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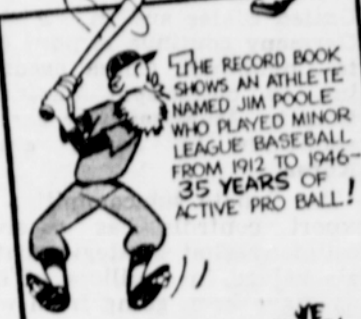
By JOE MAHONEY

VIC RASCH



IS NOT ONLY PERSISTENT IN HIS WINNING WAYS AS A YANKEE PITCHER BUT ALSO ON ANOTHER COUNT. HE STARTED OUT FOR A COLLEGE DEGREE IN 1938. ELEVEN YEARS LATER, AFTER STUDYING EVERY SPARE MOMENT HE COULD, HE GOT IT—A B.S. FROM WILLIAM & MARY. THAT SAME YEAR HE WON 21 AND LOST 10 FOR THE BRONX BOMBERS.

THE RECORD BOOK SHOWS AN ATHLETE NAMED JIM POOLE WHO PLAYED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FROM 1912 TO 1946—35 YEARS OF ACTIVE PRO BALL!



A RECENT SOCCER MATCH IN FRANCE WAS THROWN INTO AN UPROAR WHEN THE REFEREE TOSSSED THE COIN IN THE AIR AND IT FELL INTO THE GAPIING MOUTH OF ONE OF THE TEAM'S CAPTAINS!

SPORTLIGHT

Good Ball Clubs Slump, But Why?

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Answer

The Moving Finger writes, and having writ
Moves on, nor any error or a hit,
Nor any prayer can change a single score,
Nor any tears wash out a game from it.

L. Durocher Khayyam

The Costly Slump

New York, May—No one can explain a slump. One can only take a flying guess. One can only guess what actually happened to the

Giants through the windy, chilly April days of 1951. A good many writers saw this squad train at St. Petersburg and the majority opinion rated Leo Durocher's outfit either on top or close to the Dodgers, the Dodgers, Giants and Phillies were rated in the plateau country, practically neck and neck.

I know Durocher worked his bunch into first-class physical shape. Condition has always been a big word in the Durocher dictionary. He rates mental attitude just as high.

"This club had no pennant faith itself last summer," he said one morning, "until June had passed into July. Then it began to believe it could win, a very big factor. From that point on through July, August and September we played the best ball in the league. Now we are starting this season with a stronger faith in ourselves than we had at any time last summer. The team has been strengthened by the additions of Noble, Bowman and Wilson. I feel sure we have a fine chance to win, although I know also how good the Dodgers are. A good start will be a big help."

Whereupon this hustling, well-conditioned ball club took a fast running start and dived for the bottom of the pit. Here was a better team than the squad that outplayed the league for three months. It was a match for any team it faced all spring, including the Indians. But after picking up two games in Boston, the following moody events started taking place—

No. 1—The pitching became extremely erratic. When the pitching improved, bad outfield and infield play wrecked game after game. I saw one outfielder turn a simple putout into a game-winning home run by misjudging the same ball twice.

No. 2—The consistent power at bat became extremely inconsistent. The Giants could hit only on days when the other team was getting more hits and runs. They couldn't support the few well-pitched games they got.

No. 3—The team lost its hustle. It soon began to look whipped. There was a dazed look on practically every Giant face.

No. 4—The squad was overtensioned. It was drawn tighter than a dozen drums. Apparently all its early faith and belief had been wrecked.

The Rest of the Way

No one can say just how far the Giants ragged start will crowd them close to 1951 oblivion. It certainly won't be any big help. They are still only a few games back of the leaders and now that the losing skein has been broken it may be a different story. A few winning games could get them going again.

I ran across several managers and veteran ballplayers who didn't believe Hearn and Maglie would do nearly as well with a pennant chance as they did when far out of the race. There is a big psychological difference. It was important to win this spring. It wasn't too important last summer when the team was far behind. Jansen, Hearn and Maglie are still three good pitchers. Jansen has pitched two fine games and another good one. Hearn and Maglie so far haven't been nearly as effective as they were last summer on a team practically out of the running.

