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GEORGE SELKIRK'S STEAL OF HOME HIGHLIGHTS TRIBE SERIES

New York Fans Expect Bombers to Occupy First Place by July 4; They Also Look on Giants as Important



EW YORK, N. Y.—With the Yankees closing in on the leaders, the Giants within hailing distance of the top this has been the capital of major league news, even if the Cardinals have fired Ray Blades. Private advices that Blades would be out in 36 hours came after the customers had flung bad fruit at the Gas Housers in that night defeat by Brooklyn. Well, with 107 pitchers in 38 games, Blades left something for the other pilots

There is a strong belief around here that on the night of July 4, the Yankees once more will be found in first place. Joe McCarthy, some time ago, set the date at June 20, but we are giving him a little

The Yankees are getting back in stride with their attack, and they are getting pitching which is not only robust, but of the nine-inning variety. Now, if Red Ruffing definitely will shake that jinx which has been hounding him since he lost the opener to Chubby Dean, the Bombers will sail right along in their 1939 splendor,

The star of the pitching situation continues to be Marvin Breuer, about whom THE SPORTING NEWS tipped you off back in March. Too bad Breuer was not allowed to stay in for his fifth straight the day the Yankees blasted Bob Feller, after the Cleveland star had won six straight. The Bombers' home run attack was stopped that afternoon, so for variety George Sel-

This Yankee team is developing a high versatility. Not even the oldest inhabitants remember when they last stole home. But more ways than one are needed to win, and the Yankees have them. Selkirk, fighting Joe DiMaggio for the club batting lead, and taking the No. I niche in the Stadium home run rating, is the big story on the Yankees. The old boy is as fast as he ever was, and for daily dependability, hasn't a superior in

However, we'd like to cut in with something more than a plug for Babe Dahlgren, He hits only ,250, but drives in his share Turned to Backstopping of the runs. He is playing the most amaz- at Suggestion of Mack glorious regime of George Sisler. In fact, AYES streaked like a Jesse Owens to the Old Guard insists New York hasn't seen his defensive like since Hal Chase. Day after day, Dahlgren makes plays reminiscent of Prince Hal in his marvel years. with the Yankees.

the White Sox, Dahlgren was charged with gladly accepted this proposition. his first error in 42 games. This misplay Just as he was preparing to leave, Mack came on a throw to the plate and Dahl- asked: gren was the goat of a situation born of "By the way, Frankie, what position do handler's failure to cover the registry you prefer to play?" station. Had Chandler been where he should have been, Dahlgren's throw would burg," the kid replied. have got his man-or that man never would have tried to score.

This past week saw Red Rolfe return to gested Mack. "You can have your choice, action after having missed a dozen games. however—outfielder or catcher. Which Bill Knickerbocker proved a revelation will it be?" while Rolfe was out with a cold, and hit

ith the bat. The next day he was nie had offered that suggestion. opped, and then Feller gave him a very "That's settled, then," Mack said. "You flies that ever wore a mask. I guess I ugh afternoon until, with two gone in go up to Montreal and in a little while was the worst, e ninth, the third sacker belted the hit we'll bring you to the A's and see what "Lena Blackb at beat the Indians. Incidentally, Feller, we can do to make you a catcher." ches. It isn't natural for the lad to rk so deliberately.

no intention to bring in a new short-this accident, Hayes did nearly all of the p this season. At least, that is the A's catching for the rest of the season. cial attitude right now.

he Giants, paced by the hard-hitting nning, were halted in St. Louis the day Berry's Second Misfortune ades was fired, but on the following two Gave Frank Trip to Orient they went through the Birds for four ight wins, to advance closer to the top. Col. Bill Goes Back to Witek Ferry made two changes in St. Louis.

ouple of breaks, could move into the thick the trip. Frankie jumped at the chance. s he did with Newark; if Ott will shake tle, then by train to Vancouver-and just hat slump; if Schumacher will shake that made the boat, arriving in the early mornor him in the six games charged against experience he gained in games on that ial)-if all these things came to pass-the tour of the Orient, and the constant assofiants would not take any sass from the ciation with such diamond greats as Mack, bodgers, Reds or anybody else.

