



THIS matter of expecting even the stronger football teams to win all of their games or most of their games is a point all of joint—if a point can have a joint. Even the Yankees and Dodgers, good enough to carry off a pair of pennants, won only two-thirds of their starts, and football should be judged in much the same manner.

There are too many strong teams in the field today for old grads to keep expecting one victory after another. Many have now even reached the point of tossing out teams that happen to have lost a single game.

On this basis where would the Dodgers have been last spring when even the Giants beat them three straight to open the season? As Bob Zupke once said, "Out in that Big Ten I can lose every game and still look good." And that might be true.

Accidents, tough breaks, injuries and other details can often make a difference of two or three touchdowns in a game. The psychological setup has wide ranges.

The main answer is that any team playing a first-class schedule can look back on a good season if it can win a majority of its starts. Last season, for example, Minnesota won every game—yet Minnesota had the closest possible calls against Michigan, Northwestern and Ohio State, with whom just a slender fop in luck the other way might have brought the gallant Gophers three setbacks.

That's the way football is. One or two breaks, especially in the passing game, can raise an abnormal amount of old-fashioned Cain. It has been that way every season, and this should be no exception.

The 'Next Year' Job

Messrs. MacPhail and Durocher of Brooklyn's Dodgers are not thinking at the moment of any revenge on the Yankees next fall. Their first move will be to stall off the Cardinal charge.

Sam Breadon and Branch Rickey both believe that said Cardinals will



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be much harder to hold in check next spring and summer with so many crack young pitchers on hand. Against this Wyatt, Davis and Fitzsimmons of the Dodgers have a combined total of 107 years—or 108 years by 1942.

"You might also add that we can't be expected to have another such run of terrible luck," Rickey said. "That will make a terrific difference."

The 1941 World series is now back with the dust-gathering archives, but they are still talking about Joe Gordon, the Oregon Flash.

Gordon did something more than bat .500 in the series and reach first 14 times in five games. He killed infield drives that would have whistled safely through Dodger defenses, and this makes a major difference to any pitcher.

The Yankees slipped at least four hits to the right of second that Gordon would have been waiting for—or at least would have handled without breaking his neck.

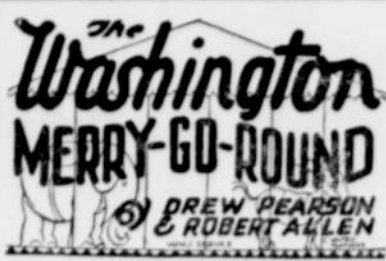
The Yankee star is remarkably quick starting in either direction, and he is even quicker with his hands. As a freshman at Oregon he was the most promising-looking young football player the West coast had seen in years, but abandoned the gridiron for a diamond career. Joe McCarthy wants none of his athletes playing football.

Gordon has less tension on big days than any other ball player in the game. There is no situation that can tighten him up. And the game can't show you a finer sportsman.

A Call for Help

"Now that the World series is over," writes a fan, "how about helping out a few of us duffers? Some time back you wrote something about 'live hands' in golf. How do you get live hands?"

Dead hands and dead wrists are usually the result of leg and body tension. This tension tightens up both hands and wrists, and leaves nothing left but a shoulder or a body lunge.



Washington, D. C.

FARMER PRICE VICTORY

Louis J. Taber, National Grange president, and other farm leaders didn't come away empty-handed from their conference with the President on price control.

While he would not agree to their proposal that wages be included in the price control bill drafted by Price Administrator Leon Henderson, Roosevelt did make one important concession. He said he would have no objection to a "parity averages formula" being put in the bill to limit the dumping of government-owned wheat and cotton when the prices of these commodities threaten to soar out of bounds.

Under this formula, to insure farmers an average parity price for the full crop year, restrictions would be placed on the amount of wheat and cotton that could be sold. Also, the dumping could not begin until prices reach certain above-parity levels, to be worked out by Henderson and the department of agriculture.

Taber and his colleagues had to do some fast talking to sell the President on this plan. At first he seemed in no mood to accept any changes in the bill and told his callers that if they had come to debate the question of controlling farm prices they were wasting their time.

"We have simply got to head off inflationary trends," the President declared grimly, "or face the worst depression the country has ever known after this emergency is over."

