

Political Foes Boom Lausche As Commissioner

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Washington Evening Star said today that Ohio Governor Frank Lausche is witnessing the peculiar spectacle of having his political foes back him for the baseball commissionership.

Sports writer Burton Hawkins said election of Lausche to the post next month in Florida to replace A. B. (Happy) Chandler would go a long way toward solving a political problem for the Ohio G.O.P.

Hawkins dealt with the connection between national politics and baseball in Lausche's case in these words:

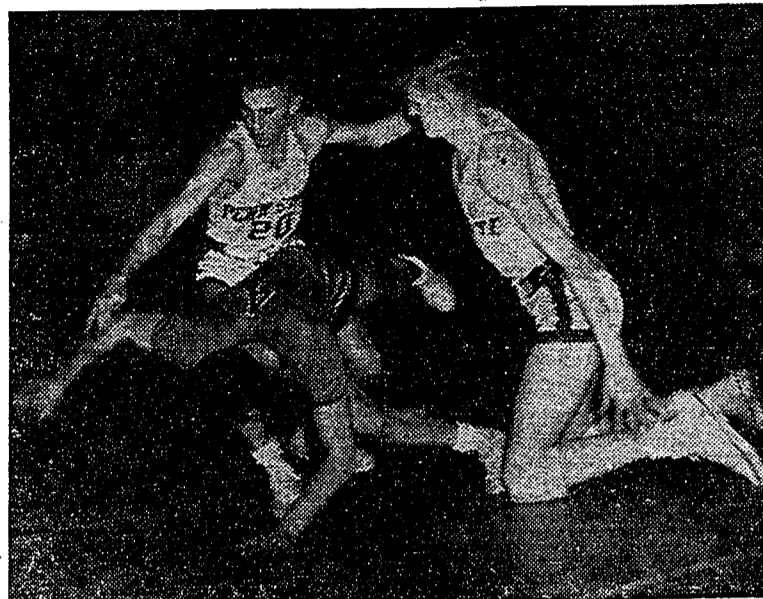
"Into the complicated situation comes such names as Donald M. Hornbeck, one-seventh owner of the (Cleveland) Indians, prominent in Republican affairs, and a close friend of John W. Galbreath of Columbus, President of the (Pittsburgh) Pirates.

"When Galbreath purchased the Pittsburgh club the deal was handled, in large part, by Senator Bricker's Columbus law firm. Galbreath and Bricker are close personal friends—they went to Ohio State together.

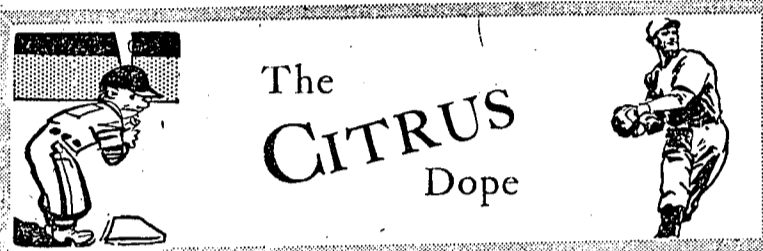
"Enter the law firm of Ray Miller and the aforementioned Hornbeck. Miller, former Mayor of Cleveland, is the Democratic boss of Cuyahoga county.

"Miller is an avowed political enemy of Gov. Lausche. So two of the most potent political voices in Ohio—Miller's and Bricker's—are raised in supporting Lausche for the baseball post. They hope to accomplish the same objective—remove Lausche from Ohio's political arena."

Grid Tactics Encroach On Cage Scene



THIS CROSS-BODY BLOCK thrown on Penn State's Doby Lynch (20) by a zealous Mountaineer was typical of the action in which 60 personal fouls were called during the Lion-West Virginia basketball game in Rec hall Saturday night. State's Ken Bouldin is shown analyzing the play in the foreground.



By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

Vic Raschi, top percentage pitcher of the American League last year, yesterday signed his 1951 contract for a "satisfactory raise."

Salary figures were not discussed by Raschi or the New York club, but newsmen guessed that the strong righthander, who won 21 and lost only eight last season, received a pay hike from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

Coming down from his Conesus, N.Y., home to talk salary

terms, Raschi entered into a short discussion with Roy Hamey, assistant to general manager George Weiss, and emerged from the Yankee front office all smiles, announcing that he had signed "for a satisfactory raise."