There are a lot of very bright spots on ill and Gomez, was just what the 18-yearhe club, none brighter than Carl Hubbell, old kid from New Jersey needed. with his five in a row. Hubbell figures However, Frankie was not ready for big profit by experience. o beat any club he faces these days, and league backstopping, in the opinion of his National League. With Bucky Walters catcher in his day. He needed a year of ting his weight"-or under the .200 mark ball. And I love the game. But don't

ne woods. hance for the Giants to land Tony Cucci- has been the Athletics' first-string catcher, was well above the .400 line and for a get the salary to which I think I am en- other getting a prize. hello from the Bees. It is understood that with possibly ten more years of stardom period he was the leading base hit maker titled next year and in future years." Boston would trade Miller, West and shead of him. block any deal for Bob Quinn.

e has confidence in Witek, the fiddler they patterned. vill come through handsomely.

Terry has an idea Witek is not a second aseman. He believes Mickey is a shorttop. In Newark, where Witek had to play Been to Be "Another Ruth" hort, they said he was a second sacker.

There is some mystification around here

Tour SEE, I had no idea I would be a baseball writing and observation, I never self and getting the Athletics higher in rangement.

Harrell h hort, they said he was a second sacker. oncerning the announcement that Joe to me," Hayes explained. "If I had ting two home runs in one game and yet Only a few seasons ago, Frank had to just isn't with him. Bad fielding cost him ronin will manage the American League eam in the All-Star game in St. Louis, steps of some diamond great, it would have er it has been done before. Perhaps some eaten himself out of the league. Hayes is another, and to date has lost five straight. uly 9. Joe McCarthy should run the Babe Ruth or Al Simmons or Doc Cramer player with a batting average above .400 stern with himself and eats only one large . . . Thirty-eight-year-old Byron Speece me time ago asked to be relieved of burg team.

ven the go by.

Frankie Hayes, A's Self-Taught Catching Star, Once Was Called 'Worst Man on Fouls Ever to Wear Mask'

Took Up Backstopping at Suggestion of Mack and Learned Hard Way

Saw His First Major League Service at 18; Denied Raise, Instead of Sulking He Gives Everything He Has to Team

By STONEY McLINN

SELF-MADE maskman is Frank Hayes, a 25-year-old athlete who seems des-tined to rank with Mickey Cochrane, Wally Schang, Cy Perkins, Jack Lapp, Ira Thomas and Ossie Schreckengost, to mention a half-dozen outstanding backstops who wore the big mitten for Connie Mack on his great teams of White Ele-

On the field, Frankie Hayes was pretty much "on his own" in the early days of his big league apprenticeship. He learned his job the hard way—but the best way—in the rigorous school of experience, so he can aptly be termed "self-

Jamesburg, N. J., was the home town of Frank Whitman Hayes, but it's now Freehold in the same state. His father was a ball player, and Dad Hayes organized kirk stole home. In the ninth, Gordon and managed the town team. At the age stole second and had third swiped, as of 16. Frankie was chasing flies in the well, when Dahlgren connected and sent outfield for the Jamesburg sandlotters. Frankie Marshall, was calling 'em at Jamesburg on a June afternoon in 1933 and he was impressed by the size and strength

of the Hayes boy. After Frankie had pounded a ball a country mile for a home run, and had shown natural all-round ability as a diamond athlete, Ump Marshall said: "Boy, why don't you go over to Shibe Park in Philadelphia and see Connie Mack? He's always looking for kids like you, who can slug that apple over the fences."

ranged for an interview with Manager Mack. Connie was immediately impressed by the size and spirit of the lad and told Frank he believed he could arrange to have him signed by the Montreal Extra! Dahlgren Makes An Error! club, and after a brief tryout there, Hayes In the final game of the series here with would be brought in to the A's. The boy

"I have been an outfielder for Jamessize could become a good catcher," sug-

Hayes was in Montreal less than a week ing to do some hard worker league, now is the slowest. He has and had not thrown a ball in the Inter- learn to catch foul flies. e league, now is the slowest. He has and had not thrown a ban in the slowest part of the has and had not thrown a ban in the slowest part of the had a poseur, which he is back in Philadelphia with the Athletics worked Morning After Morning Some critics also think he has de- and sitting in the dugout, watching Mickey loped a Walter Johnson complex. In Cochrane do a fine job of catching and Learning to Catch Foul Flies event, it would be a fine idea for Fel- hitting. The kid from Jersey took part O, IN the mornings and before the Cochrane gone he had been sold to De-

ich is very tough to lug around.

