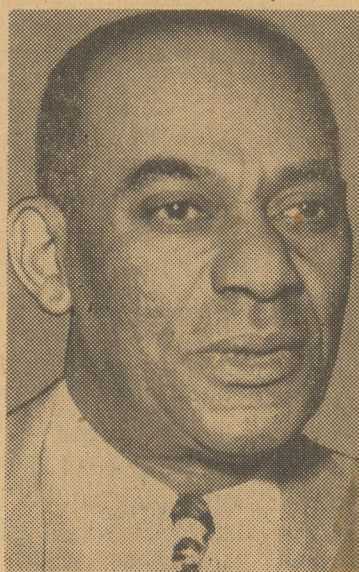
Hatfield, who is also dean of men and professor of political science at Willamette university, was speaking on the necessity of rewriting the Oregon Constitution. He indicated that the voters cannot instruct the Constitutional convention as to the specific laws that should be included from the existing constitution.

International Relations Hurt

He commented on the civil rights bill which is now before the legislators of Oregon, SB 169, in reply to an invitation from Richard Moeller, president of the union and chairman of the conference.

In pointing to the necessity for the passage of a civil rights bill in Oregon, Hatfield said that racial discrimination is a breeding ground for communism and a deterrent in better international relations.

There were 47 organizations represented at the conference. Representatives of the Portland branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People were Miss Ruth Haefner and J. Harold Jones II.



JULIUS A. THOMAS
Two problems licked

Illness Fatal To 'Sneaky Pete'

Richard Davis, 55, died suddenly at his home, 212 NE Russell, March 8. The cause of death was undetermined.

Familiar to friends as the happy-go-lucky fellow always ready with an act to make someone laugh and known more readily as "Sneaky Pete," Davis came home Saturday evening, March 7, and complained of a severe headache to his next door neighbor, James Brown, 218 NE Russell street.

When Ester Gibbs, a roomer at 212 NE Russell street, returned home early Sunday morning, she found Davis in bed in a coma. He was taken to Emanuel hospital where he was dead on arrival.

Late Bulletin!

Committee hearing on the civil rights bill will be held Tuesday, it was announced Thursday morning by Edwin Berry.

All interested persons are sincerely urged to write letters to members of the house now.

was reported to Capt. Eugene Ferguson of the police department and Webb was told to return within a week to see what disposition had been made of his complaint.

On returning to the police station a week later, Webb was told by Capt. Ferguson that they had located the man that interfered in his conversation with the woman at the tavern and that he was a detective on the Portland police force, alledges Webb, but said the detective denied making the phone call.

Webb Puzzled

Webb says that he was told the incident had been placed in the personal records of the police officer involved and that the officer had been reprimanded. Webb said the captain also mentioned that the same officer had been involved in a similar incident last fall.

Webb accepted the captain's apparent investigation of the case but is at a loss to understand the actions of the detective, actions not normally expected in the true line of duty, in handling such an incident.

J. Thomas Addresses Local UL

Julius A. Thomas, director of industrial relations for the National Urban league, told the Urban league of Portland Thursday night at their meeting in the YWCA that "we have licked two of our toughest problems."

Thomas stated that the first problem was the idea that Negroes and whites could not be placed at the same job level without creating race trouble. The second problem licked had to do with the idea that skill and race are related.

Thomas reported that the National Urban league's commerce and industry council has done much to improve the lot of Negro workers. This council works on the people who make policy in industry. The council listed 30 men, a cross section of industry and business, and went to work on them.

At first it wasn't too easy, for the businessmen didn't want to associate themselves with the Urban league. But finally the council got these businessmen to agree that this is a national, not a Negro problem.

Thomas said that now the Urban league is doing day-to-day programming with some 150 major corporations, making studies of plant management. He warned that Utopia for the Negro worker is not just around the corner and that no one can estimate the effect which could arise if defense spending is cut back.

He stated that with all the technological advances being made the Negro does not have the technical knowledge needed in industry today. To illustrate his point he said that out of the 26,000 engineers who will be graduated from colleges and universities this June, only 110 will be Negroes. On the sunnier side he said that Kentucky graduated a Negro, the first to get a degree from an accredited engineering school in the south.

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Individual Freedom

Oregon's proposed civil rights law, Senate Bill 169, is at present in the House Committee of State and Federal Affairs. Already the Senate has passed the bill by a vote of 21-9. In order to get a "do pass" from the house committee, a committee of seven, the measure must have four votes.

