

SPORTSCOPE

By Jon Mahoney

John Marshall

YALE'S SENSATIONAL MERMAN, OWNS EVERY FREESTYLE RECORD IN THE BOOK BUT TWO AND EVIDENTLY THEY WONT STAND LONG. IN APRIL, 1950, HE BROKE SEVERAL NATIONAL AND AAU RECORDS, COPING THE 200 METER, 220-YARD, 400 METER, 440 YARD AND 1500-METER FREESTYLE EVENTS.



CLARENCE BEAUMONT OF THE 1890 PIRATES BUNTED SAFELY SIX TIMES IN SIX ATTEMPTS IN A SINGLE GAME—AND SCORED EACH TIME!

IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BASEBALL THE METHOD OF RETIRING A BASE-RUNNER WAS TO HIT HIM IN THE BACK (!) WITH A THROWN BALL.

THE WASHINGTON Merry-Go-Round

BY DREW PEARSON

Youth Rally

I HAVE just spent an evening behind the Iron Curtain. It's not hard to do here in Berlin where no guards patrol the line between the Russian and American sectors and where, if you flash a White House press card and look reasonably important, you can attend even the most exclusive of the Communist youth shows.

Berlin tonight is a city of vivid dramatic contrast—miles of bunting and flags everywhere, flags of every nation but particularly and ironically the flags of peace. Sandwiched in between almost every national flag is the blue and white emblem of peace. Standing out against the gaunt bomb-gutted ruins of Berlin, they made a genuine appeal to the tired population which never wants to see war again.

Across from the Kaiser's onerous palace which the Russians tore down and removed piece by piece, a great platform stood in front of the bomb-battered museum. The inside was an empty shell but outside a Russian ballet, a girl in Georgian costume, and Finnish folk dancers all performed. It was Russia's youth exhibition and you had to admit it was good. Lighting, acoustics and staging were all perfect; the music excellent and the dancing superb. I couldn't tell what the girl in the Georgian costume said when she sang a ballad dedicated to Stalin and I don't think many of the German Communists could, either. But they liked her voice and applauded just the same.

Farm Topics

WALTER SHEAR, WNU Correspondent

Efficient Machines Increase Production American Farm Records Are Made by Equipment

No one any longer disputes the fact the machine, namely the tractor, has replaced the horse on the average American farm. Constant research in recent years has resulted in high speed implements, more work for each gallon of fuel, and a number of multiple-job attachments for the farm tractor.

The mechanization of American agriculture has been the main reason for increased farm production in the last 10 years or more. But it stands to reason that the more



The tractor has replaced the horse on thousands of American farms, but many farmers still do not know how to get the most efficient use from the tractor.

mechanized the farm becomes, the more important it is for the farmer to know how to care for his machinery and how to operate it skillfully.

Properly adjusted machinery can pull with less gas and less strain on vital parts. Such things as proper hitching, use of the right kind of oil and regular lubrication, sharp soil-working tools, correct carburetor adjustment, can improve tractor efficiency from 10 to 20 per cent.

Crop Conditions Are Reported Good in U.S.

The U.S. department of agriculture reported continued improvement in conditions for crop development during June and early July has resulted in prospects among the most favorable the country has ever known.

The department reported farmers were able to plant crops on the largest aggregate acreage since 1933. Yield prospects are reported virtually as good as the best in recent years. Winter wheat prospects improved, despite adverse harvesting conditions in parts of Oklahoma and Kansas, and spring wheat acreage exceeded planting intentions by nearly a half-million acres.

As a result, an all wheat crop of 1,070 million bushels, 16 million more than on June 1, is now in prospect. Larger acreage of corn, hay, soybeans and sorghums than intended earlier are growing under mostly favorable conditions. Of the major crops only rice and hay are expected to set new production records, but several others will be of near-record size.

Wheeled Feeder Boxes



Caring for chickens housed in coops is simplified with feed boxes like the one shown above. It has small wheels at one end and can be pulled out for filling without opening a door through which chickens might escape. The boxes are made like drawers with the front ends projecting beyond the sides so they cannot be accidentally pushed beyond the openings in the coop sides. Wheels are attached to the rear ends on nail axles and rest on the bottoms of the coops.

Factory Wages Buy More Food Than in 1929

An hour of work in a factory will buy, on the average, a larger quantity of nearly all kinds of food than it would a generation ago, according to the U.S. department of agriculture.

Department figures on food prices and factory wages for 1929 show that the average wage for an hour of factory work would buy 6.4 loaves of bread. Now it would buy 10 loaves.

HOME TOWN REPORTER

IN WASHINGTON

WALTER SHEAR, WNU Correspondent

Rejects Farm Groups

THE action of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor breaking off "diplomatic relations" with the two big farm organizations, the Farm Bureau and the National Grange, may have deep and lasting repercussions on both farm and labor legislation.

The AFL said that labor organizations could no longer appease these two farm organizations because they had "swung to the side of reaction."

"In fact on economic issues of vital concern to the national welfare it has become difficult," the AFL statement said, "to discern any major difference between the policy of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange on the one hand, and that of the National Association of Manufacturers and the United States Chamber of Commerce on the other."

