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Why Pick on the "Babe?"

OUR sympathies are all with Babe Didrickson. This young lady, unquestionably the greatest girl athlete of our time, was recently deprived of her amateur status, because she gave her testimonial to a certain motor car manufacturer.

This ruling means that the "Babe" is out of it as far as amateur athletics are concerned. And as there are no professional shot putting, high jumping, or swimming leagues for members of her sex, it means she is out of athletics entirely.

Miss Didrickson terms such action "grossly unfair." We agree with her. Not only unfair, but a glaring example of the silliest sort of snobbery.

NO one claims Babe is a professional, in the generally accepted meaning of that term. She doesn't earn her living by capitalizing on the fact that she is the greatest all around girl athlete in the world.

She may or may not have received a 6-cylinder roadster for that testimonial of hers. Reports differ. But what if she did? Had the Babe selected some well-to-do parents instead of extremely poor ones, she would have had a six-cylinder roadster anyway. She would also have been able to take frequent trips to Europe, a la Helen Wills, shown some of her foreign sisters, her heels, and demonstrated on the Riviera she can handle a golf club as skillfully as the javelin.

Then no one would have brought charges against her amateur status. Athletic speaking she would have been 100 percent pure.

BUT she has to earn money, during the winter in order to participate in amateur athletics during the summer. A roadster of her own will cut down car fare, and in this motor age, perhaps give her a better paying job. Is this any reason for ruining her career, and throwing the Texas Babe out on her ear?

We think not. In fact we believe about 90 percent of this amateur athletic rigmarole is hokey. Athletes, men or women, who earn their living in athletic competition, should be rated as professionals; those who don't earn their living that way, should be rated as amateurs.

Among the latter those who have no wealthy parents or friends to finance them, should be allowed certain liberties and emoluments, provided they remain amateur in spirit,—i.e. content to compete in amateur contests for the fun and the glory of the thing, AND NEVER COMPETE FOR PAY.

UNDER such a ruling the Babe would retain her amateur status, and roadster or no roadster, be allowed to take part in the next Olympic games.

That would do the Babe great good, and the Amateur Athletic Association no harm. In fact it would be a step toward placing the latter organization upon a common sense and democratic basis,—a reform which is greatly needed.

What a Difference!

WHAT a difference a little politics makes. You may recall the bonus marchers, their entree into Washington being synchronized so prettily with the opening of the presidential campaign.

We don't know how many thousands of votes were transferred from Hoover to Roosevelt because of "the shameful way these deserving war veterans were treated," but we doubt if 500,000 would be an exaggerated estimate. The Democratic national press bureau capitalized and publicized this issue, from one end of the country to the other, particularly among the war veterans.

That was on the eve of the campaign, when misrepresentation and appeals to class prejudice meant votes.

BUT what happened only a few months later when the Hunger Marchers trekked into the District of Columbia? Among them were many war veterans, also women and children. They too asked for federal aid, not in the way of a two billion dollar bonus, but in the way of food and clothing.

What did they get? They got herded into a deserted stone quarry, with machine guns and mounted policemen guarding the only exit night and day, their final dispersal, to their homes or convenient bread lines, not even getting into the newspapers.

They were not housed and fed for weeks as were the bonus marchers, nor were any bogus riots staged to furnish appropriate head lines. When the ragged army disbanded, no free railroad tickets were distributed, as was done last fall.

But we hear nothing about the hard hearted Republican administration, or the Cossack methods adopted toward deserving but unfortunate victims of this depression. The incident was neither dramatized nor publicized. It was simply closed.

Why? Simply because votes aren't wanted now. President Hoover is out. President Roosevelt is coming in.

The Hunger marchers were ill advised. They should have staged their march on Washington before instead of after the campaign!

POLICE OF SALEM GIVEN CLEAN BILL

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The tangible results of a public police probe here last night were that most of the accusations were declared to be hearsay and that further witnesses who were accredited with statements against the police were summoned to appear.

QUARREL ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—George Headstrom of Portland was held in jail here today on an open charge while county officers investigated the fatal shooting of Charles Rouse, 42, of Blaine, who died Wednesday from a bullet wound in his chest.

