WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1945 ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH PAGE 4B ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH Chandler, New Commissioner, to Attend Browns' Pennant Raising Cold Prevents Browns' Games In Cleveland Cooper Case in Commissioner's Lap? Kentucky Senator Is A Happy Choice **Cold Prevents** Unanimously Selected **To Fill Landis' Shoes** S ENATOR A. B. "Happy" Chandler is the new baseball commissioner but it's hard McQuinn Going Home To Try to Learn His By W. J. McGoogan to see what there is about his Of the Post-Dispatch Sports Staff. new job to make him happy, unless it's that \$50,000 salary. Status in the Draft CLEVELAND, O., April 25 .- Senator Albert B. (Happy) Chandler Chandler will inherit all the (D), Kentucky, expects to perform his first official act as Baseball troubles that go with a sport-Special to the Post-Dispatch Commissioner in St. Louis May 1. He has agreed to attend the night CLEVELAND, April 25. EORGE McQUINN, first or shall we call it businesssuffering from war-time ailgame between the Browns and the Cleveland Indians together with G baseman of the Browns, is leaving the club here toments. Alva Bradley, Cleveland club president, and Leslie O'Connor, secre-Besides, right into his lap probably will be tossed the saltary to the late Judge K. M. Landis and, until Chandler's appointment, night for his home in Arlingary demand of the Cooper brothchairman of baseball's Advisory Council. ton, Va., to learn, if possible, his exact draft status. ers, deciding which appears to As soon as the selection was |be as enjoyable a task as lightmade official Don Barnes, presi-Placed in 4-F when originally ing a cigarette in a powder mag-He'll Do a Fine examined in 1942 because of a azine.

dent of the Browns, was on the wire talking with Chandler and obtained his assurance that he would be at Sportsman's Park for the raising of St. Louis' first

American League pennant,

Chandler was elected unanimously yesterday to the office held by Landis since 1921 until his death last fall by the 16 club owners or their representatives of the American and National League ball clubs.

The announcement was made after a lengthy executive session, lasting more than three hours, from which the presidents of the two leagues. William Harridge of the American and Ford Frick of the National, together with O'Connor, were barred. This was the first time in history the presidents had not been allowed to attend.

It was a surprise move, and is looked upon as a distinct victory for Larry MacPhail, president of York Yankees, Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers

There's no doubt that when the mogula went into session 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 T H E they had little idea of naming a CHICAGO (at Cincinnati) commissioner. It had been ex-pected that they would come out 0 0 1 0 with a verdict that the advisory CINCINNATI council would continue to func-tion, or that O'Connor would be 0 0 0 proclaimed commissioner for the duration of the war.

Instead, Chandler was elected, unanimously, for seven years at a salary of \$50,000 per year.

Immediately upon his selection he was reached in his office in the Senate Office Building in Washington and, it is said, agreed, hap-

All of the 16 clubs' representatives met as a special committee and after the vote, talked with

What went on behind the scenes in the Rose Room of the Cleveland Hotel, however, is another matter.

After a morning devoted to the disposition of routine affairs, the magnates adjourned for lunch, and at about 2 o'clock took up the question for which the meeting had been called.

As the afternoon wore along it became increasingly apparent that the Standard Steels in was to happen. Later Rickey came out for a breath of fresh air, then went back into the discussions.

Job for Baseball, Harridge States

ler as new commissioner of baseball, Will Harridge, president of the American League, said:

"We of the American League are delighted with the selection of Mr. Chandler because we feel he will do a fine job for baseball. The fact that he was chosen unanimously by the two leagues speaks well for him." Ford Frick, National League president, left within a few minutes after the meeting was over and was unavailable for comment.

