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Officials Move Like Snails

MANSFIELD SCHOOL OFFICIALS must be firm believers of that old saw, "moving at a snail's pace." For they've done little but "accept applications" since School Superintendent Dr. John Rinehart recommended hiring an athletic director to help cure the sports ills in Mansfield. . . . This was five months ago. . . . Everyone seems to agree with the doctor's suggestion but no one seems to be doing a thing about it. . . . We realize there's a scarcity of qualified personnel in this exacting field. . . . Only nine men, four from the Mansfield system, have applied. . . . Some of these are undoubtedly talented and surely other top men in the field would be interested if they knew they would be given full authority to do the needed job. . . . There's so much to be accomplished, we cannot see how more delays are going to do a thing to solve the problem. . . . We've heard some rumors that the athletic director would also be the new Tyger football coach. . . . This idea would be silly at best. . . . An athletic director for a growing school system such as Mansfield's should have no coaching ties. . . . He would be too busy for one thing. . . . And think what the situation would be if a coach-AD would be involved in a game between Senior High and the new "South" high school. . . . He would be coaching one of the teams and the coaches of the other team would be responsible to him. . . . We shudder to think what the outcome of such an involved structure would be.

20 Men In Coaching Chase

AS FAR AS WE CAN determine none of the nine applicants for athletic director has been interviewed. . . . No one seems to know why. . . . While lethargic progress has been made in this endeavor, officials are moving right along in their search for a football coach to replace Tom Pierson. . . . The screening committee has pared the list of candidates to 20. . . . And that group will be cut in half at a meeting Wednesday. . . . Seventy "official" applications were received for the position and more will continue to be accepted as Tom Hairston, assistant superintendent, says, "We do not want to exclude any person who might be able to help us." . . . The original group of 70 hopefuls included four now holding college coaching jobs as assistants. . . . However, none of these are in the final twenty. . . . That list does not include a single candidate who is not a head football coach. . . . Hairston said interviews of the ten men selected Wednesday would probably begin next weekend. . . . "We hope to finish these interviews in two or three weeks," he said, "so we can pass on our five recommendations for action by the superintendent and the board of education." . . . From all indications the new coach should be appointed within a month. . . . In all fairness to the new man he should be chosen as early as possible because he, too, has a lot to accomplish before fall drills begin Aug. 20.

Old Pro Gets Another Shot

SIT IN SOME TIME when Casey Stengel is holding court and you, too, will be sure he must be the guy who invented monologues. . . . Not only does he answer the questions, but he asks them without any outside help. . . . His conversational epics cover a myriad of unrelated subjects. . . . This, however, is a cultivated act of the professor of the New York Yankees reveals in. . . . Actually he is a dedicated, straight thinking baseball man. . . . One of his pet ideas has helped pay off in Bronx Bomber pennants. . . . This has to do with having an old and tested hand around the Yankee playpen for left-handed pinchbatting chores. . . . The first of these was Johnny Mize. . . . That big fellow came over from the Giants in 1949 and immediately was a vital cog in a gonfalon machine. . . . Lately it was Enos Slaughter filling the role. . . . But he stepped down at 44 when the third strike came up 19 times last term. . . . Now along comes 39-year-old Elmer Valo. . . . This Czech native, who says he feels only 30, was cut adrift by the Indians of Cleveland. . . . So he cornered Ole Case in a hotel lobby last December and begged for a chance. . . . "I think I can help you Casey," Valo offered. . . . "Maybe you can at that," returned Stengel. "If I can find a spot for you I'll let you know." . . . A big leaguer since 1940, Valo hit .324 last year at Seattle before the Indians brought him back. . . . As a Tribe ace in the pinch he hit .292 and didn't fan once. . . . This amazed Stengel no end and he quickly decided to take a look this spring. . . . Valo still feels Cleveland should have won the 1959 flag. . . . He explains, "Chicago murdered us. They beat us 15 times in 22 games. They were supposed to be hitless wonders, until they came up against us." . . . And he can't buy the idea that the Indians hurt themselves when Frank Lane traded off 19-game winner Cal McLish and Billy Martin to Cincinnati for second baseman Johnny Temple. . . . "They helped themselves considerably over that deal," Valo believes. "Woody Held is a good shortstop and has a good arm; if his knee doesn't bother him he'll be all right. He should go well with Temple."