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady in care of The Mail Tribune.

BETTER FORGET YOUR DIGESTION.

Although some medical authorities still seem to think constipation is a factor of ill health or at least temporary indisposition in some cases, I believe this quaint medical notion is disappearing from our modern medical literature and is destined to be discarded altogether in another decade or two.

Of course I am aware that in a few instances constipation is due to some pathological cause, such as hemorrhoids or gallstones, and the cause must be removed in order to correct the constipation. But it is fair to say that in ninety-nine out of a hundred cases constipation is simply a bad habit.

We haven't room to describe in detail how the habit is acquired. We shall say only that the chief cause of the habit is the widespread, vicious fancy that a physic or an enema or a freak diet which purports to increase "elimination" is always good when anything ails you and even beneficial when nothing ails you.

This absurd notion, I say, is still entertained by some of our present medical authorities, and in the past was quite generally accepted as sound practice.

But the world moves and some of us manage to trail along after it. Now I shall give my own opinion or belief about this question, reminding you that I can't prove it is so, and leave you to draw your own conclusion.

I believe that in the absence of serious disease ordinary constipation has no ill effect on health. I believe the more immediate or acute symptoms popularly ascribed to constipation are actually produced by anxiety or worry and introspection, and that the more remote or chronic ill effects which the quacks and nostrum manufacturers so insistently suggest are actually produced by the physic, enema or funny food the misguided victim takes to "regulate" the bowel.

I am firmly convinced that in 99 cases out of 100 the victim's troubles will fade if he can be persuaded or compelled to leave the bowel function alone, to refrain from interfering for ten days. Don't give me any of your notions. I know what I'm talking about.

It would be foolish and futile for any victim of the constipation habit to attempt to break his habit in the

way I suggest, if the poor guttible galoot is not first absolutely convinced that I am right about it. Here I may say that my method has proved effective in hundreds of cases, and so far as I am aware no one has suffered any ill consequences from going on a physic strike, whether for five days or for nine.

Finally, we must not lose sight of the fact that the entire digestive process, from the instant the food is swallowed to the instant the residue is ejected, is controlled entirely by the autonomic, sympathetic, involuntary, unconscious nervous system, and this automatic regulation is not at all weakened or impaired by months or years of abuse of the digestion with physics, enemas, freak diets or other interference. Just as soon as you can get your conscious mind off your digestion and your bowel, perfectly normal, natural automatic regulation is resumed, no matter about your diet or other habits.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Coffee.

Troubled with the pleurisy. What is good for it? Is strong coffee bad for the liver and kidneys?—T. R. Answer—Pleurisy is a serious condition and it should be treated only by the physician. A cup or two of coffee a day is not harmful to health, the certain invalids should not take coffee unless the physician approves.

Missing, Adam's Apple.

What has become of the "Adam's apple" in men, as so generally seen in men 30 or more years ago but today so little in evidence?—L. O. M. Answer—If there is actually such a change perhaps it is attributable to increasing effeminacy, fatness, soft living.

Hunger Craving.

I have such a hunger craving continually... wake in the night as hungry as I can be... barely through a meal when I begin to crave food again... been told by trained nurse...—C. M. C.

Answer—Better check on the "trained nurse" by getting the opinion of the corner druggist or the traffic cop. If you feel the craving is not normal, why don't you consult your physician?

Born for Sweating. Thank you for your suggestion. I had tried about every product known for excessive sweating of the armpits, but borax, applied as a powder or as a solution for bathing the armpits, has given the greatest satisfaction.—Miss D. J.

Answer—Is one of the least injurious remedies for excessive sweating. (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

When Mr. X Aided Dentist



One of the most exciting and nerve-racking tasks ever undertaken by Mr. X, the Mail Tribune's man of a thousand trades, was that of acting as an anesthetist during the extracting of four of his wife's wisdom teeth, in Harrisburg, Pa. The teeth, which had failed to come through the gum, were removed by Dr. C. J. Crane, without more difficulty than usually attends such an operation. Mr. X declares that the time during which he administered the "sweet air" was the longest he had ever been able to keep the better-half silent.

