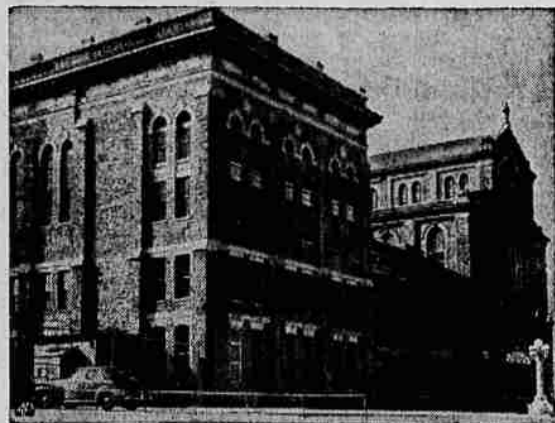


Home Run Home: Babe Ruth School Forced to Close



King of Swat when he was sold to Red Sox.



St. Mary's industrial school, where Babe Ruth and Al Jolson once were among 20,000 boys trained there.

By GEORGE A. BOWEN
(AP Newstographer)

Baltimore, Feb. 21—The training school where Babe Ruth learned to play baseball is to be closed. St. Mary's industrial school will shut its doors June 30. It will be the end of 84 years of training more than 20,000 orphan and delinquent boys.

Atlee Admits Leveling Plan

London, Feb. 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Atlee slapped back today at a conservative charge that the labor party is trying to reduce all Britons to the level of the least efficient.

In a direct reply to the conservative charge, voiced by Winston Churchill, the prime minister said:

"During the last four and a half years there have been great changes and a considerable leveling up. Some people call it leveling down. Of course, it depends where you start. If you were right at the top you were leveled down. If you were down you were leveled up. If you were in the middle, you are about where you were."

Atlee spoke at a campaign meeting in his election constituency of Walthamstow.

He appealed anew for the vote of the British working class, which he described as "the people we are depending on to get this country through a very difficult economic situation."

Lord Woolton, chairman of the conservative party, declared the election which will take place Thursday is "neck and neck."

He told a political rally at Grantham in the midlands "it is going to be a great and exciting finish. I hope you will do your duty by the conservative party."

Pruning Specialist Will Offer Advice

Dallas—C. O. Rawlings, horticultural specialist at Oregon State college will be in Polk county February 27 and 28 to assist in pruning problems with individual growers, according to N. John Hansen, county extension agent.

Hansen explained that these two days of individual work have been scheduled due to the fact that the pruning demonstrations in January were cancelled due to weather conditions.

Hansen stated that any fruit growers wishing assistance in pruning problems are asked to contact the county extension office by Friday. The phone number is Dallas 2247 and the extension office is located in the basement of the courthouse.

Scotts Mills Host Rebekah Convention

Brooks—Harmony Rebekah Lodge of Gervais met for its regular session with all the officers present. Mrs. Margaret Jones, noble grand presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Caldwell were admitted to membership by card. Plans were made to attend the district convention at Scotts Mills, March 11. Duke Ballweber was reported on the sick list. The good of the order chairman, Mrs. Katie Sturgis presented a short program.

Refreshments were served following the meeting by Mrs. Berna Pomeroy and Mrs. Rose Long.

Whisky, Calomel, Asafetida Favored Remedies in 1860's

By BEN MAXWELL

Being seriously sick in Salem in the 1860's was a pretty discouraging predicament.

There were no hospitals, physicians were uninformed about antiseptic surgery, and patent medicines and dubious household remedies were miracle drugs of their day.

Eighty-five years ago the medicine cabinet of a Salem physician, or the shelves of the drug store, contained about 60 drugs: calomel being the mainstay of them all. Vaccination was in use against smallpox. Louis Pasteur's bacteriological discoveries were then of more interest to the vintner than the surgeon and applied principles of asepsis were yet 20 years in the offing.

For the afflicted traditional household remedies were the first line of medical defense. The rustic, whose aching bunions forecast rain, wore a piece of asafetida dangling from a string around his neck. He regarded it as an ounce of prevention. Just how it worked against infection he was at loss to explain. Perhaps the stench of asafetida disintegrating in the springtime was convincing enough.

