

SPORTSCOPE

By Joe Mahoney

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WHERE'S A HORSE RUNNING ALL ON TRACKS TODAY WHOSE NAME IS PLASTERED ON THE OUT OF WINE CUP?

SPORTLIGHT

Lopat Sets New Earned-Run Record

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Futile Assignment

It is all very well to have stood with the greats, To have gathered your garlands of fame,

It is all very well to have out-bucked the fates, To have reached for a headliner's name.

But when you are slipping—as everyone does— And the dirge has supplanted the sonnet; Remember how quickly a name gathers fuzz— Don't try to get anything on it.

New York—The next essay should be turned in the general direction of one Edmund Lopat, a left-handed pitcher with the Yankees.



Grantland Rice

Lopat is another rare character in a new form. He is one of the few living citizens who was born in New York City.

In spite of his brilliant start, life this year was not all milk and honey for left-hander Lopat. Eddie started as a first baseman with Greensburg in the Pennsylvania State League, then moved to Jeannerette, deep in the bush, in 1937.

Starting the 1951 campaign Lopat has won 100 and lost 78 games for a winning average of .562.

Lefty Lopat is now thinking of writing a book called "Life Begins at 33."

Lopat won 18 and lost 8 for his best record to date. Unless someone starts throwing hand grenades, 1951 should be by all odds his best year.

Two Records to Match

In checking Eddie Lopat's amazing 1951 record, plus the record of other stars, we pause at the marks set by one Grover Cleveland Alexander, plus another set of marks established by Walter Johnson.

In 1915 Alexander's earned-run mark was 1.22. It was 1.55 in 1916 and 1.83 in 1917. After the war Alex gave the game 1.72 in 1919 and 1.91 in 1920.

He had been yanked away from his game for a year, joining the army in 1917, or he might easily have set a league-leadership mark for six consecutive years.

In 1912 the American League had no earned run average or Johnson might have set a new mark. That was one of his greatest seasons. But in 1913 he had an average of 1.14 per game, 1.71 in 1914, 1.55 in 1915, 1.89 in 1916, 1.28 in 1918 and 1.55 in 1919.

Here were eleven years of great pitching by two of the games best—Alexander and Johnson, Old Pete and Big Barney. No one can expect Lopat to match marks of this type in the modern era when pitchers who allow less than three earned runs are regarded as having a touch of magic.

Early Wynn of Cleveland led all A.L. pitchers last season with the chubby mark of 3.20, a long hop from Johnson's 1.14. The big slump in pitching skill or the arrival of the rubber ball took place in 1921.

Where the People Go

NEW YORK, May—It may, or it may not, interest you to know where your fellow human beings go in searching for a favorite sport. Also just how the trend is today—whether up or whether down. We might as well start with baseball, the most harassed of sports by television's savage invasion.

In 1949 major league baseball drew 20,215,365 people. The minors were healthy with television just warming up.

In 1950 major league baseball drew 17,462,977 fans, with the minors skidding badly. Baseball, or rather major league baseball, lost over 2,000,000 patrons in a year.

HOW TO FIX IT

BY HAROLD ARNETT



A STAMP MOISTENER (GLASS TUBE STOPPERED WITH SPONGE RUBBER) MAKES A GOOD APPLICATOR FOR LIQUID POLISH TO TWO-TONED SHOES. THE FLOW OF CLEANER MAY BE DIRECTED.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

BY...DREW PEARSON

Iron Curtain Trade

FOR SOME time this column has called attention to the shipment of war materials behind the Iron Curtain by European nations.

Most people don't realize that a steady trickle of strategic materials have been reaching Communist countries from the U.S.A. Here are some American firms which have been transshipping:

- 1. Rolfe G. Grote of New York, who sent chemicals to Switzerland, later transshipped them to Soviet Russia.
2. The Pacific Trading Corporation of Boston which transshipped steel plates to Communist China.
3. The Harris Chemical Corporation of New York which obtained a license to ship chemicals to Belgium, then transshipped them to Communist Czechoslovakia.

Last December 27 this column also revealed that the Aluminum Corporation of Canada, an affiliate of the Mellon-controlled Aluminum Corporation of America, had shipped 3,900,000 pounds of aluminum to Communist Czechoslovakia, and 1,050,000 pounds of aluminum to Communist Poland, at a time when the American public was getting dangerously short.

Tax Tempers

There were some stormy dissents inside the house ways and means committee before it tentatively approved a 3 per cent, across-the-board boost in individual income taxes.

"This is an unfair imposition on the lower-bracket taxpayers," insisted Democrat Wilbur Mills of Arkansas. "Most of the new revenue in this legislation will come from the lower brackets anyhow, so why saddle the poor man with the same rate of increase as the upper-bracket taxpayer?"

Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana, who favored a graduated increase from 2 to 4 per cent on incomes up to \$10,000 a year, also strongly opposed the across-the-board formula. So did another Democrat, John Dingell of Michigan.

Dingell was furious because the committee had raised corporation taxes only to 52 per cent instead of the 55 per cent, as recommended by the treasury.

