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Francis X. Bushman was summoned to New York in the early days of the movies to sign a contract with Metro. His press agent, who wanted the matinee idol to receive a substantial salary increase, filled his pockets with two thousand pennies and dropped handfuls of them as he and the actor walked from Grand Central Terminal toward the Metro office.

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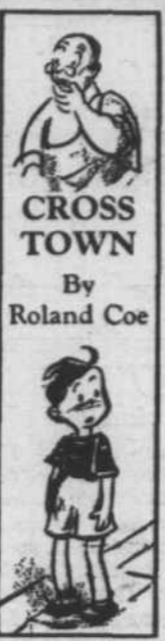
At one time or another most of us become upset and jittery due to overworked nerves. This makes us irritable, restless and wakeful. You can't do your work well the next day, if you toss and tumble through the night and don't get the rest you need. At such times why not do as so many thousands have done for over sixty years—try

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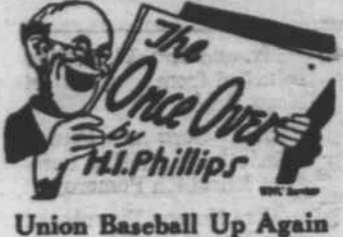
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**Union Baseball Up Again**

The fight to unionize baseball has flared up again, with the Pennsylvania state labor board accepting jurisdiction in the Pittsburgh baseball club's case. Casey at the bat may yet be there with a union card as well.

Unionized baseball intrigues us. We are tired of the old patterns in the national game and yearn for such items in the box scores as "out at first under checkoff rule"; "left on bases; stockholders, 7; directors, 5"; "forced at third by jurisdictional dispute."

The game has become too smooth and peaceful. Gone are the old days of brawls and fireworks every inning. What may be needed are some flashy interludes where the pickets overturn some automobiles in the outfield, where a game is called on account of tear gas or where some Petrillo of the national fame orders a team to use four players at first, and put on extra shortstops at night games.

It seems to us that modern ball players lack the martial spirit. There is too much friendliness and goodwill on the field. Can you imagine Phil Murray taking a third called strike with nothing more than a scornful look?

It seems to us evident that the modern baseball player needs protection. He is too prone to taking a third strike philosophically instead of blaming it on the front office. He is too inclined to lose a pennant with a shrug of the shoulders instead of with a protest that he is being crucified by management.

Union rules will level off rewards. There is no reason why a man who can sock homers every day should get more than a fellow worker who does his best but can't poke one out of the infield. Hits and runs are not the proper measure for rewards. All men are created equal, and beyond that it is just luck, rhythm and box scores.

Robert Murphy, who is doing the union organizing in baseball, is a Harvard man. This puts Harvard one up on Yale and Princeton, but we hear Yale may soon demand a 40-hour week for golfers, while Princeton will ask for the four-day week for horseshoe pitchers.

Batter up! And, remember, a fair division of the profits or else.

**OMIGOSH!**

"Take It Easy. Avoid Accidents" has been formally adopted as a slogan in the war against auto accidents, and stickers are being issued to be pasted on windshields. All of which makes us giggle. "Take It Easy" lacks punch, but even if it were a good slogan a windshield sticker would be about as effective against auto accidents as a harp solo against the atomic bomb.

Death and slaughter rule the road—At laws the goody drivers snicker; So up and at the killers all—We'll fight 'em with a windshield sticker!

They beat the green, defy the red; They run folks down with yells of "Quicker!"... So let us act decisively—The cry is "Forward... with a sticker!"

Elmer Twitchell yearns for an easing of the meat situation so a fellow can stop fighting the dog over a bone.

**YE OLDE SWAP SHOPPE**  
"Will swap cameras, jewelry, microscope, outboard motor, canoe, sail, rod and reel and baseball gloves for a bassoon or what have you? 911" — Yankee magazine.

It looks like the complete revolt against the outdoor life.

Hi—What's become of the old-fashioned farmer who, when you asked about the weather, would sniff the breeze and give you a highly professional answer, often right? A few days ago I asked one how things were going to break and he said, "Dunno; I ain't heard the radio yet today."  
Irving Kolodin.

"Willard Trout has joined staff of 'Sports Ahead.'" — Magazine and news item.