lowever, Joe McCarthy intends to go ht along with Crosetti and give him a line to bust out of the doldrums. There has a lipped from Hayes' hands and hit hat slipped from Hayes' hands and hit hat lie light direction at the doldrum and the light direction at the ligh

HE misfortunes of Charley Berry continued to become the good fortunes of Frankie Hayes. An All-America baseball team traveled to Japan, foldropped Mel Ott, hitting .296, down to lowing the big league season of 1934. Berry kth in the batting order. This was not had been booked as a catcher for that e first time Ott had been shunted into team, managed by Connie Mack and Babe e company of the lesser lights with the Ruth, but when Berry broke a leg, he was aymore. With Mel in a slump, Terry crossed from the list. However, he recovad to hunt for more punch, and finally ered from the injury sooner than expected, ut Mickey Witek back where he be- and was on a train headed for Vaninged, at second base. Glossop did some couver, the sailing point, when he was ne work in the field, but his .205 batting stricken with appendicitis in North Daacord made him too great a luxury to be kota. That was two days before the basefforded by a club in the position of the ball missionaries embarked for the Orient. Mack wired Hayes at Jamesburg, ask-

The Giants are a club which, with a ing if he would hop a plane and go on the pennant battle. If Witch will field He traveled by air from Newark to Seat-Ruth, Grove, Gehrig, Foxx, McNair, Aver-

ooks like the current No. 1 pitcher of the tutor, who, incidentally, was quite a alted by the Dodgers, that impression gets hard work in the minors-and he got this It is believed that there no longer is a recalled by Connie Mack and since then

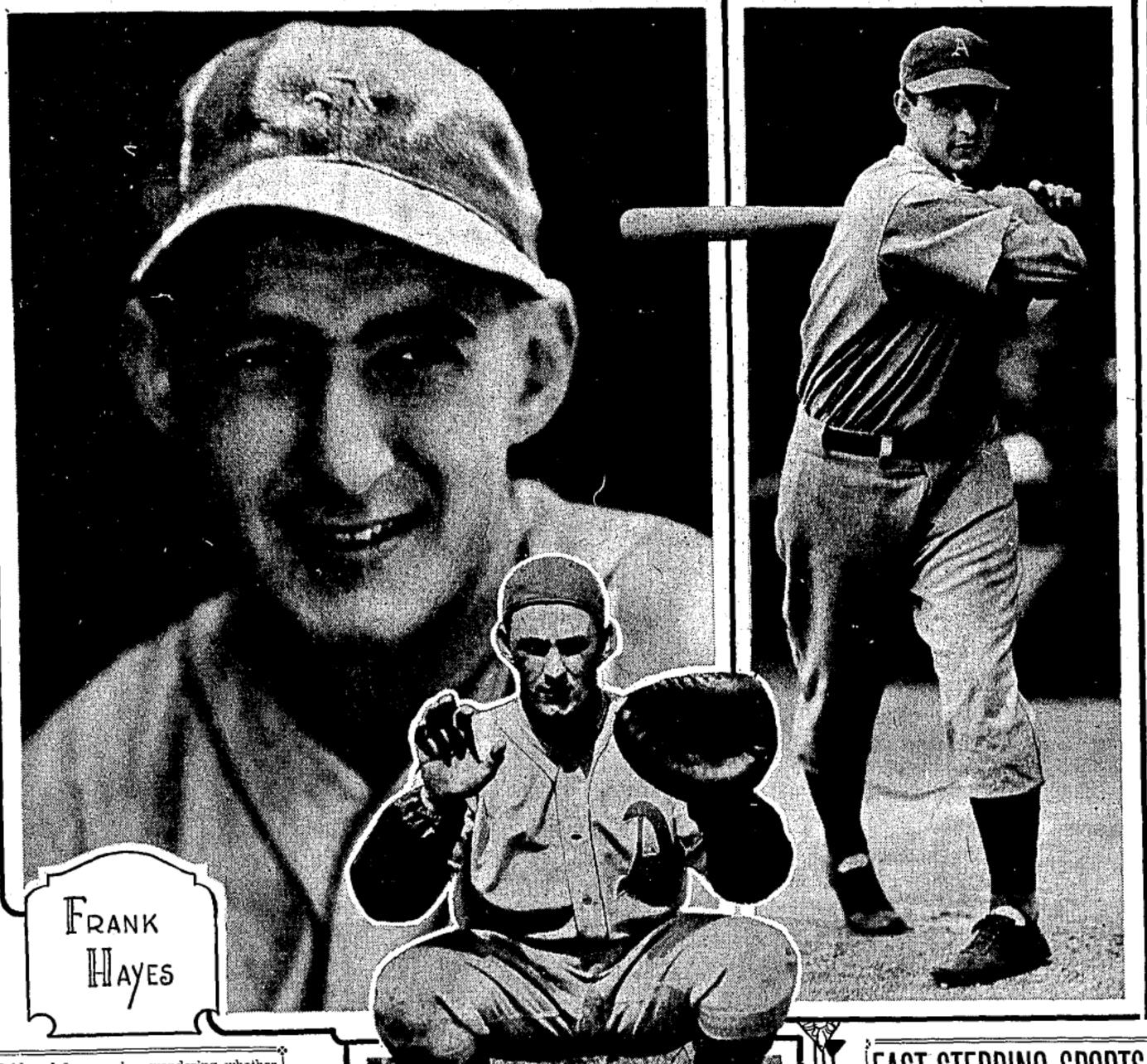
Succinello, but the terms demanded are Hayes has been called a "Self-made egarded as so exorbitant that they would Mask-Man" because he had no cagey veteran on the team to teach him the "hows" There are experts around here who of the catching business. Most catchers game the Athletics played in St. Louis, thoughts and energy to his play. hink the Giants can get along nicely with- who have made the grade in the Big Tent May 20. In this game, Hayes went to bat ut Cuccinello, and that if Terry shows as maskmen have had tutors after whom

