

# White Sox Appear As Mystery Club

## Hooper, Mostil Fail to Return Signed Contracts

Team Has as Much Pitching Power as Any of American League Entries.

By NICK FLATLEY.  
Winter Haven, Fla., March 25.—Misfortune seems to hover over the camp of the White Sox here and the Comiskey crew, one of baseball's big disappointments last season, will finish well down in the scramble unless a few miracles occur.

The club is without an official manager, and it is impossible to tell whether or not Frank Chance, signed for the job, will ever appear. He was reported at a sanitarium in his native California last week, and the evidence out that way is that he has no intention of coming back to baseball. But the club officials have it that he will show up eventually.

Meanwhile, peppery John Evers is doing the directing, a manager without effect title. Johnny, it might be mentioned, is in better health than he has been for years. And is getting along very well with the boys. He might succeed this time if he is given the chance.

Evers' Future Mystery.  
But the future for Evers and everyone else on the club is a mystery right now. Nobody knows, and nobody seems to care, as the song has it. Two regular outfielders, Harry Hooper and Johnny Mostil, are holdouts. According to players' gossip, both were offered greatly reduced contracts and have decided to retire. Hippenry, a very good utility infielder, has also resigned for reasons supposed to be similar.

With the exception of a young pitcher and a couple of catchers, the club is exactly the same outfit that finished the season of 1923, and that outfit doesn't strike any particular fear in the hearts of other managers.

Faber, Robertson, Leverette, Blankenship and Crenshaw are the veteran pitchers. The latter two have had enough experience to deliver this season.

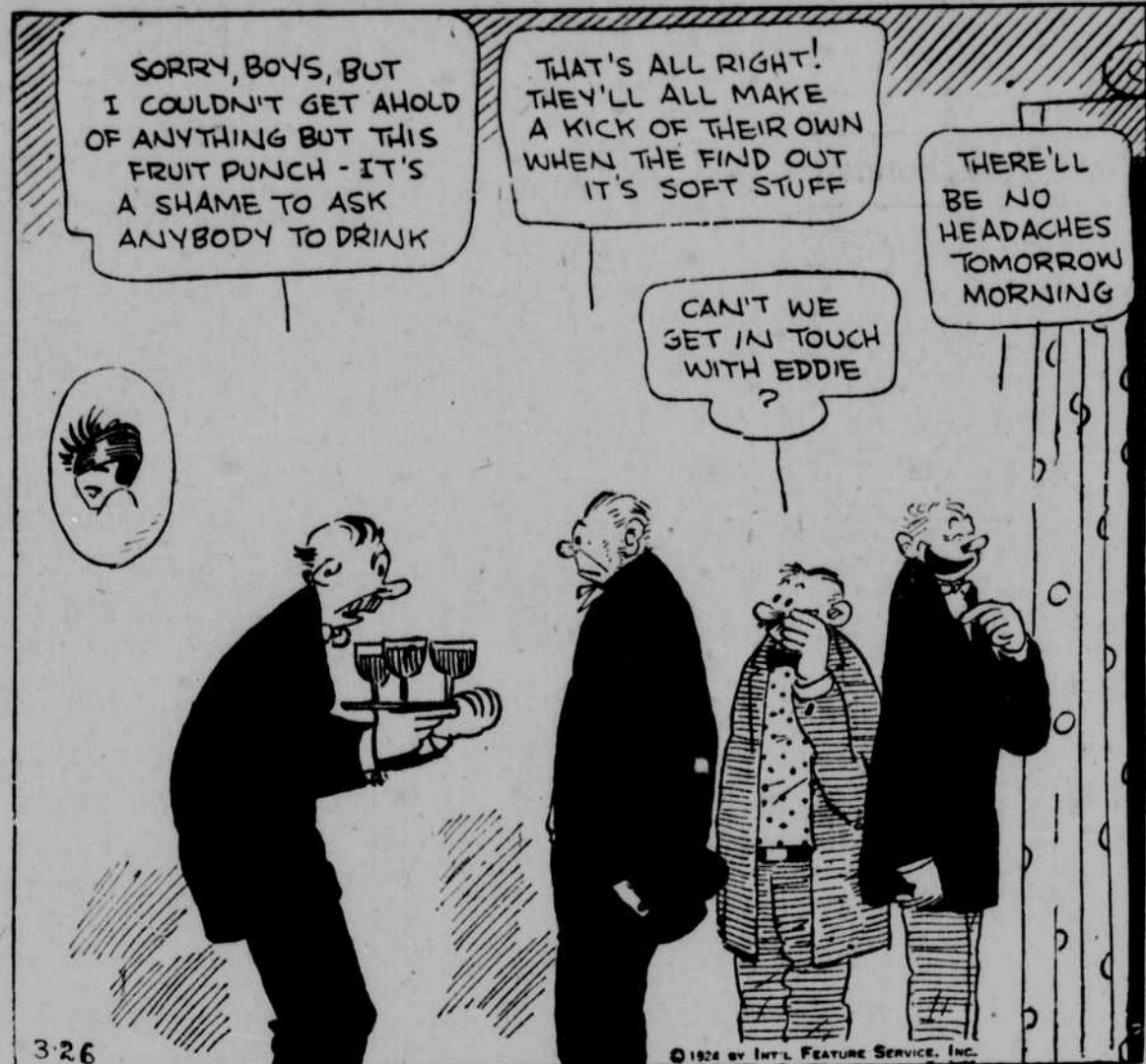
Evers expects a whole lot from one of his kids, young Lyons, picked up last fall from Baylor university in Texas. This young man has a lot of pitching craft and looks anything out a novice.

