Board Changes Suggested For Juvenile Institutions

Body Lists 16 Improvements To Help Young Offenders

Administrative powers and responsibility for operation of the state training schools for juvenile delinquents should be taken out of the hands of laymen boards of managers.

This was the opinion of the Commission on Administrative Organization of the State in its report to Governor McKeldin on the administration of juvenile delinquency control.

The commission, headed by Enos S. Stockbridge, pointed out that "Boards of managers composed of laymen are a carry-over from earlier days of welfare institutions in this country when custody was seen as the main purpose."

Capacity Outlived

"However," the commission continued, "With the new concept of treatment, the increasingly technical nature of rehabilitation, and with the need for integrating training schools into a closely knit system, lay boards have outlived their capacity to function effectively as administrators."

It therefore suggested that:

If juvenile delinquency problems and the supervision of the training schools is to remain in the state Department of Welfare, then the present boards of managers of the various schools should be made advisory boards of visitors, and all administrative powers, including the appointments of supervisors and staffs should be handled by the Department;

But if an entirely new department is to be established, such as the setup of the Department of Correction, then the new agency should be headed by a policy board and the various boards of managers should be abolished altogether.

Statutes Inadequate

Calling the present Maryland juvenile court statutes "inadequate and an illogical hodgepodge," the commission made 16 recommendations for improvement of the overall system.

It was pointed out that "six different arts of juvenile court laws prevail in Maryland, but one county, Garrett, is covered by none of them."

The commission's recommendations included:

1. Making the Department a state agency with extensive powers and duties regarding the custody, treatment, training, rehabilitation and release of delinquent children.

2. Complete abolishment or lessening of responsibility of the state training schools.

Treatment Facilities

3. The state should employ a greater variety of treatment facilities needed by delinquent children.

(With some children committed indefinitely and others committed for a definite period, ranging in age from eight to 18, in experience, from innocence to vicious sophistication; in intelligence, from low feeble-mindedness to brilliance; in personality, from well adjusted to near-psychotic, much effort at treatment in Maryland's training schools is wasted.)

4. The law should prohibit the placement of any delinquent child under ten years in a training school if more appropriate and adequate facilities are available.

(While some children under ten are so seriously disturbed emotionally as to need institutional care, the kind of care they need cannot be given in a training school setting).

Personnel Standards

5. The Department should develop uniform standards for training school personnel; establish programs for recruiting and in-service training; increase clinical and medical services for diagnosis and treatment; and provide teaching personnel trained in remedial instruction and in work with handicapped children.

6. Power to release or discharge committed children at any time should be vested in the department.

7. The Department should be authorized and required to provide aftercare for delinquent children released from the training schools.

8. The Juvenile Council should create a Juvenile Court Committee. The committee should work for the development of sound legal and social principles as well as for state-wide uniformity in the laws relating to juvenile delinquency.

Court Jurisdiction

9. Juvenile court jurisdiction should be placed in circuit courts throughout the state, with one of the circuit court judges being assigned on a non-rotating basis to act as juvenile court judge.

10. Law enforcement agencies should assign one or more qualified officers to handle juvenile cases and to provide liaison with other agencies and group training service to children and to participate in community wide activities and projects designed to prevent and control delinquency.

11. The Department should see that intensive training and instruction in handling juveniles is made available for all law-enforcement officers designated as juvenile police officers.

12. The Department should be responsible for establishing and operating study centers as attention facilities providing observation, clinical study and therapy in residence, in addition to safe custody.

Probation Services

13. Responsibility for extending and strengthening probation services to juvenile courts should be placed in the Department.

14. The Department should be responsible for enlisting the cooperation of other state and local agencies, public and private, in seeing that clinical services for delinquent children are available throughout the state.

5. The Department should be responsible for ensuring that protective services are available to children tending toward delinquency.

15. The Department should be responsible for providing consultation and aid to communities in appraising their delinquency programs and in organizing community councils to develop and coordinate a continuing program of delinquency control.

8,000 Delinquents

The commission pointed out that with 8,000 offenders under 18 years coming before the courts in 1951, Maryland's delinquents amounted to 21.5 per 1,000 children between seven and 18 years, or almost double the average of 11.7 per 1,000.

