Fire Perils AFRO Plant

Fire Periled AFRO Building

Fire came to the doorstep of the AFRO building, Sunday morning, when a two-alarm blaze gutted a cigarette vending company at 624 N. Eutaw st., adjoining the newspaper building. Wisps of smoke seen in the picture later became so dense it permeated the AFRO offices.

Trapped Man Rescued

James O'Malley, third floor tenant of building housing the vending company, is helped down the ladder to safety after being trapped in his apartment by flames which raced up the stairway. Although no exact figure was given, damage was estimated at several thousand dollars.

BY BUDDY LONESOME

A two-alarm fire perled the printing plant of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, early Sunday morning, and gutted the building adjacent to the AFRO plant, the walls of which are flush with the walls of the latter.

Damage amounting to several thousands of dollars was done to the burned building, which recently was sold on auction for $40,000. A cigarette vending firm rents the first floor of the building; and the second and third floors are cut up into dwelling apartments.

An investigation to determine the cause of the fire was under way at press time.

Smoke from the fire, which wrecked the second and third floors of the adjoining building, permeated the AFRO building.

There was no damage to the AFRO building, however, and no employees were forced to leave the plant.

Tenant Rescued

The blaze, which started in a second-floor apartment above the cigarette vending company located at 624 N. Eutaw st., was brought under control in 40 minutes. The AFRO's address is 628 N. Eutaw st.

A tenant of a third-floor apartment in the building, James O'Malley, white, 52, was trapped by flames which roared up the stairway and shouted to passersby for help.

Mrs. Agnes Davis, 926 Madison ave., who was walking across the street, heard the man's shouts and rushed to a fire engine house across from the AFRO building to give the alarm.

Polls Fire Alarm

Firemen stationed there were out on another call, so Mrs. Davis pulled the alarm from a firebox located on the wall of firehouse.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Audrey Weaver, AFRO copy editor, also heard O'Malley's cries, and after opening a third-floor window to investigate, also telephoned in the alarm.

Because firemen assigned to the area were out on the other fire in the 600 block Eutaw st., there was a slight delay while apparatus from another district raced to the scene.

As other spectators attracted by O'Malley's plight milled around the scene, a burglar alarm in the vending firm went off, adding to the confusion.

No. 23 Fire At Scene

Firemen from Engine No. 23 were first to arrive at the scene and immediately placed a ladder against the building to rescue Mr. O'Malley.

Hook and Ladder Truck No. 2 roared up seconds later, however, and placed an extension ladder against the building, which was used to reach the apartment.

Howard Honors Bishop Love

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bishop Edgar A. Love, of the Baltimore Area of The Methodist Church, was awarded a plaque for "achievement in the field of religion" by Howard University Monday night, March 2nd.

The occasion was the annual alumni Awards dinner.

Two other graduates were also honored: Dean Lewis K. Downing, in the field of engineering, class of 1921, and Lawrence Winkler, class of 1941, in the field of music. The awards are four "distinguished postgraduate achievement."

Cites Christian Influence

In receiving his citation, Bishop Love spoke on the influence of the Christian Church in bringing about "a free world."

"Out of the teachings of Jesus and the Christian Church have come our great democratic institutions in which the worth and significance of the individual are not only stressed, but magnified," he declared.

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McKeldin Urges Support For CD.

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin made public a letter, today in which he urged all State department heads, county commissioners and mayors to "arouse our citizens to an awareness of their responsibilities" in Civil Defense.

Mayor D'Alesandro had previously sent a similar message to Baltimore City department heads.

In urging more participation at the local level, the Governor said, "I feel it the duty of public servants to lead the way in preparing the public for any possible disaster."

Hints At Laxity

Although co-operation on the part of the various State departments has been "splendid in many instances," he hinted that other departments had been lagging in the Civil Defense effort.

Said the Governor, "Let me assure you that this is not meant to be a 'scare' message, but please bear in mind that it is the American way — and a good way—to prepare calmly and deliberately for the worst while hoping for the best."

McKeldin To Receive Coveted Youth Award

Governor Theodore R. McKeldin will receive International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation at a citizenship program on Thursday June 25 at the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver (Colo.).

The prominent youth movement with thousands of chapters in Protestant churches in North America is honoring Maryland's chief executive for outstanding Christian citizen, and for the significant contribution he has made to humanitarian and religious causes.