"That's landin' em," remarks Grid Adams.

**VANISHING AMERICANISMS**  
"Leave the waiter 10 per cent, dear."  
"I had a haircut, shave and massage. Here's a dollar; keep the change."  
"Any shirt in this window \$1."  
"Hotel rooms \$1.50 up."

Ima Dodo says, "I'd love to go to Moscow and see the Gremlin."

There is one thing about not getting a new auto: You are not mystified by new rattles.



THERE is a pitcher we think is a trifle overlooked. We say that because all the ball players we've talked to lately rank him as the best in either league.

No—his name isn't Bob Feller or Spud Chandler or Tex Hughson. He is a wiry left-hander by the name of Harold Newhouser of the Tigers. Newhouser was the best pitcher in baseball in 1944 when he won 29 games. They threw that one out. A war year.



Newhouser was the best pitcher in baseball last season when he won 25 games and took over the World series. They threw that one out, also. Another war year.

Wait until the big hitters come back, they said last spring—Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Dom DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Bill Dickey, Charlie Keller, all these and many others. So what happens? Newhouser has been winning six times out of seven.

And Newhouser has been winning these games with a third-place ball club—a ball club that without Newhouser would be in fifth place. Newhouser was the best pitcher in baseball in 1944 and 1945. It is our prediction that he also will be the best pitcher in baseball in the current season of 1946.

**It's Newhouser, 9 to 1**

We decided to make a fuller check on Newhouser in his own league. We took a survey from 10 well-known veterans who know their way around. Nine gave us Newhouser, one gave us Bob Feller.

I asked Bill Dickey what he thought about the matter. The Arkansas quail hunter gave us a slow smile. "I'm already in enough trouble," he said, "without getting into another argument. When I came back to baseball this spring, I heard that Newhouser was just another wartime pitcher.

"Our league happens to be well stocked with fine pitchers. I mean Chandler, Hughson, Ferris, Harris, Trucks, Kramer and a few more. But so far I haven't seen a better pitcher than Newhouser. You know how hard it is to win 20 games. Newhouser has won 54 in the last two years. It wouldn't surprise me to see him win 30 or more this year.

"What has he got? About all it takes. A good fast ball. A good curve ball. Good control. A lot of confidence in himself. Determination to win. A good head. Plenty of heart."

Unless something disastrous happens suddenly, it is a pretty safe bet that Hal Newhouser will lead both leagues on the pitching side. It is also a pretty fair bet that he will pass the 25-game mark again and threaten the 30 spot, which few have ever reached.

**Two 40-Game Winners**

So far as so-called modern baseball goes the only 40-game winners I can recall at the moment happen to be Ed Walsh and Jack Chesbro. Among the 30-or-more game winners, we've had Matty, Johnson, Smokey Joe Wood, Dizzy Dean, Grover Alexander, Lefty Grove and possibly one or two others. Only Matty and Alexander have won 30 or more games three times, in the past 40 years. You can let us know if our memory is slipping.

Newhouser has yet to be a 30-game winner. But the willowy Tiger left-hander has the best chance to reach this mark for 1946. He comes so close to being the best pitcher in the game that someone else will need a spur to crowd him back before the stretch run ends in September.

Bob Feller, Spud Chandler and Tex Hughson are all great pitchers. Among the best. But all three will have to put on extra steam to crowd back Newhouser, who has been baseball's best pitcher for three years.

**About the Two Leagues**

Several querulous letters have come in since the all-star game asking what has happened to the veteran circuit.

"Why is it," one asked, "that the American league should come up with most of the top stars—such men as Ted Williams, Charlie Keller, Bob Feller, Newhouser, Chandler and so many others who apparently outclass most of the National league's best men?"

The sad facts—sad for the N. L.—are that the older league this season can match the younger circuit neither in stars, nor in average playing strength. The N. L. has no pitchers to rank with Feller, Newhouser, Chandler, Hughson and others. Outside of Johnny Mize it has no power hitters who can be classed with Williams, Greenberg, Keller, DiMaggio and several more. This is all known before. It would have taken a Carl Hubbell, a Dizzy Dean, a Matty or an Alexander to remove the noise from A. L. bats this season.