Baseball Score

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Batteries: Chicago—Passeau and Living on, Cincinnati—Watters ad Just, HOME RUN—Passeau (3) none on,

Postponed Games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Brooklyn at Beston, rain, Philadelphia at New York. AMERICAN LEAGUE. Browns at Cleveland, both games, cold esther. Detroit at Chicage, rain, Roston at Washington, rain, New York at Philadelphia, rain,

Chandler over the telephone and support. Schumachers And Hornets

By Herman Wecke It will be the Rafterys against each placed three in the finals. Fairview and Affton had two each,

SENATOR A. B. "HAPPY" CHANDLER, of Kentucky, who was unanimously chosen Baseball Commissioner by representatives of 16 major league clubs, at Cleveland, yesterday. Due to his fine background, the selection appears to have been a happy one in more ways than one. Principia Tops Track Oualifiers; **Fairview Leads in Field Events** Principia Academy accumulated nine positions in five of the nine track events scheduled for Saturday afternoon in the St. Louis district "B" division track and field meet, but Fairview High already has nine points stowed away in the field events. The prelims took Play Sunday place yesterday afternoon at Taylor Field, which will also be scene of the finals. Six of Burroughs' runners and |hurdlers qualified, while Brent-THE SUMMARIES wood, Riverview and Jennings

malformation in the back, George recently underwent a test at Fort Lee, Va., which resulted in three days of hospital observation and the reports were sent to Washington under the new professional athlete deferment regulation. He has never heard what was done about his case and the situation has worried him.

After the world series last fall, McQuinn, at his own expense, spent some time in a Boston hospital trying to have his trouble corrected. The player is 34, married and the father of one child.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Browns.

CLEVELAND, April 25. - For the second day, Luke Sewell and his Browns were idle here today, cold weather preventing this afternoon's scheduled doubleheader with the Indians.

If weather permits, the clubs will end the series with a twin bill tomorrow, after which the Browns rest Friday and then open at home Saturday. Nelson Potter and Al Hollings-

worth will likely pitch against Jim Bagby and Al Smith tomor-

Missouri High School Track Carnival May 19

Announcement has been made that the Missouri State High High School "A" division track championships will be run off at Columbia, May 19, while the "B" and "C" schools will compete May Beaumont is the defending champion, having nosed out University City last year, 26-25.

Burroughs Triumphs In A. B. C. Contest

John Burroughs defeated Coun-Sant for Country Day each hurled three-hit ball, but errors ruined the latter's chances.

Tops Conference Race

Pigeon Race Results.

came in third and fourth.

East St. Louis Wins,

On the other hand, there are compensations besides the 50 grand annual salary. . . Not least is the highly simple peacetime nature of the commission-er's work. . . . Most of this will he taken care of by the Commissioner's office, already solidly established by the late Commissioner Landis through a quarter century of its existence.

If he retains Lesile O'Connor, all the Senator need do is promote the prosperity and provide for the general welfare of our national game at flag raisings and after dinner talks.

Singing Sam Should Appreciate "Happy."

"H APPY." we understand, can do this chore all right. . . A Washing-ton correspondent of the Post-Dispatch informs us that in the capital Senator Chandler is regarded as "every inch a poli-tician," a fine hand-shaker, an affable person and possessing a fine tenor voice." (Singing (Singing Sam Breadon and his Barber Shop Harmonizing Society please note.)

ington information, has a fine mind and will throw himself wholeheartedly into the work, and also was star quarterback of the football team. following the trail blazed by Landis. . . That, it appears, is the opinion of Larry MacPhail, who was openly sponsoring the Senator for the baseball job.

The selection of "Happy" should be all the happier, during postwar times, because the new commissioner brings to his task something more than just a fan's interest in the National game. . . . He was a baseball player himself and in addition to that was a basketball and football star, as well as a collegiate scout and coach. He played baseball in high

While many of us wondered at

team of long ago.