Victim Sues For Cab-Truck Crash

Hurt in an accident involving a taxicab and a truck, Mrs. Bertha Hopkins of 1916 W. Mosher st. filed a $15,000 damage suit in Superior Court on Wednesday.

Named as defendants are the Fleetway Cab and the Capital Cake company of 1304 Laurens st.

The complaint states that on Jan. 2, Mrs. Hopkins was riding in the cab which collided with the Cake company truck at Edmondson ave. and Carey st.

Baldwin's Fellowship Fund Drive Opened

The annual fund raising and membership campaign of the Baltimore Fellowship opened formally Friday evening with a lecture by Roger Baldwin, president of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union, at Homewood Friends Meeting House.

The veteran leader in the field of human relations was warmly applauded by an audience of over 120 persons, when he declared that "the darker people all over the world want their place of equality in the family of nations and that no foreign policy can be rightfully formulated that does not accept that basis."

Mr. Baldwin pointed out that such organizations as the Fellowship aid greatly in establishing civil rights on a local level which, in turn, spreads to national and international fields. He was introduced by Warren Buckler, Jr., former city councilman, who master of ceremonies.

Dr. Glass On Platform

Dr. H. Bentley Glass, of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was on the platform and greeted the speaker. Dr. Glass spoke of his association with the Fellowship over a period of years, having spoken at the first "Units for Union" lecture series which the Fellowship held eight years ago.

Greetings from the Fellowship were given by Clarence J. Roberts, chairman, Kenneth Morgan of Polytechnic Institute, gave a testimony of the value of promoting brotherhood by practicing it. He asserted that "one must not judge an individual by just race or religion, but by what he does and how well he does it."

Mrs. Ruth Gelman, executive director of Fellowship, spoke on the program of the Fellowship, integrated committee and made a special appeal for memberships. Bishop Edgar Love gave the benediction and Father Clement Pirnak, CSSR, the benediction.

Baltimore Fellowship held its first annual Purim Festival Wednesday evening, March 4th at Fellowship House, 21 W. Preston st. Rabbi J. Glassner, of the Orean Beard ve Edzuiam, conducted the celebration, which is one of the most joyous ones in the Jewish calendar.

The Rabbi told the legendary story of how the Jews were saved from a tyrannical Persian overload thru the intercession of Queen Esther. A description of the various observances of the holiday was given such as masquerading dramatizations of the story and exchanging of gifts. "Purim beggars" also perform stunts for rewards similiar to Hallowe'en "trick or treat" custom.

Exhibit Members

Accompanying the story Rabbi Glassner showed an exhibition of figures depicting the Purim story noise making toys and cookies baked to represent Haman the wicked overlord. There was a special scroll similar to the synagogue Torah with the entire Book of Esther.

The celebration closed with the Rabbi leading the audience in Purim songs accompanied at the piano by William Milner director of Fellowship Choir. Rabbi Glassner who was introduced by Clarence J. Roberts chairman of Fellowship was former-

Inspiration Speaker

J. Nelson Fortune, advertising manager of the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper will make an address on salesmanship at the staff meeting of the Mutual Benefit Society on Thursday.

ly associated with the Fellowship Commission of Philadelphia and the Interracial Commission of Atlanta Ga.

2 Couples Get Divorces On 'Modern' Co-Op Plan

A husband and wife who co-operated in obtaining evidence against both of their mates, co-operated again, this week, in getting a divorce for Herbert Taylor of 1722 W. Lafayette ave. from Theonsia Taylor.

Couldn't Say Goodbye

According to the testimony of Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Evelyn Hart, wife of the correspondent named in the suit, Mrs. Taylor and Leroy Hart were admitted lovers who tried but just couldn't say goodbye.

The Harts and the Taylors lived in the same apartment house, the former occupying a third floor unit and the latter a second floor apartment.

Mrs. Hart said that on July 10, 1946, she saw Mrs. Taylor waiting in an alley near their home, and that a few minutes later she saw her husband pick her up in his car and then drove away. She testified that she called Mr. Taylor, and in his car, they set out to find the couple.

Parked On Corner

They found them, as testified, parked in the Hart car at Mosher and Fulton sts., but the couple promptly drove away. Mr. Taylor said that they still followed Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Hart, and that the latter went to an address on Mosher st., went in about 12:30 and when he and Mrs. Hart left at 3 a.m. they hadn't come out.