'Like A Long Time Ago'

THIS WAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON between races at the Livingston indoor track-field meet at Denison University. . . . Hayes Jones of Eastern Michigan was taking a breather between hurdles heats. . . . Someone reminded him of his 1956 high hurdles victory in the Mansfield Relays when he was running for Pontiac, Mich. . . . "My that seems like a long time ago," smiled the talented timber topper. . . . "I've sure run a lot of races since that time." . . . And he has, too. . . . Hayes won the 120 highs and placed second in the 150 lows in the 1956 Relays here. . . . Since then he has developed into the finest high hurdler in the world. . . . He has now beaten the 1956 Olympic champion Lee Calhoun seven straight times, including that world record of 5.9 seconds in the Cleveland indoor meet Friday night. . . . Jones feels that Calhoun, though 27 now, and Willie May will join him on the Olympic high hurdling squad this summer. . . . Actually Jones will try to make the squad in the highs and the 100-meter dash. . . . He'll be the first U. S. runner to try this since Harrison Dillard in 1948. . . . He doesn't believe styles in the two events will cause him trouble as "hurdling is sprinting anyway." . . . He said the record 5.9 Friday "didn't seem fast at all. I thought I had won in about 6.1." . . . He beat Calhoun by six inches in a sprint after the last hurdle. . . . Jones is a rarity in these days of constant practice for sports stars. . . . He works out only three days a week and only an hour at a time. . . . Sure keeps him from getting stale.

The Story Teller's Corner

THE DOOR BELL RANG while Bob Elliott was packing to take over as manager of baseball's Kansas City Athletics. The caller was a salesman of cemetery plots. . . . "Not just now," Elliott told him, "but you might try again about mid-season." . . . GLEN FOWLER, Oklahoma amateur golf champion, was taking care of the home and his son while his wife was away for a few days. He decided to wash some golf balls in the dishwasher to save time. Hot water melted the balls into a gooey substance that adhered to the dishes.

Mt. Lebanon Favored In Tri-State

Senior High Thins Sharp In Prelims

PITTSBURGH — Another powerful collection of distance runners has vaulted Mt. Lebanon, Pa., into the role of top-heavy favorite in the 27th annual Tri-State Coaches Association track-field meet during preliminaries here yesterday. . . . Mt. Lebanon, champion in 11 of the past 15 meets, qualified 20 men for the finals next Saturday at Schoemaker Hall in South Park.

OHIO'S BEST
Mansfield Senior High was easily the most powerful Ohio entrant with 17 qualifiers while Clairton placed 14. These two schools and Uniontown were expected to fight it out for second place in the field of 39 schools and 685 contestants. Senior High qualified three relay teams and individuals in four other events. Sophomore Henry Weaver qualified in three events. He was second in the 50-yard dash quarters in 5.6 seconds, second in the 50-yard low hurdles quarters with a 6.6 clocking and was one of 12 survivors in the high jump.

John Marsh made the grade in the lows at 6.8 and Dick Focht won his quarter-final heat in the high sticks in 7.9. The latter, one of three seniors on the Tyger squad, copped the only Mansfield first. However, Coach Harry Meck said, "We should do better in some of these events next week. The boys just wanted to make sure they would survive the qualifiers."

VETERAN OUT
Despite the absence of Veteran Larry Keinath, the Tygers two-mile team of Dick Cook, Tony Todd, Chuck Pierce and Bill Flinn had a third best clocking of 8:33.5. Fancy anchor legs by John Weisiger and Joe Thomas gave Mt. Lebanon (8:16) and Uniontown the top times. Thomas, Quaker state mile champion, had a nifty 1:59 anchor leg. He and Weisiger have run 4:28 miles this spring.

The latter is the brother of Cary Weisiger, Mansfield Relays record holder and Olympic mile hopeful from Duke. The Tyger spring medley team of Bobby Jones, Rick Ott, Pete Keiser and Dick Cook had the fourth best clocking while the distance team of Jones, Todd, Flinn and Pierce. Keinath missed the trip because of illness.

