

Chandler, New Commissioner, to Attend Browns' Pennant Raising

Kentucky Senator Is Unanimously Selected To Fill Landis' Shoes

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CLEVELAND, O., April 25.—Senator Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (D), Kentucky, expects to perform his first official act as Baseball Commissioner in St. Louis May 1. He has agreed to attend the night game between the Browns and the Cleveland Indians together with Alva Bradley, Cleveland club president, and Leslie O'Connor, secretary to the late Judge K. M. Landis and, until Chandler's appointment, chairman of baseball's Advisory Council.

As soon as the selection was made official Don Barnes, president 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 the New York Yankees, and Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

There's no doubt that when the regular session into session they had little idea of naming a commissioner. It had been expected that they would come out with a verdict that the advisory council would continue to function, or that O'Connor would be 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, happily.

All of the 16 clubs' representatives met as a special committee and, after the vote, talked with Chandler over the telephone and assured him of their support.

What went on behind the scenes in the Room 300 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 something was to happen. MacPhail walked out of the meeting for a short period, then returned. Later Rickey came out for a breath of fresh air, then went back into the discussions.

It was remarked that they were not out at the same time, so perhaps each was trying to escape the other's oratory, for which both are famous.

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

A Happy Choice



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 Qualifiers; 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 place yesterday afternoon at Taylor Field, which will also be scene of the finals.

Six of Burroughs' runners and hurdlers qualified, while Brentwood, Riverview and Jennings each placed three in the finals. Fairview and Affton had two each, while Hancock and Taylor came through with only one each. Country Day, Ferguson, Bayless and Berkeley are the other schools competing.

Fairview gained its nine points in the discus and shotput, finals of which were contested on the preliminary program. Ernest Doerr of Fairview won the shotput with a heave of 42 feet 7 1/2 inches, Fred Zell of Country Day was second. Ted Wetterau of Taylor tossed the discus 120 feet 1 1/2 inches for a first place. Doerr finished second.

Point standings for the two events: Fairview 9, Country Day 6, Taylor 3, Affton 3, Hancock 3, Burroughs 2, Brentwood 1, Ferguson 1.

John Hathaway, Principia, who qualified in three events, turned in the best preliminary performance, negotiating the second heat of the 220-yard dash in 23.3 seconds to tie the district "B" mark made by John Van Velzer of Principia in 1940. Hathaway also qualified in the 100-yard dash and the 200-yard low hurdles.

Principia won the 1944 district "B" meet. About 149 high school athletes are participating in this year's events.

Srenco Meets Former Champ In Semifinals

CHICAGO, April 25 (AP).—The impending National A. A. U. handball singles feud between defunct champion Frank Coyle of New York and former champion Joe Platak of Chicago was in the semifinal stage today, and at the same time, both awaited second round matches in the doubles.

Coyle, who defeated Platak in the singles title match a year ago, moved into the semifinals yesterday by defeating Paul Merlo of Detroit, 21-11, 21-2. Platak, who lost his title to Coyle last year, beat Bill Lauro, Brooklyn, 21-3, 21-12, in the quarterfinals.

Today Coyle meets Lt. Paul Turner, St. Paul, Minn., and Platak faces Jack Srenco, St. Louis. Turner defeated William McGreevy, St. Louis, 21-0, 21-3, in the semifinals, and Srenco handed Ed Linz, New York, a 21-13, 21-10 beating.

Meanwhile, Platak and Robert Quinn of Chicago, defending champions, advanced to the second round of the doubles tournament by defeating Al Luber and Morris Minash of Milwaukee, 21-10, 21-10. Coyle, teamed with Linz to beat Harry Melroff and Archie Gershaw, Milwaukee, 21-4 and 21-2. Bill McGreevy and Leo Peressin, St. Louis, defeated Bill Frith and Harold Ebert, Philadelphia, 21-7, 21-11; Harry Goldstein and Bob Brand, St. Louis, won by default from Sam Hiltz and Howard Simons, Philadelphia; Jack Srenco

Cold Prevents Browns' Games In Cleveland

McQuinn Going Home To Try to Learn His Status in the Draft

CLEVELAND, April 25. GEORGE McQUINN, first baseman of the Browns, is leaving the club here tonight for his home in Arlington, Va., to learn, if possible, his exact draft status.