It continued:

"This comparison does not necessarily mean that Maryland's delinquency rate is much higher than other states, but reflects in part greater use of procedures and less use of other community resources.

During the 1952 fiscal year, the courts committed 651 children to the state's four training schools; and sent 838 children to them for temporary detention.

Unless immediate improvement *steps are taken in the war* on delinquency, the population increase could well mean 12,000 delinquent children before the courts in 1960 instead of the present 8,000.

Noting that strengths as well as weaknesses were found in the state's service, the commission emphasized the recommendations "that will make for more effective, economical and humane administration."

Reenlistment Ranks For Marine Corps

Captain Charles P. Logan Jr., officer in charge of the Marine Corps recruiting station has announced that effective March 31, the following will govern reappointments upon reenlistment:

If a man was disharged as a staff sergeant and reenlisted within 90 days he will be reappointed to the rank of sergeant; and if reenlisted within one year, he will be appointed to the rank of corporal.

Men discharged with the rank of sergeant can be reappointed to that rank if reenlisted within 30 days or to the rank of corporal if re-enlisted within 60 days.

Up to the March 31 date, any man separated from the Marine Corps and reenlisting within one year can be reappointed to the rank he held upon separation.

Jobs Open For Engineer Students

An examination for indefinite appointment as student engineer trainee, with salary ranging from $2,750 to $3,230 a year, U. S. Naval Engineering Experiment Station, Severn River Naval Command, Annapolis, is now open.

The positions are open to freshmen students in engineering colleges and senior high school students who expect to complete all courses required for admission to an engineering college (participating in this program) within six months after filing application. These students may file for the examination.

Trainees will be released in a non-pay status to continue their education during the regular school sessions. All scholastic expenses are borne by the trainee. Upon completion of education, trainees are eligible for full time professional positions.

Applications should be filed with the Recorder, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Severn River Naval Command, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

529 Killed Last Year

During the month of December 1952, Maryland had a total of 57 traffic deaths bringing the figure of persons killed in auto accidents for the year 1952 to 529. This represents a three per cent decrease when compared with last year's figure which was 547.

Marylanders In Service

These servicemen have arrived at the 203rd Army Reception Center, Fort George G. Meade, where they will receive their initial indoctrination into the Army. Top row, left to right, are: Pvts. Columbus Grant, Baltimore; Earl Green, Eckhart; Ezell Jones and James Dey, both of Baltimore. Second row, left to right, are: Pvts. Grady Outzs, James Tillery, Donald Wilcox and Jack Bernard, all of Baltimore. Third row, left to right, are: Pvts. Robert Carter, Ralph Crew, Samuel Carver and Deloga Chambers, all of Baltimore. Bottom row, left to right, Pvts. Raymond Bogues and Harrison Butler, both of Baltimore; Robert Brice, Gambrill, and Sidney Berry, Baltimore.

Paratroopers In Snowshoes

These paratroopers of Battery C, 98th Field Artillery Battalion, 82d Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, N.C., attach snowshoes to their shoepacks at Camp Drum, N.Y., in preparation for a cross-country hike at Camp Drum, where they are participating in Exercise Snow Storm, the Army's winter training program emphasizing the use of special cold weather equipment. They are Pvt. James R. Hawkins, cannoneer, whose wife, Juanita, lives at 1531 McCulloh st., Baltimore, Md., son of James C. Hawkins of Bessemine, Va.; and Pvt. Hallowed Finney, a cannoneer, of Chicago.

1,569 Members Enrolled At Y

A total of 1569 members have been reported in the Membership Enrollment Month at the Madison Avenue Branch YWCA. Heading the list is Mrs. Mabel Frisby with a total of 124.

The leaders reports are as follow:

Mrs. Augusta Chissell, 82; Mrs. Louise Gambrill, 77; Mrs. Martina Carey, 72; Mrs. Gwendolyn Seabourne, 72; Mrs. daisy B. Jones, 69; Mrs. Mildred Seaborne, 68; Miss Fannie Giascoe, 62; Mrs. Vernice Matthews, 62; Mrs. Cordova Monroe, 61; Mrs. Arnetta Moore, 57; Mrs. Delores Hunt, 53; Miss P. Estella Holloway, 49;

Miss Sallie Stewart, 49; Mrs. Thelma Ashe, 46; Mrs. Ellen Fisher, 45; Mrs. Lois Carter, 41; Mrs. Vashti Murphy, 40; Miss Jessye Bennett, 39; Mrs. Harriet White, 37; Mrs. Rose Mebane, 33; Mrs. Mattie Dorsey, 29; Mrs. Lillian Watty, 28; Miss Dorothy Johnson, 28; Mrs. Eva Taylor, 23;; Mrs. Mary Holmes, 20; Mrs. Margaret Thrower, 20.