team at Transylvania College

Still later "Happy" became a basketball coach and was scout

and coach at Centre College,

famous as the alma mater of

the "Praying Colonels" football

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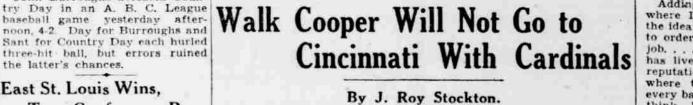
S undoubtedly brings to his job many attributes which should

combine to make him fit the

post. . . . He'll be no square peg

in a round hole, especially since

he practiced law for several



years

the choice of Senator Chandler for this job with so many good and experienced men available, the reason for his unanimous selection becomes apparent as his background is revealed. . . . At least we can say with some truth, that the magnates' choice

He's Baseball-Minded

A. B. "HAPPY" CHANDLER (center), United States Sena-

tor from Kentucky and named yesterday for the post of Baseball Commissioner, welcoming BILL TERRY (left) and OSCAR VITT (right) on their arrival in Frankfort, Ky., for

a 1938 baseball game. Senator Chandler then was Governor of

Kentucky.

was for them a "Happy" one, Commissioner Chandler took

up politics in 1929, when he elected to the Kentucky State Senate.... Successively he became Lieutenant Governor (1931), Governor (1935), United States Senator by appointment (1939), and six-year term United States Senator by election (1942). . That's climbing the ladder fast, especially as he is only 47

years old. After serving in the first world War, Chandler practiced law in Kentucky for six years and served as master commissioner of the Circuit Court. . . . And just in case you want anything relating to his social and spiritual life, he is a Mason and a Shriner and attends the Episcopal church.

Adding it all up you can see where Larry McPhail first got the idea that "Happy" was made to order for the commissioner's job. . . In this, McPhail again has lived up to his "go-getter" reputation. . . His man won where the opinion of almost every baseball man was "I didn't think he (Chandler) had a

.385 for the Angels

LOS ANGELES, April 25 (AP) -Lou Novikoff, former major

leaguerer now cavorting in the

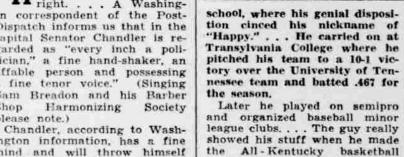
Los Angeles outfield, boosted his

batting mark 41 points last week

to a healthy .385, second among Pacific Coast League regulars.

The ex-Cub is not setting slug-

chance to get the job."



are famous.

Finally, at nearly 6 o'clock, reporters who had been hanging were called in and the announcement was read by O'Connor.

him was: "Will you remain as secretary

and treasurer?"

while the reporters present threw the Hornets are something of a

Cardinals, joined in the chorus of and Crane High. In their last approbation for Chandler.

"He's a great baseball fan," said Sam, "and I believe he will be a eleven, 5 goals to 0. fine man for the job."

Barnes, too, added his praise for the Senator from Kentucky, think- Referees' Association goes mering a while, then saying: "He's rily on. Instead of straightening Srenco Meets be a help to baseball."

Chandler, according to his life Center last night, the row besketch, was born in Corydon, Ky., came more involved and six more July 14, 1898. He attended Transyl- referees were suspended, while vania College and later Harvard that of Les Hatchard was upheld. Law School. He is married and Latest to draw suspensions has four children and is a mem- were William Sullivan, Pete Garher of the American Legion and cia, Harry Donovan, Milt Zenson, Episcopal Church. He served in Willie Walsh and Charles Ullenthe armed forces in the last war. berg. Howard Blaisdell, Jim

Governor of Kentucky.

"His Quitting Senate Compliments Game," Breadon Says. Sam Breadon, president of the Cardinals, back from the major league meeting at Cleveland, said today that he thought Happy Chandler, the new commissioner of baseball, "would do a fine job." "I don't know Chandler," Breadon said, "but everything I hear about him has been favorable. He's resigning a job as Senator, you know, and that's a compliment to baseball. Yes, the baseball job is a big one, but there's a lot of prestige to being in the Senate.'

Breadon said there had been no developments in the case of the Cooper brothers and their salary dispute with the St. Louis National League club.

Minor League Results.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE. ewark 7, Bochester 2,

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. No games scheduled. PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE. San Diege 7, San Francisco Portland 7, Oakland 1.

