

Hear Me Talkin' to Ya

By BLISS

SPORTS GOULASH

THE FIRST official football practice of the 1931 season was held in front of St. Mary's P.E. Church, Orchard Street, by the Rinky-Dinks. . . a stuffed flour sack was used and there were no casualties reported. . . That report about the Harlem Stars being disbanded is a lotta hoosey. Mingo Goodson, who now has the club in tow, told me Sunday past. Goodson who used to manage a stable of fighters down Norfolk, Virginia, sub, says that he believes he has one of the best clubs in the bizness. He's even taken the booking away from Nathaniel, the Strong, he sez. Which if you know Strong (no pun) is no mean accomplishment.

SIR RICHARD (Dick to you) Lundy has an ailing leg. Frank Warfield's arm acts uppity sometime. Laymon (a Philly sports writer) called him "Carl". Yokely's wing is said to be OK by the sawbones. Jake Stevens is rounding into form after a spell of sickness and Pittsburgh fans are veddy heppy. Mack Eggleton split a leg up in New York State a Sunday or two ago and is probably out for the season. Sey, what is this, any way, a hospital report?

Pauline Jackson, the swimmer, radios that she is readying herself for the Canadian whatchamacallit and never felt better in her life. . . ditto Walter Johnson who used to swim around in the boat harbor at Newport News, Va. . . I am going to advocate a city series with the Locke Giants, Silver Moons and Senators as the contestants. . . Wow, what a serious!

One of (many) readers, Mr. James Johnson, of 25 Hancock Avenue, Jersey City, N.J., writes:

"What seems to be the trouble that we can't use colored umpires in the different games along the Eastern coast line?"

"I have seen quite a few games throughout the East and Midwest, and I must admit that I have seen some darn good officiating by Caesar Jamison, Bert Holston and Billy Donaldson, three outstanding umpires, bar none.

"Let's hear through your column what you think the chances are for colored umpires."

Were it not for the fact, Mr. Johnson, that I have harangued so often on that very subject, and so very often jeopardized my own neck, I might feel the urge to wax loquacious (believe it or not) upon this weighty matter.

But I will say that the men you mention and some of the others I've seen, are certainly NO WORSE (they couldn't be) than some of the white umpires whose work I've observed. I have always insisted upon the use of colored umpires whether the teams have been owned by colored or white, but I have also insisted that these men be employed, not because of their color, but because of their ability. That is an opinion which I still hold, but I also know that club owners have friends who must eat.

Jack Thompson, Baby Joe Gans — these two boys are either slipping or being shoved. The former, world's welterweight champion, looked as lousy as a hobo's coat against Lou Brouillard, white New England champ and a southpaw in the bargain. Fortunately his title was not at stake, for he was beaten badly. The talk about gangsters is all a hunk of bologna.

Gans, who warmed the cockles of fight fans in Baltimore, with his clever ring generalship and his dynamite punching, looked at times like a palooka against Eddie Ran in one of his preliminaries to the Chocolate-Bass fight. Fans ask why?

Both of these fighters, my operatives relate, have a social complex. If they like anything better than gaiety, it's more gaiety. The stay-up-late places cannot take the place of a gymnasium if one is to keep in rigid training. And if you're not in condition, any ham can make you look even hamnier. That, to me, is about as good an explanation as any I've heard regarding the slump into which these boxers have fallen.

I hope both of them make this column a liar.

Leather gloves will be in style at Maryland Park on the night of August 14, at which time a group of local Bills are going to put on a 30-round boxing card. The gentlemen, from the looks of their card, honestly believe that the locals yearn for home talent, for as far as I can see they have patronized home industry. I'm wishing them luck.

Track and field events fail to interest many of the young crop of athletes, C. Channing Jackson telephones. The boys just aren't coming out to compete for the P.A.L. badges and medals. On the other hand, it is reported that white athletes are clamoring for even more All-Glory meets and are going to use the stadium for more. Shame on you — you bench warmers and rumble-seat recliners. What's the world coming to?

Household Hints

Use borax water for stiffening sheer collars or voiles. Use a solution of weak gum arabic for silks and crepes.

If a damp cloth is spread over the furnace register while sweeping and dusting a room, the dust will cling to it instead of going down through the register to circulate later through the room.

