

BOBBY SOX
By Marty Links

CROSS TOWN
By Roland Coe

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. — Variety is supposed to be the spice of life, but so are arguments in a baseball training camp. The argument this time, including members of the Cardinals and the Yankees, had something to do with brains on and off the ball field.

"Why is it?" one Cardinal wanted to know, "that a fellow can be smart in many ways, but dumb when he gets into football or baseball? Or why he can be pretty dumb until he gets into some athletic competition, when he may be smarter than almost anybody?"

This is a fair question. Does anyone recall the most intelligent member of the old Giant team from 1908 through 1913? I can give you his name. He is better known as Bonehead Merkle — the Giant who forgot to touch second base in 1908. Yet Fred Merkle was the best educated member of the Giant squad. But his reflexes on the ball field failed to operate as quickly as some others who would have been baffled by McGuffey's second reader. Fred had to take time to think things out. You can't do that when split second co-ordination or intuition must rule.

For example, Rube Waddell was a mental eccentric. But there were few smarter, once the gangling Rube reached the mound with a baseball in his left hand.

There were two famous ball players who, as far as I know, never made a mental mistake on the field. One was Babe Ruth who came along from an industrial school. The other was Nap Lajoie who was lifted from a cab driver's seat in Woonsocket, R. I., and a trifle later was surrounded and captured by Uncle Egbert Barrow.

Neither needed any college degree to be smart on a ball field. They were born that way.

Granland Rice

Instinct and Intuition

The athlete who is naturally smart in competition must have a high degree of instinct, intuition and concentration. I know Eddie Arcaro figures it that way in racing.

"You haven't time to think in a split second," he told me once. "There's an opening or there isn't an opening, and you have to make up your mind in a flash. Which means largely instinct for the right things to do."

Ty Cobb had this natural instinct, this ability to concentrate, but Cobb also worked on these natural gifts.

"I used to lay in bed at night for hours thinking up plays," he said once. "I planned some of these plays weeks ahead against certain teams."

Old time ball players had no motor cars, movies, night clubs or other distractions to kill time. So many of them thought only about baseball. I mean such men as King Mike Kelly, Kid Nichols, John Montgomery Ward, Charlie Comiskey, Hughie Jennings, Clark Griffith, John McGraw and most of the old Orioles.

The main mental asset in any game is concentration. Many have this needed ingredient more than others. But the art or knack of concentration can also be developed. Concentration means keeping your mind on the job from start to finish.

As Knute Rockne used to tell his squad—"Keep physically relaxed — but mentally alert."

Borowy's Predictions

We caught Hank Borowy on the fly just as he was heading for the Cub camp and Catalina island.

"How about Cub prospects?" we queried.

"We'll need all the pitching we can get this season," the Cub star said. "By that I mean most of the other clubs will be stronger where we will have about the same cast. We got little back from the service. The Cardinals, Giants and Dodgers will all be stronger. So will the Pirates, Braves and Phillies."

"We'll be pitching to better hitting strength all along the line, while at the plate we face improved pitching also. That means tough going. A flock of dangerous hitters have been added to the league since last fall."

"Hitting in the two leagues? I can't see much difference. I had a better record in the National than I had in the American. But my arm was in much better shape when I joined the Cubs."

I asked Borowy how the National league race looked from his angle.

"The Cardinals are the team to beat," he said, "with so much strength at every point. But they can be beaten. I'm sure we'll be up there. The Giants have all the power any team needs at bat, but their pitching is still uncertain. What pitcher can Mel Ott depend on for as many as 18 games?"

"The Dodgers will be better and they were tough enough at times last season. The Pirates will be improved and the Braves will probably be bothering everybody."

Spotlight
By Grantland Rice

Winston Churchill and a Missouri Degree

(Winston Churchill went to Missouri with President Truman, where he received a degree from Westminster college at Fulton, Mo.—News Item).

Missouri, meet England. . . . John Bull, meet Huck Finn! . . . Eton, this is Kansas City. . . . Westminster Abbey, shake with Westminster College! . . .

An ex-British premier in Missouri. . . . Downing street and Main street. . . . London and Kansas City. . . . Plymouth and Hannibal. . . . Liverpool and Independence! . . . Shropshire and Calloway. . . . Nottingham and Taney. . . . The Thames and "Big Muddy!"

This is Westminster College, Winnie. . . . Westminster away out among the longhorns. . . . Its name is English but it's all Missouri. . . . It's not one of the big colleges. But it's a right smart one. . . . It is no Yale or Harvard in prestige. . . . But it teaches 'em so they "stay teached."

There must be Missouri-stuff in you, Winnie. . . . The stuff of Huck Finn and Joe Folk. . . . Claiborne Jackson and Charlie Hardin. . . . Alec McNair and Mark Twain.