Douglas McWeeny, with the club part of last season, is now a finished performer and probably will break into the regular mound work.

Cadore's Arm O. K.  
Leon Cadore, the old dodger, has

### EDDIE'S FRIENDS

A Slow Party Tonight



326

his arm in good shape and promises to be a big help.  
The inevitable Ray Schalk will do most of the Sox catching, as he has for the last 13 seasons. Time does not seem to have affected him much.  
The infield will be as it was, and a mighty good quartet it is, with Sheely at first, the remarkable Eddie Collins at second base, McClellan at short and Kamm at third.

With the holdouts out of the picture and Bibb Falk being converted into a pitcher, the outfield jobs will fall to Bill Barrett, youngster, Maurice Archdeacon, the fastest runner in baseball, and the veteran Amos Strunk. Elesh and Ostergard remain for utility service.

The club is a mystery. It has as much potential pitching power as any club in the league, except the Yankees, but it has a bunch of veterans, with no youthful horde to spur them on.

### Kearns Departs to Sign Contracts

New York, March 25.—Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, left today for Los Angeles where he expects to sign a million dollar motion picture contract involving the champion's services for the next few months.  
Kearns has under consideration two offers for fights around Labor day, one from James J. Coffroth, California promoter, for a bout with Harry Wills at Tijuana and the other from

Tex Rickard for a match with Wills or the best available contender in the metropolitan area. The champion's manager intimated he favored acceptance of Rickard's offer, which involves in excess of \$500,000, but said he would make no definite decision until a conference the end of the week with California interests.  
Kearns will join Dempsey in Los Angeles and expects to remain there indefinitely.

Exhibition Game Postponed.  
San Francisco, March 25.—Fittsburgh Nationals-San Francisco Pacific Coast league, postponed, rain.

Advertisement for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Includes text: "Ill and cross last night - DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN brought vigor by morning".

Advertisement for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. Includes text: "How To Keep A Child Healthy", "A GENERATION ago parents thought that sickness was a part of a child's life, but we know better now." and "A Substitute for Physics".

# Chase Old Man Gloom With a Local Laf .....



We've declared war on Old Man Gloom and his horde of blues and gloomlets.

We are out to drive them from our midst and to replace them with the forces of happiness and joy.

We have found the best weapon is a good laf. Every good joke is a six-inch shell landing among the cohorts of gloom.

You can all help in a good cause by sending in your best jokes. Every good laf will be shown on the screens of the leading motion picture theaters, where thousands can enjoy it and forget their troubles for a while.

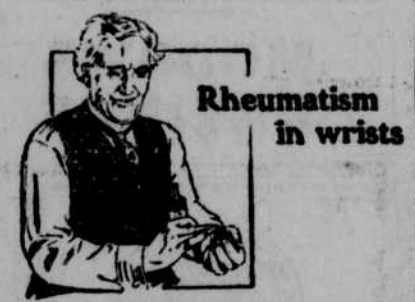
You will be well paid for your trouble. Not only will you bring cheer to thousands, but you will receive a check from the Local Laf Editor of The Omaha Bee.