To make a corned beef sandwich, chop cold corned beef very fine, using a little of the fat of the meat. Season with a little French mustard and spread between thin slices of whole wheat bread.

Prevent eyeglasses from steaming when going from a cold atmosphere into a warm room by moistening the tips of the fingers and rubbing them over a cake of soap, then rubbing the on retev tshDeit78904 N . . . them over the lens, and polishing as usual.

THE LAWN IN AUGUST

The proper clippings of grass has much to do with keeping a lawn in good condition. The grass is likely to grow very slowly at this season of the year, especially when there is light rainfall, and it is not necessary to use the lawn mower as frequently as in the spring.

Close clipping must be guarded against, as it reduces the vitality of the grass. The safe rule to follow is to keep the grass at a height of about two inches.

In any event, the lawn mower should be used often enough so that there will be no necessity of raking the clippings, because these clippings if left on the ground serve as a mulch and at the same time fertilize the soil as they decay.

Vacuum Process Keeps Egg Quality in Storage

The United States Department of Agriculture has discovered how to seal up the pores in the shell of an egg so it will retain much of its fresh quality when in cold storage.

In recent investigations the food research division of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils found that fresh eggs dipped in oil and subjected to carbon-dioxide gas in a vacuum will retain practically all of their original moisture and carbon dioxide. Impairment of quality generally results when these two constituents are lost.

T. L. Swenson, bacteriologist, who devised the new process, dips eggs in oil in an air-tight chamber, then pumps out some of the air to create a partial vacuum. Some air escapes from the eggs also. Mr. Swenson then turns carbon dioxide into the vessel.

The eggs, once more surrounded by gases of normal pressure, draw some of the oil into the pores of the shell to form a complete seal. Carbon dioxide probably is carried in with the oil, which accounts for the marked improvement in quality which follows its use.

Some western egg candlers recently have been treating large numbers of eggs for storage by dipping them in oil in open vessels. In comparative tests, Mr. Swenson found that vacuum-dipped carbonated eggs lost only one-tenth of 1 per cent of weight during 10 months in storage, while the open-dipped eggs lost sixteen times as much.

Untreated eggs lost nearly seventy-seven times as much weight as the vacuum-treated eggs. This loss is moisture and carbon dioxide chiefly.

When the eggs were taken out of storage an expert grader classed them on the basis of standard market grades.

Rehearsing New Play

Author—Have you seen the new play I wrote about the couple who were always quarreling?
Neighbor—No, but I heard you and your wife rehearsing it.

WISE PARENTS AVOID RIDICULE IN DEALING WITH PUPPY LOVES

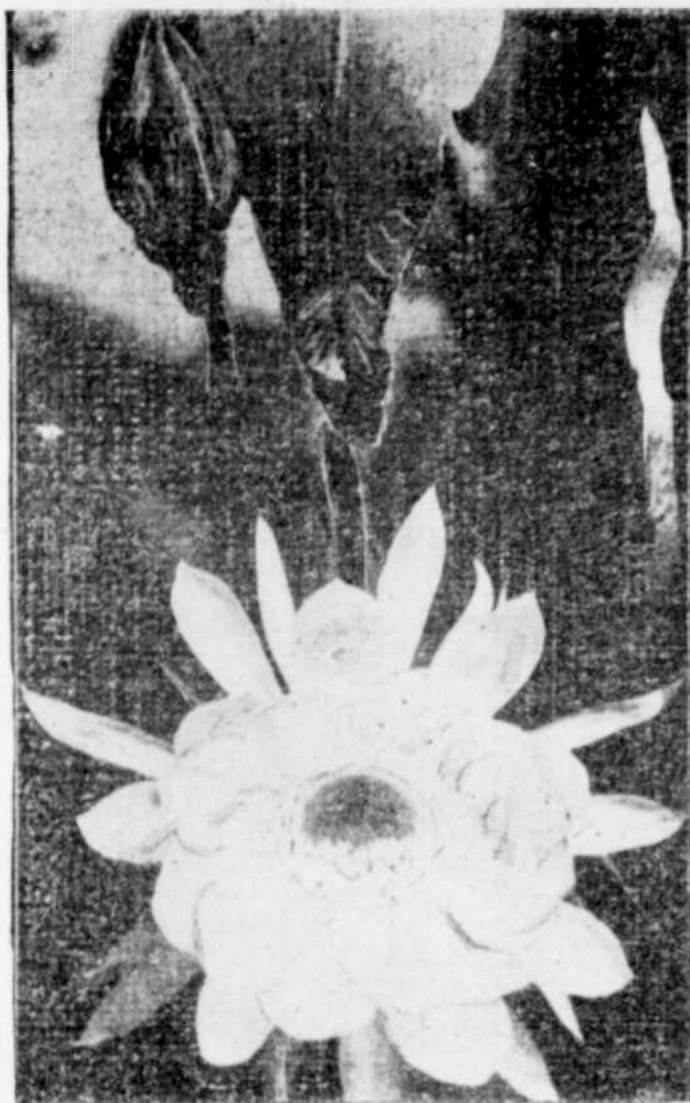
By G. H. B.

