

what Irwin S. Cobb thinks about:

The Good Old Days.
SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Taking pen in hand to write Uncle Sam's check for that next installment, I look longingly backward to what I'm sure was the golden age of our generation.

It was the decade that began soon after the turn of the century and ended with 1914. Kings lolled securely on comfy thrones and dictatorships in strong nations were undreamed of. Without shaking the foundations of the financial temple, Teddy Roosevelt was filing the alligator teeth of predatory wealth.



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People laughed at the mad suggestion that there could ever be another great war—let alone a world war. With suffrage in prospect, women were going to purify politics. Taxes were a means unto an end and not the end of our means.

Standards of living climbed faster than did the costs of living. Automobiles were things to ride in at moderate speed, not engines to destroy human life with. Millions actually believed that, if prohibition by law ever became effective, drunkenness would end and crime decrease.

Yes, I'm sure those were indeed the happy days—the era when the Twentieth Century limited started running and W. J. Bryan stopped.

Synthetic Imitations.
WE STOPPED at a wayside station advertising pure orange juice; there's one every few rods. Next to autograph hunters, oranges are the commonest product of California.

The drink was the right color. But there didn't seem to be any orange in it. The best you could say for it was that probably its mother had been badly frightened by an orange.

I made inquiry, and an expert told me some roadside vendors—not many, but some—were peddling an essence compounded of chemical flavoring and artificial extracts because it kept better than the genuine article.

I thought America had reached tops in the gentle arts of substitution and adulteration when we began making pumpkin pies out of corn stalks and buckwheat flour out of a low grade of sawdust—anyhow, it tastes like that—and imported English sole out of the lowly flounder and scallops out of skate fins. But when, in a land where a strong man couldn't tote a dollar's worth of oranges on his back, there are parties selling synthetic imitations—well, just let the East equal that magnificent stroke of merchandising enterprise!

Poor Little Rich Men.
LET us take time off to pity the poor little rich man who owns a large but lonesome sea-going yacht.

During the depression, the species grew rare—there were money lords then who hardly had one yacht to rub against another—but, with better days, a fresh crop lines the coasts.

No matter how rich, the owner feels he must use his floating palace. He may be content with a saucer of processed bran and two dyspepsia tablets, but no yacht crew yet ever could keep soul and body together on anything less than double sirloins. So he goes cruising—and gosh, how he does dread it!

For every yachtsman who really gets joy out of being afloat, there usually is another to whom the great heart of the nation should go out in sympathy. You almost expect to find him putting ads in the paper for guests who can stand the strain; everything provided except the white duck pants.

Problems on Wheels.
AMERICA'S newest problem goes on wheels. One prophet says by 1938 there'll be a million trailers and three million people aboard them. Roger Babson raises the ante—within twenty years, half the population living in trailers and all the roads clogged.

So soon the trailer-face is recognizable. It is worn by Mommer, riding along behind, while Popper smiles pleasantly as he drives the car in solitary peace—getting away from it all. Have you noticed how many trailer widows there are already?

But as yet nobody reckons with the chief issue: think of the increasing mortality figures when the incurable speed bug discovers that not only may he continue to mow down victims with head-on assaults, but will garner in many who escaped his frontal attack by side-swipes of the hitched-on monster that is swinging and lunging at his rear like a drunken elephant on a rampage!

To catch 'em going and coming—that should be a motor maniac's dream of earthly joy.

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NEWS NOTES OF THE NORTHWEST

A Brief Summary of Events of Special Interest to Oregon, Washington and Idaho Communities.

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—The Crag Rats have unanimously decided to cooperate again with the forest service in fire fighting during the coming season, as in the last several years.

TROY, Ida.—The forgotten fact that sawdust was used in the early days to "pave" Troy's main street was brought to light while workmen were digging a trench for a sewer connection.

EUGENE, Ore.—Lane county fairgrounds have been transformed into a playground tract, with a wading pool for children, tennis courts and other means of recreation. Plans call for further improvement to make it one of the finest playgrounds in the state.

PENDLETON, Ore.—A new improvement in the method of pea insect-control has gained high approval in Umatilla county. It was worked out by the experiment station at Oregon State college and is declared to be almost 100 per cent perfect.