Mrs. Blanche Tyler, 19; Miss Sarah Sterling, 15; Mrs. Mabel Walters, 13; Mrs. Rachel Dodd, 1; Mrs. Mildred McLean, 10; Mrs. Sarah Bundy, 8; Miss Ruby Ford, 8; Mrs. Louise Lockerman, 8; Mrs. Leila Powell, 8;

Mrs. Ethel Sinkler, 7;; Mrs. Jeannetta Wilson, 7; Mrs. Eva Creigler, 6; Mrs. Mattie Henderson, 6; Mrs. Anne Reid, 6; Mrs. Bertha Cross, 4; Mrs. Julie Sheridan, 4; Mrs. Lena Lee, 2; Miss Laurette Glasper,2 and Mrs. Lillian Green, 1.

Mrs. Lois White keeps the lead as the individual bringing in the highest number with a total of 51.

Experts Discuss African Crisis At Council Meet

The Maryland Council on World Affairs, organized by the United Nations Association of Maryland and composed of 35 Maryland organization will meet Feb. 26, in the ballroom of the Hotel Stafford at 8:15 p.m., where a panel of international experts will debate the current crisis in North Africa and discuss its implications for the western world.

It is reported that particular attention will be paid to the situation in French Tunisia and French Morocco, often described as a "powder keg" which could explode at any moment with serious, international consequences. In this area where nationalist groups are demanding independence from French colonial rule, bloody riots have broken out, and in Morocco, the outlawed Istiglal (Moroccan Independence Party) is demanding to be heard.

Heading Panel

Heading the panel will be Dr. Graham H. Stuart, of the School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, and a consultant to the U. S. Department of State. He lived for some time in Morocco where he was advisor to the U. S. Minister at Tangier, and is author of "The International City of Tangier," the only textbook ever written on this internationalized area.

The position of the French government will be presented by Gabriel van Laethem, first secretary of the French Embassy in Washington. Mr. van Laethem, an authority on French colonial affairs, has just returned to this country from Paris and a visit to North Africa.

Dr. El Mehdi Ben-Abboud will be the third member of the panel. Dr. Ben-Abboud is the official representative in this country of the Istiglal. He is also the Moroccan representative in the Asian-African bloc at the United Nations and now heads the Moroccan Information Office in Washington.

Charles L. Marburg, chairman of the board of the United Nations Association of Maryland, and an observer of international affairs for 25 years, will act as moderator. Mr. Marburg returned to Baltimore last week from Paris and Geneva, where he attended meetings of the General Council and the Executive Committee of the World Federation of United Nations Associations of which he is First Vice-Chairman.

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City Crime Situation Scheduled For TV Review

The first of two television programs, analyzing the present crime situation in Baltimore, will be presented at 10:30 p.m. Thursday, (Feb. 26) by Station WBAL-TV, channel 11, under the auspices of the Baltimore Criminal Justice Commission.

James M. Hepbron, executive vice-president of the Commission who will act as moderator, has assembled a panel of speakers representing the courts, the police department, the penal system and the fields of parole and probation.

Judge Herman M. Moser, a member of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city and a former director of parole in Maryland, will talk on Baltimore courts.

Commissioner To Speak

Police Commissioner Beverly Ober will represent the police department.

Speaking for Maryland's penal system will be Harold E. Donnell, superintendent of prisons in Maryland; and a former president of the American Prison Congress. Mr. Donnell was also head of the Portsmouth Naval Prison and the Maryland Training School for Boys.

Parole and probation procedures will be discussed by Thomas P. McCarthy, deputy director, probation department, Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, and formerly state supervisor of parole and probation.

Questions Invited

Interested persons are invited by Mr. Hepbron to send any questions concerning crime which they would like to have answered on this program to the Criminal Justice Commission, 22 Light street, Baltimore 2, or they may be left at Station WBAL-TV care of Anne Holland, 2610 N. Charles st.