Hollywood at Seattle, Only games scheduled. postponed.

a U. S. F. A. while Hancock and Taylor came Phail walked out of the meeting amateur cup match and the through with only one each, Counfor a short period, then returned. Schumachers against - the Chi- try Day, Ferguson, Bayless and cago Hornets for the Western Berkeley are the other schools competing.

junior title on next Sunday's soc-Fairview gained its nine points It was remarked that they were cer program at Fairground No. 1, in the discus and shotput, finals not out at the same time, so per- it was announced today. The of which were contested on the haps each was trying to escape the other's oratory, for which both o'clock with the further at 1 Doerr of Fairview won the shoto'clock, with the junior match following. Dut with a heave of 42 feet 71/2 inches, Fred Peil of Country Day

The Rafterys, city and state was second. Ted Wetterau of Tayaround outside the door all day champions, will be favored over lor tossed the discus 120 feet 111/2 the Standards, since they have inches for a first place. Doerr been playing regularly, while finished second.

Point standings for the two The first question popped at their opponents have been inacevents: Fairview 9, Country Day tive in recent weeks. The winner of the Schumacher- 6, Taylor 5, Affton 3, Hancock 3, Hornet match will qualify to Burroughs 2, Brentwood 1, Fer-To which O'Connor replied: tackle the Eastern champions for guson 1.

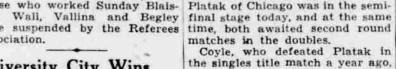
Thereupon the owners went into be the Schumachers' first game qualified in three events, turned in their song and dance trying to since Arell "That is up to him and not to me." the national junior title. It will their song and dance trying to since April 1, when they beat the best preliminary performance, convince everybody present of St. Philip Neri for the State title, negotiating the second heat of the what a fine choice had been made. According to word from Chicago, 220-yard dash ni 23.3 seconds to 220-yard dash ni 23.3 seconds to tie the district "B" mark made by up their hands and said: "Where the hek did you get him?" picked team, having been re-cruited from Lane Tech, Tilden John Van Velzer of Principia in 1940. Hathaway also qualified in cruited from Lane Tech, Tilden the 100-yard dash and the 200-yard Sam Breadon, president of the Tech, Kelly High, Oak Park High low hurdles.

Principia won the 1944 district game, the Hornets won from the "B" meet. Workers, a major league reserve

About 149 high school athletes Meanwhile the row between the are participating in this year's funy Association and Miscouri

Muny Association and Missouri

ing at Sherman Park Community **Former Champ** CHICAGO, April 25 (AP) .- The impending National A. A. U. hand-Chandler agreed with the base- Moore and George Quintal were ball men to resign from the Sen- exonerated. The latest referees ball singles feud between defendate in a reasonable time and take to be suspended failed to answer ing champion Frank Coyle of New over his new duties. He will be the call for last Sunday's games. York and former champion Joe succeeded by an appointee of the Those who worked Sunday Blais- Platak of Chicago was in the semidell, Wall, Vallina and Begley final stage today, and at the same were suspended by the Referees time, both awaited second round



moved into the semifinals yester-From Blewett in Tennis day by defeating Paul Merlo of lost his title to Coyle last year,

University City High School de- beat Bill Lauro, Brooklyn, 21-3, feated Blewett in a tennis match 21-12, in the quarterfinals. yesterday afternoon, taking both events in the doubles and two out ner, St. Paul, Minn., and Platak of three in the singles. Scores: SINGLISS-Hill Gallin, Bleweit, defeated Norman Priterson, 7-5, 5-7, 6-2; Gene Metz, University City, defeated Nathan Si-mon, 6-3, 6-2; Byron Sher, University City, defeated Al Kuegele, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, DOI ILES-Metz, and Prierson, University City, won from Gallin and Simon, default; Sher and Davis University City defaults Sher and Davis, University City, defeate Knegele and Wall, 6-0, 6-0,