Placed in 4-F when originally examined in 1942 because of a 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 the Browns were in 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 Hollingsworth will likely pitch against Jim Bagby and Al Smith tomorrow.

Missouri High School Track Carnival May 19

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

Burroughs Triumphs In A. B. C. Contest

John Burroughs defeated Country Day in an A. B. C. League baseball game yesterday afternoon, 4-2. Day for Burroughs and Sant for Country Day each hurled three-hit ball, but errors ruined the latter's chances.

East St. Louis Wins, Tops Conference Race

East St. Louis High took first place in the Southwest Illinois Conference baseball race yesterday by defeating Belleville, 1-0. It was East St. Louis' third victory in four games.

Pigeon Race Results.

The Mount Pleasant Racing Pigeon Club recently opened its season with 100 and 225 mile events. In the shorter event, a bird owned by Fred Berg finished first and entries of Frank Klipsch and Paul Paulak second and third. The course was from Newbury, Mo., to St. Louis.

Navy Wings Defeat Bears.

Navy Wings defeated the Washington University Bears in a free scoring game at Lambert Field yesterday, 8-7. In a previous contest, the Bears came out on top, 10-9. Larkin, pitching for the Wings, singled home the winning run in the seventh.

Pennsylvania Coach Here.

George A. Munger, head football coach at the University of Pennsylvania, will be the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by the St. Louis alumni of the Quaker State school at University Club.

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

Buffalo, N. Y.—Holman Williams, 160, Chicago, outpointed Oscar Boyd, 160, Buffalo, 10. Stash Walton, 130 1/2, Montreal, outpointed Joe Miller, 137, Buffalo, 10.
Jersey City—Freddie Dawson, 141, Chicago, knocked out Sammie Daniels, 138, Baltimore, 6. Sam Ritchie, 149, Brooklyn, TKO Tommy Gorman, 147, Detroit, 10.
Brooklyn—Archie Levine, 157 1/2, Brooklyn, outpointed Joe Bennett, 151 1/2, New York, 8.
Portland, Ore.—Dorothy Quare, 138, outpointed Leo Perez, 158 1/2, Puerto Rico, 6.
Lowell, Mass.—George Lacroix, 137 1/2, Philadelphia, outpointed Joe Gonzalez, 136, Toronto, 10. Pat Doyle, 135, Fall River, knocked out Mike DeSantis, 138, Philadelphia, 5.
Bancor, Me.—Norman See, 131, Quebec, TKO Al Wootter, 136 1/2, Frankfurt, 5.
Lew Muccico, 128, Portland, Me., knocked out Young Chubb, 130, 132, Frankfurt, 1.
White Plains, N. Y.—Victor La Sala, 146, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., outpointed Jimmy Manfro, 142, New York, 10.
New York—Johnnie Johnson, 143 1/2, New York, knocked out Jimmy Gannon, 138 1/2, Newark, N. J., 2.
Portland, Ore.—Johnnie Quare, 141, Portland, outpointed Johnny Taylor, 147 1/2, Huntington Park, Calif., 10.

WRAY'S COLUMN

Cooper Case in Commissioner's Lap?

SENATOR A. B. "Happy" Chandler is the new baseball commissioner but it's hard to see what there is about his new job to make him happy, unless it's that \$50,000 salary. . . . Chandler will inherit all the troubles that go with a sport—or shall we call it business—suffering from war-time ailments.

Besides, right into his lap probably will be tossed the salary demand of the Cooper brothers, deciding which appears to be as enjoyable a task as lighting a cigarette in a powder magazine.

On the other hand, there are compensations besides the 50 grand annual salary. Not least is the highly simple peacetime nature of the commissioner's work. . . . Most of this will be 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 Leslie 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."
"HAPPY," we understand, can do this chore all right. . . . A Washington correspondent of the Post-Dispatch informs us that in the capital Senator Chandler is regarded as "every inch a politician," a fine hand-shaker, an affable person and possessing a fine tenor voice.

Chandler, according to Washington information, has a fine mind and will throw himself wholeheartedly into the work, 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.

Walk Cooper Will Not Go to Cincinnati With Cardinals

Billy Southworth is using a stretch of open dates in the National League schedule to give his Cardinals intensive training in advanced baseball strategy, usually a routine if important part of the annual training camp program. The boys are working on pick-off plays, squeeze plays, double steals, straight steals and other fine points of baseball.

