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AN ILLINOIS FARMER PLACED A STUFFED PIGSKIN ON HIS FIELD GOAL ACQUACRY IN 1950-51, AND IS THE SIXTH COLLEGE PLAYER TO SCORE 1000 POINTS IN HIS FIRST TWO SEASONS...

SPORTLIGHT

Two Teams in Each League Favored

By GRANTLAND RICE

IT IS GENERALLY conceded in the two big leagues that Cleveland and New York will settle the A.L. pennant and the New York and Brooklyn will take over the N.L. flag.

Briefly, this means Yankees, Indians, Giants and Dodgers, leaving the other 12 teams to supply any upset or challenge that may take place—and probably will.

What teams from the two leagues may break into the spring and summer arguments, outside of the four mentioned?

Right now I would suggest Eddie Stanky's Cardinals in the Nationals plus the erratic Phillies.

From this fog-ridden outlook, I can't quite see the Braves, Reds, Cubs or Pirates. One of these latter four teams might erupt and play a lot of baseball—but I doubt it.

The Cardinals might come on with a rush under Stanky's drive, Stan Musial's great ability and the promise of good pitching.

Sawyer should get his somewhat Phillies hustling again, if it can be done.

So you can see four good teams in the National League and four others that don't look too hot.

Stanky and his Cardinals will be one of the season's early features. If they stay up around baseball's polite society they will continue to be a feature.

It's the standing of the clubs that tells most of the story after the first few weeks.

Baseball can pack most of its lore into two details—the standing of the clubs and the box score.

These two sections carry most of the answers. In the National League Sawyer's Phillies will have a rougher journey than the Cardinals, due largely to uncertain pitching.

The American League

The season's outlook for more widespread hilarity is brighter in the A.L.

This ever-winning league has the Indians and Yankees as the two chief targets. Both will be good. The Tigers with Art Houtteman back should move up again.

No one can say now what the Red Sox will be minus Bobby Doerr and Ted Williams, two star ballplayers.

You don't fill gaps like this with straw men. The Red Sox must get more consistent pitching than they have drawn so far.

Maurice McDermott should be due by now to prove his high place.

But one of the main turns in the American League should belong to the White Sox and Athletics. Both teams were much stronger last season than either had been in some time.

Both kept throwing the poisoned harpoon into various leaders. Both kept bowing over Yankees, Indians and Red Sox.

They look even better this spring, or the spring that will soon meet us around the greener corner.

Bucky Harris and his Senators are unknown quantities, but you will soon see the dust kicked up by Hornsby and Vecek of the Browns.

No one knows just what sort of an act the Browns will put on this season, but it should be something worth looking at.

Any team that has a smart, hustling owner, a smart, hustling manager and quite a number of young legs and young arms should be heard from often enough.

So at this spot the American League race should carry more general interest than the National. Maybe it won't. Extremely odd things can happen in six months of baseball.

PIED PIPER

Newest Drug Rids Oregon Town of Rats

HALEY, Ore.—Halsey, located about 85 miles south of Portland, once plagued by rats, today hasn't a rodent in the community. It is all due to a new drug called Warfarin.

The village of 400 is a shopping center for surrounding farms, mostly producing grass seeds. And it had six combination seed store-mills which attracted rats. Of 181 buildings in Halsey, 147 were infested.

In fact, rats just about had a free swing in the town. Twelve of 18 business establishments were infested; the town's four restaurants and grocery stores had rats; all six seed store-mills had rats; 106 of the 130 residences were plagued and of 23 other buildings, such as churches and lodge halls, 19 supported rodents.

For this reason the community was chosen for a six-month field test to see if the drug Warfarin would clear out rodents. Warfarin is obtained from a chemical called dicoumarol. It keeps blood from coagulating.

Buffer Strip Set Up

Given to a rat the rodent's small blood vessels start to leak and eventually he dies of internal hemorrhage. Since no nerves are involved the rat doesn't get the idea he's been poisoned after he has eaten Warfarin. He just becomes weaker and weaker and generally goes back to his burrow to keep warm and then dies.

The Halsey campaign started by making a buffer strip around the town with bait stations under all outside buildings.

Six or seven old barns, out of use, were torn down to reduce nesting places. Rubble was cleaned up; chicken feed was covered. One feed store cleaned out a big blackberry patch which had been a hiding place for the rats.