And the statement added that farm workers are not in accord with the policies of these farm federations. The grange said today is no time to start a civil war between segments of the economy and the farm bureau answered the AFL by saying its policies have been democratically developed through county and state organizations.

This column has often pointed out how the farm and labor organizations often appear to work at cross-purposes when their aims should be identical. We have often quoted such men as Senator Aiken of Vermont, and other agricultural stalwarts as declaring against a policy of "divide and conquer" fostered by some segments of business and industry.

Unfortunately, it appears that there is considerable truth in the charges made by the labor organizations. There are in Washington several very effective propaganda organizations maintained by big business to guide the thinking of farmers in almost every phase of activity.

And it also is unfortunately true that the top leaders of both the grange and the farm bureau meet at frequent intervals with representatives of these propaganda agencies and their big business sponsors.

Do Good Policies It is also true that officers and directors of these propaganda agencies in Washington are made up of representatives of both the farm organizations and big business, some of the directorates reading like a list of "Who's Who" in business, industry and agriculture.

Their policies are "do good policies" for the alleged benefit of the farmer, but the propaganda has been so effective that here of late, as the AFL says, "it has become difficult to discern any major difference between the policy of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange on the one hand, and the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce on the other."

A Prediction

It may very well be that the policy of these two business organizations is the policy which farmers throughout the country wish to follow. But if they do follow them, one fine morning the farmers will wake up and find that once more they are on their own, without a support price, without a parity price and with government clear "out of the agricultural business"; they will again be in the hands of their friends, the commodity exchanges, with only that old moth-eaten law of supply and demand to bulwark them against these same friends.

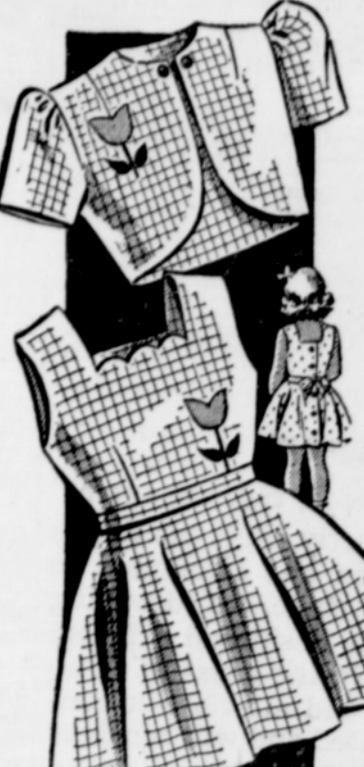
Farmers in Better Shape

The only difference, the farmers will find, is that it will take them longer to go broke than it did in the 20s and the 30s, for during the past 10 or 15 years they have paid off all or most of the farm mortgage, their land is in better shape due to conservation practices, they have been able to buy and pay for more and better machinery and equipment, most have new cars, all the conveniences of their city cousins, including electricity and all the modern trimmings. So they will have better and more collateral for more and bigger mortgages than they got in the 20s and 30s.

Loans Available

The banks and insurance companies also have more surplus money than they know what to do with so the farmer need not worry on that score, they will grab up his mortgage. But we just wonder if the operator of the family sized farm throughout this country really is in accord with the announced policies of the farm organizations. With the possible exception of food, the farmer is the same kind of a consumer as city folks.

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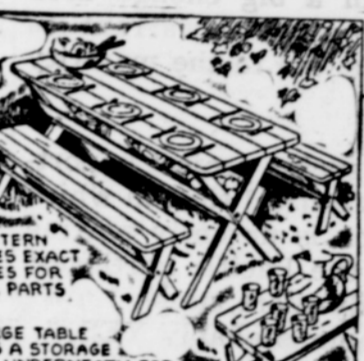
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Trapped!

When I came home today our house was full of smoke and I asked my wife who had been there. She said: Why, Mary, you know—my girl friend — dropped in to leave her regards.

The Brush-off

When is the Fuller Brush man gonna play pool with pa? Well, Willie, that's a foolish question.

Well, didn't you tell him this afternoon that you'd give him his cue when you saw pa coming?

Confession

Tell me—have you been true to your wife all your life? I haven't lived all my life yet. Don't evade the issue. Tell me the truth. Have you ever kissed another man's wife? Yes, I'll confess I've kissed the wife of another man. Who was she? My grandmother.

All Depends

Long hair makes a man look intelligent. I saw a wife once pick one off her husband's coat and he looked foolish.

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In 3 out of 4 cases in doctors' tests!

Chances are you're putting up—unnecessarily—with the functionally caused pains, cramps and weak, "no good" feelings of menstruation!

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—NOT GOOD FOOD

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FEEN-A-MINT FAMOUS CHEWING-GUM LAXATIVE

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Kidney Slow-Down May Bring Restless Nights

When kidney function slows down, many folks complain of nagging backache, headache, dizziness and loss of pep and energy. Don't suffer restless nights with these discomforts if reduced kidney function is getting you down—due to such common causes as stress and strain, over-exertion or exposure to cold. Minor bladder irritations due to cold, dampness or wrong diet may cause getting up nights or frequent passages. Don't neglect your kidneys if these conditions bother you. Try Doan's Pills—a mild diuretic. Used sparingly by millions for over 60 years. While often otherwise caused, it's amazing how many times Doan's give happy relief from these discomforts—help flush out waste. Get Doan's Pills today!

