Notebooks From Prewar Training Camps

Dixie as a Rookie . . . Gehrig as Card-Player . . . Keller as Unheralded Slugger

By MICHAEL GAVEN

In the New York Journal-American

Memories revived from an old notebook found in a south-bound basehall writer's trunk: . . . A wire from the office advising the writer to buy a camera and take his own rictures. . . . Because of the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby no photographers could be spared. . . . Doesn't seem like 15 years ago, but

The Dodgers coming to Lakeland, Fla., that same spring on the very day the papers used pictures of Max Carey at a blackboard. . . "No more daffy base running," announced the new Brooklyn manager. . . . In the very first inning of the game against the Newark Bears, Hack Wilson and Murray Howell pulled into third base together. . . Dixie Walker, Red Rolfe and George Selkirk among the Newark rookies.

Visiting the Brooklyn camp at Clearwater and accidentally bumping into a two-hour beat on the Herman, Lombardi, Stripp, Gilbert, Sukeforth trade with the Braves . . . and discovering four hours later that our copy was still at the bottom of a pile on a telegrapher's desk. . . . Next spring the bank holiday and the office handing out only \$25 in cash. . . . Visiting a bank president and talking him out of an additional \$35. . . . Wonder what

ever happened to that bank book? Playing pinochle en route to St. Pete with the late Lou Gehrig. . . . And big Lou, who had just signed a Piloted Dodgers



\$30,000 contract, almost jumped out of the window when the writer bid 500 spades and made it. . . . Gehrig played pinochle just as hard as he played baseball and everything else. ... The last time we saw him alive, a very sick man, sitting alone in a corner in the Yankee dressing room. he still insisted another fellow's bad play saved me from going in the hole . . . although ten years had passed he recalled every card played.

Three springs at the good old Gray Moss Inn at Clearwater. . . . The old station bus with the door in the rear which furnished handy, if slow, transportation to "juke joints." . . . Corn whiskey and grapefruit juice. . . . Visiting with Larry MacPhail at the Cincinnati camp in Tampa. . . . Catching a half barrel of king fish on a two-hour expedition into the gulf with Wiggly Dick Porter.

St. Petersburg and sitting on the green benches in the evenings while Joe McCarthy spilled stories of Jay Kirke and Louisville. . . . A Sunday fishing trip into the gulf with Joe Gordon, Red Rolfe, Steve Sundra, and other Yankees. . . . Listening for the whistling buoy in the fog and a huge freighter coming so close to the little skiff we couldn't see the top of the hull. . . . And someone saying, "Imagine what Barrow would say if he knew where we were." . . . But most of us were praying too hard to laugh. . . . Songs at twilight 'neath the trees in Johnny Nee's orange grove.

Sitting tight on a story of "Babe Ruth's drowning." . . . But the next morning the Babe was out for practice, swearing at the drat, drat compass. . . . "We were almost in Mexico before we found out we were going the wrong way," explained Babe, who spent most of the night on a little fishing boat in the guli. . . . Trying hard to believe he was the same Ruth the next spring in the uniform of the Braves.

An auto trip with the late Colonel Ruppert, who stopped at an ostrich farm and had two of the birds shipped to his Garrison, N. Y., estate. Paul Krichell signing Babe Ruth's name to autographed balls. . . . The Babe couldn't possibly have signed them all himself and you couldn't Toted Carpet Bag



Charlie Keller

tell the difference. . . . Joe DiMaggio's room the Sunday he arrived from the Coast the first time. . . . And Joe frankly stating that he became a ball player mainly because he thought his brother Vince, who was making \$600 per month with San Francisco, had the softest touch in the world. . . . Rabbit Maranville sliding into Norman Kies and breaking his leg . . . and the rookie catcher crying like a baby.

Charlie Keller arriving unheralded and unannounced, carrying a carpet bag, at Sebring. . . . Slated for the Norfolk club, he went to the Newark camp without asking for instructions. . . . Herb Pennock, then scouting for the Red Sox,

saying Keller hit a ball to left field harder than any other lefthanded batter except Ruth. . . . George Weiss forgetting about the Norfoik assignment when Keller cleared the fence the first time he picked up a bat. . . . Considering that he led the International League his first year, he probably would have hit .500 in the Piedmont.