The second panel, at the same time and again presented by Station WBAL-TV, will be held on March 5. Speakers will be announced later. The program again will be under the same auspices.

More Accidents In Day

Some 645 traffic accidents occurred during the day in Baltimore city and 539 occurred at night during the month of December, 1952.

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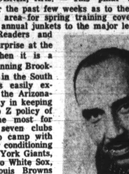
From A To Z with Sam Lacy

EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, Ariz. — This pillar has been queried many times over the past few weeks as to the selection of the Arizona-California area for spring training coverage this year, the eighth of these annual junkets to the major league conditioning bases . . . Readers and friends have expressed surprise at the decision to head West when it is a known fact the pennant-winning Brooklyn Dodgers are training in the South — Florida . . . That is easily explained . . . Election of the Arizona-California region is merely in keeping with the AFRO and A to Z policy of trying to give readers the most for their money . . . Of the seven clubs carrying tan prospects to camp with them, five are doing their conditioning in the West . . . The New York Giants, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Browns are preparing for the 1953 campaign on the Pacific Coast, while the Florida sunshine has lured only two teams, the Dodgers and the Boston Braves . . . It is clearly obvious, then that the West offers a wider working area for this department.



SAM LACY

There will be four tan players in the Phoenix, Ariz., camp of the Giants . . . At the Tucson, Ariz., base of the Indians, there will be eight . . . three at El Centro, Cal., plant of the White Sox . . . one with the Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., and two with the Browns at San Bernadino . . . In addition to these major league prospects, six of the minor league clubs on the Pacific Coast League include names of colored players in their lineups . . . The Dodgers, with their five aspirants, and the Braves with their four, will be picked up later during the conditioning period, according to the A to Z blueprint.

Official 1953 American League Rule Book, just off the press and released to baseball writers, reveals some interesting facts . . . Cleveland Indians set a new high for major league clubs when they move into their Tucson, Ariz., training base next week with eight tan players on their camp roster . . . In addition to Lake Easter, Larry Doby (when and if he signs), Harry Simpson and Sam Jones, the Tribe will be giving the double-o to candidates Dave Pope, Al Smith, outfielders; and Dave Hoskins and Jose Santiago, pitchers . . . And a Red Sox breakdown of the 1953 won-and-lost record of Satchel Paige shows the St. Louis Browns' relief star turned in a 9-3 slate against the Washington Senators, the team whose owner, Clark Griffith, branded the 1948 signing of Paige by Bill Veeck "a despicable publicity stunt . . . shameful exploitation."

Note to Brooklyn Dodger manager Charley Dressen: In 1951, you promised on opening spring training that you'd correct the control problem of Rex Barney . . . In 1952, you announced plans to teach Gil Hodges to hit to right field . . . now comes your avowed plan to give Joe Black a slow curve . . . Chuck, pal, please leave Joe be.

Satchel Paige, making his final hunting trip prior to departure from his Kansas City home for spring training, bagged exactly nothing . . . "I got a walk," said the lean St. Louis Browns pitcher to A to Z, "but I couldn't get a strike, a hit or a score after that . . . I guess you can say Ole Satch don't shoot as straight as he throws" . . . Paige says he plans to make a week at Hot Springs, Ark., before joining his Brownie teammates at San Bernadino, Cal.

Although Hank Greenberg expressed confidence in his ability to "straighten out" his holdout centerfielder, Larry Doby, the latter sent back his unsigned contract for the third time last weekend . . . Greenberg, general manager of the Cleveland Indians, told this correspondent the other day that it is "just a little difference of opinion" that separates Doby and the Tribe in their 1953 contract bickering . . . "Nothing serious," said Hank, "we'll straighten him out, I'm sure of that."