Two Golf Pros Hit Hot 66's
By WHITNEY MARTIN
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — George Bayer of Glen Eagles, Ill., and Lionel Hebert of Lafayette, La., each carded a six-under-par 66 Saturday to share the lead at the end of the much postponed first round of the \$15,000 St. Petersburg Open Golf Tournament.

The 72-hole event was scheduled to start Thursday, but heavy rains delayed the start until Saturday. One stroke behind the leaders was white-thatched Joe Campbell of New York, with Ted Kroll of Sarasota, Fla., playing his first golf since last November, alone at 68.

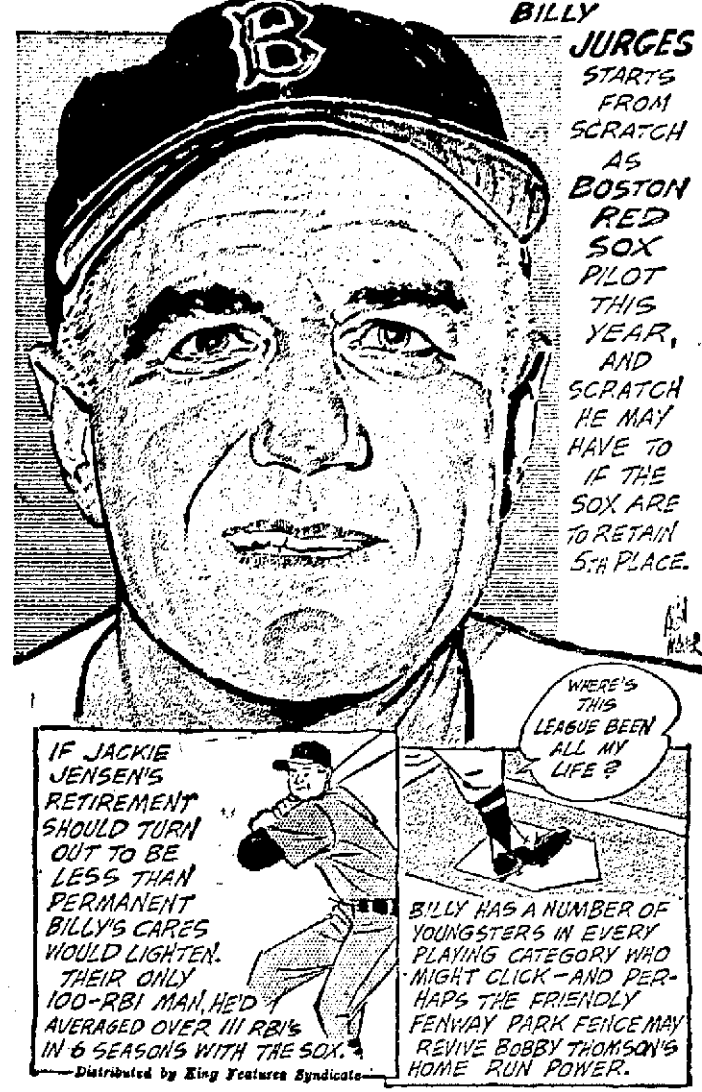
21 BEAT PAR
Twenty-one players bettered the par 36-36-72 of the 6,329-yard, Lakewood course and 16 more in the field of 150 equaled it. The weather was ideal and the course in surprising good condition considering the beating it took from the storm.

Gary Middlecoff of Hollywood, Fla., who won last year with a 72-hole total of 275, was in the par 72 bracket Saturday and Arnold Palmer of Ligonier, Pa., the hottest thing on the pro circuit right now, and bidding for his fourth straight victory was in a good position with a neat 70.

Giardello Sets Camp At Livingston Site

BOZEMAN, Mont. (UPI) — Joey Giardello, talented Brooklyn and Philadelphia middleweight, is scheduled to open his Montana training quarters this week at Livingston, Mont. Giardello is slated to set up camp at Livingston next Sunday for his April 20 title bout with NBA champion Gene Fullin of West Jordan, Utah, at Bozeman.