The hired chauffeur sitting outside a Sebring hotel for nine hours while a Dodger (pre-Rickey) got "one for the road." . . . Ted Williams taking vicious swings but hitting nothing on his first Red Sox trip. . . . And being farmed to Minneapolis when he said to Joe Cronin, upon entering a team bus for an exhibition game, "I thought this was the big league." . . . The boys giving Hiram Bithorn, now with the Pirates, "the fireman's bride," but the Puerto Rican refusing to run, explaining he would rather be shot than soil his white pants racing through an orange grove.

Casey Stengel leaving the coaching lines at Bradenton and advising the photographers, "This kid tells me he can steal home" . . and the photographers setting their cameras at the plate. . . . The kid did steal home. . . . Gordon, George McQuinn and the late Willard Hershberger borrowing my row boat, which I never rowed, every evening for late fishing . . . and never failing to provide me with a fresh fish breakfast. . . . But for food. there was only one training camp. . . . That was Bear Mountain.

Let Others See the World, Says Sam; Florida Brings World Titles to Cards

Bird Owner Points to Flag Record in Support of Stay-Put Camps

By EDGAR G. BRANDS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. Other clubs may wander to Venezuela. Puerto Rico,

Panama, Cuba and Little America, but Sam Breadon is going to stick for a long time to Florida and St. Petersburg, where his Cardinals formally opened their 1947 spring training, March 1. The Redbird president

believes in a real training program to win the pennant and not a sight-seeing

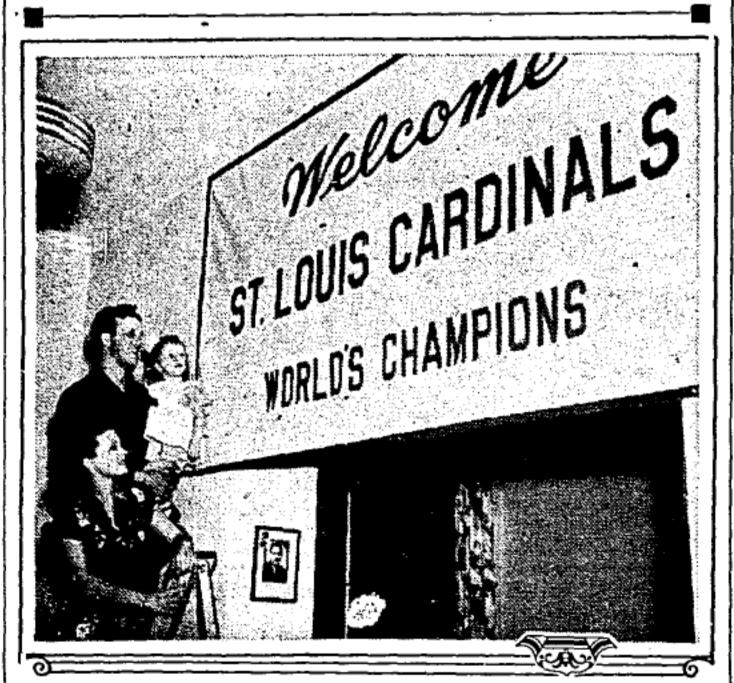
Not since 1925, when the Redbirds went to Stockton, Calif., have they done much traveling in the spring. And if anybody doesn't believe that attending strictly to the business at hand pays dividends, Breadon proudly points to the record-nine pennants, including six world's championships, six secondplacers, one third-placer and two fourth-placers, with only three seconddivision finishes, once fifth and twice sixth, in 21 years.

The Cardinals started the pennantwinning habit after training at San Antonio, Tex., in 1926; acquired one flag after conditioning three years at Aven Park, Fla., and achieved three pennants and two world's championships after drilling at Bradenton, Fla. A big bonus lured the Cardinals to Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1937, when they finished fourth. Then Al Lang induced Breadon to go to St. Petersburg in 1938. The Redbirds wound up St. Pete, the Cardinals are kicking up Dyer General Insurance Agency in in sixth place that year; but thereafter garnered two firsts and two world's champions, two second rungs and one

Pollet Remains Behind

HOUSTON, Tex. - Howie Pollet, southpaw ace of the Cardinals who returned the first three contracts mailed him, remained here, February 27, as two of his teammates, Red Munger and Ted Wilks, left to join the Redbirds in St. Petersburg, Fla. Pollet said he would not budge until a satisfactory contract was offered.