Returned Together

Mrs. Taylor returned home about 6 a.m. her husband said. Mr. Hart came in a few minutes later. Mrs. Taylor, according to friendship for Mr. Hart, but her husband, admitted her promised not to see him again. Mrs. Hart said that her husband made the same promise and she forgave him for the incident.

But, added Mr. Taylor, four months later he returned home to find Mr. Hart in his apartment and "the same old thing going on."

Wins Maiden Name

Mrs. Catherine E. Carroll, 1500 Pressman st., who divorced Arthur Carroll on grounds of desertion, had her maiden name, Horsraw, restored.

Also winning a divorce on grounds of desertion was Melvin Dukes, who said that Mrs. Pearline Dukes deserted him without cause.

Princess Anne To Host Teachers' Convention

Officers of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers and the Maryland Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers Planning Committee met recently at Maryland State College, Princess Anne, Md., to formulate the program for the 27th annual convention of the national organization to be held at the college June 21-24, 1953.

The convention theme is "For Every Child — Total Growth." Dr. John T. Williams, president of Maryland State College will give the keynote address at the annual formal dinner meeting.

Mrs. M. J. Hitch, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, National Program Chairman, will conduct a seminar on PTA Problems, Practices and Policies. A panel on "Problems of Youth" will be composed of college stddents.

College Student Panel

Outstanding leaders in the fields of education and government will participate in the three day sessions. Election of officers will be held.

A special feature for delegates and visitors will be a sightseeing tour including the capitol at Annapolis, Maryland.

National and state officers attending the program committee meeting were: Mrs. J. S Morgan, Carterville, Ga., national president; Mrs. Chas. L. Williams, Miami, Florida, vice-president; Miss Jeanetta Chase, Bowie, Maryland, secretary, Mrs. Wm. W. M. Henry, Dover, Delaware, director of nurse, who will serve until June 30, 1953.

tional office; Mr. Chas. Cornish, Catonbridge, Md., president, Maryland Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Cora Pinkney, and Doswell Brooks, Maryland.

Evangeline Moves To Biddle Hall

Lady Evangeline, the amazing prophetess, moves into Biddle Hall, East Baltimore, tomorrow night (Wednesday), for a series of three meetings, Thursday and Sunday.

On Friday and Saturday, she and her assistants will be at the Good Hope Hall, with the Rev. A. Sheppard, evangelist, as special guest minister, and his gospel and jubilee singers.

Beginning Wednesday, March 25, Lady Evangeline will set up permanent worshipping headquarters at 1000 Pennsylvania ave., with services five nights a week.

Dr. Jackson Named For Medical Group

Governor McKeldin, this week announced appointment of Dr. Robert L. Jackson, Provident Hospital staff physican, to a three-year term on the Committee On Medical Care.

Also appointed to serve on the state-wide committee was Mg. Anita K. Henson, public health nurse, who will serve until June 30, 1953.

MR. REGINALD MATTHEWS "Successful Lawyer... Successful Host

A specialist in appraisal of internal security matters, Mr Matthews (center) once served four Intelligence units. Today, his own law practice, in both the civil and criminal fields, is one of the most prominent of its kind in New York. Here he reviews a case with associates.

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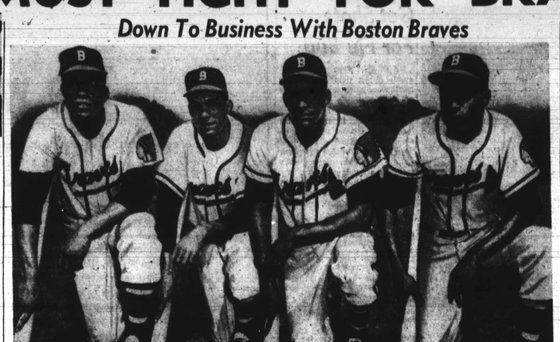

Four players with the Boston Braves pose before workouts at the Braves's Bradenton, Fla., training camp. Left to right: George Crowe, infielder; William Bruton, outfielder, and rival for Sam Jethroe's post; Jim Pendleton, infielder, and former Brooklyn Dodger's player, and the veteran Jethroe, outfielder.

From A To Z with Sam Lacy

PHOENIX, Ariz.