Thinks His Choice Might Have

American League sources are re- or some other flychaser, because of my has made two hits out of five times up, meal a day. He abstains from coffee and alone was able to stop the Oaks, which ponsible for the statement that McCarthy experience as an outfielder on that James- these hits being singles, doubles or triples, tea entirely and avoids beer as an enemy. he did, 2 to 1, on only five hits in ten in-

McCarthy denies that he ever asked to little about big league ball up to 1933. I hurting a slugger's average?

VERY WARM FOR MAY : AND STAYS HOT FOR JUNE



field and I remember wondering whether would ever be lucky enough to play in "Well, I have an idea a lad of your that Shibe Park outfield. It was just a dream, such as any 15-year-old boy would have, and I forgot about it the next day. "Two years later, when I was wearing "Why," stammered Hayes, surprised by and was down there in the dugout with 00. Red watched the averages and got the question, "I think I'd rather be a those experienced players, I realized how catcher." Frankie said later he would little I knew about baseball, especially The day Red returned he had a fine time have agreed to take up pitching if Con- catching, a job that was new to me. They used to call me the worst man on foul

> "Lena Blackburne, the A's coach, took an interest in me and said if I-was willing to do some hard work, he'd help me

to stop wasting so much time between in three games near the end of that season. games, Lena would stand at the home The following year, 1934, found Mike plate and bat high flies which I would chase and try to catch," continued one Yankee who just cannot get going troit and made manager there. Young Frankie, "At first, my average of 'gets' the the bat is Crosetti. He is subject to a streaks of failure. If Rolfe isn't hitg—and Red has not reached the .225
irk at this writing—flops in the No. 1
If No. 2 batting positions put a milline around the necks of the Bombers, ich is very tough to lug around.

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that a deal manager there. Young Frankle. "At first, my average of gets that have a frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting length was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting a homer in the city series with the length of the worked on these foul flies an hour at a time, day after day. Finally I got that instinct—that feeling—which sent in 99. Madjeski, a third catcher, caught in the right direction at the crack of length was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting length was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting was frightfully low. But Lena kept hitting length was frightfully low. Bu

> all the A's games, gives it as his opinion that Frankie Hayes is the best foul fly ball hawk in the American League today.)

While giving credit to Blackburne for teaching him to catch, Hayes says Coach Keefe also helped him along the road. But the mechanics of the job-the receiving of pitchers, the catching of foul flies, the blocking of runners and "holding up the Indeed, two managers of rival big league doing it the wrong way, having his mis- the A's. takes pointed out to him, and then doing it the right way.

is a chance to tag 'em out."