You don't really need a degree. . . . You've got more than an Injun has feathers. . . . But this one won't hurt you: "The Honorable Winston Churchill Honorary Old Grad of Westminster, Mo. . . . Alumnus of the Golden West!"

Missourians have to be shown. . . . You showed 'em, Winnie. . . . As you have shown the world. Have an honorary degree. . . . And some Missouri ham and candied yams! . . . Help yourself to Missouri hospitality. . . . But don't let that Truman boy Give you any of those Eastern cigars! . . .

The Once Over
By H.L. Phillips

Simple Desk Unit To Match Shelves

THIS unit furniture for your dream house is so simple that the amateur can make it with the simplest hand tools. Patterns with actual-size cutting guides and detailed directions are available for the units in this group.

The desk is shown closed at D between an end unit, A, and a corner unit, C. The E unit is made with the same pattern as the desk and is the same in every way except that the drop front and stationary compartments are omitted. The use of nails or screws with modern glue makes it possible to construct these sturdy pieces with joinings that require no special tools.

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COME FROM THE CITY I TAKE IT!

YEH, WERE CITY PEOPLE! MY LITTLE PAL GETS A BIG KICK OUT OF THIS! HE DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT COUNTRY LIFE!

WELL, CAN YOU BEAT THAT!

HEY, MUTT, LOOK! A RATTLE!

HOLY SMOKES WHERE CHA GET HOLD OF THAT?

I JUST TOOK IT AWAY FROM THE BIGGEST WORM I EVER SEEN!

LITTLE REGGIE

HE NEVER SEEMS TO HAVE ANY PAINENTS

DR. PULLEM TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN

WELL, I'LL FIX THAT!

DR. PULLEM TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN

AH, IT'S WORKING ALREADY

DR. PULLEM TEETH EXTRACTED WITHOUT PAIN

SITTER

ARE YOU TAKING AMY SMITH TO THE PARTY?

THE GIRL I LOVE POSSESSES TH' CHARM, BEAUTY, GRACE AND MYSTERY OF TH' ORIENT.

YEAH—BUT SHE AINT TH' ONE I LOVE.

MEMBER WHEN I TOOK YOUR MEDICINE WHEN YOU WAS SICK, AN SPILT INK ON YOUR REPORT CARD BEFORE POP SAW IT. AN LICKED TONY WHEN HE SMACKED YOU —

YEAH—SURE!

AN HOW ABOUT TH' ERRANDS I'VE DONE FOR YA. AN TH' TOYS I LETTIN' TAKE I BESIDES DOWN YOUR HOMEWORK. AN TELLIN' POP I BROKE HIS PIPE INSTEAD OF YOU.

TRUE ENOUGH!

— BUT WHAT HAVE YA DONE FOR ME LATELY?

TH' SHELLEN! SAYS!

VIRGIL

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MAINE WINTERS SOFTENING UP

"The State is warming up. At North Jay a house that was built by mistake so the keyhole in the front door lines up with the prevailing winter winds has sometimes taken in as much as 37 bushels of snow through the keyhole in a single storm. It's been five years now since any storm has blown in more than 18 bushels. No storm this winter has blown in more than 15."—John Gould of Lisbon Falls, Maine, in the New York Times.

CAN YOU REMEMBER—
Acy back when you could find a place to get away from trouble?

When anybody with fair eyesight could tell the difference between a \$5,000 one-family home and a \$125 chicken house?

And acy back when it isolated a man if he said he hadn't a shirt to his back?

Boyhood's Greatest Thrill

Buffalo Bill was born 100 years ago. We feel sorry for kids to whom he is a remote figure. What a thriller the Buffalo Bill Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders was to the small fry of yesterday! It came every year back home, and one of our earliest memories is seeing Buffalo Bill in the flesh, riding down Whalley avenue in an open buggy, at the head of the Injuns, cowboys and buffalo hunters. The show was held in Westville, just back of the Nick Hubinger mansion. Once, lacking money to get in, we climbed a tree to see the show and we almost imagine we got riddled by stray bullets in the hold-up of the Deadwood stage.

HERE AND THERE

Ika Chase is running a fever after reading the reviews on "I Love Miss Tili Bean." . . . Clifton Finnegan is our favorite radio comic. . . . "A Walk in the Sun" is the most graphic war picture yet ed has seen. . . . A book title with a kick, "Applejack for Breakfast." . . . There will be a big black market in beer this summer.

Laugh line from "Truckline Cafe": An optimist is a fellow who worries about the future in the atomic bomb age.

Dr. John William Mauchly, 38, and J. Presher Eckert Jr., 26, have invented and developed the eniac, an electronic machine that can compute and answer questions in the twinkling of an eye. This practically does away with John Kieran and promises a war to the finish between the inventors and Dan Golenpaul.

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