

SPORTS

Giants Hitting Power To Make Club Dangerous

(Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of the 1945 prospects of the major league baseball teams.)

By LEO H. PETERSEN
New York, Mar. 31.—(UP)—This is the year the New York Giants figure they have what it takes to win the National league pennant. They probably can't find many people outside of their own organization who will agree with them for they promise to be short on pitching and speed, two necessary attributes for championships. But they have enough hitting power to be dangerous.

Recognizing that a weak pitching staff was the major factor which kept the Giants from finishing higher than fifth last year—38 games behind the Cardinals—manager Mel Ott set about to bolster his hurling corps. If numbers mean anything he succeeded, for the Giants have 23 flingers on their roster. Not all of them have or will report, but Ott feels that he has the nucleus for building a winning staff.

Slowness afoot also handicapped the team last year and promises to be a drawback again. For Ernie Lombardi is counted on for regular catching duty again and Phil Weintraub, another who never will set any speed records, is back at first base. Ott hopes the hitting of Lombardi and Weintraub will more than make up for their slow fielding and running.

Back to lead the pitching staff is Bill Voiselle, the freshman ace of 1944 who won 21 games. Others from last year's staff expected to receive starting assignments include Ewald Pyle, the southpaw; Rube Fischer, who never has lived up to his minor league promise; Harry Feldman, back in good health after lung trouble; and Van Lingle Mungo, who has shown signs of returning to his old-time form.

A leading figure in Ott's hurling plans is a holdout—Ace Adams. He is expected to come to terms soon, however, and resume his old role as king of the league's relief hurlers. Ott also may use him for spot starting assignments.

Among the newcomers, the Giants are counting on Ray Harrell, who won 20 games with San Francisco last year, and Herb Bain, an 11-game winner with Minneapolis, to come through. Their work this far has not been too encouraging, however.

Unknown quantities include Cliff Melton, the string bean southpaw who is holding out; Ken Chase, another left; Johnny Allen, also a holdout; and Johnny Gee, the tall left hander who may not report because of the arm trouble which plagued him after graduating to the majors.

From Dale Mathewson, the Phillies last year; Robert Barthelison, Jack Brewer; Bill Emmerich, Mel Helman, Walter Oakey, Francis Rosso and Frank Seward, Ott

hopes to find additional pitching strength.

To assist Lombardi for catching duty the Giants will have Ray Beres, the second stringer last year, and John Toncoff, up from Jersey City.

The infield will be Weintraub at first, little George Hausmann at second, John Kerr at short, and Nap Reyes at third. Billy Jurgens, if he comes to terms, and Hugh Luby are also candidates for regular duty with Roy Nichols trying to win a utility berth.

Ott expects to play regularly with Joe Medwick, who has missed most of the spring training thus far because of an ailing back, and Johnny Rucker rounding out the starting outfield. For reserve duty Ott will have Bruce Sloan, Charles Mead, Leon Treadway, Dan Gardella, and Steve Filipowicz to choose from. The latter two probably will be sent back to Jersey City for more seasoning.

No New Cases Of Rabid Dogs Here

No new cases of rabid dogs have been reported in Decatur, Dr. James M. Burk, secretary of the city board of health stated today.

The quarantine on dogs is still effective, Dr. Burk stated. In the enforcement of the quarantine the health board has run into the difficulty of the city not having a dog pound or dog catcher.

The quarantine may not be extended throughout the county, but Dr. D. D. Jones of Berne, county health officer, will issue a warning to dog owners to keep the canines tied, so that they do not contract rabies from other dogs.



A MERRY TUNE comes from this German phonograph, which was found in Coblenz after the city's capture by troops of the U. S. Third Army. Listening to the record being played are (l. to r.): Abe Aaronson, Washington, D. C.; Sgt. Ed Bellanger, New London, Conn.; Pvt. C. Maksynowicz, Summit, N. J.; and Pvt. John Wofford, Dalton, Ga. (International)

Hartford City Quits Northeast Conference

Hartford City high school has withdrawn from the Northeastern Indiana athletic conference, it was announced Friday. The school has joined the Central Indiana conference, of which Fort Wayne South Side will also be a new member next year.

Hartford City's withdrawal will cut the NEIC to eight teams. Two new members, New Haven and Warsaw, have been added to the NEIC in recent weeks. Other members of the conference are Decatur, Bluffton, Auburn, Columbia City, Garrett and Kendallville.

Spilling The Pins With Decatur Bowlers In League Activities

MIES ALLEYS Major League
Standard Oil won two from Home Grocery; Smith Bros. won three from Mutschler; West End won two from McMillen; Kohne Drug won two from Kraft Cheese.

Standing	W	L
Home	22	17
West End	22	17
Mutschler	21	18
Kraft	20	19
Standard	20	19
Smith Bros.	20	19
Kohne	16	23
McMillen	15	24

High series: Zelt 612 (177-213-222), Petrie 613 (234-187-192), P. Bleeke 602 (224-200-178).
High scores: Stump 211, Murphy 223, M. Heare 203, W. Hilly 213, Hoagland 233.