Harder and Harder Jobs Are Placed Before Mr. X By Readers of Tribune

- Mr. X's Program for Friday. 11 A. M.—Open the old watch contest at Larry Schade's Jewelry store. Noon—Luncheon at the Rex Cafe. 1 P. M.—Make a budget for a lady residing at Talent, Oregon. 2 P. M.—Make a man in the display window of the Campbell Clothing store. 3 P. M.—Design, cut out, and completely make a dress for a lady in the window of the M. and M. store. 4 P. M.—Repair a coo-coo clock for Mrs. Carl J. Brommer, 821 Minnesota. 5 P. M.—Mend a broken pewter tea pot for Mrs. L. E. Williams, 520 South Peach.

Oregon, and on his return to the city he will undertake to "make a man." This challenge came from the management of the Campbell Clothing store. Mr. Campbell says he does not care how Mr. X makes the man, or what material he uses provided when the man is completed he is in keeping with the high quality of the merchandise sold by the store.

Mr. X will undertake to do this in the window. He says it will be funny and the spectators will surely get lots of laughs out of the demonstration, so be on hand and watch him "make a man."

Will Be Dressmaker. Probably the hardest task ever put up to a man comes from the management of the M. and M. store. Mr. X is to be in the display window of the store at three o'clock in the afternoon. There will be a sewing machine and cutting out table provided for his use. He is to design, cut out and completely make an afternoon frock for one of the ladies present. The gown must be completed in one hour's time, and when it is finished it will be presented to the lady who acts as Mr. X's model. This lady will be selected from the gathering by Mr. X, so if you want a new dress, designed and made by Mr. X, be at the store a little before three o'clock on Friday afternoon.

Before Mr. X has his dinner he will repair a coo-coo clock and fix the leak in a pewter tea pot. In the evening Mr. X will be on the air. He has promised to broadcast over KMGD, between 7 and 9 o'clock for the "Goodfellow" committee. Mr. X will give some selections on his famous Chinese waffle iron, as he calls them. They are freak musical instruments he picked up while visiting a foreign country.

If you have a task for Mr. X to do, fill out the coupon on another page, and mail or bring it to the Mail Tribune office. His services are free.

It looks as if the readers and merchants have taken Mr. X's offer to do anything for the public seriously. Requests are arriving at the Mail Tribune office by every mail, and the jobs asked of Mr. X are getting harder and harder. A glance at his program for Friday will convince the most doubtful person that Mr. X is up against a tough job.

Starting out on Friday morning Mr. X will open an old watch contest at Larry Schade's Jewelry store. If you have an old watch, bring it to the store and leave it there until Tuesday of next week. Mr. X will be there on that day and act as judge of the old watches. The owner of the oldest watch will receive a Parker Duofold fountain pen for a prize. It doesn't matter if the watch is not in running order, bring it in anyway, it may win the prize. This contest is open to everybody, and it costs you nothing. Mr. X's judgment will be final when he pronounces the winner of the contest.

After lunch Mr. X will make a budget for a lady residing in Talent.

The most difficult problems are, so to speak, "duck soup" to Mr. X, who will be in Medford for five days, starting Thursday, to offer his assistance to Medford residents in unraveling knotty problems and performing unusual tasks. If you have a job for him to perform, no matter how difficult, fill out the coupon below and send it to the Mail Tribune.

MR. X COUPON. To Mr. X of The Mail Tribune: I hereby apply for your services. The job I have for you is _____ and should require _____ hours. This service to be performed free. Name _____ Phone No. _____ Address _____

Willamette Coach Change Is Denied

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A story in a Salem, W. Va., paper stating that changes were rumored in the coaching personnel at Willamette and Pacific universities, brought emphatic denial here today from Frank M. Erickson, dean of Willamette university, as far as those Willamette concerns the Bears' coach.

Bench Warmer Named Captain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Lee Howard Carlin, who didn't play in a single game this fall, has been elected captain of the 1933 George Washington football team.