"You'd almost call these things fundamentals in the major league picture," Manager Southworth commented. "And yet it's all new to the new players. You see, a ball player is so busy in the minor leagues learning the simple fundamentals that he doesn't get around to the more advanced strategy."

"On those plays every man involved has a job to perform, and must be in a certain place at the right time. I think we accomplished a lot in our two days since Sunday, and there'll be another workout today and one tomorrow."

The Cardinals depart tomorrow night for Cincinnati where they open a series with the Reds on Friday. There will be single games Friday and Saturday and a doubleheader Sunday. Then after an open date the world champions will move to Pittsburgh for three games in three days with the Pirates of Frankie Frisch.

Catcher Walker Cooper will not 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 catching for the Birds.

All of the Redbirds were in uniform for yesterday's workout except Johnny Hays. Johnny was at the park, but only for treatment of a back ailment. The workout included plenty of running, but no batting practice. Southworth explained that the



He's Baseball-Minded
A. B. "HAPPY" CHANDLER (center), United States Senator 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.

school, where his genial disposition clinched his nickname of "Happy." . . . He carried on at Transylvania College where he pitched his team to a 10-1 victory over the University of Tennessee team and batted .467 for the season.

Later he played on semipro and organized baseball minor league clubs. . . . The guy really showed his stuff when he made the All-Kentucky basketball team at Transylvania College and also was star quarterback of the football team.

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 team of long ago.

SO THE new commissioner 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.

While many of us wondered at 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 was for them a "Happy" one.

Commissioner Chandler took up politics in 1922, when he was elected to the Kentucky State Senate. . . . Successfully 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 chance to get the job."

LOS ANGELES, April 25 (AP)—Lou Novikoff, former major leaguer now coveting 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 slugging records, however. He's hit two homers and driven in 15 runs. Ted Norbert, Seattle, league-leader in both departments, has eight homers and 22 RBIs.

THE SUMMARIES

PRELIMINARY RESULTS.
200-YARD LOW HURDLES: First heat—John Hathaway, Principia, first; Bob Grant, Burroughs, second; Louis Hsieh, Riverview, third, 25.5. Second heat—Eddie Shutt, Principia, first; Owen Lee, Brentwood, second; Richard Harvey, Fairview, third, 24.7.
220-YARD DASH: First heat—Peyton Daniels, Burroughs, first; Gerald Ponce, Affton, second; Ted Allen, Principia, third, 23.4. Second heat—John Hathaway, Principia, first; Jack Baker, Burroughs, second; Bill Eschenberger, Jennings, third, 23.3.
120-YARD HIGH HURDLES: First heat—Frank Anderson, Principia, first; Edgie Conin, Fairview, second, 17.8. Second heat—Edward Shutt, Principia, first; Bill Kieffer, Principia, second; Jim Helvey, Riverview, first; Bill Patey, Principia, second, 15.1. Third heat—Glen Schukimmer, Jennings, first; Owen Lee, Brentwood, second, 15.1.
100-YARD DASH: First heat—John Hathaway, Principia, first; Ted Wetterau, Taylor, second; Jim Helvey, Riverview, third, 16.8. Second heat—Peyton Daniels, Burroughs, first; Neil Day, Jennings, second, 16.8. Third heat—Ted Allen, Principia, first; Gerald Ponce, Affton, second, 16.8.
440-YARD DASH: First heat—Elliott Chubb, Burroughs, first; Eddie Maher, Hancock, second, 57.7. Second heat—Lloyd Kahra, Riverview, first; Ed McCulloch, Burroughs, second, 56.6. Third heat—Jim Helvey, Riverview, first; Bill Patey, Principia, second, 57.7. (Above qualify for Saturday's finals.)
FINAL RESULTS.
DISCUS THROW: Won by Ted Wetterau, Taylor; Ernest Doer, Fairview, second; Brentwood, third; Jim Helvey, Riverview, fourth; Harold Jordan, Brookings, fifth. Distance, 120 ft. 1 1/2 in.
SHOTPUT: Won by Ernest Doer, Fairview; Paul, Country Day, second; Wingeron, Affton, third; Kieffer, Burroughs, fourth; Killefer, Ferguson, fifth. Distance, 42 ft. 7 1/2 in.