The Cleveland Indians opened the 1953 spring exhibition schedule here Saturday against the New York Giants with the Tribe's star centerfielder, Larry Doby, and General Manager Hank Greenberg no nearer a solution of their salary dispute than they were in January. Doby arrived in camp Friday, had talks with Greenberg that same night and Saturday morning at their Santa Rita Hotel base, then again just before game time at the ball park . . . as the teams took the field, both player and gee em agreed they were "no closer than we were two months ago."

SAM LACY

In informal pre-game conversations between them on the Cleveland bench, Doby's remarks were saturated with acid, Greenberg's with sarcasm . . . However, newsmen expressed little doubt that the two will come to terms ere long. The Indians need Doby, and Doby needs the Indians," was the consensus of opinion. "They'll get together; they always do" . . . At one point Giant Manager Leo Durocher pretended he wanted to conciliate . . . "Hank says he'll pay the figure I pick if you're agreeable, Larry . . . What do you say?" . . . The unsmiling Doby said nothing . . . "Okay, what do you say?" Leo repeated . . . "I'm willing," said Greenberg, going along with the kyplay . . . and turning to Doby, he went on: "Leo ought to be a good man to deal for you, he was never cheap with his money when I was back Larry." "Neither were you." . . . Later, when writers were kidding Frank Gibbons, who doubled as game announcer, and asked how he succeeded in the difficult job he was doing, he knew: "What's he going to do?" . . . "Let him pass the hat," one said . . . "Yeah," piped Larry, "that's what they want me to do all season."

New York Giants had to bid high for pitcher Ruben Gomez, whom they enticed to return to organized baseball from his native Puerto Rico . . . Gomez, a very capable righthander according to reports, is as independent as he is competent . . . It was this high spirit and unmitigated confidence in his ability that led to his buying his contract from the New York Yankees' Kansas City farm club in 1951 . . . Gomez flatly told his front office he could see no future in minor league baseball, or for that matter in the Yankee farm system . . . "I play here two, three, maybe four years," observed the Puerto Rican flinger, "then maybe I go to Yankees, maybe not . . . If I go to Yankees, I get paid four, maybe five thousand dollar . . . then I can no play winter ball, I stuck . . . I quest here, I go Puerto Rico, later Venezuela, play nine months in year for two thousand dollars a month . . . Stay here no move good sense, no?"

Gomez, then, had to be offered not less than $10,000 by the Giants, on top of a sizable bonus, in order to accept the Polo Grounds proposition . . . And the fact that the Giants went that high on an untried pitcher would seem to indicate they either liked the rapidly a scary Sheehan-type pitcher who "covered" him this winter, or they liked Ruben's spirit, or both.

At least half of the Satchel Paige-Ray Noble battery which delivered three hitless, scoreless innings in last year's renewal of the affair, will be back for the 1953 Olympic Stadium Crisp, when the All-Star benefit baseball game at Los Angeles Sunday night . . . Paige was named as one of the American League team pitchers by St. Louis Brown manager Marty Marion late last week.

Hank Thompson is having little to say among the many 1953 Giant "lineups" being guessed up by manager Leo Durocher and assorted baseball writers traveling with the New York club . . . "I came in at 147 pounds, just the weight I like," says the Polo Grounds utility ace . . . "Those lineups they're dreaming up, with everybody but me in 'em, don't mean anything to me . . . I've seen it go like this every year . . . I've been one-two-three (meaning first, second or third) in home runs and runs batted in every year since I've been with the club . . . And one year I set a new-defense record (starting double plays as third baseman) for the league . . . so I GUESS I can't be so terrible, eh?"

POTPOURRI . . . Mal Whitfield's 800, 600 and mile relay efforts in the Kaysee meet at New York the other night were unusual as far as track athletes go, but not for him . . . Marvelous Mal ran three races in the same day in Tokyo in 1951, won two of them and then anchored the victorious relay foursome.

George Taliaferro, who owns the distinction of being the most disfranchised player in pro football, is doing a fine job as an automobile salesman in Los Angeles . . . George was with the Los Angeles Dons when they folded up, later was with the New York Yankees, who sold out, then was with the Dallas Texans, who also gave up . . . he recently moved his wife and baby to L.A., from Dallas.