Musial on Scene Early



STAN MUSIAL, star first baseman of the Cardinals who went to Florida a holdout, with his wife and 26-month-old daughter, Geraldine, pause in front of a sign at the St. Petersburg hotel headquarters of the St. Louis club.

third. During the three-year war in- | Bombers, even though his regulars did terlude at Cairo, Ill., the Cards took not start work until March 1. Dyer two firsts, including one world's championship, and a second, but promptly returned to St. Pete when the travel restrictions were lifted,

Using De Luxe New Field

their heels at Lang Field, a new \$300,000 park. Even an old-time Cardinal like Coach Buzzy Wares had difficulty overcoming his awe over the new training grounds, with a 4.400-capacity grandstand and a billiard-table field. home plate. Breadon hasn't seen the new layout yet, but he will leave St. Louis March 10, in time to attend the dedication, March 12, when the Cardiof the season with the Yankees, who since February 22,

pects to be ready for the New York words.

and his coaching staff had been busy with the rookies for a week previous, getting a line on the youngsters before turning their attention to the vets.

Before leaving Houston, Dyer anthat city, which will be managed during the summer by his brother. Charley. . . . Traveling Secretary Leo Ward. with the advance party, celebrated his fortieth birthday in St. Pete, February 23 and two days later was informed 309 feet down each foul line and the Mrs. Ward had presented him with an center field fence 397 feet away from eight-pound-three-ounce daughter, givof the most enthusiastic workers at St. to return." Pete is Marty Marion. Apparently relieved of his back troubles and satisnals play their first exhibition game fied with his pay, said to be in the neighborhood of \$20,000, the Human have had the advantage of playing Octopus is determined to make those

Arky, Back at 35, Slim and Trim From Riding California Range

By HAROLD C. BURR HAVANA, Cuba

Arky Vaughan looked as slim as a magazine ad for young men's clothing in his brown suit without an ounce of fat on him.

"What have you done with it, Arky? the former Dodger third baseman, attempting a comeback, was asked.

"Do with what?" he asked in turn. "All that excess baggage you were reported to be carrying around. We heard that you were up around 230 pounds."

"I never weighed over 190 in my life. I guess riding horseback the last three years has kept me in trim. I've done a lot of walking too, but I haven't had a bat or a ball in my hands since I left the Dodgers in 1943, except to play pitch and catch with my kids in the ranch yard. It would be silly for me to say that my legs are as good as ever. I just don't know how they'll stand up. Gee, I'll be 35 in March," a note of sadness edging his voice for some of his lost youth.

But he's not in the least pessimistic about the outlook for his comeback try with the Dodgers.

"I've never had any trouble with my legs since I've been in baseball—or my arm either, for that matter. One year I was out for six weeks because of knee trouble. But that was a knee injury and it was when I was a Pirate. The knee didn't give me any more

It took Vaughan quite a while to make up his mind to return to base-

Sold Most of Ranch Acreage

"I had a 2,000-acre ranch at Potter Valley and sold all but 400 acres of it, he explained. "But I've kept my boots That was the big reason why I gart and saddle and a couple of my favorite horses. I sold my 200 head of cattle, too. Then I applied to Commissioner Chandler for reinstatement. When it came through. I wrote to Mr. Rickey. After using old Waterfront Park in nounced the establishment of the Eddie Even then I didn't make up my mind. year, but somehow couldn't keep I was playing around with the idea of away from the outfielders. Ted buying another ranch.

"Then I got to thinking," said Arky (a bad sign with most ball players, but spoil another big time for Vaug Arky set the wheels in motion to good Arky had crashed out a pair of he purpose). "I figured I still had some runs to give the National leagues baseball left and I could retire permanently to ranching in my old age. So hit one up on the right field rod I got in touch with Mr. Rickey again Briggs Stadium with two men on ing them two daughters and a son. One and he offered me a very fair contract climaxed a winning rally for the

got in 1943?"

