

Kiner Asked to Take 25 Per Cent Salary Cut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The real salary battle of the spring season is about to begin.

It pits Ralph Kiner, the home run slugger of Pittsburgh Pirates, against baseball's David Harum, Branch Rickey.

The Pittsburgh general manager has asked Kiner to take a 25-per-cent cut—all that baseball law allows—from his \$90,000 salary last season. Rickey sent his son, Branch Jr., here

in advance to break the news to Kiner and see what could be done.

Apparently Kiner made it plain he was willing to take a modest cut—say, 10 per cent—but he was emphatic in saying he wasn't ready for a 25-per-cent slash that would reduce his salary to \$67,500.

There is a temporary stalemate in the negotiations. Rickey has tried to peddle Kiner to other clubs but he wants young players who can help the club he is lining up for his new manager, Fred Haney, who bossed Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League for several years.

"We aren't exactly trying to deal Kiner," said Rickey. "Some other clubs are trying to get him. Four or five clubs have made us propositions. If it was cash we wanted, the deal would have been completed some time ago."

"We'd trade Ralph only if the Pirates would be helped by the addition of other players. By that I mean more and better players than we have been offered so far."



A SCOTTISH RINK playing in the 65th annual bonspiel of the Manitoba Curling Association is using small brushes called coos in place of the orthodox broom used by Canadian entries. James (Bunny) McWhirter of Ayr, Scotland, skip of the visiting four, explains the advantages of the coo to Len Knight of Winnipeg's Victoria Curling club. The coo is made of soft bristles which put a shine on the ice.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—The closest parallel in boxing history to the Gavilan-Davey bout, all elements considered, must have been the famous fight at Boyle's 30 Acres back in 1921 between Jack Dempsey, then at the peak of his career as heavyweight champion, and Georges Carpentier, the orchid man from France.

As almost any student of the game now knows, it turned out that the 172-pound Frenchman had no earthly business in the same ring with Dempsey, and was knocked kicking in the fourth round, much to the relief of promoter Tex Rickard, who had feared the gorgeous one might get himself killed.

But the fact remains that before the fight many millions of Americans were convinced that Carpentier had a real chance, just as they were convinced that Chuck Davey, the orchid man of television, would whip Kid Gavilan, the tough welterweight champion. The proof is that they paid a total of \$1,789,238, the fourth largest gate ever, to witness the one-sided encounter.

The parallel does not last quite through. When Rickard saw Carpentier close up and realized he was promoting a massacre, he ordered the Frenchman into "secret" training to perfect some sort of nuclear punch. The customers were not permitted to see him in action again until he climbed bravely between the ropes. He said later he knew he was dead the first time Dempsey hit him.

Davey didn't do that. He trained openly for his adoring fans, and though he had no more business fighting a rugged world champion at this stage of his career than Carpentier did 32 years ago, he never ceased to claim he'd win.

Perhaps we feel stronger than most about the International Boxing Club tossing the boy in there with such a fighter as Gavilan because we once saw what can happen to a collegian under somewhat similar circumstances.

Neely Moore Rink Wins Curling Title

Neely Moore's rink last night tossed their rocks for a 16-5 win over the Rowbotham house to capture the Rupert Motors trophy, emblematic of the club championship.

The 12-ender featured some of the finest draw shooting seen on the ice this year by winning skip Moore. The match, which began at 7:15 p.m., last for three hours.

Moore defeated the McKenzie rink and Rowbotham ousted Osettag in the semi-finals. Some 30 club rinks participated in the championship tourney.

Members of the finalist rinks were Moore, Fred Aston, Roy Brown and Gerry Holmes; Rowbotham, Peter Bell, Bill Baxter and Sandy Newton.

Two other competitions are now underway. Both are knock-out tournaments for the Cook's Jeweller and Gordon's Hardware trophies.

The club championship was held by Ken Warren's rink last year, the Cook trophy by Rowbotham and Gordon's trophy by Clyde Black, now in Prince George.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

Branch Rickey May be 'Stuck' With Kiner

NEW YORK (AP)—The baseball world has been treated for the last week to the intriguing spectacle of Branch Rickey trying to peddle the National League's greatest home-run hitter, Ralph Kiner, without notable success.