Milton H. Buehler, Jr., the rodent control expert, recalls, "Why, before we started our experiment, you could stand in the door of one feed mill and see the rat runways for a block and a half away. They had worn the grass right down into a path."

After the first 30 days, only one rat was sighted and by late fall no rats or traces were found for several months.

Check System Established

Now that the community is rat conscious, it has set up a watch system. The night watchman checks the buffer strips to see they are baited. That's to keep out all out-of-town rats. But if anybody hears a rat or sees any traces inside the buffer zone, he notifies one of the town's three grocers or the mayor. Then the night watchman baits the spot.

As a result of the experiment, rat-fighters believe that in Warfarin they have a weapon that can be widely used. It is very effective on rats and mice, but is not too toxic on humans and other animals.

Mr. Buehler reports each rat will do \$20 to \$30 damage a year and will eat up \$3 in feed. He stresses the importance of vigilant control, emphasizing the fecundity of rats. A female rat starts having litters of six to 10 young when three and a half to four months old. And if well fed with good harborage, she will have from six to eight litters yearly.

Rip and Tuck Former Name of Small Town

EVERETT, W. Va.—The 200 residents of Everett have a feud with the United States Post Office department. It's all over the name of their town.

To the inhabitants the community is known as "Rip and Tuck". That was the official name until a few years ago when a group of residents petitioned the post master general for the change to Everett. The situation remains static. The natives calling the town Rip and Tuck and the Post Office calling it Everett.

Old residents have two main theories about how the little community originally got its name. One says that after a flood around 1900, an old man described the rampage of the local creek thus: "The creek came-a-rippin' and a-tuckin' down through this here valley."

However, a more fanciful explanation concerns two well-known old maids, one tall and the other short, who once lived here. It is said they had only one good dress between them. When the tall one wanted to wear it, the hem had to be ripped out. When the short one used it, the hem was tucked up.

Town Orders Picture Windows in All Bars

HENRYETTA, Okla.—The people of Henryetta are determined to know what's going on. The town council recently passed an ordinance requiring all tavern and pool-hall owners to install picture windows in their establishments.

The council took that action after Police Chief Tom Liddell was knocked unconscious and hospitalized after walking into a Main Street tavern.

"We want to know what's going on in there," Liddell said. "If they're not ashamed of what they're doing they'll co-operate with us."

THE READER'S DATE BOOK

National Boys' Club Week Will Be Observed March 31-April 6

National Boys' Club Week will be celebrated this year from March 31 to April 6 by some 335,000 Boys' Club members in cities and small towns across the nation.

The week's observance will be built around the theme, "Building... the citizens of tomorrow."

The Boys' Club movement was founded in New England 90 years ago. Since 1906 the Boys' Clubs have been federated into a national organization, Boys' Clubs of America.

Today, in club houses of their own, in a warm and friendly atmosphere, 335,000 Boys' Club members meet their friends away from the dangers of the street. With the encouragement of trained leaders, they develop strong bodies, acquire hand skills, desirable attitudes of behavior, fair play and an understanding of the rights of others.

Boys' Clubs give 335,000 boys opportunity and guidance for self-development. They teach them that America is the land of opportunity for those who will work and learn and strive.

However, there is a need for more Boys' Clubs. At least three million boys still live in "shadowlands" in our cities and villages where the growth of crime and subversive "isms" they live in crowded homes where there is little to do—where there are tensions, quarreling and bickering. They seek their companionship and play on the streets. These boys deserve the guidance and leadership of a Boys' Club.

This is a part of the story of Boys' Clubs that will be told during Boys' Club Week. It will be an effort to get civic-minded citizens in home towns across the nation

and probation officers. What is more important, Boys' Clubs build good citizens with strong, healthy bodies... boys who are completely honest, who have a respect for all property and individual rights, and who have a deep and abiding faith in America and the fundamental principles upon which our strength as a nation has been built.

A Boys' Club in the local community might be the solution to many of its problems. National Boys' Club Week would be an opportune time to give it serious thought.

Seeds for Democracy Campaign Is Outlined

The Committee for Free Asia, a privately-organized, privately-operated effort to oppose communism throughout Asia started its 1952 Seeds for Democracy campaign March 3. It will continue through June 3.