I think parents often use the expression "puppy love" to their children in a kind of fear—a fear that they will marry too young or without enough experience. But even at that, I think parents have needless fears in this direction.

The attractions of the middle teens often seem to have no connection with marriage in the minds of boys and girls, themselves. Their emotional life is, as a rule, of a different quality from the emotional life of mature men and women—marriage, a home, babies, and especially passion, in the accepted sense of the word, do not seem to enter much into their thoughts and feelings.

As a rule, very young love does not lead to marriage. But if it should, I'm wondering if that is such a dreadful thing. From my observation, young marriages are quite as successful as those entered into at a mature age.

BLOOMS AT NIGHT, ONCE A YEAR



A blossom on a Hawaiian Night Blooming Cereus, owned by Walter Washington in a suburb of Baltimore, Md. The plant blooms after sundown and closes just after midnight. An unopened bud can be seen near the top.

ENGLISH

Word Often Misused

Do not say, "I promise you that it is true." Say, "I assure you."

Word Often Misspelled

Malleable, not malliable.

Word Often Mispronounced

Asthma. Pronounce az-ma or asma, first a as in "at," final a as in "ask," not aeth-ma.

Synonyms

Parsimonious, stingy, mercenary, avaricious, penurious, miserly, grasping.

Word Study

FIDELITY: faithfulness; loyalty. "She did not appreciate his unselfish fidelity."

The Mizpah

"Mizpah" is a Hebrew word meaning watchtower. It was the name of several towns or villages in ancient Palestine and was applied particularly to the pillar set up and the heap of stones gathered on Mt. Gilead by Jacob and his brethren as a Laban. In modern usage "Mizpah" signifies a parting salutation or benediction, a greeting suggested by Genesis 31:49, which contains Laban's prayer at Mizpah: "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." The use of "Mizpah" on memorial rings is based on the same passage.

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Dime Symbols Hit

Why the "Fascist emblem" on one side of our dimes and a "Roman god" on the other? This is asked in letters received by the Treasury Department. Many of the writers seem to feel a vague connection between the design and the Vatican; others fear that Mussolini is trying to muscle-in on our coinage. Treasury officials, however, explain that the design of the 10-cent piece was adopted 15 years ago, before Il Duce had become the "It" in Italy. The design was executed by Adolph Weinman, now sculptor of the Fine Arts Commission.

Besides, the fasces (bundle of sticks with the ax blade protruding) is a common enough emblem for authority and goes back to the days of old Rome. As for the "Roman god" (Mercury) it represents commerce and has so been used for years for beautification of buildings, books and art works.

The Treasury Department is growing calloused to such complaints. Some years ago there was much agitation over the supposed incorporation of the Pope, the Virgin Mary, a rosary and the Catholic cross on the dollar bills of the series of 1917.

Former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo explained that the design of the 1917 series bill was similar to one that had been used for years and present officials laughed at the idea of an intentional trick.

"People who can see such objects in intricate currency designs," declared a Treasury official unofficially, "are the same ones who can recognize in almost any rock formation the likeness of George Washington, Charlie Chaplin, Bobby Jones—or the Pope!"—The Pathfinder,

Matrimonially Successful

"May's terribly clever."
"Yes, indeed she is. She's just been married for the third time and she's still collecting alimony from her first two husbands."