"The coffers of some of these big companies are bulging with unexpended cash," exclaimed Dingell. "That's where the fat is. It isn't in the little man's pocket. I'm against all these excise taxes too, which are paid by the consumers—and that applies to excises on automobiles made in my own home town."

"America lives on wheels," said the congressman from Detroit. "But if you cripple the automobile industry by increasing excises to the point where the average fellow can't afford to buy a new car you are threatening the future of our whole economy."

Rep. Dan Reed of New York, the committee's No. 1 Republican, said he was willing to "go along" by not raising individual income taxes at all. While Democrats pinched themselves to be sure they weren't dreaming, Reed hastened to explain:

"If we cut non-essential government spending to the bone, maybe we wouldn't need a tax bill." In the showdown, however, Reed and other committee Republicans voted solidly for the income-tax boost which hits little incomes as much as it does big.

Korean Air Disaster

The American public has shown its ability to take the bad news along with the good and therefore has a right to know about our worst air disaster of the Korean war. So far the facts have not been released at the Pentagon.

Last month, however, 40 B-29 superfortresses, escorted by jet fighters, bombed the international bridge connecting Sinuiju, North Korea, with Antung, Manchuria. The B-29's were hugging so close to the Manchurian border that one side was exposed and approximately 100 Russian MIG-15 jet fighters hit them from the exposed Manchurian side, breaking up the formation.

Two B-29's were shot down, a third was listed as missing but was seen crashing into the sea. Seven of the big superfortresses had to crash-land in South Korea, while one was badly damaged but made it back to the home base.

Washington Pipeline

American scientists are unable to understand why the Russians have exploded only one A-bomb. Our most elaborate devices have detected no indication that the Kremlin has set off a second atomic explosion. Some of our experts feel that the Reds have found a method of detonating their bombs which eludes our instruments. Others claim the Russians are so far behind the U.S. that they would merely show their lack of progress by exploding another.

LIFE IS GOOD

Life in Small Towns Good, Editors Say

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — According to rural publishers, life in small towns and along Main Street is good these days.

A number of Wisconsin publishers reported "on home town problems at the recent Wisconsin Press association meeting in Milwaukee. Many towns in the state have problems of local government, of preparing for probably sudden increases in population and the same worries about war and taxes that are common everywhere, but nearly all small town residents are confident that the problems can be solved.

Max F. Ninman, editor of the Reedsburg Times-Press had a typical answer to the inquiry of what's worrying residents of his town. "Nothing much," was his answer. "We'll have a housing problem if the government resumes operations at the Badger Ordnance works near Sauk City, and we're talking about a new high school. But perhaps the biggest problem is making the best possible use of some civic funds."

Taxes Not a Worry T. C. Radde, editor of the Sparta Herald said his town has a far greater housing problem.

"Since Camp McCoy reopened, we've absorbed 2,800 people in the community," he said, "and we hear the camp is to be expanded. The first troops were married men, and their wives and youngsters came along. We need a new grade school, a new police and fire station and more housing. We're using a big trailer bus, with school buses bringing the children in daily, but we still need more homes."

"One worry we don't have, I guess, is taxes. It looks like everyone will make enough money to pay his taxes."

A new military installation near Elkhorn is having an effect on that community, said Claude F. Eames, editor of the Elkhorn Independent.

"Having army officers and men on our streets brings extra awareness of the war in Korea and the problems of international relations," Eames said. "I don't think people were worried, really, but they're concerned, of course. They're busy preparing for a big resort season, too. We have 17 lakes in a radius of 16 miles, so we double our 3,000 population during the summer."

Business Is Good

A similar report came from Ellsworth S. Coe, of the Whitewater Register.

"Business is excellent, the farmers are getting good money and there's plenty of moisture in the soil to promise a good crop year," he said. "We've also got a lot of interest in our new Whitewater lake. Originally it was planned by a private corporation that ran into legal trouble and had to open the dam it had built. Now the county park board, the farmers who own the land and the state conservation commission have combined their efforts. The water from some springs and an old mudhole have been used to create a handsome lake, with a 15 mile shore line. We expect a property value increase of 8 to 10 million dollars, with fine summer homes just four miles from Whitewater. It'll mean a lot to our town."

Two editors reported community problems of a different nature—the need to finance and construct new sewage disposal plants required by the state health department.

Francis F. Schweinler, editor of the Mosinee Times said his community was planning a \$250,000 plant.

"The mills are working full blast, so there's a job for everyone that wants to work," he said, "but the sewage plant is a big project."

Life is good in Wisconsin's small towns these days.

Dairy Town Welcomes Mrs. MacArthur Home

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Approximately 50,000 persons crowded into the country town of Murfreesboro recently to see Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Mrs. MacArthur, and their 13-year-old son, Arthur.

Murfreesboro, a dairy town, is the home town of Mrs. MacArthur. It was the biggest day in the history of the town, where 89 years ago MacArthur's father and Mrs. MacArthur's maternal grandfather fought against each other in one of the bitterest battles of the Civil War.