Reports from Salem are not very encouraging. Oregon's try at basic civil rights legislation is traveling a rocky road. This civil rights business is going to have rough going and it is going to take the work of all decent minded citizens to see it passed.

It is a sorrowful thing when a democratic society lets itself sink to the depths of having to legislate and actually enforce fundamental human rights. Legislators who try to maintain segregated practices under the cloak of "individual freedom" are as dangerous to the American society as all the Alger Hisses the House Un-American Activities committee can dig up.

This fight for civil rights isn't just a fight here in our own back yard. This is a fight staged all over the country and the world where darker peoples have been suppressed by whites for centuries. Such suppression is dangerous beyond imagination to the cause of world peace.

Every man has the basic right of individual freedom. He seeks and deserves the right of recognition, the respect of a human being. No law-making body has the moral or humanitarian right to relegate him to second-class citizenship because of color, be it the legislators of Oregon or the Congress of the United States.

Race prejudice can certainly be abated when a law on the statute books affords fair treatment to all of the people. The mere fact that people will be allowed to associate with friends of their own choosing, not those of the proprietor of a restaurant, a tavern, a skating rink, etc., will as a matter of habit lessen race prejudice. A really FREE society involves no discrimination and creates a minimum of social friction.

The conditioned state race prejudice in the United States makes it necessary that we constantly wage battle for our fundamental freedoms. Oregon citizens can well be proud to sanction Senate Bill 169. They can best show their thankfulness for a free society by writing letters to members of the House of Representatives and asking for their support of a measure so needed if we can boast any semblance of our much-talked and little-practiced democratic way of life. Civil rights belong to all of the citizens. It is not a right to be cherished by some and used as a weapon in denying it to others.

'Open' Golf Tourney Held

SEATTLE, Wn., April 2—Robert "Bob" Wright and Wilbert Ponder, members of the Fir State golf club of Seattle, both carded 71s in the first city-sponsored links tournament in which non-white golfers were allowed to participate.

The tourney, a so-called "wide open" sweepstakes, was the city's answer to sharp criticism from non-white golfers and sports editor Royal Brougham of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, for allowing city and county golf tournaments to be held on city courses and disallowing the competition of non-white golfers.

For years the city courses have refused membership to non-whites in city clubs. The city maintains that these clubs are in fact private organizations set up by interested persons.

Although Negroes and other non-whites were allowed to play in the tournament, some Seattle golfers felt the tourney was an "out" taken by city park authorities to stem the tide of resentment from interested sportsmen who desire to see discrimination eliminated from city-owned courses entirely.

More than two dozen members

of the Fir State club turned out for the unlimited field of competitors. Wright and Ponder topped the Fir State entrants, but Ben Beasley carded a 76.

Reverend Honored

The Reverend Lee O. Stone, pastor of St. Philips Episcopal church, left Sunday to conduct the annual Religious Emphasis Week program at Lincoln university in Jefferson, Missouri. Invited by university president, Dr. Sherman D. Scruggs, Reverend Stone returns Friday morning.

The affair, participated in by the faculty and students, is held in observance of Holy Week. Customarily, a minister is invited, as campus guest, to conduct the services. Reverend Stone delivered a series of lectures.

Portland Singer To Join Choir

Leaving soon to join the Wings Over Jordan choir is Miss Juanita Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.



Jim Reese, 9945 SE Ash street. She will join the famed spiritual group in Huron, S. D., April 8 in time to start the 1953 national tour.

A graduate of Girls Polytechnic high school, Miss Reese has spent two years at Portland Conservatory of Music. She studied under Boris Bellos-tozky, now concertizing; Auriel Rubenstein, voice coach and piano teacher; and Curt Sternheim, voice teacher and composer.

She sang in "Finian's Rainbow" and with the Portland Civic Opera association in "Aida" and "Carmen."

A concert here has been postponed until a later date.

Vancouver News

BY BERTHA C. BAUGH

Challenger Correspondent

Miss Barbara Johnson of New York became the wife of Mark A. Smith, Jr., March 24, at Boise, Idaho. Mrs. Smith is a former clerk in the accounting department of the New York telephone company. Mark Jr., an Oregon State college student, will continue his studies. The couple will live in Corvallis.

The Vancouver branch of NAACP will postpone its next regular public education meeting which is scheduled for April 26. In lieu of the meeting, we are planning an excursion to the Northwest Area Conference, to be held April 25 and 26 in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. William Baugh became the proud parents of a baby boy, Gerald Donald, on March 21, at the Northern Permanente Foundation hospital in Vancouver.