D.C. daily newspapers on Sunday got around to confirming the A to Z beat of three weeks ago, to wit: the Washington Senators will have two tan players in spring training with them at Orlando, Fla., beginning Wednesday . . . They're Angel Scull and Juan Vistorin, Cuban outfielders, neither of whom has been any ball of fire in the Cuban Winter Leagues in the past three seasons . . . both are extremely fast . . . Although colored patrons are barred from Florida greyhound race tracks, one of the mainstays of the nocturnal circuit is a long-legged speedster named Lake Easter . . . Operation Octopus is reported to Chicago this week what with the Martin family having taken over the Negro American League . . . B. Admiral Kenesaw Landis, next week's NAL meeting, holds the presidency, secretaryship and treasury post; brother B. B. Martin is the vice president, and brother W. S. Martin is chaplain . . . I believe 'em

Talking to Jersey Joe Walcott, you can't help being impressed with the sincerity of the man . . . Not necessarily with his pronouncements on religion, faith, etc., but certainly with his seriousness of purpose . . . Quartered in an RFD farmhouse on a New Jersey backroad, with only his closest camp associates, his invaluable dog champion, and radio, television and portable record machine as housemates, the former titleholder is following a training routine for his return bout with Rocky Marciano on the 27th of March that is incredible . . . He reasons that, in order to retain the crown he had within his grasp but lost in one unremarkable moment last September, he must only to have his legs in shape for a 15-round tour with his younger rival . . . "I had him whipped; I can do it again. This time without the mistakes I made before. And I will" . . . Of Bob Christenberry, the New York Boxing Commission chairman, whom he recently branded a "glorified bellhop," Walcott today says very little . . . "No one knows better than I do, whether I'm too old to be fighting; certainly he has . . . And when I am no longer the best heavyweight in the world, Christenberry nor anybody else will have to tell me" . . . You know something? . . . A to Z believes him . . . This writer will be amazed, amazing myself, if he is, will become the first fighter in history to regain the heavyweight crown . . . come April 15 and Chicago.

A to Z readers who have questioned this column about the Harlem Globetrotters' Eastern schedule, can see the fabulous cage outfit in action with the College All Stars at Madison Square Garden on the afternoon of March 29, at Philadelphia on the 31st, at Raleigh, N.C., on April 1, and at Hershey, Pa., on April 2 . . . The Globetrotts Clowns, insisting it's really no "publicity stunt," have signed a new second baseman—urruh baseowman—for the 1953 NAL season . . . she's Toni Stone, described by owner Syd Pollock" as an "outstanding" gal athlete . . . salary: $12,000, the man says . . . no hum!

Word out of Scotland by the Baltimore Bullets last week left the Monumental City's NBA representative with only two players who were with the club a year ago, and Don Barksdale, who failed to ride out the storm of vicious criticism in order to hang onto his job in 1952, is one of them . . . the other is white Paul Hoffman . . . Three of the first four teams to receive bids to next month's National Invitation Basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden, boast a tan star . . . First to accept was LaSalle, last year's winner, with center Jack Moore . . . next was Seton Hall, with Walter Dukes, followed by Manhattan college with Jutty Kellogs . . . Dukes, by the way, has been named to the East five which meets the West in the college all-star game set for the Garden Saturday night.

A reader and friend, Willard (Montana) Thompson, writes from Kalispell, Montana, to sing the praises of a former Douglass High School (Baltimore) youngster who is going great guns as one of the top scholastic basketballers of the State . . . there are only four tan prep cagers in Montana . . . The lad, Tip Rhoades, in addition to being a topflight floor star, was chosen to the Northwest All-Star baseball team at two positions — first base and pitcher last summer . . . Rhoades has, according to Thompson, himself a one-time basketer at Morgan State College, received scholarship offers from UCLA, Seattle U., Gonzaga, Oregon, Brigham Young, University of Montana and Wyoming . . . and his coach is expecting many more offers before Rhoades and his mates play out their remaining ten games . . . Incidentally, Thompson says Rhoades frequently credits Douglass coach Mack Payne for his success.

Fists were not colored and never wrestled for the so-called world mat championship when Babe Wings tried, unsuccessfully to dethrone titleholder Milo Burke at Kansas City last week . . . for the first time (since 1911) a major league ball player was allowed to keep a mustache he wore to a Brooklyn Dodger training camp was when Carl Furillo passed manager Chuck Dressen's inspection at Vero Beach last week sporting an embryo handlebar job . . . "I told him he could keep it," said the Brooklyn chief, "if he showed up under 210 pounds . . . he made it at 203."