Turpentine was regarded by pioneers as an infallible disinfectant, powdered alum, sulphur and molasses and sassafras were standard cupboard remedies in the 1860's.

Whisky completed the household pharmacopoeia of pioneer times. Whisky with salt made "alumna," cracked he was "the only son of a rabbi to be taught by priests."

St. Mary's was incorporated as a public institution in 1874. Up until 1937 it was for the poor, orphans and boys needing correction. Since then it was entirely for delinquents.

Increasing deficits led the trustees to vote to close Mt. Mary's. The state, rather than increase its appropriations, decided to send its delinquents to the Maryland Training School for boys.

Cater's Leave Roberts—A. G. Cater left for Pasco, Wash., where he will be employed several months. Mrs. Cater will join him next week. Jack Cater has left for Shepherd air base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

B-36 Survivor Gropes Way To Safety with Ankle Hurt

McChord Air Force Base, Wash., Feb. 21 (AP)—Lt. Charles Pooler of Beloit, Kans. spent three night and two days on lonely Princess Royal island groping his way to safety with a fractured ankle with only bits of candy bars for food.

Lt. Pooler is the 12th survivor of an air force B-36 super bomber from which 17 men parachuted over the heavily forested island off the British Columbia coast late last Monday night. Five men still are missing.

His harrowing experience was pieced together from information gathered here from the captain of a U.S. coast guard cutter who asked that his name not be used. The captain was interviewed at base operations here.

Lt. Pooler landed in a tree 40 feet above the ground. After several unsuccessful tries to free himself and climb down, he was forced to cut the shroud of his parachute and drop to the ground. He fractured his ankle in doing so.

He estimated he was four and one-half miles from shore and that it would take him nine days to reach there. For food he had three candy bars. He divided each into three parts, allowing himself a half part each in the morning and evening.

Struggling through deep snow he was frequently forced to stop for rest. His ankle and the intense cold caused him great pain. He often called for help.

His cries were finally heard Thursday morning by a rescue crew from the Canadian destroyer Cayuga. He was taken aboard the vessel and given treatment, but heavy seas prevented his evacuation until yesterday.

A coast guard cutter took him to Port Hardy where he was put aboard the C-47 and flown here. Newsmen met the plane but were not allowed to talk to him.

Today, Lt. Pooler was photographed at the base hospital. But Col. Hervey Porter, flight surgeon at the hospital said, "He will not be interviewed in my hospital."

Lt. Pooler was expected to be transferred to the army's nearby Madigan general hospital later. He told attendants he was in no great pain.

Consider, finally, Helmhold's Fluid Extract Buchu, a non-secret concoction represented as containing only cubebs, buchu and juniper berries. Here was something for those afflictions arising from excesses and habits of dissipation. And Helmhold's Improved Rose Wash was modestly suggested in conspicuous type as a cure for those secret diseases.

Salem's physicians of the 1860's though some may have stropped a scalpel on their boot top, never prescribed stringed asafetida as a preventive medicine. And they treated the curative claims of Fluid Extract of Buchu with derision and contempt.

If they were unlearned in methods of modern therapy most were competent practitioners for their time. Their fees were modest because they were permitted to retain what they made. Patients of means paid a reasonable charge, those unable to pay, or who paid ever so slowly, nevertheless received all the benefit of the doctor's skill without the necessity for socialized medicine.

Among early Salem physicians listed in the Pacific Coast Business Directory for 1867 are Doctors A. M. Belt, E. R. Fisk, McAfee and Carpenter, Daniel Peyton and James C. Shelton. But there were local practitioners even before their time.

Dr. W. H. Willson, the missionary who founded Salem, had a somewhat informal medical training under Elijah White during a voyage to the Pacific coast. He died of a heart attack while sitting in an armchair in W. K. Smith's drug store, April 17, 1856. Dr. Willson was distinguished as a raconteur and an early historian of Salem devotes more space telling about Dr. Willson's resistance to temptations of plug tobacco than in mention of his medical practice.