House Wavering On Civil Rights

The present status of the proposed civil rights ordinance is "touch and go," according to Bill Berry, member of the Oregon Committee for Equal Rights. Berry says that at least three of the members of the state and federal affairs committee are opposed to the bill and desire to kill it.

Four of the committee members are willing, providing the bill is not killed, to sanction it with the stipulation that a referral clause is added.

The committee hearing will probably be held Monday or Wednesday of next week. The hearing will in all probability be a small informal one, not public.

Citizens' Action Urged

The OCEC enlarged its membership to 72 local and state organizations during the past week with the admission of Oregon State League of Women Voters, City of Portland League of Women Voters and Oregon Farmers Union.

Berry urged all citizens to write to members of the House of Representatives, especially the 27 that are opposed or uncertain to SB 169, and ask for passage of the equality measure.

He stressed that a rocky road lies ahead for the bill and things are very difficult in regards to its passage at present. Berry said that actions taken this week by Oregon citizens may easily make the difference.

News In Brief

By William Wright
Challenger Staff Writer

Of to South Carolina where he will be stationed with the air force is Lt. Charles Duke. Making their home in that southern state with him is his wife Becky and daughters Benita and Lolita.

The Dukes made a stop in St. Louis where they spent some time with Mrs. Duke's brother, William Abernathy. Lt. Duke was this city's first Negro police officer. He was active as an army pilot in World War II and returned to active duty when his reserve unit was reactivated. He just recently finished a tour of duty in the Korean theater.

Miss Dolores Casanares has been confined to her home recently with an aggravated throat soreness . . . Back from Korea is Bruce Webb . . . Waiting for a return to civil service duty following his stint with the army is Robert "Bob" Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Henson, 7120 NE Union avenue. Fuller was a referee for basketball games at Sunnyside Methodist church during the past cage season.

While in the service he obtained the rank of sergeant . . . Sam Wilkinson Vaughn, stationed with the army at Camp Roberts, is now a Pfc. . . This note was found in our outgoing copy box: "Belated news has reached this office concerning the engagement of popular young man about town, Richard Parker, to a middle-west belle from Springfield, Illinois, a young Miss Frances Meriweather. Tentative wedding date is set for late August. Congrats!"

Stanton Duke returned home this week from a journey to Chicago. Gone three weeks, Duke was in that city for the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Martha Burton. . . Miss Frankie Williams is recovering from an operation in University State TB hospital and is expected home April 16.

John Minor Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Minor, 3105 SE 29th avenue, is teaching the 6th grade in Alameda, Calif. Minor is also working on his master's degree. He graduated from San Francisco State.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Boyd report their new son is doing nicely. Born February 25, he is named Micheal Steven and weighed six pounds seven ounces at birth. The Boyds have two other sons, Gary Allan and Maurice Jr.

Mrs. John Ellis, wife of the Ellis Cleaners' proprietor, left Monday for Ft. Smith, Ark., where she will visit for three weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Johnson and son Leonard Earl . . . Little Miss Beth Ann Linear celebrated her first birthday Sunday, March 22, in the company of her parents, John and Ester Linear, 42 NE Tillamook street . . . Little Ruby Overton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Overton, 1437 N. Ross avenue, sang on the Stars of To-

Players to Hold Tryouts for Cast

Casting tryouts will be held Wednesday, April 8, at 8 p.m. for the newest St. Philips players drama, "Mumbo-Jumbo," at the Parish hall, 120 NE Knott street. Anyone interested is invited to attend. It is expected that there will be a shortage of male players.

Directed by Mrs. Geneva Franklin, the play is a three-act mystery farce, written by Jack Barnard. The comedy utilizes a large cast.

morrow program over radio station KEX March 21.

Married in Los Angeles March 25 was the former Miss Claudette Irwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Irwin, 102 NE Hassalo street, and James Butts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Turman Butts of Raleigh, N. C. The Rev. Arron Richardson of Los Angeles officiated at the wedding. The couple will be at home at 108½ W. 58th street in Los Angeles. Mrs. Butts, 18, attended Washington high school and plans to attend the University of Southern California.

Visiting her daughter, Miss Ruby Brock, in Berkeley, California, is Mrs. Asa Brock, 734 NE Shaver street. She plans a visit of two weeks. Miss Brock is a school teacher in Richmond, California, and was recently chosen a Kappa sweetheart in that area.