Vic Raschi

First baseman Dale Coogan plans to play a double role this year—that of a student and a ballplayer. The tall Pirate prospect sent back his signed contract yesterday and wrote that he would enrol at the University of Southern California for the spring semester on the advice of Pittsburgh general manager Branch Rickey. He will not join the Pirates until June.

Managing to appear in 53 games while compiling a weak .240 batting average for the Pirates after he was brought up from the New Orleans Pelicans early last season, Coogan was sent to Indianapolis for the remainder of the 1950 season.

The Pirates received more good

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When the Bucknell basketball team invaded Rec hall last week, it came with blood in its eye intending to avenge at any cost the "freud" executed upon it by the Lion cagers three weeks before.

One of the prime reasons why it failed in its quest was the great performance turned in by a hardworking State guard, Hardy Williams. He not only led the Blue and White quintet with 18 points but played a stellar floor game.

Williams is a native of Philadelphia and at present a junior in pre-law. He is 20 years old, weighs 170 pounds and is 5' 11" tall. He attended West Philadelphia high school where he was a three letter athlete. An end in football, he was named on the All-Public second team. He also gained honorable mention on the All-Public basketball team. In addition, he played shortstop in baseball. But the crowning achievement of Hardy's high school career came when he was chosen as the outstanding athlete of his class in his senior year.

Hardy graduated in 1948 and the next fall enrolled in Penn State, going to Cheney State Teachers college for his initial year. He then came to State and in his first year proceeded to capture a berth on the basketball team.

His biggest thrill is similar to that of teammate Ted Panoplos, being a contest in which he poured in 33 points. He also lists last year's West Virginia game in Rec hall as a highlight in his brief but illustrious career.

At present, he sports a 2.6 all-College average. A pledge of Omega Psi Phi, Hardy hopes to go to Penn to receive his law degree.

Bischoff Sets Handball

The deadline for entries in intramural handball singles is at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics, announced today.

All entries must be turned into the intramural office in Rec hall. Fraternities may enter not more than three men, but independents may enter individually. The entry fee for handball singles is 25c per man.

news yesterday when Clyde McCullough, their first-string catcher, signed his 1951 contract after a conference with general manager Branch Rickey.

After his salary talk had ended, the brawny, 32-year-old backstop, who caught in 103 games and hit .254 last season, smilingly announced, "Everything is great!"

The Boston Braves were minus another worry yesterday when veteran outfielder Tommy Holmes agreed to terms offered by the Tribe in a telephone conversation with general manager John Quinn.

Holmes, who will be starting his tenth season with the Braves in 1951, hit a healthy .298 last year in 105 games.

'On The Ball'

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out the window wondering whether that new double pivot play will stand up under fire. Beside Tocci sits the Lions' blond head manager, Fred Phillips, who, by the way, is married and the father of a 16-months-old daughter, Karen.

Members of the squad are equally distributed about the bus. Over there Hardy Williams, wearing a chocolate-brown sports coat, alternately drifts into a coma-like sleep or intently studies some deep-appearing poly-sci volume.

You study the kid. A brilliant student with a personality that has made him one of Penn State's most liked athletes. Yet, despite his qualifications, when we come into Washington he will be forced to split up from the rest of the team because of our national capitol's Jim Crow hotel rule. And you burn, inwardly.

Toward the back of the bus Captain Lou Lamie and hard-working guard, Junie "The Grimace" Moore, could be discussing the merits of their respective Saturday night dates.

Lions' Inspiration

As the "Jolter" — Joe DiMaggio — is to the Yankees, so is Lamie to Penn State's varsity five. When Lou starts to click the entire club catches fire endangering even those in the stands. When on tour he is the club's speaker — and he's never at a loss for words.

Quite a contrast appears between the spirited, fun-loving Ted Panoplos (the comment is made . . . "who sleeps when Panoplos is awake?) and his shy, dark-complexioned seat buddy, Jay "Tiny" McMahan, 6-foot-6 center who somehow manages to crowd his bulk into as comfortable position as possible.

And there you have it. We lack the space to mention a few of the other players — Whitey Makarewicz and Joe Piorokowski, whose names we probably mis-spell three times out of four, Herm Sledzik, Bill Gibson, Tom Shuptar — but they're all meant to be there. For these are the guys who are putting the roar into the Nittany Lion.



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