Few people can get the best of Satchel Paige in any type of humor or wisecrack . . . The Lean One and St. Louis Browns' secretary Bill Durney were exchanging definitions the other road secretary Bill Durney were exchanging definitions the other day and the best came from Durney . . . his description of the term "mixed emotions" . . . watching your mother-in-law drive your new Cadillac over a cliff

Gilliam Sure Of 2nd Base

Says He Can Step Into Jackie's Shoes

VERA BEACH, Fla. — Junior Gilliam believes he can fill Jackie Robinson's shoes at second base.

The former Montreal speed merchant may get the chance, since Jackie has an eye on the hot corner.

Gilliam, working out with the Brooklyn Dodgers, has caught the eye of Manager Charley Dressen as a possible successor to Robinson.

Junior, a native of Nashville, Tenn., but now is calling Baltimore his home, calls it a big order, and is not frightened over the prospects of getting the chance.

Playing with Montreal last season, Gilliam batted .301 in 115 games, batting in 112 runs.

He spent the past winter in Puerto Rico and played in a Caribbean world series.

Giants Protest Sox Leaving Minoso Behind

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Reports that the Chicago White Sox were planning to leave Orestes Migoso behind in California when they come here for exhibition games next week, met with a quick protest from the New York Giants on Tuesday.

Minoso and shortstop Chico Carrasquel were to remain at the El Centro base of the Sox when the rest of the team comes in for Tuesday and Wednesday contests at Municipal Stadium, according to word reaching the Giants' headquarters. The action was planned in order to give the two players more time to get in condition, it was explained.

President Horace Stoneham, however, received the news as a huff, and told secretary Eddie Brannick the White Sox would have to bring in their full squad, or they could stay in California.

"I can't make them play any particular men," said Stoneham, "but they can at least show us the courtesy, and our Phoenix fans the consideration of bringing in their stars.

"If they don't want to do that they can stay where they are."

Two hours after Stoneham's ultimatum, assurances were received from Chicago manager Paul Richards that Minoso and Carrasquel would be on hand.

—LACY

Paige Works On A New Pitch

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. — Satchel Paige, who bedeviled the major league with his "hesitation pitch," is working on another.

Satchel, training here with the St. Louis Browns, revealed that his new trick will be an improvement on the "submarine" pitch.

He hopes it will carry him further along the trail when his rubber arm begins to falter.

PLAN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR GOLD COAST'S BLIND

ACCRA, Gold Coast (ANP)—Blind people in the Gold Coast may soon have their first vocational training school. Negotiations are under way to purchase a site in Accra. The new school, as it is planned, will start with 25 trainees who will be taught basket - making, weaving and rope making among other handicrafts. A workshop also is designed to provide employment for the school's graduate students in order that their training may be constantly applied to aid others.

Hoskins Hero In Baptism Of Fire In Big Leagues

TUCSON, Ariz.—Rookie Righthander Dave Hoskins, winner of 22 games and the 1952 sensation of the Texas League, had a scorching baptism under major league competition here Saturday, yet emerged the winner of his first essay in big time play.

Hoskins, former outfielder pitcher with the Homestead Grays of the Negro National League, hurled the middle three innings of the Cleveland Indians' 11-6 victory over the New York Giants.

But it was his bat, not his arm, that gave him credit for the decision.

Hurling Not Inspired

Nicked for six hits—three of them homers—and three runs during his short stay on the hill, Dave was slightly less than brilliant from a hurling standpoint.

However, it was his bases-loaded single in the fifth that provided his mates with the winning margin.

A .300 hitter in his double-duty role with Dallas last season, Hoskins had one hit in three tries here Saturday—SAM LACY

Central State Bows In Playoff

XTNIA, Ohio — Central State college cagers bowed to Findlay College, 88-74, in the finals of the Ohio Division of the NAIA playoffs on Friday night.

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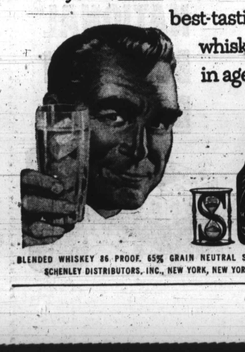

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Harry Simpson Faces His Biggest Challenge

Indian Outfielder Must Fight To Save His 'Wide Open' Job; Says The Other Guys Will Have Hard Time Trying

—— As Told To Sam Lacy ——

TUCSON, Ariz.—It is no secret that the baseball season coming up is provide the biggest challenge of my adult life.

Manager Al Lopez has gone into the press with the statement that my job is "wide open" and that any one of several players can be in rightfield for the Cleveland Indians when the American League campaign gets under way on April 14th.