BEND, Ore.—A new ordinance restricting the activities of dogs during the waterfowl nesting season, first passed as an emergency measure, is not only to be extended a month, but has acquired "teeth" for the protection of the mirror pond's Mallards and swans.

ODESSA, Wash.—C. C. Dobson, owner of the Odessa meat company, reports that his market now is selling its first grass-fed beef of the season. The Crab creek valley has long been noted for its early grass-fed beef as the change from dry feed to green makes the quality of the meat exceptionally fine.

BLACKFOOT, Ida.—I d a h o ' s Women's Christian Temperance Union was listed as an "honor roll" chapter in the national organization's drive to raise a million-dollar fund by 1939 to promote temperance. Idaho's W. C. T. U. has collected \$1590, Mrs. Lee C. Brady, state chairman of the campaign, disclosed.

GRAND COULEE, Wash.—A two-story stucco office building will be erected on the site of the Wicks-Spratlin law office, it was announced. Plans, call for the removal of the present one-story structure to a location higher on the hillside, where it will be converted into an apartment house. Wicks and Spratlin will occupy offices in the new building.

MOSCOW, Ida.—Betty Booth, Kellogg, received a bachelor's degree in business and at the same time her mother, Mrs. Ida Mae Booth, received a degree in education. This was the first time in the history of the University of Idaho that a mother and daughter received degrees at the same commencement. Mrs. Booth is teaching mathematics at Kellogg high school and has been taking work at summer sessions for 15 years, having registered as a freshman in 1922.

SOUTH BEND, Wash.—Pacific county is one of the areas in which oil and gas in commercial quantities is most likely to be found in this state, according to a report by Dr. Sheldon L. Glover to the state department. Glover states in his report that in Western Washington the "favorable area" is restricted to Pacific and Wahkiakum counties and small sections of Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, King Pierce, Mason, Thurston, Lewis, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Clallam counties.

STONE LAYING STARTS
SALEM, Ore.—Granite for the base of the new capitol building has arrived and placing it for the first floor was started last week. White marble to be used on the upper stories will be available as soon as the contractors are ready, within the next few weeks.

Construction on the dome of the new building is under way, while the four stories of the structure have been completed so far as framework is concerned.

SEA SCOUTS HONORED
LONGVIEW, Wash.—The national vice flagship award was presented to the Sea Scout ship Cowlitz recently as one of the features of the third annual Portland area Sea Scout regatta. The Cowlitz was recently given the national recognition. It was the regional flagship last year.

The regional flagship award was presented to the steamship Ranger of Portland. The steamship Flying Cloud of Astoria was awarded the local council flagship honor.

POWERS, Ore.—Valuation totaling \$234,530 was added to the Powers school district and \$113,700 to the Bridge district by Coos county's district boundary board when the Eden school territory was divided between them.

ASHLAND, Ore.—An increase of over 101 per cent was shown in non-resident automobile registration at the Ashland Chamber of Commerce in May over the corresponding month of 1936. Total for the month was 2757.

FARM TOPICS

TURKEY PROSPECTS PUZZLE BREEDERS

Too Early to Figure Cost of Feed for Poults.

By E. Y. Smith, New York State Agricultural Extension Division.—WNU Service.

A fair price for poults which will enable breeders to break even and perhaps make a little money in spite of high feed prices is the first point in the turkey outlook.

The outlook applies to those who buy poults from New York state breeders. Cornell veterinary college has found that pullorum disease is not important in the state's turkey flocks, and those tested have been found free of this disease. According to authorities in some other states, pullorum infestation is serious.

Second point in the outlook is that commercial growers will probably face higher feed prices for poults the first part of the growing season, which is not so serious because total consumption is not large during the early part of the season.

Finally, if the expected good wheat crop develops, together with a good corn crop, the probabilities are that turkey rations will be considerably lower from July on through the growing season. Since that is when turkeys eat the most feed, a reduction in price is more important at that time.

These facts indicate a "more favorable" condition for the 1937 turkey grower, though not a "particularly favorable" one.

Portable Brooder House Favored by Specialist

A round-roof portable brooder house, lighter in weight and easier to move than the ordinary shed-roof type may well be one of the factors in the success of the farm poultry enterprise in 1937, according to Cora E. Cooke, extension poultry specialist, University Farm, St. Paul.