A new member of the Portland Alpha Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is Emmett Williams, a recent graduate of the University of Oregon. Following the initiation ceremonies, the chapter banqueted in his honor at the New Tokyo restaurant.

Pvt. Eddie Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Butler, 62 NE San Rafael, is taking his basic training in San Diego, Calif. He attended Benson high school and Clark Junior college. Pvt. Butler has already passed the written and physical examination for officer's training and is awaiting word on becoming an officer candidate. His address is: Pvt. Eddie Butler Jr., 1372415, 1st Recruit Training Bn., A Company, Platoon 55, M.C. R.D., San Diego 40, Calif.

The J. Harold Joneses are the proud parents of a seven-pound, two-ounce boy, J. Harold Jones III, born March 27 . . . Mrs. Novella Donaldson, 7516 NE Everett street, is in Roan Mountain, Tenn., where she plans to stay with her ill mother, Mrs. Mary Webb until early fall.

Mr. James A. Chrysler spent a week visiting Mrs. Della Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Arville Rae. Chrysler works with the Seattle public schools and decided to spend his spring vacation in Portland.

Mrs. Seleta Johnson, an ex-Portlander who now makes her home in Los Angeles, California, visited the City of Roses last week. She visited her daughter, Mrs. O. T. Taylor for a few days.

Sigma Sorors Bill Kiddies' Program

The third annual Rhomona, a children's fashion show entitled "Kiddies on Parade," will be held Sunday, April 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Williams Avenue YWCA. The program is sponsored by Beta Eta chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho, it was announced by Mrs. Marjorie Marshall, basileus.

About 60 children are expected to participate in the affair which will also feature a silver offering tea. The proceeds are to be set aside for a scholarship fund administered by the sorority.

Program chairman is Miss Marcelline Casey. Everyone is invited.

Birthday Theme Easter Parade

Little Jimmy Waldon, son of the James R. Waldons on Williams avenue, celebrated his fourth birthday Sunday, March 29, with an Easter parade party.

The host and his guests were all attired in pre-Easter togs.

The decorations and refreshments carried out the theme, with decorated cokes and ice cream in animal shapes, balloons and bunny paper hats. The centerpiece was composed of bunnies surrounded by candles shaped as eggs.

Among the guests in the Easter parade were: Dayna Heffner, Michael and Tommy Barnes, Robby and Jimmy Robinson, Sharon and Carla Gary, Donna Maxey, Lari White and Lynn Erwin.

Big sister Fala, with Etolia Cox, Jo Betty Jones and Patsy Davis were co-hostesses for the affair.

A special table with all the fixings was prepared for the parents of the little guests, which included: Mesdames Robinson, White, Gary, Maxey, Heffner and Barnes.

12 Grand Club Wins Tournament

Mrs. Helen Rawlings, 1307 NE 2nd avenue and Attorney U. G. Plummer, 3975 NE Mallory avenue, won high score honors for their clubs, Bridgeteers and 12 Grand, in a bridge tourney held recently at the home of Mr. and

Mrs. Willis Williams, 2854 SE Tibbetts street.

Inter-club rivalry saw the men's club win. Bridgeteers were guests of the 12 Grand. A gold bridge plaque presented by the 12 Grand and to have been awarded to the winners was held for a future tournament, since the men won.

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Delta Sorority Meets in Seattle

Mrs. Jewel Bowman was a representative of Portland's Delta Sigma Theta chapter to the joint meeting of the Seattle and Portland chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Plans with their original director, Mrs. Mary Lou Tolbert, were made regarding future activities.

Among them was the planning of their regional conference in June, at San Diego, California, and an annual May Week holding Town Meeting of the Air. The

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Challenger's Corner

BY LONNIE HARRIS

Challenger Sports Editor

The Portland Beavers opened the season at Wrigley field against the Los Angeles Angels. The Angels have been strengthened by the return of Gene Baker, who had a brief try-out with the Chicago Cubs. Manager Phil Cavarretta wanted Baker to have another season of minor league ball to improve his batting.

Granny Gladstone and Frank Austin, Beavers' center fielder and shortstop, are certain starters for the opener. If needed in relief, the Beavers can call on reliable Roy Welmaker and Jehosie Heard who toiled for Victoria in the Western International league last season.