"It might work out that way," he Arky was traded by the Pirate confessed.

Vaughan added his denial to that of a shortstop, but was shifted to experts who said he had lost the right President Branch Rickey and Manager base, due to a hot corner shorter Manager Eddie Dyer, however, ex- to the title of Mr. Shortstop eat their Leo Durocher that the reason why he Ebbets Field. He went back to quit the Dodgers was because he briefly in 1943.

Streamlined



ARKY VAUGHAN, a Dodg again after three years.

had some trouble in hitting it off

The Lip. "No such thing," he declared. "Of

had my run-ins with Leo. But the isn't any truth in the charge that chased me off the ball club. My rea was demanding a lot of my attent the game."

Arky's best year in baseball wal 1935, when he was the best hitter in National League with a .385 aver He met the ball just as solidly the liams waited until the ninth imin the 1940 All-Star Game at Detroit sizable lead. But the Red Sox slug icans and a new hero replaced Vau "Was it for more money than you in that never-to-be-forgotten game" one swish of his bat.

1942 for four players while he was

Arky Vaughan Loses Life When Fishing Boat Upsets

Former Pirate and Dodger Shortstop Star Had .317 Batting Average in Majors

Joseph Floyd (Arky) Vaughan, former shortstop of the Pirates and later with Brooklyn who became a star after only one season in the minors, drowned in Lost Lake, near Eagleville, Calif., August 30. A friend, Bill Wimer, a logger, drowned with him when their fishing boat overturned. Their bodies were recovered the next day from the lake, a small body of water in the crater of an extinct volcano. The exact depth of the lake in northeast California is unknown, but is believed to be more than 2,000 feet.

According to witnesses, after their boat overturned, the two immediately struck out for shore and were about 65 feet from land when they slipped under. The bodies later were recovered about 25 feet from shore in 15

feet of water. Fleet of foot and possessing a strong arm and keen eye, Vaughan equaled the National League record for most consecutive years leading in receiving walks, with 94 in 1934, 97 in 1935 and 118 in 1936; topped the circuit in 1943 in stolen bases, 20; led National League shortstops in double plays, 107 in 1938, and paced the league in batting percentage with .385 in 1935 to set an alltime Pittsburgh record. He was named the most valuable player in the league by THE SPORTING NEWS, and as shortstop for The Sporting News All-Star Major League Team by the Baseball Writers' Association in 1935. He played with the National League in seven All-Star games, in 1934, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1940. 1941 and 1942, making two home runs in the 1941 contest and compiling a .364 average for 22 trips to the plate.

Native of Clifty, Ark. batting average, Vaughan hit below .300 only three times in his career, .277 in 1942, .244 in 1948, and .288 in 1949. He led the league in triples in 1933, of .952. 1937 and 1940 and in runs scored in 1936, 1940 and 1943. He came out of a earned him a trial with the Pirates three-year retirement in 1947 to hit the next spring. He beat out Tommy .325. He was a lefthanded batter who Thevenow, handicapped by a bad ankle stood five feet, 11 inches and weighed and a weak batting average, for short-185 pounds.

Vaughan moved with his parents to cember 12, 1941, for Pitcher Luke Ham-Potter Valley, Mendocino County, Calif., lin, Catcher Babe Phelps, Infielder Pete when only seven months old. He was Coscarart and Outfielder Jim Wasdell. known as Arky, the nickname resulting He hit .318 for Pittsburgh in his first from his birth in Arkansas. He re- season, attained a .385 average in 1935 sided in California for the remainder to lead the loop and above .300 in all of his life. Arky's dad was fond of ten of his campaigns with the Pirates, outdoor diversions and encouraged his except in 1940, when he fell to an even three sons to play ball after their .300 day's work was done. One of the Vaughan's average of .385 with the cials. boys, Kenneth, tried out as an out- Pirates in 1935, has not been surpassed fielder with the Pirates, but gave up by any batting champion in the Nathe game for a position with an oil tional League in the 16 years since company.

school team in Fullerton, Calif., was a player with the Pirates, whose ranks member of a team at Cypress, a nearby have included such famous hitters as town, when he was spotted by Art | the Waner brothers, Pie Traynor, Kiki

Benswanger Turned Down Big Deal Involving Vaughan

PITTSBURGH, Pa.-Former Pirate President Bill Benswanger, who signed Arky Vaughan to his first contract in the big leagues, said if he had listened to Branch Rickey and the late Sam Breadon after the 1937 season, Vaughan would have figured in what would have been one of the biggest trades in the history of baseball.