Besides being more portable, the house is easier to heat, because of the smaller amount of head space. Another advantage is the window arrangement, for on all four sides there are two windows of barn-sash size. The windows distribute light over the floor evenly, preventing crowding and the development of too much heat from the sun in one place. The window arrangement also provides ventilation to fit all weather conditions. In hot weather windows on the four sides may be opened to allow for excellent cross ventilation.

A double floor, which protects the young poultry from cold, is 12 by 14 feet—large enough to accommodate 400 baby chicks or 250 young turkeys. The matrix, or form, for the round roof is easily made by fitting 1-inch material together.

Sloping roosts are constructed along the sides. A 500-chick brooder stove may be used in the house.

Feeding porches, 12 by 14 feet, may be attached to the house. For chicks, 1-inch mesh wire should be used; for turkeys, 1 by 2-inch mesh.

Discing for Lespedeza

Korean lespedeza may be seeded safely in oats by discing or drilling the seed into the soil with the oats or after the oats have been seeded. The method of seeding may be similar to that of red clover in wheat, with oats or in thin pastures, says the Indiana Farmer's Guide. Most seedlings are broadcast and covering more than an inch in depth may prohibit germination of the lespedeza. If the seed is to be discd into the ground with oats, cover as lightly as possible.

Raising Broiler Birds

The cross of Rhode Island Red hens and Barred Rock males is a popular broiler bird. It is said that they grow faster and are easier to raise than most pure breeds. Broilers are started on a chick starting ration and can be given hard grain after a short time or raised on an all mash feed. A special broiler ration gives well fleshed birds. The loss in dressing broilers ranges between 13 and 14 per cent.

Down on the Farm

The estimated 1936 production of hay in the United States is 70,165,000 tons.

Approximately 4,000,000 acres of Texas land were terraced or contoured in 1936.

Wool increases greatly in value, the same as any farm product, when it is properly grown and prepared for market.

Any large-scale war against rats should be started with poison, gas, or blocking; never with traps.

There are two kinds of soil erosion—that caused by wind and that caused by water.

Good pasture reduces the cost of feeding live stock. Agronomists at Ohio State university say that money spent for pasture improvement should be classed as an investment rather than as an expense.

Golden Gate Bridge Opened to Motor Traffic



First automobiles shown arriving in San Francisco from Marin county across the Golden Gate bridge, following the recent gala opening of the span to motor traffic. Inset shows Mayor Angelo Rossi of San Francisco cutting a chain with an acetylene torch, thus officially opening the Waldo approach to traffic.

Spelling Champ Wins \$500 Prize



First prize of \$500 was awarded Waneeta Buckley of Louisville, Ky., (right), recent winner of the title of "Best Speller in the Nation." She won the thirteenth national spelling bee at Washington, sponsored by newspapers at the new National museum. Waneeta's runner-up was diminutive Betty Brunstrun of Passaic, N. J. "Plebeian," spelled correctly by Waneeta, after Betty missed, decided the contest. Betty's second prize amounted to \$300.

DETROIT BISHOP



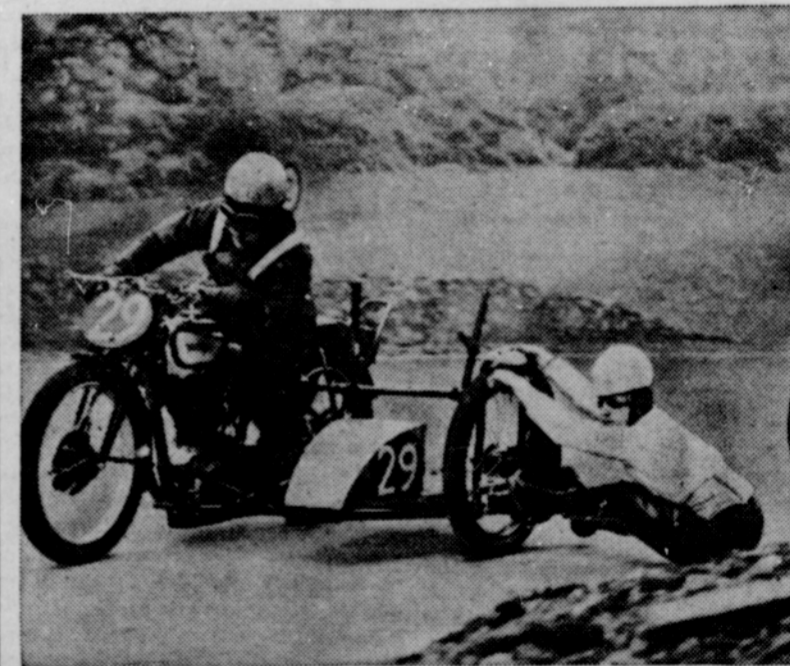
Bishop Edward Mooney of Rochester, N. Y., who has been appointed bishop of Detroit, succeeding the late Bishop Gallagher. As bishop of Detroit, Bishop Mooney becomes Father Coughlin's immediate superior. His designation to the post was widely predicted, as he is known as a diplomat of unusual skill in dealing with problems such as those Father Coughlin's excursions in politics and economics create in the diocese.