Ranking Polo Player

AIKEN, S. C., April 25 (AP)- Gershaw, Milwaukee, 21-4 and 21-2. Aiken.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS. 200-YARD LOW HURDLES First heat-John Hathaway, Principia, first: Bob Graze, Brentwood, second; Louis Hoshie, Rivetview, third. Time, 25.3c. Second heat-Eddle Shutt, Principia, first: Owen Lee, Brent-wood, second; Richard Harvey, Fairview, third. Time, 24.7s.

third. Time, 24.76. 226-yARD DASH: First heat-Peyton Dan-iele, Burroughs, first; Gerald Ponce, Attion, second; Tad Allen, Principia, third. Time, 23.4. Second heat-John Hathaway, Principia, first; Jack Baker, Burroughs, second; Bill Eachenroder, Jeonings, third. Time 23.38. Ties record.

tory in four games. In another Conference contest, Wood River defeated Madison, 1-0.

Time 23.34. Ties record. 120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: First heat— Frank Anderson, Principla, first; Edgar Gavin, Fairview, escand, Time, 16.84. Second heat—Edgar Shutt, Principia, first; Bill Kieffer, Burrougha, second, Time, 16.1s. Third heat—Glenn Schukmiller, Jennings, first; Owen Lee, Brentwood, sec-ond, Time, 18.1s. Pigeon Club recently opened its

ord. Time, 18.1s. 100-YARD DASH: First heat—John Hah-away, Principia, first: Ted Wetterau, Tay-lor, second. Time, 10.6t. Second heat— Peyton Daniels, Burroughs, first: Neel Day, Jemnings, second. Time, 10.8t. The course was from Newbury. More, Affton, second. Time, 11s. How York Dask for the second and third. The course was from Newbury. Mo., to St. Louis.

Pionce, Allton, second, Time, 11s.
440-YARD DASH: First heat—Elliott Chubb, Burroughs, first: Eddle Mehler, Hancock, second, Time, 57, 7s. Second heat—Llayd Kohrs, Riverview, first: Ed McCullach, Bur-roughs, accond. Time, 56,68, Third heat —Jim Helvey, Riverview, first: Bill Patey, Principia, second, Time, 57,75.
(Above guality for Saturday's finals.)

FINAL RESULTS.

DISCUS THROW: Won by Ted Wetterau, Tay-low; Ernest Operr, Fairview, second; Mel-vin Middleton, Hancock, third; Fred Peil, Country Day, fourth; Harold Jordan, Brent-wood, fifth, Distance, 120 ft. 111/4 in. wood, Hin, Distance, 120 H. 1754 in. EIGHT-LB, SHOT PUT-Won by Ernest Doerr, Fairview; Peil, Gountry Day, sec-ond; Wingeron, Affton, third; Kieffer, Bur-roughs, fourth: Kilpatrick, Ferguson, fifth. Distance, 42 H. 73/2 in.

How They Stand

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia _____ 2 Pittsburgh _____ 2 AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Club. New York -

cinnati

Boston ---

Chicago-Chicago-New York

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BROWNS-

In Semifinals

Detroit, 21-11, 21-2. Platak, who

Today Coyle meets Lt. Paul Tur-

faces Jack Srenco, St. Louis. Tur-

ner defeated William McGreevy.

St. Louis, 21-0, 21-3, in the semi-

finals, and Srenco handed Ed Linz,

New York, a 21-13, 21-10 beating

yesterday, 8-7. In a previous con- three games in three days with the test, the Bears came out on top, Pirates of Frankie Frisch. Larkin, pitching for the 10-9. run in the seventh.

Pennsylvania Coach Here. George A. Munger, head football conch at the University of Penn-

tonight at a dinner given by the St. Louis alumni of the Quaker form for yesterday's workout ex-State school at University Club.

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TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE. AMERICAN LEAGUE—Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at Cleveland (two names): Boston at Washington, New York at Philadelphia. NATIONAL LEAGUE—Philadelphia at New York, Brookiva at Boston, Chicas at Cin-cinnati. Only cames scheduled.