"It was at the baseball meetings in the winter of 1937 that I received an urgent message to go to the hotel room of Rickey and Breadon," Benswanger related.

"They asked if I was interested in Dizzy Dean and naturally I said yes. All they wanted for Dean was Vaughan, Paul Waner, Lloyd Waner, Gus Suhr, Pep Young and one or two other players.

"I quickly turned down the proposition. It would have meant giving up an entire team for one man and no player is that good.

"But I could have traded Vaughan to the Cubs at any time. When Clarence Rowland was in charge of the Chicago National League club, he would contact me on the average of two or three times a season and inquire about Vaughan," said Benswanger. LES BIEDERMAN.

Ill-Fated End



Arky Vaughan

Ironic Note in Hobbies

Commenting on the circumstances of Arky Vaughan's death, Frank Graham, sports columnist of the New York Journal-American, wrote: "There is a tragically ironic note on his page in the Baseball Register. His hobbies are listed as golf, hunting and fishing."

Griggs, then president-manager of Wichita (Western), a subsidiary of the Pittsburgh team. Signed for Wichita in 1931, when 20 years old, Vaughan im-Boasting a .317 lifetime major league mediately made good: He batted .338, led the league in runs scored with 145, stole 43 bases and ranked first among the regular shortstops with an average

Vaughan's performance with Wichita stop and remained with the Pirates Born in Clifty, Ark., March 9, 1912, until he was traded to Brooklyn, De-

that time. Vaughan's mark also was Arky, who had played with the high the highest figure ever attained by any Cuyler, Honus Wagner, Fred Clarke and Max Carey.

Had Wide, Flat-Footed Stance

Vaughan, a lefthanded hitter, had a wide, flat-footed stance and took a powerful cut at the ball.

"He'll rupture himself some time," a Giant player once remarked, watching Arky in batting practice.

Hughie Critz, then the second baseman of the Giants, replied: "He's already ruptured me, trying to get in front of those balls he hits to right fleld."

Although usually even - tempered, Vaughan was a battler when aroused and did not hesitate to express his opinions. His two-year service with the Dodgers was marked by a stormy run-in in 1943 with Leo Durocher, then managing Brooklyn.

The argument originally started between Bobo Newsom and his catcher, Bobby Bragan, over whether Newsom had thrown a spitter. Durocher intervened and wound up by suspending Newsom. The story was carried in the newspapers. The next day, when the Dodgers entered their dressing room, Vaughan took his uniform and handed it to Durocher, with some pungent remarks about its disposition. He was followed by Dixie Walker and many of the other players, who resented what they felt was an injustice. For a time, an open rebellion threatened the club, but the difficulties finally were smoothed over.

Durocher returned as manager the following season, but Vaughan refused

Schmidt, First Baseman of Miracle Braves, Dies

Charles Schmidt, first baseman of the miracle Boston Braves who climbed from the basement to the National League pennant and world's championship in 1914, died of a heart attack in Baltimore, Md., September 4.

Known as the "Butcher Boy," because of his ownership of several butcher shops, Schmidt was inspecting cattle at the Union Stockyards when he collapsed and died. Ailing with heart trouble for several years, Schmidt was 65 years of age and weighed over 240 pounds.

A native of Baltimore, Schmidt was discovered by the late Jack Dunn, famous manager of the Orioles. Originally a pitcher, he was developed into a first baseman by Dunn. Schmidt played with Baltimore from 1907 through 1912, when he was sold to Rochester. The Braves purchased him in 1914, and he compiled a .285 batting mark in the Boston club's surge to the pennant

After hitting only .251 in 127 games in 1915, Schmidt retired from the

to budge off his California ranch. He denied that the trouble with Leo was the cause, but refused even the pleas of Branch Rickey, who visited him in California, to rejoin the club and remained out of the game until 1947.