How They Stand

Club	W	L	Pct.
New York	6	0	.750
Chicago	4	2	.667
Cardinals	3	3	.500
Boston	4	4	.500
Brooklyn	3	4	.429
Pittsburgh	2	5	.286

Club	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	5	0	1.000
Washington	4	2	.667
Philadelphia	4	2	.667
Cleveland	4	2	.667
Browns	1	4	.200
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Browns	0	6	.000

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE—Detroit at Chicago, St. Louis at Cleveland (two games); Boston at Washington, New York at Philadelphia.
NATIONAL LEAGUE—Philadelphia at New York, Brooklyn at Chicago at Cincinnati. Only games scheduled.
Yesterday's Results.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
New York, 5-7-1; Philadelphia, 2-5-2. Batteries: Hanson and Lombardi; Rattenberger and Pracey.
Chicago-Gincinnati postponed; Cardinals-Pittsburgh open date.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Browns-Cleveland; Detroit-Chicago; Boston-Washington games postponed. New York-Philadelphia open date.
Wensloff to San Diego.
SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 25 (AP).—Acquisition of Pitcher Charles W. Wensloff on option from the New York Yankees was announced today by President Bill Starr of the San Diego baseball club.

He'll Do a Fine Job for Baseball, Harridge States

CLEVELAND, April 25 (AP). COMMENTING on the election of Senator A. B. Chandler 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."

Baseball Score

NATIONAL LEAGUE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOT
CHICAGO (at Cincinnati)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CINCINNATI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries: Chicago—Passau and Livingston, Cincinnati—Watters ad Just. HOME RUN—Passau (3) none on.

Postponed Games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Brooklyn at Boston, rain.
Philadelphia at New York, rain.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Browns at Cleveland, both games, cold weather.
Detroit at Chicago, rain.
Boston at Washington, rain.
New York at Philadelphia, rain.

Schumachers And Hornets Play Sunday

By Herman Wecke
It will be the Rafterys against the Standard Steels in a U. S. F. A. amateur cup match and the Schumachers against the Chicago Hornets for the Western junior title on next Sunday's soccer program at Fairground No. 1, it was announced today.

The Raftery game will start at 1 o'clock, with the junior match following.

The Rafterys, city and state champions, will be favored over the Standards, since they have been playing regularly, while their opponents have been inactive in recent weeks.

The winner of the Schumacher-Hornet match will qualify to tackle the Eastern champions for the national junior title. It will be the Schumachers' first game since April 1, when they beat St. Philip Neri for the State title.

According to word from Chicago, the Hornets are something of a picked team, having been recruited from Lane Tech, Tilden Tech, Kelly High, Oak Park High and Crane High. In their last game, the Hornets won from the Wokeen, a major league reserve eleven, 5 goals to 0.

Meanwhile the row between the Muey Association and Missouri Referees' Association goes merrily on. Instead of straightening out the wrangle at a special meeting at Sherman Park Community Center last night, the row became more involved and six more referees were suspended, upheld that of Les Hatchard was upheld.

Latest to draw suspensions were William Sullivan, Pete Garcia, Harry Donovan, Milt Zenson, Willie Walsh and Charles Ullenberg. Howard Blaisdel, Jim Moore and George Quintal were exonerated. The latest referees to be suspended failed to answer the call for last Sunday's games. Those who worked Sunday Blaisdel, Wall, Vallina and Begley were suspended by the Referees Association.

University City Wins From Blewett in Tennis

University City High School defeated Blewett in a tennis match yesterday afternoon, taking both sets, 6-3, 6-2.

Ranking Polo Player Is Killed in Action

AIKEN, S. C., April 25 (AP).—Lt. Charles Von Stade, ranking polo player, has been killed in action in Germany. He had been overseas since January. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Skiddy Von Stade, live in Westbury, L. I., and Aiken.

Minor League Results.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
Jesse 2, Rochester 2.
Newark 7, Rochester 2.
Other games postponed.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
No game scheduled.
PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.
San Diego 7, San Francisco 3.
Portland 7, Oakland 1.
Colts 6, at Seattle, postponed.
Only games scheduled.