Dr. A. M. Belt, among the first of the immigrant physicians, practiced in Salem from 1850 to 1881. In 1871 he resided at the northeast corner of Union and Church street. For many years Dr. Belt was a member of Willamette university medical department faculty and was president of an organization that be-

came the Marion County Medical society. O. Larsell, an authority on Oregon medical history, states that Dr. Belt represented the best type of physician, who despite informal medical training, rendered great service to the community.

Another was Dr. R. W. Shaw. B. F. Ramp, Marion county pioneer of 1853 who celebrated his 99th birthday July 23, 1949, remembers him well. About 94 years ago young Ramp was shooting beans up a mud and stick chimney in the family cabin. They came rattling down and one lodged in the youngster's ear. His distress soon became acute and his parents tried to flush the obstacle out with warm water. That caused the bean to swell and the agony increased. Finally the child was taken to Dr. Shaw who removed the bean now at the point of germination.

Dr. Horace Carpenter served during the Civil war as a surgeon's assistant for an Oregon cavalry regiment. From 1883 to 1886 he was superintendent of the State Insane Asylum at Salem. Dr. Carpenter made a strenuous effort to maintain a high standard for the profession and his contemporaries regarded him as the best surgeon in Oregon.

Dr. J. C. Shelton, whose card appeared in a Salem newspaper for January 4, was a true botanic practitioner and did not use calomel or other mineral drugs in treatment. In 1874 he lived at the southeast corner of Front and Division street. Tad Shelton, Marion county assessor, is his son.

Many older Salem residents will recall Dr. Charles H. Hall who practiced in Salem from 1868 until 1902. He was at one time professor of pathology and general practice in Willamette Medical department. Mrs. Mary R. Hall, daughter of A. F. Walker, Methodist missionary who arrived in the Columbia river in 1840, was the last survivor of the Lausanne party. She died in Salem January 13, 1903 at the age of 66. She was Mrs. John H. McNary's mother.

Although Dr. W. A. Cusick did not practice in Salem until the middle 1880's, he was among the first three graduates from Willamette medical department in July 1867. He was consulting physician at the state hospital for the insane for 37 years. Dr. Cusick retired from active practice in 1908 and died in 1919. The writer recalls him as a slight, kindly man who had a penetrating eye and a pleasant bedside manner. He was highly regarded by an older Salem generation. Dr. W. B. Morse who died in 1944 was his son-in-law.

Oregon Home for the Sick, organized by Doctors Carpenter, Peyton and Jessup in 1873, was Salem's first institution offering hospitalization. This two story structure, 60 by 30 feet and built with an ell, was located on Capitol street between State and Ferry (this extension of Capitol no longer survives as a street). The first story housed four wards, a kitchen and parlor. Eleven wards were located on the second floor and all were ventilated and supplied with water and other conveniences.

Further, says the description in the Salem directory for 1874, "that no neglect should be occasioned, a janitor with his wife rooms in the home and prepares the diet on strictly hygiene principles as directed by the visiting physician and surgeon and calculated to restore health rapidly and permanently."

At Hal D. Patton's 50th anniversary banquet, January 13, 1922, the late Dr. W. H. Byrd remarked of Salem's early doctors, "these men have been dead, most of them for 25 years or more. If they could come back upon earth today—and they were all good men in their time—they would be disqualified for the practice of medicine, so many changes have taken place in one generation. . . . Two of these earnest and energetic practitioners died in the insane asylum. Two of them died from that terrible disease, cancer; and only three of them, that I recall, lived to a good, round and ripe old age and died from natural causes."

New Detroit Church Active at Session

Silverton—Mrs. Arthur Charles Bates was among the numerous ministers' wives of the state of Oregon serving the Christian churches, privileged to attend the sessions at Mallory street church of the Christian state board of missions.

Presidents of the various junior guilds and state missionary groups were also asked as guests. The new organization for the Christian church at Detroit, the "baby church" of the state had the honor of reporting the first fellowship organization.

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