However, after three years in retirement, Vaughan applied for reinstatement in 1947 and returned to the Dodgers. Playing in 64 games as a third baseman and outfielder, he batted .325.

Appearing twice in the World's Series against the Yankees, Vaughan belted one hit, a double. In 1948, his average dropped to its lowest point, .244, and he was released by the Dodgers at the close of the season. He appeared in 69 games with San Francisco (Pacific Coast) in 1949, hitting .288, but he was handicapped by injuries and retired after the season to his ranch in Surprise Valley.

Vaughan married Margaret Allen on October 31, 1931, and she and their four children survive. Funeral services were held in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cedarville, Calif., September 2.

A minute of silence was observed before the beginning of the game between the Cardinals and Pirates at Pittsburgh, August 31, in memory of the former shortstop of the Bucs.

Dr. Bert Daly, former infielder and one-time mayor of Bayonne, N. J., died at his home in Bayonne, September 4, after a long illness. He played with Hartford (Eastern) and Newark (International) and was a member of the Athletics in 1903, appearing in ten games. He also was part owner of the New Haven club in the Eastern League many years ago.

Daly annually gave a winter party, usually just before the New York baseball writers' dinner, that was regularly attended by many of the game's offi-

Mrs. Rebecca L. Shader, mother of George (Mickey) Shader, scout of the New York Giants for 16 years and now chief scout for the San Francisco (Pacific Coast) Seals, died at her home in San Francisco, August 25, after an illness of four months. A native of San Francisco, she was 82 years old. In addition to her son, George, Mrs. Shader is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Florence Mark and Gertrude Shader, another son, Clayton, three grandchildren and four great-grandchlidren.

Wilbur M. Phillips, former minor league pitcher, died suddenly at his home in Hagerstown, Md., August 30, at the age of 55. Breaking in with Hagerstown of the old Blue Ridge League in 1920, Phillips also pitched for Binghamton in the NYP and Pocomoke City in the Eastern Shore before retiring with Hagerstown in 1927. Since then, he had been in charge of attendance for Washington County, Md., schools.

Warren Giles, N. L. Prexy, Pays High Tribute to Arky

CINCINNATI, O.-President Warren Giles of the National League declared the whole sports world lost a gentleman and a fine competitor, when he learned of the drowning of Arky Vaughan, onetime Pittsburgh and Brooklyn shortstop.

Commented Giles: "The whole sporting world lost a gentleman and a fine competitor in the death of Arky Vaughan. He contributed much to National League prestige in the 14 years he played with the Pirates and Dodgers. I am deeply sorry to hear of his tragic death."

NATIONAL LEAGUE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE-23)

CARDS' PROTEST DISALLOWED HE protest filed by the Cardinals on an interference claim in the second inning of their 3 to 2 defeat by the Reds in the nightcap, September 1, was disallowed by League President Warren Giles, who said there could be no protest on a play involving an umpire's judgment. With Joe Rossi on first and

Eddie Pellagrini at bat, Catcher Del Rice tried to throw out Rossi at second on an attempted steal. The ball hit the bat of llagrini, who had swung, and bounced ward the Cardinal dugout. Rice chased he ball and held Rossi at second. Stanky contended Pellagrini interfered with Rice, but Plate Umpire Tom Gorman de-nied the claim. Rossi was stranded at second base.

The two rained-out games between the Dodgers and Phillies at Philadelphia, September 1, probably will be rescheduled at Ebbets Field on September 23 and 24: One contest booked originally at Brooklyn on September 23 becomes part of a twi-night double-header. September 24 was an open date for the two

It appeared for awhile that Southpaw Harry Perkowski of the Reds would have to get a horseshoe to win a game under Rogers Hornsby's management. After pitching an 8 to 3 victory at Boston, August 2, Perkowski started five games under Hornsby before he came through with a 3 to 2 decision over the Cardinals in the second game, September .1.