It is unusual for a club to admit publicly that a star of Kiner's magnitude is on the block.

That the Pittsburgh slugger was not snapped up in a hurry by some pennant-starved club must qualify as the mystery of the week to many a fan.

A majority of the men within the game doubt that Rickey will be able to make a deal.

Main reason for their skepticism is that whopping salary of Ralph's, believed to have been \$90,000 last year.

It shows what a fix a team can get itself in when it permits one so-called super-star to push his salary far beyond any of his teammates. Not that Kiner hasn't been worth his large stipend, because he has.

He has been a terrific individual draw in Pittsburgh. But it makes things awkward when the time comes for a change.

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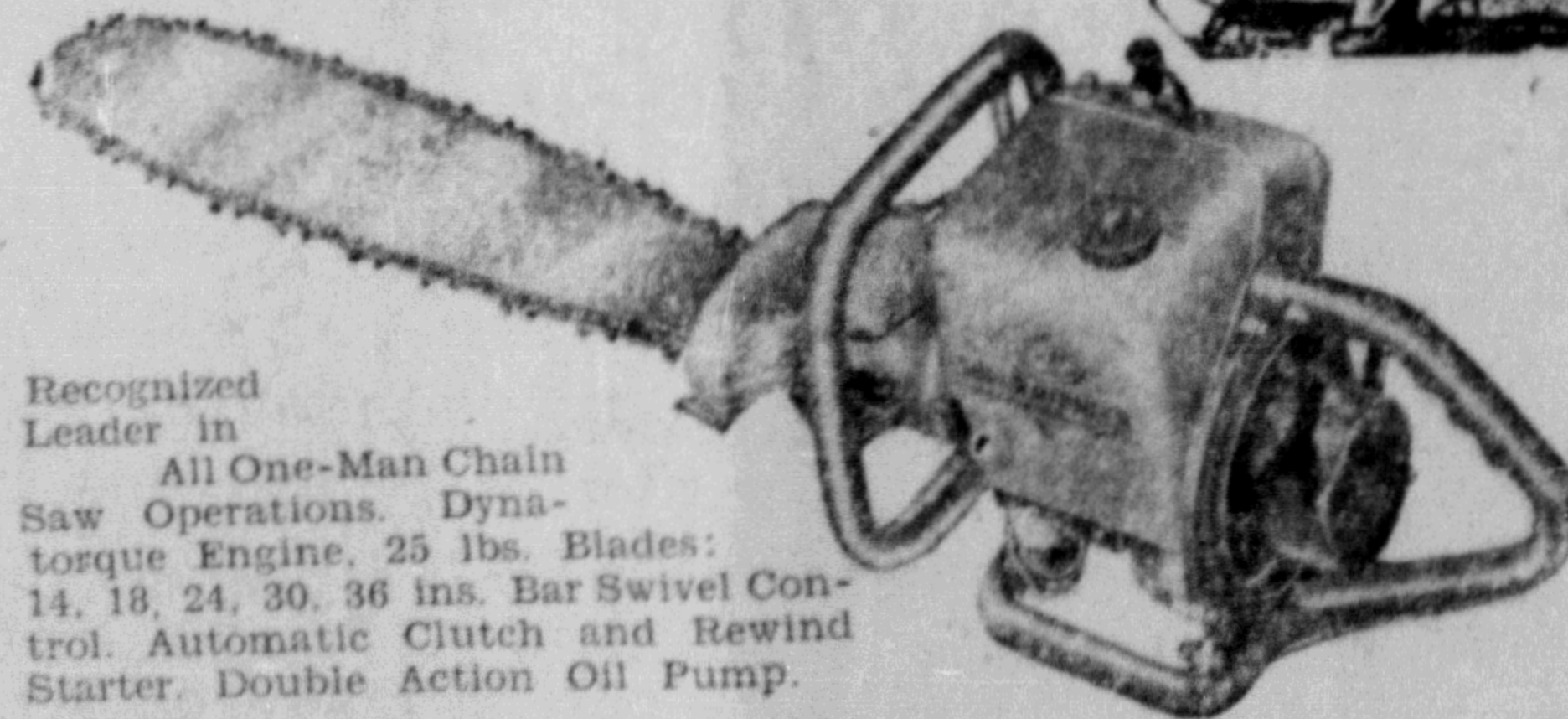
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Slight Error