Holds Heat
If your old hot water bottle has sprung a leak, try this: Heat salt or sand in a skillet and fill the bottle or a heavy muslin or canvas bag. You'll find salt or sand holds the heat. Save a sweeping job by using a funnel when filling.

IN THE FOLD - - - By Jack Sords



CHURCH SERVICES TO

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cially in the women's apparel line, where markets have been doing an extraordinary business, largely gauged by the swelling pocketbook. Family reunions are scheduled in the city and in a number of cases service men have been fortunate in obtaining leaves and furloughs home over the Easter holidays. All businesses, except theaters and a few eating places and filling stations, will be closed for the day.

Sentenced To Prison For False Fire Alarm

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(UP)—Mrs. Olga Hammerling, 44, faced a 180-day prison term today after her conviction on a charge of turning in a false fire alarm. She also was fined for public intoxication.

18 JAP SHIPS

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placed the fleet's strength at a minimum of 150 ships, including 17 battleships. A part of the fleet was said to have approached Kume Island, 50 miles west of Okinawa.

A 20th air force announcement disclosed that a "large" task force of B-29s from the Marianas hit military installations on Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands, in daylight today.

Tokyo identified the principal targets as airfields and airfield installations and said the attack lasted from 10 a. m. to noon (Tokyo time). The raid was the third in less than 24 hours on Japan by the giant B-29s. A small force attacked the aircraft center of Nagoya in daylight yesterday and Tokyo said part of the formation also swung

west to bomb the Kure naval base. Still another formation dropped fire bombs on Japan's inland sea and adjacent Bungo straight areas between 12:30 and 2:30 a. m. today, Tokyo reported. Bungo straight lies between Kyushu and Shikoku. The B-29 raids presumably were designed to smash or tie down Japanese planes and warships which otherwise might try to slip out of the homeland to attack the huge naval task forces off Okinawa. "It is believed that the raids by B-29s will be further intensified against Kyushu to support the enemy attempt . . . against Okinawa," radio Tokyo said.

RUSSIAN ARMY

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The capture of Bratislava would enable the Russians to advance frontally up the Danube valley between Lake Neusiedler and the Slovakian mountains toward Vienna, some 30 miles farther west.

OFFERS PLAN TO AID

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dngs. Erect a substantial sign post, with a 14-inch cross bar, reading "GARBAGE."

Mr. Sauer emphasized that if everybody constructed this kind of a pit and placed a sign near it, that the garbage collectors could gather it easily, save time and as a result render better service.

It is possible that Mr. Sauer may ask the council to adopt an ordinance specifying the above model as mandatory at every home, if they wish the garbage collected.

Mr. Sauer said the pit could be erected at a total cost of about \$2.50, providing the man of the house did the work.

ACTION DELAYED

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of the war council meeting, but front dispatches and neutral sources told of increasing disorganization and panic behind the German lines.

A Zurich dispatch quoted reports from Berlin that the Germans generally expected the war to end within three weeks. So-called "well informed" sources in Madrid guessed that Germany would collapse completely within a week or 10 days.

Rumors reached Switzerland that Goering had committed suicide and that Kesselring had been deprived of his rank because of the collapse of the western front.

GREAT STRIKING

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Nevertheless, the seventh army continues to make steady if unspectacular progress. The Americans regained most of Aschaffenburg and expanded their bridgehead three miles or more east of the Main on a 12-mile front south of the city.

SEEKING TO AVERT

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istrator Harold L. Ickes to extend their contract until May 1.

The WLB entered the controversy 24 days earlier than in 1943. Four strikes followed certification of the case that year and two of them resulted in government seizure of the mines for varying periods.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

Road To Berlin

By United Press

The nearest distances to Berlin from advanced Allied lines today: Eastern front: 31 miles (Zaeckerick). Western front: 170 miles (Kassel area). Italian front: 524 miles (from DI Primaro river).