PITCHING FIND



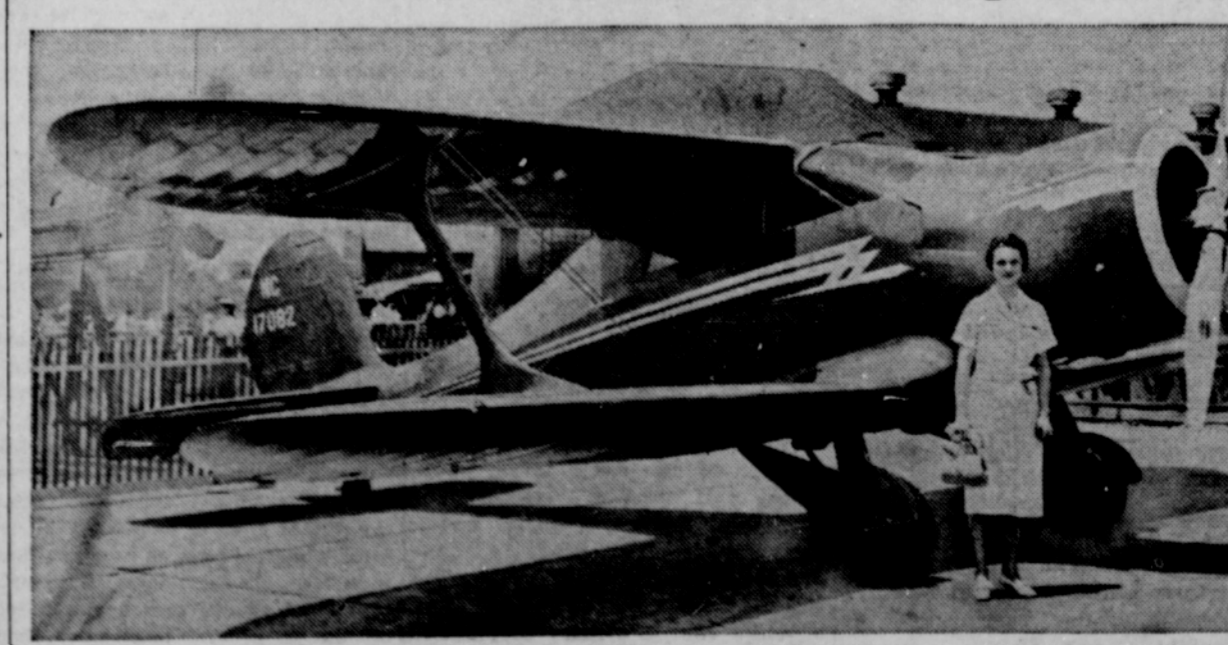
Jack Dawson, sixteen-year-old pitching sensation of North high school, Des Moines, Iowa, who was signed by the Fargo-Moorhead club of the Northern league—a farm of the Cleveland Indians.

Deuced Awkward Riding, What!



Grand Prix motorcycle racer negotiating a difficult turn at the Crystal Palace road racing track in London. This cyclist is receiving expert assistance from a "contortionist" passenger.

Mrs. Thaden Sets New Women's Air Speed Record



Mrs. Louise Thaden, winner of the Bendix and Harmon trophies last year, beside the plane in which she set a new speed record for women at the air show held at the Lambert-St. Louis airport here May 29, when she flew a 100-kilometer (62.5-mile) course at a speed of 197.9 miles an hour. The former record was 175 miles an hour, held by Amelia Earhart.