The farm leaders finally won him over to their plan with the assurance that they would not oppose Henderson's system of selective price controls, providing the parity gains won at this session were not lost.

Taber pointed out that though the prices of wheat and cotton are now only slightly below parity, and livestock above it, farmers get only 43 per cent of the consumer's dollar spent for farm products, as against 60 per cent in 1917, when defense production was geared to the peak it has reached today.

NEW LABOR HEADACHE

Strikes are still a serious problem, but the big labor headache currently harrasing defense chiefs is the complex and mounting difficulty of employment dislocations.

Almost every day brings new reports of workers let out due to lack of materials, forced curtailment of production or other defense causes. Official estimates of such dismissals put the number at between one and two million.

And the end is not in sight. Some experts anticipate that in the auto industry alone 200,000 workers will lose their jobs. Aware of the serious economic consequences of such dislocations, OPM heads are making strenuous efforts to overcome them. So far only partial answers have been found.

Originally, OPM tried to handle such dismissals by local absorption. This worked all right in towns with industries engaged in defense work. They could use the displaced hands and gladly took them on. But in communities where this condition did not exist, other solutions had to be found.

Various methods have been used. In some instances defense orders have been granted to reopen shut-down plants. In other cases, where conversion of a plant wasn't possible, an entire new defense plant has been erected in town. In still other instances, workers have been given "retraining" instruction and moved to places where labor was needed.

Defense chiefs count on Floyd Odium's reorganized subcontracting division to take up most of the slack on defense dislocations.

Odium originally estimated it would take two months to set up administrative machinery, but OPM chiefs are urging him to turn his attention to getting subcontractors now and rounding out his organization as he goes along.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

The American Association for Economic Freedom has reprinted an address made more than 10 years ago by Federal Judge Robert N. Wilkin of Cleveland on "A New Social Order" in which he advocated a union of the English-speaking countries to resist the totalitarian aggressors.

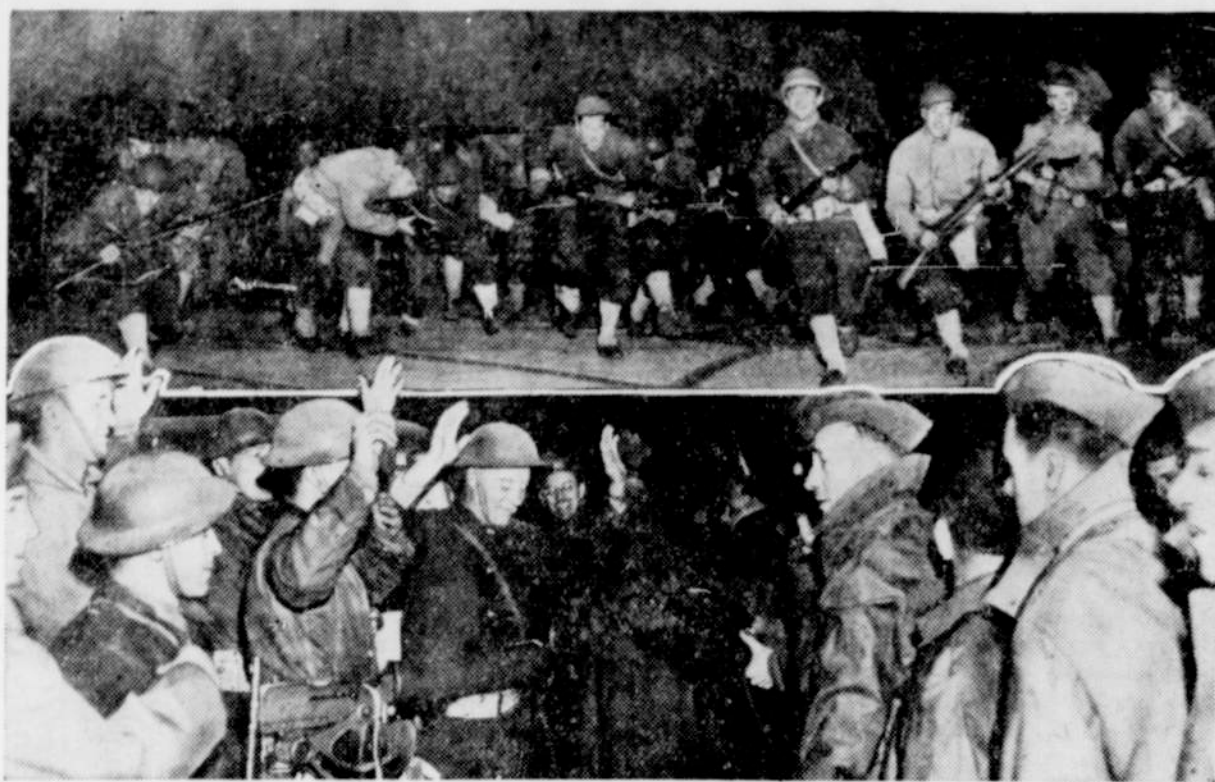
Heavyweight champ Joe Louis, soon to be drafted, is tackling what he describes as "the biggest fight of my career." He has sent a circular letter to every member of congress asking them for help to raise a fund for a movement to improve the economic condition of Negroes.