While I don't want to sound insubordinate or that, I've got news for Mr. Lopez. Rightfield is my job.

It's all right for the manager to use that kind of talk to pep up the other candidates and make them hustle, sure. But displacing me isn't going to be nearly as easy as Lopez makes it appear.

Of course there are a lot of guys who want to break into the regular lineup, and there are some pretty good ball players among them.

Bob Kennedy A Threat

Bob Kennedy, back from the Navy, was a .300 hitter with us before Uncle Sam called him early last year. He's gunning for his old job, and so are Jim Lemon and Herbie Adams, also back from the armed forces.

Then there's Jim Fridley, back for another crack after opening the season with us last year, and

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being farmed out for an additional touch of experience.

And there are Al Smith, my old teammate, and Dave Pope, who came up in Lake Effect's place for a glimpse of the big stuff in the middle of last season.

Pope Hot Last Year

Pope, you know, hit a sizzling .352 at Indianapolis last year, and whenever you get a little taste of the majors like he did, it always makes you doubly ambitious.

Which is all very nice.

However, if Lopez or any of these fellows thinks I am going to lay over and play dead, they'd better forget it.

Suitcase Simpson is here to stay. And if working at the business pays off for effort, Brother Suitcase is going to open in right for keeps.

Not 'Popping Off'

Perhaps I sound like I'm "popping off" . . . I don't mean to be. If "popping off" is expressing confidence and determination, then I'm guilty.

Last year, I was off to a good start—or so I thought. I hardly believe I was the same guy who had been so miserable in spring training.

So miserable, in fact, that you (Lacy) were wondering that I appeared destined for San Diego.

Can't Play First Base

Anyway, I had a great start and I didn't bog down until early June. That was when they started shuttling me between first base and the outfield.

Playing two to double duty took its toll. I can't play first and I know it. I don't like the first base but when you're in this business you don't tell the manager what you like and don't like. You just pull on a glove and give it the best you can.

Well, hard as I tried I couldn't figure out first base. Oh sure I could play the position good enough for the average fan, but I couldn't then, and can't now play it well enough to be called a first baseman in the major leagues.

Outfield His Job

Now the outfield is different. I think I do all right in the outfield, and Lopez has been quoted in some of the newspapers as rating me a "very good" outfielder.

Naturally, it was good news, therefore, when he told me at Daytona Beach (Fla.) last month, that he was turning the fill-in job at first over to Bill Glynn.

That was all I wanted to hear. When he said that, I didn't mind his statement about throwing the rightfield job "wide open."

Wants Peace Of Mind

If I'm allowed to concentrate on the outfield, and don't have to worry about being asked to play first, that's as much as I want.

In 1951, Lopez and Hank Greenberg (Cleveland general manager) went all the way with me. They left me in the lineup when everyone had given up on me, everyone including myself.

In 1952, I had a typical "sophomore jinx" year.

In 1953, I'm in what they describe as a dogfight for the job I want.

Okay, its a challenge. And I accept it. Signed:

Harry Simpson

Gomez's Flinging Has Giant Camp Bubbling

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The training camp of the New York Giants was bubbling with confidence in the ability of Ruben Gomez to help the club following the initial workout of the Puerto Rican pitching hopeful on Friday.

Gomez arrived in camp Thursday after a circuitous jor route which delivered him in Phoenix from Havana, Cuba, by way of New York.

He explained his three-day tardiness to manager Leo Durocher: "These were only plans I could get, you know?"

Batting Practice Pitching

Put to work immediately pitching batting practice, the 167-pound righthander was the cynosure of all eyes. As he took the mound, pitchers Dave Koslo, Max Lanier, Montia Kennedy and Hoyt Wilhelm ceased their "pepper ball" game and took positions behind the batting cage.

A moment later they were joined by Jim Hearn, Scout Dutch Reuther and Coach Herman Franks.

In a 20-minute stint on the Hill, Gomez showed a good curve, a puzzling screw ball and control that provoked considerable comment among all who watched.

'I Theenk, I Do Hokay'

After being dismissed by pitching coach Frank Shellenback, the young flinger talked to newsmen in the club house.

"I theenk I do okay up here," he mused. "With good team behind me, I have winning year."

Reminded that although he would be playing with a better team than he has had behind him in the past, he also will be facing better hitters if he manages to stick, Ruben flashed a reassuring smile.