Vital statistics department . . . Former Morgan College all-CIAA lineman Art Faunteleroy has taken the "I do" vows . . . wife is pretty Lucinda Yates who, like hubby, is a teacher in the Waycross (Ga.) high school . . . ex-Olympic women's high jump champ Alice Coachman (Davis) is now "Mommy" to a son . . . popsi is Tuskegee prof. N. F. Davis . . . and Bluefield athletic director Sam Taylor celebrates a birthday come Thursday.

Kid Gavilan Gets Medal From Peron

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A gold medal from Argentine President Juan Peron was presented Thursday night to world welterweight champion Kid Gavilan, citing him for distinguished sportsmanship.

Jorge Estevarena, Argentine consul in New York, gave the medal to Gavilan in ceremonies at a Westchester County Center during a fight program.

Walcott Training In Jersey Seclusion

Ex-Champ Getting Ready For Marciano Return Go.

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

MAYS LANDING, N.J.—Jersey Joe Walcott, like a popular comedian of equally national renown having just passed his 39th birthday; opened training here Tuesday for his April 10th return bout with Rocky Marciano.

The Camden pappy, on the verge of his sixth try for the heavyweight championship he was able to defend but once, is following the same conditioning procedure he adopted for his ill-fated bout with Marciano last September. He will confine his activities for the first three weeks to nothing but roadwork.

Only Roadwork

From now until March 20th, Walcott and his trainer, Dan Florio, will spend the bulk of their time tramping the New Jersey countryside, priming the ex-champ's legs for the Chicago Stadium grind with Rockabye Rocky. He will do no boxing. In fact, they do not even have a pair of boxing gloves in camp, the AFRO was told.

"I don't feel that I need a lot of boxing," said Jersey Joe in a relaxed moment after his Thursday lunch. "The most important thing to me is to have my legs in shape. I can't think of a better way to do that than to do plenty of exercise on road.

"I know I can box. I know I can outbox that feller (Marciano). I did it last September; outpunched him too, until I got careless. I won't do that again. This time when I get him, I won't let him get away."

No Extra Weight

Florio, who has prepared Walcott for all of his title essays, both as champ and as a challenger, looked up from a pair of shoes in which he was changing the laces.

"Joe's right," he put in. "We don't need anything but to get his legs ready. That's the only way a layoff shows up on him. You can look at him right now and see he hasn't put on any weight to speak of. He's about 212.

Jersey Joe Walcott

"Besides, there's nothing much to do for him in sparring this early. He knows all the boxing there is to know. The only thing we'll use sparmates for later is to sharpen his timing. Oh, and to tune his legs to competitive speed, of course.

"That's the reason we haven't even bothered to bring a pair of boxing gloves to camp; or to bring in any sparring partners. We've decided on whom we'll use but they won't be needed until we move to Bader Field, so about the middle of March will be plenty of time for them."

Isolated Spot

This preliminary training base of Walcott's is a huge, well-kept farmhouse on Route 4. It is an isolated spot situated some five miles from Mays Landing, where the Atlantic City Race Track is located.

Mays Landing itself is approximately 24 miles from Atlantic City, where the former champ will hold forth when he moves into his regular Bader Field training base.

Television, No Telephone

The house in which Jersey Joe and his small party now live is the next step removed from civilization. Although the place is equipped with radio and a large television set, there is no telephone. Except by mail or personal visit, even officials of the International Boxing Club cannot contact the camp.

The post office is known as Hawkinsville, N. J.

Chi Trip On Tap

Present plans call for Jersey Joe to leave here Monday night for Chicago where official contracts are to be signed before the Illinois State Athletic Commission on Wednesday.

Immediately after the signing, Walcott and his entourage will return here.

Marciano also summoned to Chicago for the ceremony, is expected to take up quarters in Holland, Mich., where he will complete his training chores. At the moment, the New England Italian titleholder is working out at Grossinger's Lake, N.Y.

Out-of-the-Way Spot Has No Outside World Contact

NO GAG, IT SAYS HERE:

Clowns Report Signing Gal To Play Second Base

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. — Syd Pollock, owner and general manager of the nationally famous Indianapolis Clowns, has signed the first female baseball star to play in the Negro American League. She will hold down a regular berth at second base this coming season for the 1952 champions.