No one can lay any blame so far on Durocher. He has picked the pitchers he was figured to pitch. He hasn't the relief hurlers which he expected to have back in St. Petersburg.

The poor outfielding on the club wasn't expected. After all Durocher can't do the hitting and the fielding from the bench of the coach's box. In the middle of a slump you become jittery and jumpy. You expect something morbid or melancholy to happen at any given moment. You are looking for trouble in every inning. You wear your collar cut low so as to be prepared for the worst. Finally the situation becomes so desperate you become numb—and then start winning again with most of the tension removed.

Field of Fun

Yale's 1951 football team may not finish among the first five or first ten or first twenty next fall. But we can slip you one soft, sure tip—it will have more fun and learn more football than any squad.



Farm Topics

Electrification Pays Off for Average Farm

Production Increased 51 Per Cent in Seven Years

Within seven years electricity on an average farm can increase by more than 51 per cent the money earned per hour of productive labor—that's the lesson learned from a practical electrification experiment on the Joseph Motz farm near West Farmington, Ohio.

Since 1944, when electric power first reached the 262-acre farm,



Joseph Motz (above), used electrification to increase profits on his farm 51 per cent during the past seven years.

accurate records have been kept of the farm's production and progress. It's all part of a test program initiated by Westinghouse in cooperation with the Ohio Public Service Company.

No "dude ranch" affair, the experiment was carried out under conditions identical to those faced by the average farmer. Mr. Motz has purchased new electrical equipment at retail prices, using only the profits from the farm's operation to do it.

Here are the facts:
In 1944, the Motz farm returned to the farmer 68 cents for each hour of work he put into the various productive enterprises. By 1950, this return had increased to \$1.17 for each hour of work. Even eliminating the effect of the increase in farm prices from 1944 to 1950, the return per hour was up more 51 per cent.

New Potato Products Are Helping to Hold Markets

New potato products and improved distribution methods are helping to hold markets against competition from other foods. Potato chips, frozen French fries, pre-peeled potatoes and consumer-packaged potatoes, as well as an aggressive advertising campaign offer hope to potato growers.

Grading and labeling have been effective in publicizing Maine and Iowa potatoes, and it is hoped that the campaign will eventually help to reverse the downward trend in potato consumption which has taken place in the past three decades. Potato chips now account for about 9 per cent of all potatoes consumed, taking about 22 million bushels in 1950. This represents over 80 per cent of the potatoes processed for food, and constitutes a \$200 million business.

Pre-peeled potatoes, treated to prevent darkening, and used chiefly by restaurants or institutions, are meeting wide acceptance.

World Price Record



Not since the cow jumped over the moon has beef ever been so high as it was when 13-year-old Andrew Tatsch (right) sold his champion steer to B. B. McGimsey (left) for the world's record price of \$21,000. The steer weighed 1,000 pounds. The sale was made at the San Antonio stock show where the steer, "Shorty," won the grand championship. Young Tatsch plans to buy a ranch with his money. He hails from the Crabapple community, near Fredericksburg, Texas.

Nylon, orlon and other novelty yarns have not become generally popular for draperies. They still remain in the luxury class, because of higher cost of time and labor. An interesting side-light on nylon—because of its comparative novelty and consequent newfangled demand. Silk, the former queen in clothes fabrics, is more plentiful and much cheaper!

Cancer in Large Animals Is Difficult to Detect

Difficulty of detecting and treating cancer of the stomach in horses is pointed up by the death of Cacique, a notable stallion of pure Arab bloodlines. Reporting on the case, the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association said that early diagnosis of cancer of the stomach in large animals is "practically an impossibility at present." Symptoms are not clear-cut and death may occur quickly.