Doan's Pills

SPORTLIGHT Ball Commissioner Has Problems

By GRANTLAND RICE

(In connection with these partlyphony five and six-inning ball games.)

Once upon a midnight dreary—(This is all I'll steal from Poe) While I pondered, bored and weary,

On these half-blown games we know,

Games of five and seven innings Stopped by edict or by rain,

Whipped by their dull, drab beginnings Leave their customers in pain.

Once upon a midnight dreary—(On this line I seem to dwell) While I pondered, somewhat leery,

On the game we like so well—Why not label them as "call games,"

Which is what they are today? Look for just one-inning ball games

If these dopes can get their way.

Work for Commissioner

Just about every time we turn around and face a new direction we seem to find more work for the new baseball commissioner.

We have heard many arguments about the commissioner will have little to do.

You won't find two cleaner, more honest operators than Ford Frick and Will Harridge, the two league presidents. But apparently the various club owners won't allow them much working space.

If so, I do not believe they would have allowed these stupid five, six or seven-inning ball games. A ball game is supposed to be nine innings, just as a golf course is supposed to be 18 holes or a football game four periods.

The state of Pennsylvania has a 7 o'clock curfew law on Sundays. So teams playing the Athletics might as well take a set of dice to the ball park and play it that way.

The National League has a far fairer rule. "Unfinished games in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh are simply called suspended games," says Ford Frick. "They must be finished later. I might add that I am in favor of games called by rain after the fourth inning. A game is legal after four and a half or five innings. But I don't believe in four and one half and five-inning ball games. I'd like to see such games completed later."

Ford Frick happens to be one of the most farsighted of all the group that run baseball. He certainly has a big jump on the American League in this respect.

The Next Football Season

No one, not even a professional pessimist, has to worry about the next college football season. Not even West Point's trouble can slow it down. But if there should be any slowing down the pro game will haul in all the slack.

This was pretty well proved by two opening attendance figures in Los Angeles and Chicago last week. Each mark came to some \$2,000 paid customers, a total of 184,000 for the two opening games.

Ami, Go Home!

If you arrived early enough and flashed a White House press card, a U. S. military pass or even a District of Columbia police pass, an American could get into the most popular and packed performance of all—the North Korean. Seeing the Korean show gave some idea of the propaganda barrage this youth congress was subjected to. The highlight of their performance was a dance operetta in which a Korean mother, her child killed by Americans, is the heroine. The scene which really brought down the house was that in which she throws three grenades into an American camp. Three Americans then tear her clothes half off and take turns beating her while she takes from her blouse the flag of the Peoples Republic. Then, just as the Americans tie her to a tree preparing to shoot her, a shot rings out and Korean guerrillas come to her rescue. The heroine then shoots an American officer at point-blank range.

At this point, the audience goes wild; there is 20 minutes of applause; the Korean actors get curtain call after curtain call and Russian ladies rush up to embrace the embarrassed but happy Korean orchestra leader. The audience then leaves, chanting "Ami, Go Home!"—the slogan of derision for Americans thrown at us from the Adriatic to the Baltic.

This is a sample of the propaganda drilled in on the youths at the rally and there's no use in kidding ourselves about its effect.

West Point Firings

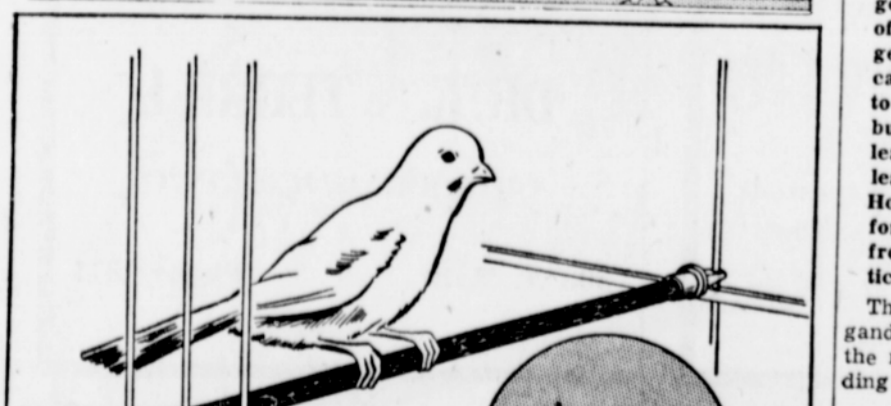
The cheating of the 90 cadets at West Point was played up in the European press.

The man in the street didn't pay much attention to it. But among top-level Europeans and the many Americans over here, there was considerable reaction.

As one American, now able to get a long-range view of his own country, it seems to me that we have experienced a dangerous moral lapse in recent years.

How to Fix It

BY HAROLD ARNETT



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