This campaign is designed to ease a critical inadequacy in food production throughout the Philippine Republic. Vegetable seeds are not easily produced in the Philippines. They must be imported, a process normally too costly for the average Filipino family.

The campaign offers Americans an inexpensive and easy method of indicating, in a practical way, their interest in the problems of the people of other nations. It offers, also, a method of stimulating greater Filipino resistance to the blandishments of communism.

Last year this campaign resulted in 511,000 packages of seeds contributed from all parts of the United States.

Seeds desired are green string beans, Chinese cabbage, green pepper, mustard, egg plant, collards, cucumber, watermelon, kohlrabi and loose leaf lettuce. They may be mailed in any container which meets domestic mail regulations, and may be addressed: Seeds for Democracy, San Francisco, Calif.

All contributions will be acknowledged, and contributors are invited to include with each seed package a personal message to a Filipino.

The seeds will go to Filipino farmers, school children and small land owners for planting in vegetable gardens that will produce food in the spring.

Each package of seed shipped to the Philippines will have attached a label containing the following text in both English and Tagalog, the national language of the islands: "These vegetable seeds are offered to you, free, from the people of the United States who have formed the Committee for a Free Asia to help you in the speedy rebuilding and development of your great republic."

The home towner might remember the Seed for Democracy campaign as he buys his spring supply for his own garden.

HUMAN NEEDS

Red Cross Seeks Funds to Carry On Year Around Relief Projects

Renewed hope for a disaster-stricken family through the rebuilding of its flooded ruined home... blood for a wounded serviceman... a reassuring message for another serviceman, anxious over a problem back home... life-saving first aid for an accident victim.

These are typical of the hundreds of thousands of human services rendered by the American Red Cross last year and listed by E. Roland Harriman, national Red Cross president, as the organization's annual campaign for funds reaches full force.

The national appeal will continue through March 31, with the slogan, "Answer the Call."

"Last year the American people did answer the call," Mr. Harriman declared, "and through their Red Cross helped millions of their fellow Americans with money and personal services. Our campaign theme this year is a summons to all Americans to give generous financial support again to the Red Cross so that it can continue to meet human needs."

High on the list were Red Cross services to the expanded armed forces and to the families of men in uniform—counsel on personal and family problems, money in an emergency, toilet articles for men in combat or the wounded, emergency communication—personal help in time of trouble.

Nearly a third of the Red Cross budget last year was spent to supply this kind of service in an average of 316,100 cases and requests each month. And to keep pace with our growing military force there was an increase of 34 per cent in the Red Cross staff serving the armed forces. Red Cross personnel in the Far East more than doubled.

To help make the death rate in the Korean War the lowest in history, Americans donated 1,225,000 pints of blood for the armed forces through the Red Cross in the 18 months since the start of the conflict. In the same period, an additional 1,861,000 pints were collected by the Red Cross and made available without charge to civilian hospitals throughout the country. "The blood program cost the Red Cross \$13,985,113 last year.

NAVY'S NEWEST... North American Savage attack bomber.

Funeral

Ex-Farmer to Repeat

BURLINGTON, Col.—The people of Burlington are in for another show—and many of them don't like it. Jim Gernhard is planning a repeat performance of his own "funeral."

Gernhard, who will be 75 in June, presided over his own "funeral" last year. It cost him an estimated \$15,000 which included a \$4,000 copper coffin, \$2,500 granite monument and incidentals. The coffin is stored in his basement.

"Don't think it will be near as big a blowout as it was last time," he said of this year's event. "Those big funerals are mighty tiring, you know... a man can't take just so much of them."

A retired farmer, Gernhard ran into mild opposition last year. He said he held the "funeral" partly to make sure he wasn't buried like a dog, and partly to spend some of his estimated \$75,000 fortune before his death "so that relatives won't get it."

Pennsylvania Town Prospers on Hunch Of Once Poor Farmer

RENOVO, Pa.—Dorcie Calhoun, two years ago an impoverished farmer, today is the Horatio Alger of the booming community of Renovo.

He was the man who believed there was natural gas in the area and he drilled a 5,000 foot hole into the ground 20 miles northwest of the community. It turned out to be the discovery well for the Leidy field, Pennsylvania's biggest natural gas strike in many years.