BOSOX BOSS By Alan Maver



Shelbians Slate 52 Spring Tilts

SHELBY — Fifty-two regular season contests have been scheduled for Shelby High's four spring sports contingents. The Whippet golf team will be the busiest, playing 16 matches, while the track-field squad participates in 14 meets, the tennis team in a dozen matches and the baseballers in ten games.

4 Games Open '60 F-H Meet
Class C teams got the 24th annual Friendly House spring basketball tournament underway Saturday. St. Mary's, Rangers, Galion, St. Joseph, and Danville advanced to quarterfinal play.

Tournament play resumes Monday with games in the Junior Class and Class B. **FRIENDLY HOUSE TOURNAMENT CLASS C**
H & W TV 0 2 0 0-2
St. Mary's 12 9 14 6-2
Top Scorers: Bob Pashellich, St. Mary's.
Rangers 10 2 3 3-1
Danville 1 2 0 0-3
Top Scorers: Chip Wendland, Rangers.
10.
North Side Shoe 2 2 0 0-10
Galion St. Joseph 4 12 6 4-24
Top Scorers: Lew, Galion, 8.
Yunkers 0 0 2 1-3
Danville 7 14 11 8-40
Top Scorers: Mervin Nugent, Danville.
12.
MONDAY — Jr. Optimist vs. Machine, 8 p. m.; Brucato vs. Floris, 6:40 p. m.; Galion St. Jose vs. Ripley, 7:20 p. m.
TUESDAY — Kramermer vs. Ella's, 8 p. m.; St. Peter's vs. Brubach, 8:40 p. m.; Barnes Manufacturing vs. Leaning Tower, 9:20 p. m.

Hawks Flash To 93-To-89 Pro Victory
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UPI) — The St. Louis Hawks out-scored the Minneapolis Lakers 12-1 in the final two minutes Saturday to defeat the Lakers, 93-89 in an NBA Western Division playoff game. St. Louis now leads the best-of-seven series two games to one.

The Hawks were down 86-81 following Frank Selvy's drive-in lay-up when his team started their spree. Bob Pettit started the rally with a basket and two free throws. Pettit topped St. Louis in scoring with 35 points and grabbed 16 rebounds. Elgin Baylor, held to only eight points in the first half, wound up with 27 for the Lakers.

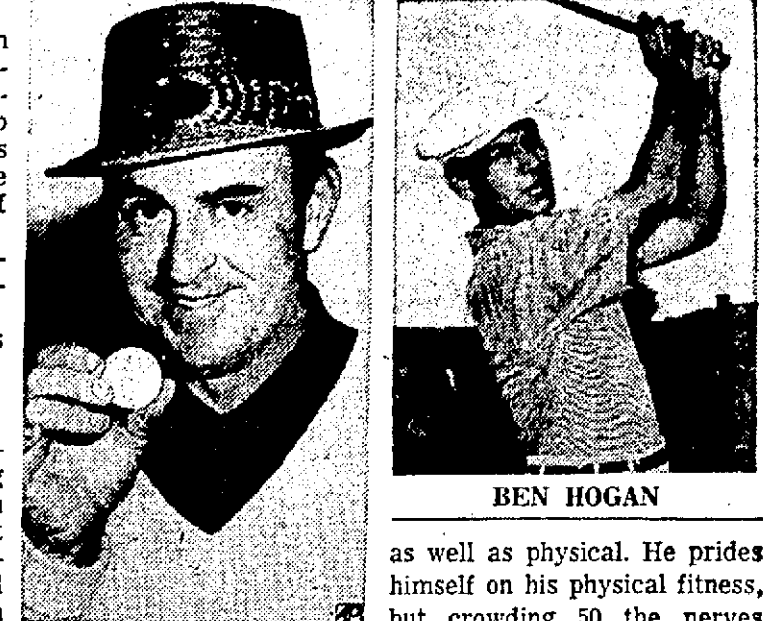
The two teams play the fourth game of the series here Sunday afternoon.

Plymouth Hi Sets Slate
PLYMOUTH — Plymouth High opens its 1960 track and field dual meet season April 5 at Lexington. Coach Lew Pettit has been working with a twenty-man squad, which will be forced by lack of facilities to run all meets away from home.