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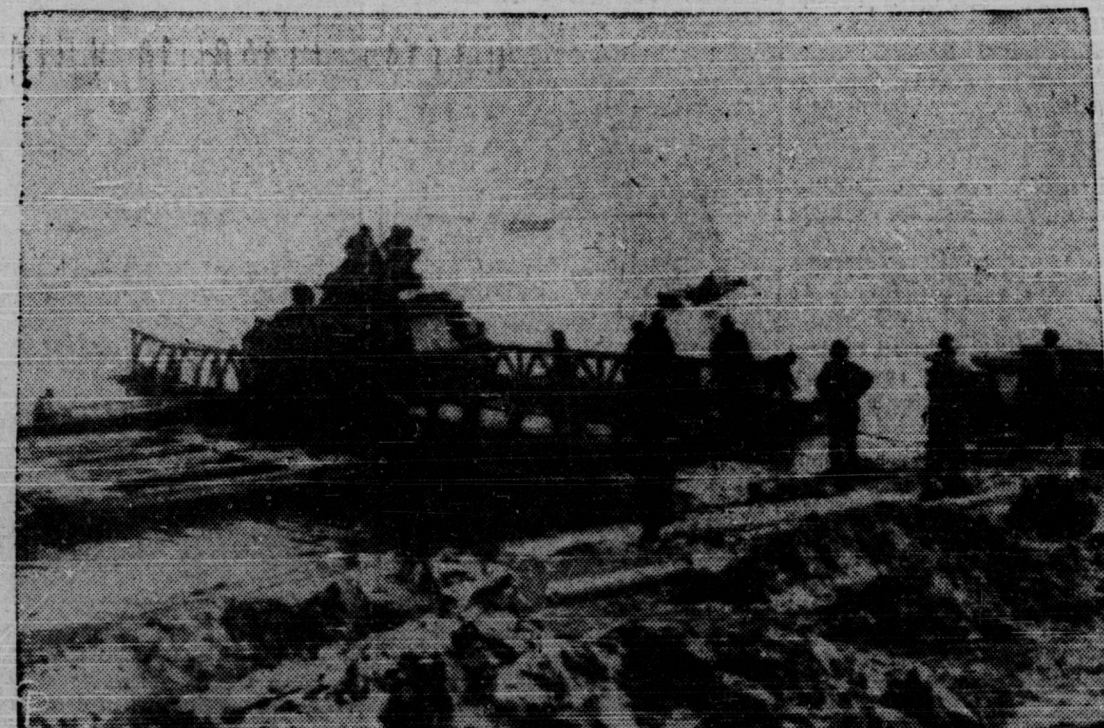
NOTICE Of Quarantine

There are several cases of proven Rabies in the city of Decatur and in accordance with the State Board of Health all dog owners are hereby notified that All Dogs Must Be Confined or Muzzled.

Dogs not so restricted will be caught and disposed of until further notice.

City Board of Health

DR. ROLAND REPPERT
HARRY KNAPP
DR. JAMES BURK



A U. S. NINTH ARMY tank is ferried across the Rhine river in Germany on a floating Bailey raft using small outboard motors as motive power. Units of the U. S. Navy assisted the doughboys in moving their personnel and equipment over the great river barrier. Signal Corps radiophoto. (International)



FOUR HOURS AFTER THEY CROSSED the River Rhine, these British Commandos, carrying Vickers machine guns, aim their weapons on Wesel, from the outskirts of the German industrial city. This is an official radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

ADAMS THEATRE

SUN. MON. TUES.

Continuous Sun. from 1:15

Technicolor Musical Hit!

"CAN'T HELP SINGING"

With Deanna Durbin, Robert Paige, Akim Tamiroff

ALSO—Shorts 9c-40c Inc. Tax

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TONIGHT—Lana Turner

"Marriage is a Private Affair"

ALSO—Shorts 9c-40c Inc. Tax

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SUN. MON. TUES.

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With ANDREWS SISTERS & "SING ME A SONG OF TEXAS"

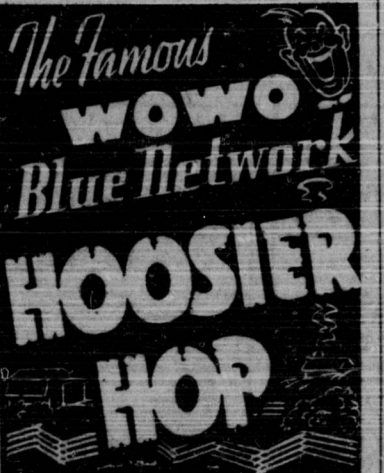
With Hoosier Hot Shots Evenings 9c-30c Inc. Tax

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TONIGHT — Gene Autry "Red River Valley" ALSO—"Zorro's Black Whip" 9c-30c Inc. Tax.

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Willkie Memorial In San Francisco

New York, Mar. 31.—(UP)—The Willkie memorial building will be formally taken over April 24 as a "one-world salute" to the San Francisco world security conference which opens the next day.

George Field, executive director of the Willkie memorial fund of Freedom House, said yesterday the fund had taken up an option of a building. Field said remodeling would begin soon after May 24 and the building would be dedicated next Oct. 8, the first anniversary of the death of Wendell L. Willkie.

Fort Wayne Man Named Intangibles Director

Indianapolis, Mar. 31.—(UP)—Governor Gates announced the appointment today of Charles F. Hess, Fort Wayne, as director of the state intangibles tax division, effective Monday.

A native of Avilla, Hess also lived at Kendallville. He resigned at secretary of the Fort Wayne city board of public works to accept the state position. He is a Legionnaire. Hess will work under the supervision of the Indiana state board of tax commissioners.

Food Stains

A point to remember in removing food stains is that hot water sets some spots, such as those made by blood, meat juice, milk and egg. In a mayonnaise stain, for instance, the egg substance will be cooked in the fabric by boiling water. In using all solvents remove the stains from the wrong side. When you attack the stain from the right side, you have the task of driving the soil all the way through the fabric, whereas if you spot remove from the wrong side, you drive the soil right out.