"I no mond the hitters," he declared, exhibiting a sincerity that must have impressed his interlocutors.

Better Than Kansas City

"As long as I get the ball over, they won't hurt me too much. My curve she's pretty good now, better than Kansas City (when he was with the Kansas City Blues, Yankee farm club). And the 'scrooge' (parlance for screw ball), oh babee, she's big help."

Commenting on the Gomez screw ball a short time later, Tom Sheehan, who scouted and signed Gomez in Puerto Rico this winter, opined:

"He's got the best "scrooge" I've seen a righthander throw in all my baseball life. Wynn's (Early Wynn, Cleveland Indians) and Gerry Staley's (St. Louis Cardinals) can't touch this boy's."

Agree On Screw Ball

Reuther and Durocher, while not as enthusiastic as Sheehan, which is understandable, since the latter's protege, were nevertheless in accord on one thing:

"His screw ball looks like a good pitch and he gets it over, which is a fine point in its favor."

Reuther went further: "I like the way he moves on the mound. He knows how to pitch; shows he hasn't wasted his time."

The 25-year-old rookie hurler was born in Arroyo, a small town on the southern coast of Puerto Rico, youngest of a family of five children, three girls and two boys.

Begin In High School

He began playing baseball in high school, had a brief fling with the New York Cubans in the Negro National League and played part of the 1952 season with Kansas City, in the American Association.

Suffering a broken little finger on his pitching hand, and the unpromising future in the Yankee farm system, he asked to be released so that he could return home and finish a college career in physical education.

"When I reached San Juan," he declared Friday "I found the schools were open and the classes made up. I decided to enter college in the Dominican Republic.

$1,600 a Month

"However, when I got to Ciudad Trujillo, I received an offer to play Saturday and Sunday ball for $1,600 a month. I figured I'd let school wait a while."

Gomez reported in good condition, although he admitted he would like to pick up eight pounds he lost in a busy season in the Puerto Rican Winter League.

There, playing for Bus Clarkson's Santurce champions, Ruben won 14 games and lost nine, and was credited with 21 complete outings.

In the Caribbean title series, concluded two weeks ago, he won the opening contest — a 4-hitter — by 15-6, and aided his own cause with a home run and single.

Bruton, Pendleton Eyed As Threats

Manager Charley Grimm Sold On Both Because Of Records

BY LYDIA T. BROWN

BOSTON — During a recent sportswriters dinner here, speculation was rife as to who would occupy the centerfield position as the Boston Braves left for Bradenton, Fla. to begin spring training.

For now, the 31-year-old Sam Jethroe finds he has two new colored teammates for company, William (Bill) Bruton and James (Jim) Pendleton, both with eyes on Jethroe's post. Also with the squad is the veteran George Crowe, infielder.

Bruton, 23, former first-sacker with the Philadelphia Giants, proved a sensation on the Milwaukee team last season, where he hit .325, stole 30 bases and led the American Association with 130 runs and 211 hits.

Pendleton Is 27

Pendleton, 27, is a six-footer, weighing 185 pounds.

He has four years of Triple (A) baseball behind him, three with St. Paul and one with Montreal, and has had experience with the Brooklyn Dodgers, having played centerfield at their winter training camp after two years at shortstop.

Manager Charley Grimm has let it be known that "he is very much pleased with his two newcomers. He called attention to Pendleton's big strong wrists, and Bruton's fine batting record.

He feels that if they make the grade the Braves may come up with a fair chance at the pennant—L.T.B.

Dukes Heads Catholic '5'

Xavier Places 3 On District Teams

EAST ORANGE, N.J.—Eleven of the nation's leading Catholic college basketball players, two from first-ranked Seton Hall and two from fourth-ranked LaSalle, were named to the second annual All-Catholic, All-America collegiate basketball team in a nation-wide poll.

Towering Walt Dukes, six-foot-eleven Seton Hall skyscraper, and little Johnny O'Brien, five-foot-nine Seattle midget, were the top vote-getters.

Tom Gola of LaSalle, Togo Palazzi and Earl Markey from Holy Cross completed the first five in that order.

Xavier Lands Three

The stars were named in a poll of 50 leading Catholic college basketball coaches, publicity directors and sports editors of Catholic newspapers.