PLYMOUTH TRACK-FIELD SCHEDULE
April 5—at Lexington
April 6—at Topeka
April 7—at Perryville
April 8—at Mansfield Reserves
April 9—at Newark
April 10—at Ontario
April 11—at Belleville
May 2—at Ontario
May 7—at North Robinson Invitational
May 12—at Crestline
May 14—Richland County Meet at Ontario

Old Rockin' Chair Gets 'Em Hogan Making Final Bid

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UPI) — Ben Hogan starts his last big fairway bid Monday in the Seminole program and it points up the fact that this probably is the last serious competitive fling for the fading GAR of sports. That would be Hogan, Slammin' Sammy Snead, Ted Williams and Stan Musial. Old rocking chair finally is getting them.



COVETED FIFTH
Hogan, who has been sharpening his shots for one last big attempt to win a coveted fifth U. S. Open which would put him in a record class by himself, will be 48 in August. Snead will have reached that age in May. The sore-necked Williams reaches 42 in August and Musial hits the 40 mark in November. It's the age of senility for all of them in their respective sports and there are signs all around that the effort required has, at last, become too great to endure much longer. There is the added factor that each, in his own manner, is too proud of what already is written in the record books to stick around and be cannon fodder.

SUSPECT WINS
Hogan and Snead both scored victories last year but the quality of their effort must be suspect. Little Ben, who hits only a few selected prestige tournaments, won the Colonial Invitation for the fifth time. This, however, is in his own back yard on a course he can play with his eyes closed. The same may be said of Slammin' Sam's Greenbrier triumph. Snead has won 103 tournaments and Hogan has copped 65. But in the big events they weren't in sight against the relentless shot - making of the younger men. Hogan gives it one more big try which could be his last in this year's open, shooting for a record fifth which would remove him from

DETROIT BENCH RATED STRONGER
LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Detroit lost 15 of its first 17 games last year, then spurred to within half a game of the lead after Jimmy Dykes took over as manager. Four Tiger pitchers won 65 games. Detroit hitters finished one-two in the batting race. Still, they wound up two games under .500 in fourth place, 18 games back. What happened? "There was a little item called left on base," said Dykes. "If you look it up you will see we left 1,161 on base. We lost 26 games by one run. 'Injuries killed us. Just when we were hot in June, Al Kaline got hit on the face and broke his cheekbone. Harvey Kuenn ran into a fence in Baltimore and hurt his leg and Frank Bolling was out about a month with an infected foot.' What about this year? 'We're improved in reserves more than anyplace else. If somebody gets hurt we can stick in a fellow who won't hurt us. And we've got a shortstop (Chico Fernandez) with a wider range than Rocky (Bridges). Dykes' four starting pitchers are Frank Lary (17-10 last year), Don Mossi (17-9), Jim Bunning (17-13) who led the league with 201 strike - outs, and Paul Foytack (14-14). Either Ray Narleski (4-12) or Ray Semproch (3-10 with the Phils) could be the fifth starter. Either or both could revert to the bullpen which was a sad department last season. Of the newcomers, Bob Bruce (11-13 at Charleston) has impressed Dykes. So has Phil Regan (10-5 at Birmingham). Pete Burnside (1-3), Tom Morgan (1-4) Hank Sisler (1-3) and possibly Hank Aguirre (8-7 at Charleston) and still on a minor league roster) will round out the staff. The outfield, of course, is the heart of the Tiger club. Batting champ Kuenn (.353) will be