General Douglas A. MacArthur and Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York watched the game between the Giants and Dodgers at Ebbets Field, August 31, from opposite points. The general sat in President Walter O'Malley's box behind the plate and the governor was seated with his sons next to the Dodger dugout.

KLINE FOUND BUSHES ROUGH ITCHER RONNIE KLINE, recalled from Burlington (Carolina), expressed himself as glad to be back with the Pirates after his experiences in the minors. Relating incidents in Class B ball, Ronnie said his team's bus broke down four times in a week and it had to be pushed for a mile every time. "Then there is one town in the league," he said, "where on Wednesday the restaurants all close for the afternoon and you wind up eating hot dogs at night for your only big meal of the day."

Joe McDonald, press gate custodian at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, departed, September 2, to become an Air Force cadet at Harlingen, Tex.

C. S. (Pop) Kelchner, veteran scout of the Cardinals, is back beating the bushes, after recuperating from a heart attack, suffered June 14. He spent the summer in Groton, N. Y., with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Jones, and has returned to his Lebanon, Pa., home.

Roy Campanella turned over the catching duties to Rube Walker in the second game of the double-header with the Phillies, September 2, because of a sore right thigh muscle. The Brooklyn catcher, however, appeared as a pinchhitter in the ninth inning of the nightcap and flied out.

Johnny Schmitz, acquired by the Reds from the Yankees, made his first appearance with Cincinnati in a oneinning relief stint, August 30. He allowed one hit and walked one in a scoreless seventh inning against the Cubs before he was lifted for a pinchhitter.

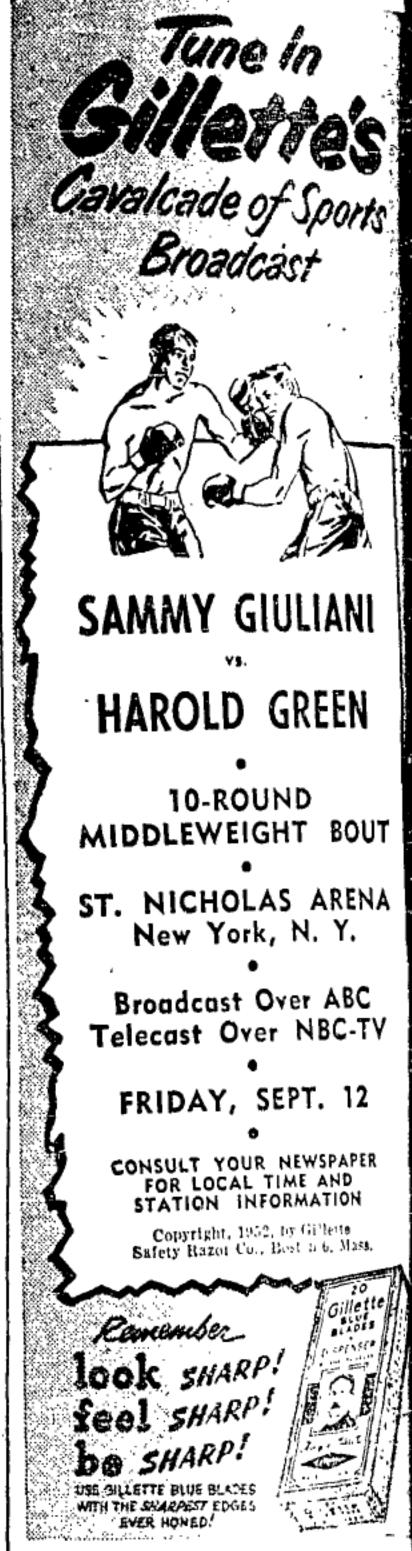
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 34)