NORTHAMPTON, England — Mrs. Mary Goodman was looking forward to celebrating her 100th birthday this year. But old business papers turned up to show that she was 100 years old in 1951.

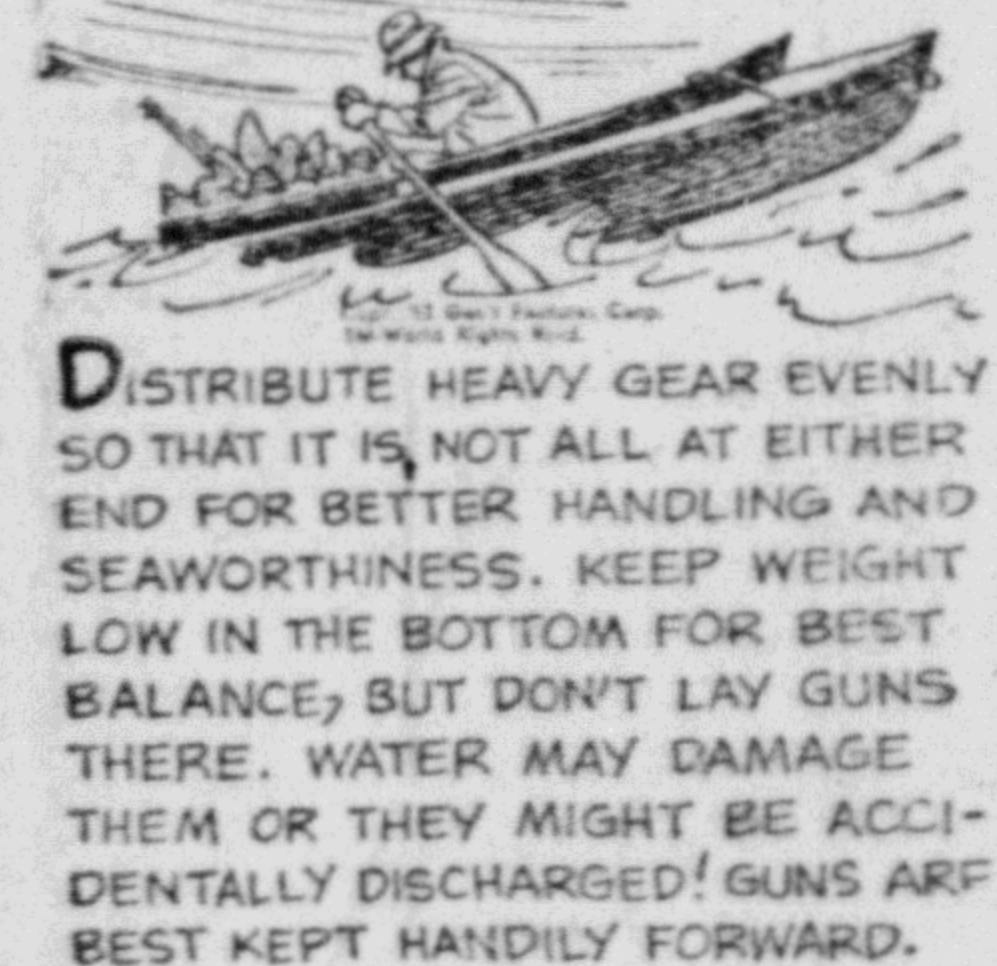
Busy Airline

STOCKHOLM — The Scandinavian Airlines System, with about 600,000 passengers compared with 500,000 the previous year. Current reports show the three-nation air carrier now has 6,800 on the payroll.