It isn't advertised, but the army now has a regular military air service across both the North and South Atlantic, operating on schedule, just as punctually as any commercial airway in the U.S.A.

Good news for the troops eaten by chiggers in the Louisiana maneuvers: Denton Crowl of Toledo had just discovered a chemical which will make them as scarce as American heavy bombers.

Jesse Jones is angling to get John Hertz, original king of the Yellow Taxis in Chicago, appointed to the Maritime commission.

As 'Enemy' Captured Fort Tilden



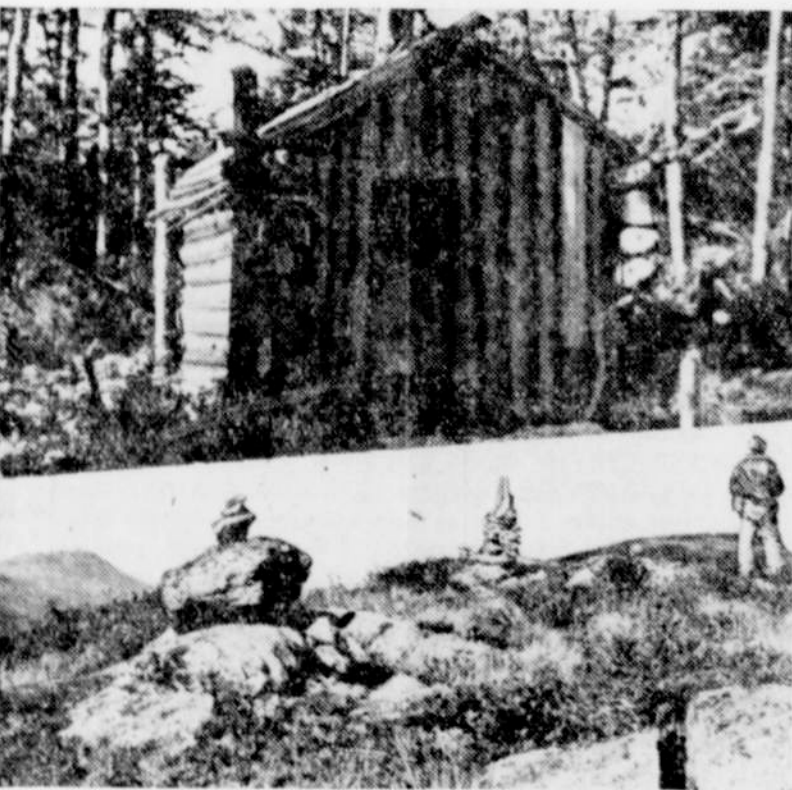
Fort Tilden, one of the defenses of New York, falls to the "invaders" from Fort Hancock. Men of the 52nd coast artillery (top) charge directly under muzzle of the 16-inch coast defense rifle as they capture the fort. Below: A machine gun crew guarding Marine Parkway bridge on road to Fort Tilden is shown, hands aloft, in token of surrender, when surprised by "enemy raiders" during a realistic test.

In Backwash of War on Eastern Front



Barefooted Soviet peasant women are shown (top) with the few belongings they managed to salvage from their homes when they fled the Nazi war machine. Right: Soviet peasant returns home after his village was captured by Germans. Below: This Heinkel III bomber, shot down in Russia, has no terrorists for the Russian children who cluster about it.