I esterday's Kesults. NATIONAL LEAGUE. New York, 5-7-1, Philadelphia 2-5-2. Bat-teries: Hanson and Lombardi; Ralfensberger and Peacock. Boston 8-11-2, Brooklyn 6-10-1. Bat-teries: Tobin and Masil Gregg and Sukeforth. Chicago-Cineinnati postponed: Cardinals-Pittsburgh, open date. Browns-Cleveland; Detroit-Chicago: Boston-Washington games postponed. New York-Philadelphia open date.

Wensloff to San Diego.

Meanwhile, Platak and Robert SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 25 Quinn of Chicago, defending champions, advanced to the sec-(AP). — Acquisition of Pitcher Charles W. Wensloff on option ond round of the doubles tournafrom the New York Yankees was ment by defeating Al Luber and announced today by President Bill Morris Minash of Milwaukee, 21-Is Killed in Action Morris Minash of Milwaukee, 21-10, 21-10. Coyle, teamed with Linz Starr of the San Diego baseball to-beat Harry Meiroff and Archie club.

Lt. Charles Von Stade, ranking polo player, has been killed in ac-St. Louis, defeated Bill Frith and inated Charles Viachos and Sam tion in Germany. He had been Harold Ebert, Philadelphia, 21-7, Shimkus, Detroit, 21-19, 21-16, and overseas since January. His par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Skiddy Von Brand, St. Louis, won by default Milwavkee, beat Joe Berg and Stade, live in Westbury, L. I., and from Sam Hitz and Howard Sim- Paul Mayorwitz, St. Louis, 21-3. mons, Philadelphia; Jack Srenco 21-12.

Billy Southworth is using a stretch of open dates in the National

League schedule to give his Cardinals intensive training in advanced East St. Louis High took first place in the Southwest Illinois Conference baseball race yester-

day by defeating Belleville, 1-0. squeeze plays, double steals, straight steals and other fine points It was East St. Louis' third vic- of baseball,

"You'd almost call these things grass was wet, and that if there fundamentals in the major league had been a batting drill it would picture," Manager Southworth have been necessary for the pitchcommented. "And yet it's all new ers to throw a wet, heavy ball, The Mount Pleasant Racing to the new players. You see, a which is bad medicine, for pitch-ball player is so busy in the minor ing muscles.

leagues learning the simple funda-Veteran pitchers demonstrated season with 100 and 225 mile mentals that he doesn't get arund the best moves to hold men on the ging records, however. He's hit

and Paul Paulak second and third. must be in a certain place at the man. The course was from Newbury, right time. I think we accom-

The Cardinals depart tomorrow

Friday. There will be single games Friday and Saturday and Navy Wings Defeat Bears. Navy Wings defeated the Wash- a doubleheader Sunday. Then aft-

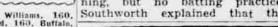
America's finest ington University Bears in a free er an open date the world chamscoring game at Lambert Field pions will move to Pittsburgh for

Catcher Walker Cooper will not Wings, singled home the winning run in the seventh. make the trip with the Cardinals. Scheduled to be inducted into the

Army at Jefferson Barracks next Monday, Cooper announced that he would not go along. Which means that Ken O'Dea, Del Rice and Bob Keely will do the catch-

sylvania, will be the guest of honor

cept Johnny Hopp. Johnny was at the park, but only for treat-ment of a back ailment. The workout included plenty of run-



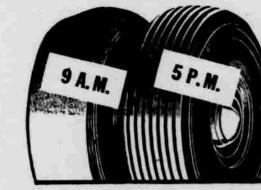


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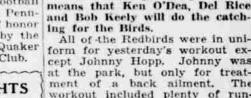
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OF ST. LOUIS (3)





plished a lot in our two days since In the 225-mile race, starting at Sunday, and there'll be another Aurora, Mo., pigeons owned by Al workout today and one tomorrow." Wolff finished first and second,

while birds owned by Paul Saller night for Cincinnati where they open a series with the Reds on