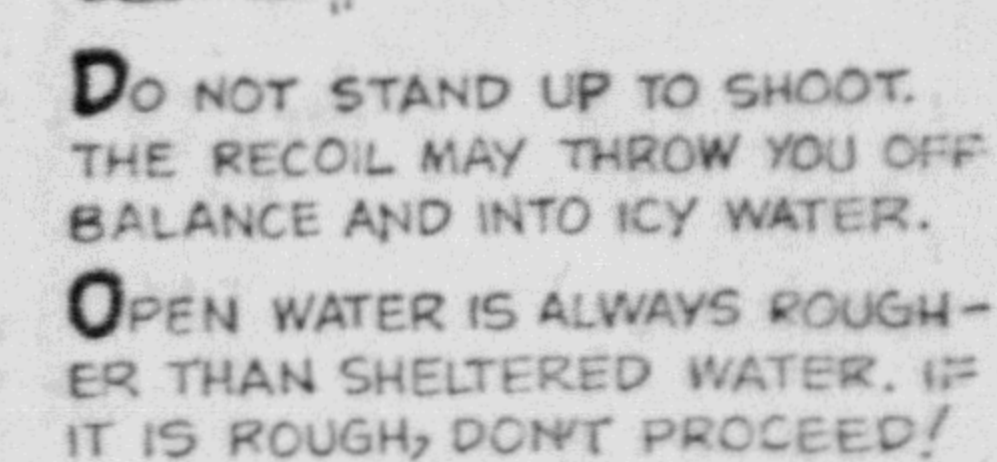
SPORTSMAN'S DIGEST

By Hal Sharp

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Jet Service To Begin In April

VANCOUVER — Canadian Pacific Airlines announced today the first passenger flight by its new de Havilland Comet jet airliner will take place April 28 when the 44-passenger aircraft leaves Sydney, Australia, for Honolulu.

For the time being, CPA will operate the jet aircraft only on the Sydney-to-Honolulu leg of its Vancouver-Australia service. From Honolulu to Vancouver, 64-passenger piston-engined aircraft will be used until 1954, when the airline receives two Comet series II aircraft and opens an all-jet service from Vancouver to the Antipodes.

Women Set Curling Record

VANCOUVER — A curler's dream came true for four women curlers at the Vancouver Curling Club.

Mrs. Lois Haddon and her rink scored an eight-ender—the perfect count.

It was the first eight-ender ever recorded by a women's rink in Vancouver.

Other members of the rink are Mrs. John Rudd, Mrs. Keith Haddon and Mrs. Eva Sauder.

Bruins Stop Detroit's Win Streak

By The Canadian Press

Fleming Mackell provided two of Boston's goals as Bruins snapped top place Detroit Red Wings National Hockey League eight-game unbeaten string with a 3-1 victory Thursday night.

The triumph, only the second the Bruins have gained in 11 tries against the Stanley Cup champions this season, moved Boston into a fourth place tie with idle Toronto Maple Leafs.

At Chicago, the second place Montreal Canadiens closed to within three points of the Wings with a 3-2 victory over the Black Hawks.

Other scores:
WHL—Seattle 2, Saskatoon 6.
OSHL—Vernon 4, Kamloops 6.
WJHL—Trail 3, Nelson 2.

Remember When

Willie Logan of Saint John, N.B., dominated the Canadian indoor speed-skating championships at the Montreal Forum 19 years ago tonight. He won the 220-, 440- and 800-yard events and then captured the three-mile for a point total twice as great as his nearest rival, Leo Friesinger of Chicago.

More Pakistan Food

KARACHI — Land which formerly produced jute now will be used to grow more food for the populous area of East Pakistan. Decision followed a government order to reduce jute acreage owing to a carry-over of jute production. Officials expressed hope East Pakistan might wipe out its food deficit in about two years.



SMOKE AND STEAM are signs of modern industry at any time but in the cold winter air of Northern Ontario they take on added beauty. This scene at the Mountjoy Timber Co., Timmins, is typical of a below-zero morning at a sawmill.

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