The new "Battle of Murfreesboro" will go down in Tennessee history as a fight for parking space, sandwiches and a place along the parade route.

The MacArthur plane landed at Stewart Air Force Base. From the air base the MacArthur route led through the Stones River National Military Park.

It was here, in 1862, that Mrs. MacArthur's grandfather, Confederate Lt. Richard E. Beard, and MacArthur's father, Union Lt. Arthur MacArthur, would have shot each other on sight had they chanced to meet. Both took part in the Battle of Stone's River, which helped clear the way for Sherman's march to the sea.

DOING BUSINESS ON MAIN STREET

---A Weekly Newsletter

Office of price stabilization proffered the aspirin bottle to hardware dealers up and down Main Street this week for headaches distressed dealers were suffering in striving to file pricing charts under CPR 7. OPS ruled there were misconceptions and misunderstandings on part of dealers and the order did NOT include pricing charts of such items as nails, screws, nuts, bolts and items strictly "hardware". OPS ruled items affected by CPR 7 to be covered in pricing charts by May 30 were consumer durables, housewares, floor coverings, lawn furniture, sporting goods, galvanized ware, cooking utensils and articles as might be handled by department stores. It may be OPS order is in works to entirely remove hardware stores from provisions of CPR 7. RETAIL SALES CONTINUE TO LAG

A MAIN STREET FEATURE

Retail sales continue to lag throughout country. According to Washington reports, television sets are drug on market. Retailers of apparel, house furnishing and general merchandise are feeling pinch of reduced unit sales. Reason given as probable cause is heavy retail inventories and well stocked displays of all commodities leading consumers to discount predictions of future shortages. According to experts this sale lag is temporary. Within few months over-stocked inventories will be normal and military will be spending a billion dollars a week eating into civilian production of goods. Each week sees heavier allocations of scarce materials for defense and defense related production. Business firms on Main Street with adequate financial resources not compelled to dispose of present large inventories will within few months be in position to enjoy sellers market at ceiling prices.

Federal Reserve Bank policy to freeze credit volume, as reported in this column, has received almost solid backing from member banks throughout country. Announced goal of policy is there should be no increase in volume of bank credit for this year.

COUNTRY STORE SALES UP

Department of commerce reports retail sales in general merchandise, dry goods and country stores for March amounted to \$288 million, a gain of \$58 million over February and \$47 million over March last year. Wholesale drygoods sales followed national pattern, says department of commerce, with sales advances ranging from 7 per cent in east north central area to 32 per cent in middle Atlantic district.

With average primary markets showing a price decline of 0.3 per cent for week ending May 8, declines were noted in price of hogs and livestock generally, print cloth, silk, flaxseed, corn, wheat at Kansas City and cottonseed oil. Decreases were counterbalanced by increases in prices of sugar, butter, cocoa, barley and wheat at Minneapolis. There was little change in general average of food prices, which have remained relatively stable since mid-February.

PERSONAL INCOME INCREASES

Economy of nation, insofar as personal income is concerned, continued on upgrade, total for month being at annual rate of \$242.5 billion as compared to \$241.3 billion previous month. In spite of continual upward increase for 13th consecutive month, farm income showed slight drop to \$18.7 billion as compared to \$18.9 billion in February and \$20.0 billion in January.

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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.)

Q. I am a teacher, and I took a graduate course last summer under the GI bill. This summer I want to take another one which does not start until after the July 25 cut-off date. Will I be permitted to? M.H.H., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A. Yes. Since you were in training in the summer of 1950, you may start your second course at any time during the summer of 1951, either before or after the cut-off date. Teachers beginning GI bill schooling for the first time in 1951 must be in training before the cut-off date, if they want to continue during succeeding summers.

Q. I went to a private hospital to get treated for a service-connected ailment, and I paid the bill myself. Is it possible for me to be reimbursed by VA? J.K., Blackburg, Virginia.

A. Yes. You may buy up to a four family house, provided you live in one of the units.

Q. You may be reimbursed if the following conditions have been met: treatment for the service connected condition must have been rendered in a medical emergency; government facilities must not have been feasibly available, and delay in providing treatment would have been hazardous.

Q. I want to get a GI loan to buy a four unit house, and live in one of the units. May I do so under the GI Bill? A.L.P., Tyler, Texas.

A. Yes. As long as your new school is approved to offer training to veterans, you will be permitted to change schools.

Navy Starts Civilian Training Program

The navy department has announced a nation-wide program to develop executive talent among its civilian employees, a program that was formerly limited to employees in the Washington, D.C., area. The plan, which has been approved by the civil service commission will make available opportunities for administrative training to outstanding civilian employees in naval shipyards, air stations, and other activities.

Veterans who interrupted GI Bill studies at any time in the past, and later were called back to military service, will be permitted to continue training after discharge, even after the July cut-off date for starting training. A veteran need not necessarily have interrupted his GI Bill for the purpose of going back into uniform in order to be entitled to post-cut-off-date training, but in all cases, conduct and progress must be satisfactory.

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