An outstanding girl athlete, Miss Marcenia Lyle Stone, better known as "Toni" Stone, has inked a contract with the Clowns reportedly calling for $12,000 for her first season's work. Pollock emphatically stated, "this is no publicity stunt! Toni Stone will be the regular second baseman for the Clowns. She has proven her ability for playing 11 years with the New Orleans (La.) Creoles from 1948 through 1950."

21 Years Old

Toni, born in St. Paul, Minn. on July 17, 1931, is the mother of three girls and a boy, which comprises the family of Mr. and Mrs. Boykin Stone. She now lives in Oakland, Calif. Early in her life, her dad noticed the muscular coordination of Mrs. Stone's daughter and sort of athletic career for her.

After completing grammar school, she entered Roosevelt High in St. Paul and joined the Girls Athletic Association, where she compiled an enviable record in track, swimming and baseball.

Using her feminine wiles, Toni strolled into St. Paul Stadium during the progress of a boys baseball school session conducted by Gabby Street, who was manger of the Saints Baseball Club in the American Association.

Encouraged By Street

Street encouraged the girl to get in there and show her ability mit her diamond foes show her no mercy because of her sex. The pitchers throw just as hard and base runners slide into second with spikes ⅄at as high. But she likes the game and keeps coming back for more.

TONI STONE

along with the boys and his words lingered with Toni and heightened her ambition to be a regular baseball player.

Toni played with the Wall Post No. 435 American Legion team in 1947, joining the Creoles in '48.

Toni will be the first to adjust to the Negro League's first female second baseman.

Pioneer Track Meet March 7

Annual Armory Games Close Slate

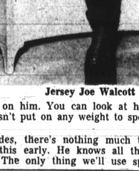
NEW YORK—The annual New York Pioneer Club games will be held at the 369th Regiment Armory, 142nd st. and Fifth ave., on Saturday night, March 7, Joe Yancey Jr., director of meet, announced last week.

Sponsored by the 369th AAA Group Athletic Association, assisted by the Pioneer Club, and the Boys of Yesteryear, the feature will once again lower the curtain on New York's indoor board-floor season. A total of 14 events along with contests closed to the Police Athletic League and National Guard and a 440-yard handicap relay for women comprise the program.

As usual, the card will be headed by five special invitation events: the Lt. Leon Purnell 60-yard dash, the John Borican Memorial 600-yard run, the Schaefer 800-yard run, the Lt. Robert Pegler one-mile run and a limited handicap two-mile run.

N.Y. Ring Board Reinstates Ike

NEW YORK (ANP)—Ike Williams, former lightweight champion of the world now on the comeback trail as a welterweight, has been reinstated as a fighter by the New York State Athletic Commission.



Ike Williams

The state commission announced its approval of Ike as a fighter as being effective Feb. 10.

Originally, the New York Boxing board had surprised the boxing world by arbitrarily declaring Ike retired from the ring. This brought out protests from the Williams camp.

Williams, once one of the ring's most feared boxers, has not fared too well in his comeback campaign. He still is only about 28 years old.

Savannah Cagers Win Double Bill

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Savannah State College Tigeretts overcame an early lead to swamp Griffin University Panthereetts, 37-19, here last week.

In the regular game the Golden Tigers under the direction of Coach Al Frazier, sank the Claflin Panthers 67-59 in a nip and tuck battle that saw the lead change four times before the Tigers finally moved in front to stay.

Vic Power Receives Kansas City Contract

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Vic Power, lone tan player in the upper classification of New York Yankee farm teams, last week was one of 38 members of the Kansas City Blues to receive his 1953 contract.

Power, who played equally well at no fewer than four positions with the Blues last year, is currently in his native Puerto Rico. He has been ordered to report to spring training at Lake Wales, Fla., on March 12.

At The Ringside

By LUIX V. OVERBEA

CHICAGO ANP)—One of the great thrills of sports writers and sports fans during the past two decades has been to see Ray (Sugar) Robinson perform. As you boxing fans probably know, Sugar Ray is that gentleman of brutality who recently retired as middleweight champion of the world to take up a career as a dancing entertainer.

Last week, we here in Chicago had our first opportunity to see him on the stage in his new role. He was the single-dancing-joking master of ceremonies for one week on the stage of the Chicago theater, the "Windy City's" only motion picture house featuring live flesh shows.