SHOPPER'S CORNER

By DOROTHY BARCLAY

SPRING RENEWAL

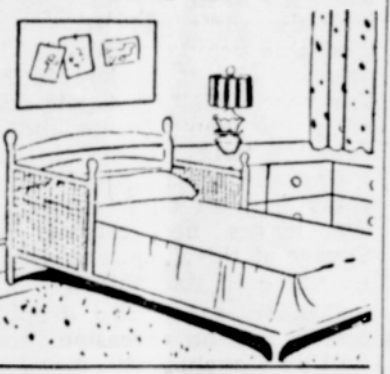
GOOD NEWS today—furniture manufacturers see no imminent shortages in the major categories this year—barring, of course, an all-out emergency. And that is good news, if you act on it before the supply begins to dwindle and the prices rise! And when better than springtime to get down to that favorite furniture store, to buy the new and renew the old?

Be quick, but not hasty, in this spring shopping spree! Plan ahead what you need. Decide what furniture you really must replace with something new, and what old favorites you can refurbish. They tell us that upholstered furniture is as plentiful as it was a year ago, and the supply of tables, non-metal shelves and cabinets are ample, at least for the next few months.

When you have decided what new furniture is an absolute must, remember that the new has to live with the beloved hand-me-down heirlooms. Don't try to wed a severely modern coffee-table with a formally ornate Regency davenport. It wouldn't be a happy or a comfortable marriage! Rather combine the period stuff of the same general style. For instance, William and Mary, Queen Anne and Chippendale harmonize in weight and detail, as do Sheraton, Duncan Phyfe and Hepplewhite. And the more simple the traditional furniture, the better it will blend with the severity of the modern.

KID STUFF

Good news here, too, in the nursery! Juvenile furniture shows no prospect of decline in the near future, and there are new protective sprays that are scratch and chip-proof, that your store can show you. Youth beds, with semi-rails are there, too, but you'd be wise just to buy the rails that fit any standard bed, for those steadily-growing youngsters. As to the other furniture, ask your clerk to show you the "Dude Ranch" sets for those young Hopalongs and Roy Rogerses in your family. Made in genuine leather, the chests, desks and nightstands, will survive the rigors of growing-up boys for years!



If you're going so far as to invest in a new rug, consider the coming thing—rayon! Some of these rugs are 100% rayon, some are 70% rayon blended with wool. But wool, your salesman will tell you, is already becoming a war casualty, and steadily dwindling in supply and rising in price. The new rayons are at least 20 per cent cheaper than wool, show soil much less quickly, have no appeal for moths, and are much cheaper to have cleaned.

As to fabrics for slipcovers for those dear old chairs and davenport, and for drapes, your store has many to choose from, if you get there in time. Many colors and many patterns are available right now, from the large geometrics so popular with the young moderns, to the good old standbys, the traditional floral prints and the provincial English and New England designs.

The fabric industry, which has suffered slightly from inflation, expects no immediate curtailment of production, and has pretty well held its prices in line. You certainly can't complain about inflated prices when you can still get 48-inch drapery material at from \$1.95 to \$3.95 a yard!

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Marine Staff Sergeant Solves Letter Problem

PEORIA, Ill. — Marine staff sergeant, William Parker, found a way to solve his letter writing problem.

"Write my mother. That's an order!" he barked at 73 recruits that he instructs at the San Diego training base.

Parker's mother, Mrs. Harry Gronquist of Peoria, got 73 letters. Recently she scolded Parker for not writing her more often.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

—A Weekly Newsletter—

● Increased pile-up of inventories continues to plague retail merchants along Main Street. Dealers are increasing incentive offers for purchase, particularly for durable goods. One automobile manufacturer authorized dealers to offer "a year's supply of gasoline free" in efforts to move a particular model at faster pace. Fact that stocks are continuing to pile up is borne out by survey of federal reserve board which shows department store stocks 12 per cent higher than at beginning of January and 30 per cent above year-ago levels.

● Survey shows retail sales of house furnishings declined from exceptionally high rates at beginning of year and apparel and automobiles have shown more than seasonal decline.

LITTLE CHANGE IN WHOLESALE PRICES

● While wholesale commodity prices generally continue to show little change during past month, consumer prices showed advance of .4 per cent, reflecting chiefly increase in retail prices of furniture, house furnishings and services. Food prices showed little change during past week.