Senator Convicted Crime Against Girl

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—N. G. Robinson, 27-year-old Democratic state representative-elect, was convicted by a superior court jury today of an

offense against Marjorie Rowley, 12-year-old Algonia girl. The jury, which had deliberated about 12 hours, recommended leniency.

COQUILLE—Noodler's Cash grocery opened for business in Noodler building at corner First and Hall streets. ELGIN—"Recorder" plant to move to new location soon.

PENDLETON—City water supply improved.

BYRON HOT SPRINGS

The Carlsbad of America—Open All Year Under same management as the Richelieu Hotel. "Famous for its Food". Finest Mud and Mineral Baths and Mineral Waters in the World. Miraculous Curative Waters for Rheumatism, Arthritis, Lumbago, High Blood Pressure, Nervous Fatigue, Stomach Troubles. Rates (with meals)—Cottages, 21 day, \$24 wk.—Hotel, \$5 day, \$30 wk.

Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County) History from the Files of The Mail Tribune of 29 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY December 15, 1922. (It was Friday) Gov. Olcott of Oregon, at meeting of governors flays Ku Klux Klan as menace.

Mayor Gates gets busy and asks Portland mayor to help land Toledo, O., high game with Medford.

Postoffice needs a janitor, but nobody wants the job.

Christmas mail starts. People warned to address all packages, and to wrap them well and securely.

Elks Christmas tree nets \$1700 for local poor.

Gold Hill to build new water system.

Democratic press of nation opens fire on Senator Lodge of Massachusetts. (Ed note: Andrew Mellon, secretary of treasury, took his place the last eight years.)

Mike Hanley ships 11 cars of cattle to Willets, Calif.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY December 15, 1912. (It was Sunday)

Churches to place city candidates on record.

Daughter of E. H. Harriman, the "railroad king," breaks toe dancing.

Medford wins Bear creek bridge case.

Rainfall in valley still below normal.

Wall street warned by "Salem group" to stay out of Oregon.

Hugh Elliott the blacksmith, announces he "gives" special attention to shoeing crippled horses.

Good government league is formed for city election.

FUGITIVE FROM CHAIN GANG IS AGAIN IN TOILS

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After that he decided to write his experiences, and the book and motion picture dealing with the Georgia prison system followed.

Now he operates a small store in East Orange, and before his arrest was a familiar figure in downtown Newark, where he was taken into custody.

Interviewed by a local newspaper only last Sunday, he expressed the hope of obtaining a pardon.

"I wish to be a free man once more," he was quoted as saying, "and be able to hold my head high in any part of the United States. I'm still a fugitive from a Georgia chain gang, but, believe me, it's an empty honor."

He recited his experiences to the reporter, retelling many of the incidents he had written, but he said the most dramatic moment in his life was meeting another escaped convict in Newark, April 1, 1931.

The other fugitive was John Moore who, with Burns and a third man, held up a grocery in Atlanta, Ga., in 1921. The trio was captured and Burns was sentenced from six to ten years. He escaped in 1922 and was free until 1929 when, according to his story, a woman brought about his return to the "chain gang."

After his first outbreak, he chose Chicago as a place to live and became a success as a magazine publisher. He married, but later fell in love with another woman and asked his wife for a separation. She agreed, but in time asked for more alimony. When he refused, the story goes, she notified Georgia authorities and Burns was arrested in 1929.

A lengthy legal battle followed, with high Chicago officials taking an interest in the case. Burns said he realized extradition finally when Georgia officials promised a pardon within 60 days if he would take such action.

But the pardon was denied and a new fight for freedom began, with his brother, the Rev. Vincent Burns, taking an active part by seeking the aid of scores of prominent persons.

The brother declared the prison commission told them if the prisoner's conduct was good for a year, his pardon would be only a matter of routine.

There was a hearing in July, 1930, from which no word came for weeks. The next news was that Burns had escaped.

The small, 125-pound fugitive—a prisoner once more—is 41 years old.

RIDDLE—New steel bridge over South Umpqua on Riddle road will be completed end opened to traffic.

PORTLAND—Kimball's Grocery, 90 West Lombard street, opened meat department.