Table titled 'Here Are the Prizes:' listing prize amounts: First Prize \$5.00, Second Prize \$3.00, Third Prize \$2.00, Next 12 \$1.00 each.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.  
Perhaps you have sent in several jokes to the Local Laf Editor, but haven't received a prize.  
Don't get discouraged!  
It may be that your jokes were just crowded out of the winning class by a narrow margin.  
Perhaps the "good one" you heard today is slated for first prize. Send it in! Send in as many as you like any time you like!

Advertisement for 'Local-Lafs THE OMAHA BEE'. Includes a coupon for a 'Local Laf' and text: 'You will find Local Lafs on the screen at these theaters: Sun Theater, Omaha Every Day; Strand Theater, Council Bluffs First Four Days of Each Week; Suburban Theater, Omaha Thursday and Friday of Each Week; Victoria Theater, Omaha Saturday Each Week; Benalto Theater, Benson Mon., Tues. and Wed. of Each Week; Lothrop Theater, Omaha Thurs., Fri. and Sat. of Each Week; Grand Theater, Omaha Sun., Mon. and Tues. of Each Week; Lyric Theater, Omaha Wed., Thurs. and Fri. of Each Week.'

# The Omaha Bee



obstinate as it is, does yield to Sloan's. Apply gently without rubbing. You feel the effect at once in a comforting glow spreading through the aching joints and muscles. The pain comes off—is gone! Get a bottle from your druggist today—35 cents.

Sloan's Liniment—kills pain!

Advertisement for 'Insist on PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA'. Includes text: 'Say "Phillips" - Protect Your Doctor and Yourself'.

Advertisement for 'take precautions' with Phillips' Milk of Magnesia. Includes text: 'Demand genuine "Phillips" Milk of Magnesia, the original Milk of Magnesia prescribed by physicians for fifty years. Refuse imitations of the genuine "Phillips".'

Advertisement for 'Zonite KILLS GERMS'. Includes text: 'With colds and influenza all too common just now, it pays to take regular preventive measures against them. Spray your nose and throat night and morning with Zonite (directions on the bottle). Prevention is always easier, better and less expensive than a cure. Zonite—the remarkable, new antiseptic—has the unique power of destroying germs without harming the delicate tissues that germs thrive on. It is several times as powerful as pure carbolic acid—yet non-irritating and absolutely non-poisonous. At your druggist.'

### WOWS TO MAKE PRACTICE TRIP

Woodmen of the World Baseball club, last year's city champs, are trying to schedule a week's practice trip with nearby towns and colleges. If the lodgements succeed in scheduling this pre-season trip it will be the first time in the history of amateur baseball that any team has taken a pre-season trip. Any town or college in the vicinity of Omaha that wants to schedule games with the amateur champs for some time during the first part of April should get in touch with Manager Al Garey, Woodmen of the World.

Drake Cage Pilot Elected.  
Des Moines, Ia., March 25.—Jack Sparks of Clarinda, Ia., was elected captain of the 1925 Drake university baseball team last night. He has played forward and guard during the last two seasons.

Cubs-Sacramento Game Off.  
Sacramento, Cal., March 25.—Rain Tuesday caused cancellation of a scheduled exhibition game between the Chicago National league team and the Sacramento Coast league club, and the Cubs left for Oakland.

Advertisement for 'DACE-RESULTS TIJUANA'. Includes a list of race results for various events like 'First race: 1/4 mile', 'Second race: 1/2 mile', etc.

Exhibition Games  
Clearwater, Fla., March 25.—R. H. E. Boston (N.) ..... 2 0 0  
Brooklyn (N.) ..... 1 2 0  
Batteries: Conroy, Yeagin and O'Neill, Smith, Henry, Schreiber, Long and Berry, Gonzalez.  
Winston-Salem, N. C., March 25.—R. H. E. Toronto (I) ..... 2 0 0  
Detroit (A) ..... 2 1 0  
Batteries: ...

Advertisement for 'Corns Lift Off—No Pain! FREEZONE'. Includes text: 'The answer of most fat people is that it is too hard, too painful, and too dangerous to force the weight down. MRS. DAVIS RECOVERS STRENGTH. The following statement contained in a letter from Mrs. Alice Davis of Jamestown, N. Y., should bring hope to other women who are in the same condition she was. She says, "I was nervous and weak with pains in my back, no ambition, and utterly discouraged, and could not sit up all the time. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound restored my health and strength so I am now running a rooming house and do all the work." Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is pre-eminently successful in overcoming such troubles and it will pay any suffering woman to try it.'