Now, the farmer-turned-natural-gas-expert drives around town in a custom-built sedan, which he replaces regularly. His pockets bulge with new contracts.

Calhoun's good fortune, however, was not without its trials. For two years he tried to persuade other persons to buy stock in his venture—a hunch hole he planned to drill. A few listened and agreed. Those who did have received \$1,350 for every \$100 they invested.

There are 65 producing wells in the field now. One has been measured at a flow of 150 million cubic feet daily, thought to be the largest in existence.

Other drilling outfits have moved in seeking to tap the rich natural gas from its bed in the layer of Oriskany sands which spreads in five directions through the area. Four cross-country pipelines are sucking the gas to distant cities for fuel and heat.

Although the entire town of Renovo has benefited from the find, investors and land owners have reaped the greatest rewards. Some people who owned wilderness camps sites or almost barren farmland have struck it rich.

Geologists estimate there's enough gas to flow for seven more years. And meanwhile, more well derricks keep going up throughout the region.

Home Town Goes All-Out To Welcome Carlsen

WOODBRIDGE, N.J.—The home town of Capt. Kurt Carlsen couldn't match the ticker tape blizzard that poured on the reluctant hero in New York, but it still welcomed him home with the biggest celebration in its 238 year history.

Nearly 100,000 persons—friends, neighbors, well wishers—crowded into the community to welcome the skipper of the Flying Enterprise.

They trimmed the town in candy striped ribbons, staked out flags, waved balloons and banners, closed the stores and cheered the skipper as he rode through the quiet, tree lined streets.

During the parade, which lasted an hour and a half, factory whistles screamed, bells tolled and people lined the parade route to see the man who fought the Atlantic for 15 days in a futile effort to save his vessel.

At the municipal building on Main Street the governor of New Jersey, Alfred E. Driscoll delivered the welcoming address.

During the parade, Carlsen said: "I've never seen anything like it. The parade in New York was terrific, but this is something special. This is my home town. These are my people."

Sixteen bands and many other marching units joined in making the welcome the best officials could produce in the community which once won the title of "typical American town."

Small Town Florida Bank Just 'Gives Up'

GREENWOOD, Fla.—The town of Greenwood—population 300—will soon be without a bank. The Bank of Greenwood, which has served the rich peanut and livestock community for 43 years, is going out of business.

"We're old, we're tired, we've got the money to pay everybody 100 per cent, so we're going to do it while we can and rest some," said R. A. Willis, president.

"We were born 30 years too soon. We can't fight the battle like it is. Conditions are too fast for me."

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Make Believe Dad, what is an actor? An actor? My son, an actor is a man who can walk to the side of a stage, peer into the wings filled with theatrical props, dirt and dust, other actors, stagehands, old clothes, and other claptrap and say: What a lovely view there is from this window.

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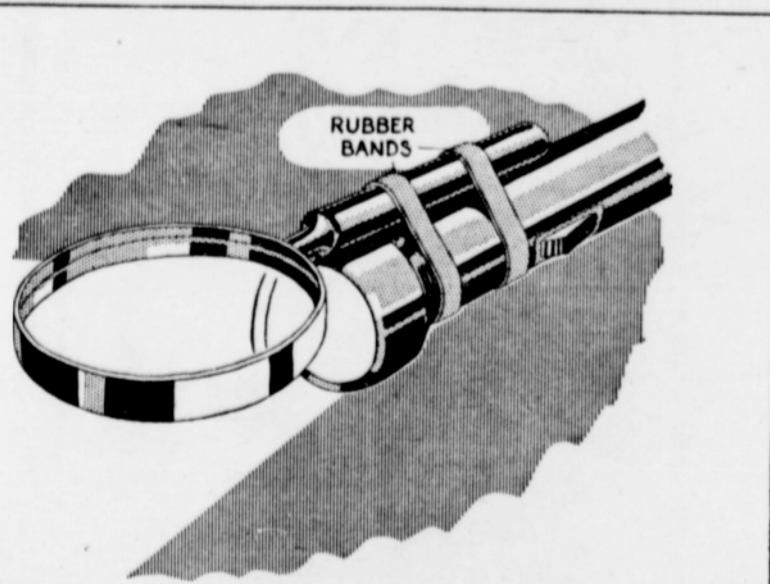
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BY HAROLD ARNETT



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