The keystoner gathered 31 hits during

the spree to boost his average 21 points

to .291. . . . Jack Phillips also had a skein snipped at 11 games, August 29, after having collected 21 safeties in 42 swings - a .500 pace. . . Phillips bounced back with a perfect four-forfour game at bat in the nightcap, August 31, following a between-games ceremony in which he was presented with a watch for having been selected Star of the Week. . . . Catcher Jim Mangan, who passed his physical recently, disclosed he will enter the Army on September 22—the day after the season ends. . . . The seven-game series with the Angels, August 26-31, proved both an artistic and financial success. While winning five contests, the Stars drew 45,210 to swell their season's gate to 332,249. . . . Carlos Bernier failed to add a single theft to his league-leading total of 59 during the Angel series. . . A squeeze bunt by Tom Saffell with two out in the tenth inning brought in the run that gave Hollywood a 3 to 2 victory, August 28. It was the twenty-second triumph for Johnny Lindell and also the Stars' fourth win in as many extra-inning contests with the Angels this season. . . Lindell observed his thirty-sixth birthday, August 30, the same day that announcement was made that he had been selected as the league's most valuable player. . . . When Paul LaPalme blanked the Angels on four hits, 2 to 0, August 29, it was the southpaw's second shutout and third win in as many starts for Hollywood. LaPalme bagged his fourth straight victory in a relief role two days later in the 8 to 3 nightcap. . . . Sportswriters and radio-TV broadcasters left Gilmore Field the night of August 29 loaded down with corn, peaches, rose bushes, camellias and eggs, all gifts from a delegation of fans from nearby Chino. . . . The Stars brought their short pants uniforms out of mothballs for several games of the Los Angeles series.

LOS ANGELES-Winning only two of seven games, August 26-31, the Angels lost the city championship to Hollywood for the second successive year, 16 games to 12. . . . The two Angel victories in their final set with Hollywood were both by 6 to 5 scores. Max West powered the August 26 triumph, belting a three-run homer in scored the decisive tally. the seventh inning to overcome a 5 to Gene Baker, who had participated in 3 Twink lead. It was seventh an Angel 26 for the Seraph slugger, tying him record, was benched, August 31, iof with Oakland's Tookie Gilbert for loop a rest and Bud Hardin replaced him



Seals in Clash With Yakima Farm Over Deal for Hurler

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—Relations between the San Francisco Seals and their Yakima (Western International) farm reached the straining point, August 31, when Frederick Mercy, president of the Bears, refused to sell Southpaw Tom Del Sarto to the Seals for immediate delivery.

Mercy, one-fourth owner of the Yakima club, told the Seals that under no condition would be permit the hurler to join the San Francisco club until the close of the season, since Yakima was still battling for a first-division berth. Del Sarto had a 15-10 record, winning 11 of his last 12 starts.

Perturbed over Mercy's stand, General Manager Damon Miller of the Seals asked the Yakima prexy if he wanted to sell his 25 per cent interest in the club or buy the Seals' 75 per cent holdings. Mercy replied: "We'll talk about that after the

season is over." The Seals sought to bring up Del Sarto when an injury to Bill Bradford, August 30, left Manager Tommy Heath with only six pitchers. Following Mercy's refusal to send Del Sarto, the Seals recailed Bill Dials to report immediately from their Phoenix (Arizona - Texas) WALTER ADDIEGO. farm.

honors. . . . Chuck Connors was the batting star in the other Angel triumph over the Stars in the opener. August 31, driving in the winning run in the seventh frame. . . Eighteen of West's first 26 homers were hit at Wrigley Field Hollywood was the victim of eight of his round-trippers, while he hit sixe against both Seattle and San Diego. The only clubs against whom he had failed to connect were seventh-place.
San Francisco and Sacramento's cellardwellers. . . . With Red Hollis needing a rest, Tod Davis was restored to the active list, August 27, and Ronnie George, substitute first sacker, went on the inactive list to keep the club within the player limit, . . . Catcher Les Peden provided some consolation for the 5 to 1 loss to Hollywood's Mel Queen, August 27, by twice nabbing the Stars' base-stealing ace, Carlos Bermer,
... The Angels left 16 runners stranded, August 28, while dropping a ten-inning.

3 to 2 decision to Johnny Lindell. A

mixup in defensive signals which resulted in Connors bumping into Peden and knocking a pop foul from the backs stop's glove set the stage for the Stars's winning run. The error, charged to Connors, gave Ted Beard a second charged chance, and he singled and eventually 420 consecutive games for an Angel