Enjoyed Show

Without reservation, this ringsider can say he enjoyed the show. He must add, however, that it is very difficult to become adjusted to seeing Robinson in fancy suits rather than in boxing trunks. Robinson appears to be getting into the swing of stage dancing and mannerisms, but still much of his pugilistic background comes out. If you are a fan who expects to see in Sugar Ray a combination of King Cole and Billy Eckstine with his singing voice, a "new" Bill Robinson with his dancing feet, and a counterpart of Willie Bryant with his witty chores, you will be disappointed.

Each of these men represents to gain eminence in his specialty.

Groen, But Does Well

For a person who still is very green in experience in this field, Sugar Ray does very well. The crowds are with him, and he is a personable fellow. You probably can dig up a number of entertainers who can do everything better than Robinson right now, but after all, there-is only one Sugar Ray.

In another year, fans will be able to look at Robinson in retrospect and appraise his future as an emcee. Then the nation will be used to him and will be nearly so sympathetic. He will have to produce or be a used-to-be.

Charles Deserves First Shot

Word that Roland LaStarra has barely squeezed out a victory over the fat boy of boxing, Rex Layne, he is being mentioned as the next challenger for the heavy weight championship. What a shame, because LaStarra is not much good as a fighter. He is just another good heavyweight.

As this ringsider sees it, the only legitimate challenger for the title is Ezzard Charles. He should fight the winner of the April 10 Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott championship bout.

19 Games On Tap For Rattler Nine

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida A. and M. College baseball team — coached by Oscar Moore — is slated to play a 19-game SIAC schedule this spring.

The Orange and Green nine will open against Xavier University here on March 27 and close the season against the Gold Rush in New Orleans on May 18. Nine games are carded for Tallahassee with 10 scheduled to be played away.

Two More Years For Robinson

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (ANP)—Jackie Robinson, second baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers, has two more good years of baseball. That is his prediction as he told it to reporters last week.

Of his future, Jackie said: "My only worry now is my age. I'm not worried about my weight. I only have to lose a few pounds in spring training to be in top shape."

Jackie is here in Puerto Rico with his wife for a two-week vacation.

Tribe Rookie Hoskins Discloses Death Threats

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Rookie righthander Dave Hoskins revealed here last week that pioneering the first colored player in the Texas League was not all "milk and honey."

Hoskins, beginning his quest of a berth on the Cleveland Indians' pitching staff, told base-ball writers he received a note threatening his life last June 9, at Shreveport, La.

Although he was "treated swell" in Dallas and throughout the rest of the league, Hoskins said he was somewhat disturbed by the Shreveport incident:

"I received three letters that morning, one at a time. The one said I'd be shot if I sat in the dugout. Second one said I'd be shot if I went on the field and the third one said I'd be shot if I took the mound.

"I figured all three were from the same person. Probably some one just trying to scare me. I didn't tell Dutch Meyer, the manager of our club, because I was afraid he wouldn't let me start. Dutch doesn't know about it to this day.

"Even though I thought the person who sent the letters was only bluffing, I was a little scared when I went out to the mound. Later on, I didn't even think about it and it was just another ball game. We won it without any trouble."

The one-time Homestead Grays pitcher-outfielder won 24 games in helping the Dallas team to the TL pennant.

Araujo Nears Title Shot With Win Over DeMarco

NEW YORK—New England's Willie Araujo, 149 pounds, moved one step nearer a title bout with lightweight champion *Jimmy Carter here Friday night* when he added a decision win *over Paddy DeMarco* to his long and growing list.

The Providence, R. I., youngster of 22, pleased the Madison Square Garden crowd of 5,163 by sticking his more rugged and heavier adversary with a jabbing left jab that seemed to become stronger as the bout progressed.

Butt Opens Eye

It was Araujo's 48th win in 49 starts and virtually assured him a match with Carter, whom he has already decisioned in a non-title bout in his home territory.

GEORGE ARAUJO

DeMarco Furious

In his dressing room after the fight, George announced that DeMarco had not hurt him. The usually reticent youngster merely smiled to express satisfaction at winning and declared: "I am happy to be getting a shot at Carter. I think I can beat him and take the championship."

On the other side of the Garden, De Marco was storming: "Where's Bob Christenberry now? Let's see him do something about that robbery. I know I licked him; even the referee said so.

"Did he hur