Junior Gilliam, the smooth-fielding second baseman the Dodgers acquired from Montreal, has taken over that position from Jackie Robinson. Manager Chuck Dressen has tried Jackie at third and first base. He is likely to open the campaign at third base over Billy Cox. Robinson is rated one of the best clutch hitters in the majors. If Gilliam can hit .275 during the season, it will help the defending champs considerably.

With Robinson moving over to third base that brought several rumors about dissension on the team. That is nothing but a rumor reported Jackie during a statement to the press. Robinson admitted that he has slowed down a little and if a ball was hit down the third base side and he didn't field it, people would say that Cox would have gotten it. Cox was rated one of the best glove men in the majors last season, although his batting was mighty weak.

Speaking of Gilliam, he has speed and is alert on the base paths. In nine grapefruit games Junior hit .300, made 18 assists and 14 putouts and started two double plays with a single mis-cue. He bats left and right and the Dodgers expect great things of their rookie.

The rumor of the trade of Larry Doby, the Cleveland flash, and the ex-Yankee, Jackie Jensen, now of the Washington Senators, was squashed by Hank Greenberg, general manager of the Indians. For the past two or three years the Indians have been a contender for the flag of the American league but never seem to pull it out of the bag. In order to have a winning ball team you must have cooperation and teamwork by each and everyone.

During a game last season Doby and Al Rosen, also of the Tribe, had a beef which resulted in Rosen taking a poke at Doby in the dressing room. It all started when Doby was on first base and Luke

Easter hit a single to right. Larry loafed to second, without making any effort to continue to third, which he could have made easily. The reason for that is Doby and Rosen were battling it out for runs batted in title and Doby didn't want Rosen to drive him in. Manager Al Lopez took Larry out of the game for loafing.

Harry Simpson found the stance that gave him the Pacific Coast league's home run and runs batted in crown. In his first 25 times at bat Harry banged out 13 hits, including three home runs. He has led the Indians in batting in spring training. Lopez is very pleased with Simpson's performances. Big Luke Easter said that if Simpson continued to hit he would give him a job as salesman in his sausage business.

Jim Pendleton has been making it rather tough on Brooklyn since he was sold to the Braves. In two recent grapefruit games Pendleton hit three home runs and all against the Dodgers. In one game his homer enabled Milwaukee to beat the champs.

At the first annual Pacific Coast League Baseball Writers' dinner held in L. A., Satch Paige, the fabulous pitcher for the St. Louis he admitted that he didn't know exactly how old he is.

While warming up Paige told Clint Courtney, Browns catcher, to put a piece of gum wrapper down for home plate. In 40 pitches he split the wrapper in half and the catcher didn't have to move his glove (what control).

Softball is getting into swing again and if you look around you will find such players as Art Shepherd, Bob Herndon, Frank Fair and yours truly getting into shape. Fair, who recently returned from the armed service, is trying out for the Produce Merchants along with Art and myself.

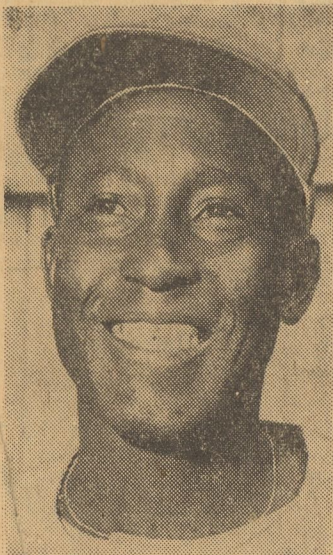
Al Rivers is on his vacation and is not certain which team he will pitch for. Al is rated one of the top pitchers in the league.

These are my own predictions for the coming season:

American League—(1) Cleveland, (2) New York, (3) Detroit, (4) Chicago, (5) Washington, (6) St. Louis, (7) Boston, (8) Philadelphia.

National League—(1) Brooklyn, (2) New York, (3) St. Louis, (4) Chicago, (5) Philadelphia, (6) Milwaukee, (7) Cincinnati, (8) Pittsburgh.

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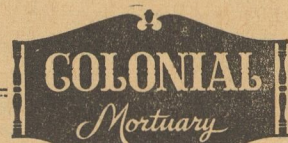
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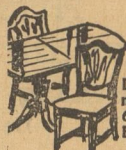


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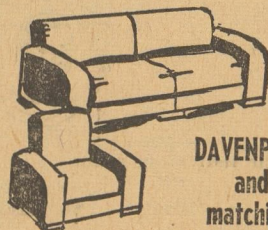
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