Hayes also credited any skill he may have at handling pitchers to experience. inx (the Giants have got exactly six runs ing of the day on which it sailed. The He says "A fellow has to keep his eyes and ears open and learn how and what

> The month of May this season was noteworthy in Hayes' career. He was "hiting the ball at a .341 mark.

been seeking to follow in the foot- seeing his percentage drop. I doubt wheth- adopt a rigorous diet, or he would have one game. He was shut out, 2 to 0, in

relieved. In fact, the pilot of the had seen only one big league game. I But Frank did not allow his efforts to in a while he will order a Scotch highball league's bad boy. . . . While resting from anks is somewhat miffed about the bagged school in 1931 to watch a World's rap out hits and become a contender for and will make one last an hour. hole thing and wonders why he was Series game between the A's and the Car- the batting championship to affect his All in all, it seems Mr. Hayes of the A's out of five trips to the platter. DAN DANIEL. | dinals. I had a seat 'way over in right catching or his work as a team player. | travels the right ways.

May Double Homer Mark

A 'NATURAL' IN AN ADOPTED POSITION

TALLASSEE, Ala .-- Although the Alabama State circuit's season is only about two months old, Gordon (Cotton) Goodell, slugging outfielder of Tallassee, already has established a new league home-run mark, pounding out his twentyfourth, June 6, to better the previous mark by four.

Goodell opened last week with the record of 20 tied, made two June 2. followed up with another a few days later and then made it No. 24 before the week closed. The mark of 20 was jointly held by Jose Gonzales, made in the league's first season, and Bruce Middlebrooks, Troy third baseman, last year. If Goodell continues at anywhere

near the pace he has set, he will

pitcher"-all these things Frankie picked clubs expressed the opinion, in dugout President E. J. Schefter hoped might blast up in the hard school of experience. He interviews this spring, that Frankie was learned the right way to do a thing by one big reason for any improvement in ceased firing. The Beavers not only were Worth club. Homer not only has piloted missioner K. M. Landis, stated his case

real tribute to his love for the game and ended competition for the season. Asked about blocking off runners at the his inherent sportsmanship. Last winter, Asked about blocking off runners at the his inherent sportsmanship. Last winter, when they return from a two-week batting title several years ago. plate, Hayes replied: "Oh, that just came he engaged in a one-man sitdown strike: trip to Hollywood and Oakland, there is batting title several years ago. FLINT DUPRE. natural to me. I'm pretty big, you know- He sat at his home in New Jersey-and every indication that lightning will strike tipping the scales at 195 pounds. I'm well refused to sign contracts proffered him by the high-priced roster. Several members can't knock me out of there if I see there difference of about \$8,500 between the slowed up so badly that President Schef- is a chance to tag 'em out."

Manager Mack. There was said to be a of the club, including the best paid, have slowed up so badly that President Schef- Inter-State Bat King of 1939 wages Hayes asked, and the wages Mack ter figures there is no point in keeping offered. Frankie was as stubborn as Mack them just to lose more games for the on the subject of compromise.

Finally, three days before the A's quit It seems probable that from now on the

"I was compelled to sign at Mr. Mack's smaller leagues. figures. It was that, or stay out of basein both major leagues. Latest averages Instead of grouching about his failure to pitcher, has been appointed Beaver scout. ly's average shrunk almost in half.

The writer has noticed a big change in Sale of Catcher Eddie Fernandes to runs, yet actually saw his batting average 1934. Hayes is still young-he won't be 26 that club on option for the rest of the

urg team.

"As a matter of fact, I thought very hear before of two homers in one game would mean the end of his major league be the hitting and all-round play of career, so he cannot take a chance. Once Frankie Hawkins, no longer the Coast

FOR BASEMENT BEAVERS

Loss of 11 of 15 at Home Likely to See Kids Replacing High-Salaried Vets; Rudy Kallio Appointed Scout

for seven out of eight and dropped them Shreveport's showing in a number to expert pitching nor to an unafford all the expense.

14 games below the 500 mark in a home neither to expert pitching nor to an unafford all the expense.