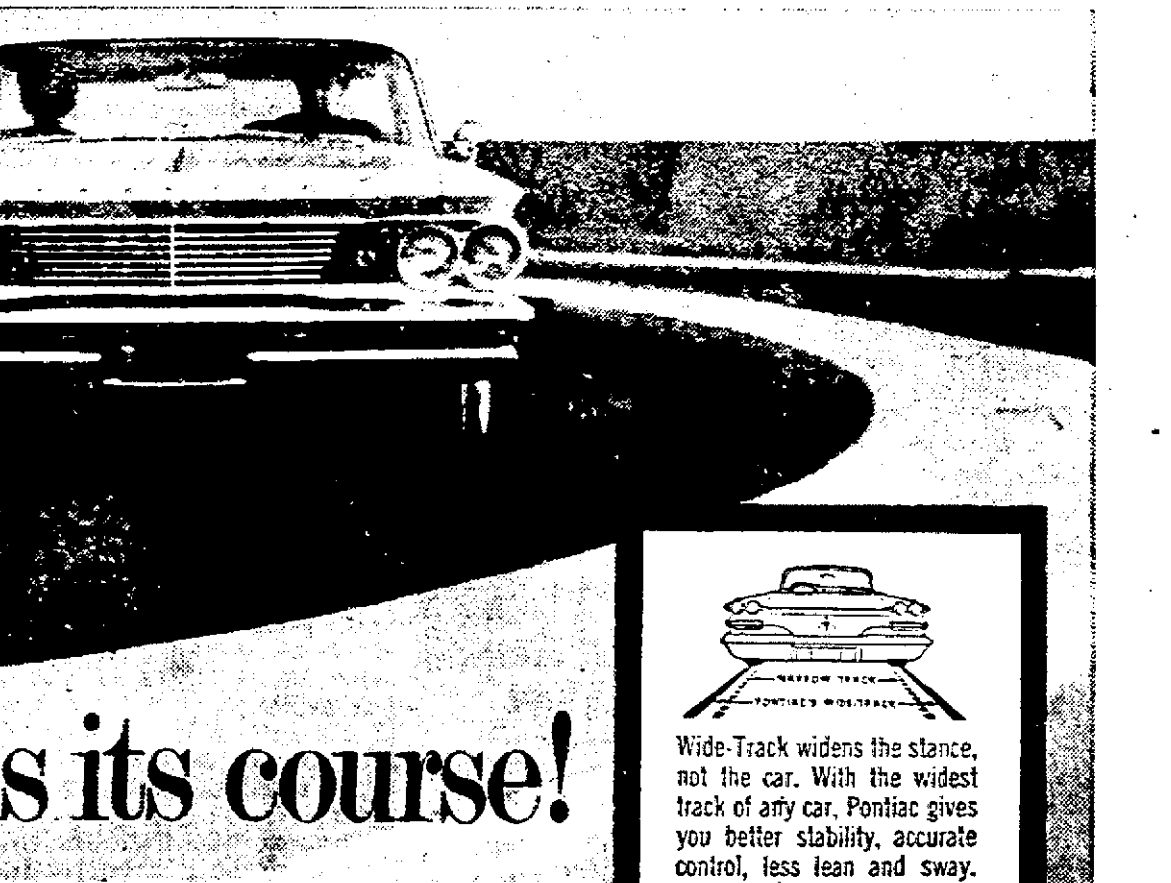
Long Tenure
NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Professor Jake Kline (a Math prof), is now in his 27th year as baseball coach at Notre Dame. He was a sophomore department last season. Of the newcomers, Bob Bruce (11-13 at Charleston) has impressed Dykes. So has Phil Regan (10-5 at Birmingham). Pete Burnside (1-3), Tom Morgan (1-4) Hank Sisler (1-3) and possibly Hank Aguirre (8-7 at Charleston) and still on a minor league roster) will round out the staff. The outfield, of course, is the heart of the Tiger club. Batting champ Kuenn (.353) will be

College Sport League Sets Session Here

ASHLAND — Spring meeting for the Lake Erie College Conference will be held in the Mansfield-Leland Hotel at 2 p. m. March 27. Presentation of the basketball championship trophy to Ashland Kent State Center, selection of the LEC all-conference team, completion of the 1960-61 basketball schedule, and discussion of plans for basketball, bowling, volleyball, golf, and table tennis tournaments will be main issues discussed at the meeting. Davis Business College of Toledo has applied for entry to the five-school league and a vote will be taken at the meeting to determine whether or not the school will be admitted.

WRESTLING MANSFIELD ARMORY (NEW NITE) MONDAY, MAR. 21—8:15 (NEW NITE) BLOCK BUSTER TAG TEAM ANGELO POFFO and LUBICH vs. JOHN and CHRIS TOLAS

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2 Out of 3 Falls or 45 Minute Time Limit
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