● Reflecting voluntary slow-down on bank credits, as reported in this column several weeks ago, federal reserve board says business loans have slackened and average interest rates charged by commercial banks on short-term business loans rose from 2.84 per cent in first half of December to 3.02 per cent in March.

● Indicating consumer resistance to high prices, plus curbs placed on installment credit purchases, installment credit shows \$400,000,000 decline from October 1950 figure. Charge accounts showed \$72,000,000 drop which reflects debt payments of buying wave of last January and February.

OVER-ALL BUSINESS STEADY

● Office of business economics of department of commerce reports that while over-all business held generally steady during past month there were declines of 12 per cent in automobile and accessories, 8 per cent in lumber, building material and hardware stores; 4 per cent in furniture sales; 18 per cent in mens wear and 13 per cent in department and general merchandise stores. Non-durable goods stores, groceries, drugs, eating and drinking places and apparel stores, showed steady business with slight increases. Chain store trade also showed slight decline with 7 per cent drop in mail-order business. In factories and small manufacturers and in service trades, however, increase in business brought totals well above previous month.

INVENTORIES STILL GOING UP

● Last week this column reported over-stocked inventories, particularly in durable goods, and specifically household appliances, were proving boomerang in many sections. Latest business reports on inventories show these inventories still going up. Total business inventories on April 1 were estimated at \$67.2 billion, almost \$2,000,000,000 above March 1. Manufacturers inventories increased \$900 million; wholesalers \$600 million and retailers \$200 million and about three-fifths of changes were in book values representing increased prices.

— Prepared by the Washington Bureau of WNU Features.

ARMED SERVICES

QUESTION BOX

(Send your questions about the armed forces or any aspect of military service to: Walter Sheard, Armed Services Question Box, 1057 National Press Building, Washington 4, D. C. Answers will be given in this column.)

ONE HUNDRED and five medical officers of the army medical service reserve will be ordered into active service during June, the army has announced. This marks the third such group to be ordered into active service since last December, the total being 2304 since the beginning of the Korean fighting.

Q. I am a disabled veteran under public law 16 and I received an additional disability while I was in training. Would I be eligible for further public law 16 training on the basis of this second disability? J. L. Moline, Ill.

A. No. You may, however, be entitled to compensation and medical treatment for the injury received in training, provided it resulted in an additional disability and was not the result of your own wilful misconduct.

To Mrs. A. J. K. Sedalia, Mo. Your series of questions concerning the draft and draft ages cannot be answered until the draft and/or the UMT laws are passed by congress.

Q. I have just entered military service, and because of reduced in-

come, can no longer meet payments on my \$5,000 commercial life insurance policy. Can I get help to hold my policy? L. F. M., Little Rock, Arkansas.

A. Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, the VA may take over your payments while you are in service and, if necessary, for two years afterwards. After your discharge, you will have to repay VA for all the payments it made for you.

Q. I had \$5,000 National Service Life Insurance when I came out of the service and I'd like to apply for \$5,000 more. Is it too late? L.K.P., Phoenix, Ariz.

A. You no longer may apply for new NSLI. The Servicemen's Indemnity and Insurance Acts of 1951, passed April 25, ended the issuance of new NSLI as well as new U.S. government life insurance for World War I veterans.

Q. I am on active duty in the army, and I have the \$10,000 indemnity protection under the new law signed by the President in April. Who gets the money if I die in service? D.B.T., Wichita, Kansas.

A. The money is payable only to surviving spouse, child, or children, brother or sister or parent; and the insured may name one or more beneficiaries within this permitted class.

8,000,000 Vets Trained Under GI Bill

Nearly 8,000,000 veterans have had training under Public Law 16 and the GI Bill since the inception of the two programs in 1943 and 1944, respectively. A total of 2,567,608 veterans obtained GI loans between June 22, 1944, beginning of program, and April 1, 1951. The loans totaled \$14.7 billion, of which the veterans administration guaranteed about half.

Veterans receiving college diplomas this spring under the GI

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How to Fix It

By HAROLD ARNETT



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