The day following the suspension, Bryant stay during which they lost 11 out of 15 usual display of power at the plate. The always was admittedly slow, but which

outscored, but for the most part outhit his Sports up into the thick of the fight, and was told to return the following Hayes' top-grade work this season is a in the disastrous home stay that virtually but also is crowding Jack Bradsher of morning. When he got back there, Wrig-When they return from a two-week a mark around .350. He won the league's sion ensued, at the conclusion of which

Beavers.

their training camp at Anaheim, Cal., Hayes Beaver front office will do a lot of tryingto do." Frankie added that all the best reported. He signed immediately and out of younger talent. Two or three fairly coaching in the big leagues wouldn't make caught part of a game the first day he was promising kids are with the team at presa first-string catcher of anyone who did in uniform. Frankie was in shape, for ent, but none has been under fire enough not find out things for himself as situa- he had done his spring training at home. to prove anything. Unfortunately, the tions came up in the games played-and He had this to say at the time, to a close Beavers have not made a policy of having other youngsters out getting seasoned in Must Go Out and Find 'Em

The breakdown of the team thus finds -when the month opened. Steady, con- think I would ever lay down on the Old no reserves available. It virtually means housands of supporters in this neck of in 1935, with Buffalo and Albany of the sistent and helpful hitting gradually lift- Man. I'll play the game to the limit of grabbag tactics for the rest of the year, International League. In 1936, Hayes was ed him up the ladder, until in the last my ability. I'll work hard to improve my- seizing any youth who looks remotely week of the month his batting average self in all departments. Then maybe I'll promising in the hope of somehow or championship. This year, the circuit took an athlete any salary, can keep him under

> from league headquarters show him clout- get a raise, Hayes seemingly has brushed He is the first man to hold that position aside his disappointment in favor of giv- since Tom Turner's scouting days from A singular occurrence took place in the ing all he has to the team. He gives all his 1922 through 1924, before he graduated to the ownership.

> five times and sledged two booming home this catcher since those days in 1933 and Pittsburgh brought Joe Schultz, Jr., from decline. It seemed that he entered the until October 13-but he is a much chas- year, and Pitcher Ray Harrell had previgame with an average of .417, and as he tened young man since his budding days. ously been turned over outright in the batted .400 that afternoon, his percentage Today he's a staid and serious performer, same transaction. Another pitcher is to naturally dropped. In all my years of thinking only of trying to improve him- come here next season under optional ar-Harrell has pitched fine ball, but luck

> > a groin injury, he pinch-batted safely four

Shreveport Soars in Race by Winning 10 of 15 Games on Road; Race Tightens as Leading Buffs Slow Up

the first division. The Sports' drive started May 28, or about the time Vernon (George) Washington and Guy Curtright, outfielders, were able to play regularly. pennant. He won 19 games. But as is

were in third place. Concurrent with Shreveport's showing Beavers have found their level Buffs, who had set a mad pace.

for the season, if you can call Through the week-end, last-place Fort descending slope a level. Worth was only four and a half games a descending slope a level. Worth was only four and a half games arrived, Bryant had different plans. When the last hope of averting a out of the first division. Thus, with the told of his suspension, he didn't undercellar finish vanished in an race still three weeks from the halfway stand that he was off the payroll and Oakland blitzkrieg at Vaughn mark, any club has a chance to finish in that the club wouldn't underwrite the

Sports have been getting their hits, but

Dropped for Poor Stickwork TRENTON, N. J .- Batting champion in

story of Dynamite Dave Kelly, whom the meanwhile being outside in his car. It Trenton Senators purchased from Sun- was at this conference that Wrigley, adbury last winter. After a month of the 1940 campaign, Kel- spite his desire to discipline Bryant, put

times at bat-so Manager Goose Goslin with a promise that it would continue released him outright. Gerry Hannahoe if there were indications that Bryant's was obtained from Wilkes-Barre as Kelly's arm was improving. The Bryants departsuccessor on first base.

LAME ARM EXODUS COMPLETED ON CUBS

BRYANT FOLLOWS DEAN OFF CLUB, BUT NOT WITHOUT FIGHT

Wrigley to Pay Mrs. Clay \$50 Weekly While There Are Signs Pitcher's Wing Is Returning to Usefulness



HICAGO, Ill. - The Cubs, famous for their skill to break into print by methods other than the winning of games, have had a busy week. Diz Dean, himself no backwoods yokel as a headline hunter, has finally gone away,

not. Also gone away is Clay Bryant, like Dean a cripple of long standing. P. K. Wrigley, Cub owner, was behind the two moves, which, while not surprising, stirred up fan commotion and commotion of another sort because different treatments were applied to cases more or less parallel. Both are simply guys with bum arms.

Dean, carefully nursed for the more than two years since the Cubs bought him from the Cardinals at the exhorbitant price of \$185,000 and three players, was

price of \$185,000 and three players, was sent under option to the Tulsa Texas League club, the explanation being that he would attempt a comeback where the competition is less severe. Bryant was suspended indefinitely without any pay and told to come back when he could pitch, although Boss Wrigley did relent after several turbulent days and agree to pay \$50 per week for a month, not to Bryant but to Mrs. Bryant.