Frederick Jones, six foot-three center, and Thurston Warlick, six foot-four forward, of Xavier university, New Orleans, were named in the first five for Division Three.

G. Reyoir, Galvin and Hamberg, all of Loyola University of the South, completed the first five. Paul Gaines, Xavier forward, was included in the second five, along with three other Loyola men from Loyola and one from Spring Hill.

8 Major Teams Carry List Of 30 Tan Players

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Eight major league clubs carrying tan players in their spring exhibition campaigning opened a busy schedule in the Citrus League belt Saturday.

The eight teams and their players are:

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Luke Easter, Larry Doby, Harry Simpson, Dave Pope, Sam Jones, Dave Hoskins, Al Smith and Jose Santiago.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Monte Irvin, Hank Thompson, Ray Noble, Bill White, and Ruben Gomez;

BROOKLYN DODGERS—Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Joe Black, Junior Gilliam and Edmundo Amoros;

BOSTON BRAVES—Sam Jethroe, George Crowe, Bill Bruton, Jim Pendleton and Louis Marques.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Orestes Minoso, Bob Boyd and Connie Johnson.

ST. LOUIS BROWNS—Satchel Paige;

CHICAGO CUBS—Gene Baker.

WASHINGTON SENATORS—Angel Scull and Juan Vizturer.

Between now and the opening of the championship season on April 14, these clubs will play a total of 248 games, exclusive of those in which some will split for the purpose of giving action to their "B" squads.

The Indians, Giants and Dodgers have 32 each; the Braves and Senators are down for 31 apiece, and the White Sox, Browns and Cubs are booked in 30—LACY.

Clowns To Train In Norfolk, Va.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y.—Syd Pollock's Indianapolis Clowns, seeking their fourth straight American League championship will launch their spring training at Norfolk, Va., April 10, and game Sunday, April 12, against the Norfolk Palms.

Buster Haywood will again handle the reins for the Pundmakers, with veteran Bumpy Downs continuing as business manager.

King Tut will head the team's fun-making department.

Girl Player Signed

Miss Toni Stone, first female to ink a NAL contract will play second base regularly for the Clowns this season.

One of the new additions to be with the Clowns this year is Lois Digges of New York City, versatile infielder and outfielder. Digges, 19, weighs 162 and stands 5 feet 11 inches.

He has had experience with the Raleigh (N.C.) Tigers and last year was with Farnham, Quebec in Canada.

Moore In TKO Over Andrews

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (ANP) —Newly-crowned champ Archie Moore was complete master of the situation in his fight with Sonny Andrews which ended with a technical knockout for Moore in the fifth round last week.

Moore, the big boy in the light-heavyweight division, earned the TKO by opening a cut over Andrew's left eye in their scheduled 10-round main event here.

Referee Max Baer, former glamour heavyweight champion, mercifully stopped the bout to the disappointment of a sell-out crowd.

Moore weighed 182 pounds; Andrews, 177.

Ez-Layne Bout May Be Sellout

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Judging by the way the tickets are being snapped up, the April 1st bout between veterans Ezzard Charles and Rex Layne, may be a sellout, according to Promoter Jimmy Murray.

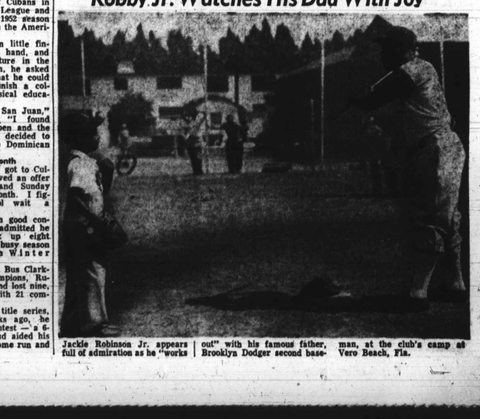
If so, Murray will attribute it to television.

"Television is creating hundreds of new fans. They have been watching the art of the fights, big and little. When a big one comes along, they want to see the fighters in the flesh."

This third Charles-Layne battle is scheduled for 210 top.

If the orders continue at the present rate, Murray says he might switch the bout to the Cow Palace which seats 13,000 against the present Winterland which can only fit in 7,500.

Robby Jr. Watches His Dad With Joy



Jackie Robinson Jr. appears full of admiration as he "works out" with his famous father, Brooklyn Dodger second baseman, at the club's camp at Vero Beach, Fla.