Pilot Crashed, 1939, Never Found



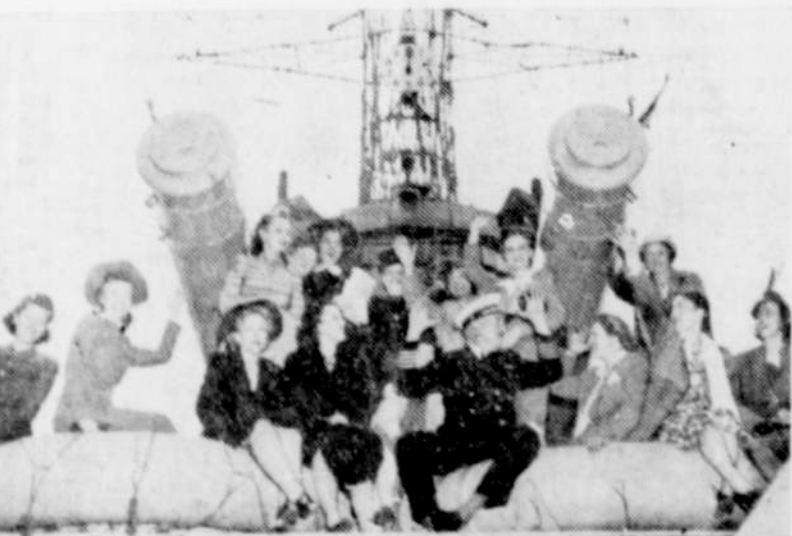
Canadian fliers have found the wreckage of plane of Thomas Smith of Clarksburg, W. Va., who left Portland, Maine, May 28, 1939, and has never been found. Top picture shows trapper's hut near wrecked plane. Bottom: A mound of stones and sticks pointing the N.W. direction Smith had said in his note (in plane) that he would walk.

Friendly Chat



Gen. Charles de Gaulle (left), leader of the armed forces of the Free French, gave a luncheon in London where he is shown chatting with Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, U. S. ambassador to the governments-in-exile.

Battleship Capitulates to Newspaper Gals



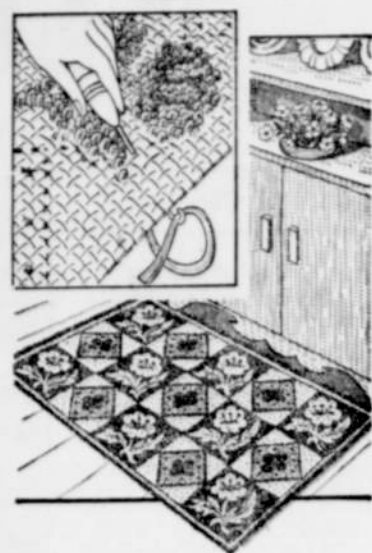
Capt. Van Leer Kirkman raises his hands in surrender when he finds himself a stag at bay aboard a battleship at the naval training station, Norfolk, during a visit of the ladies of the press. The newspaper gals took over the ship to get a look behind the scenes in the navy. Sailors' families will read about it from the woman's viewpoint.

Meals for a Day



The army para-ration is one day's supply of concentrated food per soldier. Here Lieut. Col. R. A. Isker of Chicago, father of the idea, fits para-ration into his shirt pocket.

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Walking Lighthouse

In a wonderful world there are many queer professions, but ranking high among the strange ones is that practiced by a Chinese coolie living in Chungking.

At night he can be seen walking around the dark streets with a lighted candle measuring some eight inches stuck in the top of his skull. In return for a small fee he will guide you to your destination.

When very young his parents, apparently, had cut the top of his skull, inserted a candle which they held in position by sealing-wax, and sent him out on to the street as a guide to travelers.

For many years now he has done this queer job, and must surely be the only human "lighthouse" in the world.

Don't worry about what to send the man in Uncle Sam's services for Christmas. He's told the country himself in any number of surveys. Cigarettes and smoking tobacco top the list of what he wants first of all from the folks back home—and first of all is Camel Cigarettes. Actual sales records from service men's stores—in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard—show Camels as the largest-selling brand, with Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco a stand-out favorite. Local dealers are featuring Camels in a handsomely wrapped carton and in a novel Christmas package of four "flat fifties"—either way you give 200 cigarettes. Prince Albert is featured in the pound tin and pound glass humidor all Christmas gift wrapped.—Adv.

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