The move in the Dean case has been viewed by outsiders from different and

viewed by outsiders from different angles. Diz is supposed to have made the suggestion, admitting he couldn't get by up here. He told the club officials that he wanted to develop a new sidearm delivery and apparently they believed him because they must continue paying his \$10,000 salary. But a lot of skeptics think the club officials finally have appreciated that Diz is a back number, hence eased um out gently instead of with one b shove. Dean, by the way, won his first One indication that club officials, instead

of abandoning its so far futile experiment on the famous cripple, continued to believe there still is a chance, is that a sort of keeper or manager has been provided for Diz. Keeping him company in Tulsa and other Texas League points is Dutch Ruether, former big league southpaw, and now a Cub scout. It will be Ruether's job to keep an eye on Dean's conduct and assist him in his professed aim to master the sidearm delivery. Diz just about pitched that way ever since he came to the Cubs, and in more than two seasons didn't seem to learn anything beyond the fact that the batters couldn't When the Cubs purchased Dean they

said they made the move with their eyes wide open. They knew his arm was bad, but were confident that proper treatment would take care of everything. It didn't. Diz was X-rayed until he was broiled. He was handled like a sacred cow. In 1938, he was used so infrequently that his arm had time enough to strengthen between starts. In 1939, he was handled the same way, but there was no improve-ment. Then this year he was told he had to pitch and he couldn't.

Five Starts, Four Kayoes for Dizzy During the winter, Diz beefed because his \$20,000 salary had been cut in half. He wanted \$15,000, or he'd starve. Why, the arm was as good as in his palmy days. The club didn't go for his sales talk, and his holdout act finally ended in mid-March. But he was given opportunity to prove what he had said. He was given a regular pitching turn shortly after the season opened. He started five times, was knocked out of four, so Manager Hartnett

put him back on the shelf. ALLAS, Tex.—Shreveport, one of the pre-season favorites to win the Texas League pennant, but last in the standings up to two weeks ago, furnished which is burned out or something could Last month while the Cubs were in share of the excitement in which is burned out or something, could this section, along with the ar- never pitch overhand, but that he might rival of Dizzy Dean at Tulsa get by with a sidearm act. So Diz, takand Rogers Hornsby as manager of Okla- ing orders from Mrs. Dean, who apprehoma City. The Sports won the last 15 clated the Cubs weren't going to carry games, all on the road, and moved into her husband forever unless he produced, Bryant was a star in 1938, pitching out of turn along with Bill Lee to win a On the morning of June 10, the Sports often the case after such heroic pitching

When Bryant was told of his suspension. ORTLAND, Ore.—The Portland came the slowing up of the Houston Beavers have found their level Buffs, who had set a mad pace. in the spring. But when the next day street that swept the Beavers the first division.

for seven out of eight and dropped them Shreveport's showing can be attributed So he called it off, saying that he couldn't

went back to Wrigley, seeking some sort Even the Big Berthas of a lineup that mainly they have outfought their foes. of an adjustment or an outright release Back of the Sports is the inspirational so that he could hunt baseball employleadership of Homer Peel, 37-year-old ment elsewhere. Wrigley refused to budge. San Antonio for the batting lead, with ley also was present. An hour's discusthe commissioner announced that under the laws of O. B., the club was within its rights and there was nothing he could do. The next day it was Wrigley and Bryant

again. At least it was supposed to be. They had a date, but before the appointed time Wrigley made a change. He said he didn't want to see Bryant because they "speak a different language." Mrs. Bryant was substituted. They talked at the ball 1939, a bust in '40. That's the tragic park, June 8, after the game, Bryant mitting he wanted to do something dely was batting only .205-18 hits in 88 Mrs. Bryant on the payroll at \$50 a week ed, June 10, for Los Angeles.

Last season, when the Inter-State was There is an interesting angle to the a four-club, Class C circuit, Kelly batted Bryant case. It brings up the point of 404 for Sunbury to win the loop batting just how long a club, while not paying on four more teams and a Class B rating reserve and thus make it impossible for Rudy Kallio, veteran ex-Coast league and pitching improved so much that Kel- him to attempt getting employment elsewhere in his profession.

IRVING VAUGHAN.

