

Sportlight

by GRANTLAND RICE

WHETHER it is Eddie Dyer's Cardinals or Leo Durocher's Dodgers who will be called on to meet Joe Cronin's Red Sox this fall, there is one basic idea you can keep in mind—neither National league team is going to surrender in advance.

No other teams in baseball have been so well seasoned under fire from April into the final September stretch.

There has been no resting spot for either club — no loafing time or any recess in the day-by-day battle for the top. Both Cardinals and Dodgers by now should have steel-shod nerves. Stan Musial under the pressure that has kept both teams hustling to the limit in an all summer dog fight that has been one of the best in many years.

Both Cardinals and Dodgers are loaded with dead-game ball players out to give all they have—such men as Pete Reiser, Peeewe Reese, Ed Stankey, Dixie Walker, Stan Musial, Marty Marion, Country Slaughter, Whitey Kurovski, Terry Moore and others from both scrappy camps.

Their batting records show no such power as the Red Sox command. Howie Pollet may be their only 20-game winner. But there is more than enough class on either team to give anyone a battle over the sprint route that a world series calls for. While neither Musial nor Walker has been able to turn on Ted Williams' power, both have been out-hitting the Red Sox star through the greater part of the year.

The averages tell you that. Reiser, in condition, is one of the most valuable ball players baseball can show when you consider his worth at bat, in a pinch, in the field and around the bases.

The averages and the records of the field also prove that Musial is quite likely to out-hit Williams by a rather wide margin; not in the way of home runs, but in league leadership. Musial is one of the finest hitters we've seen in many years. His lifetime average is close to Williams', who has slipped a trifle from .356 to something around .353, which isn't too soggy for several years.

Outside of Musial and Walker, neither Cardinals nor Dodgers has other run-making hitters to match Pesky, Doerr and York, slashing Ted's three aiding musketeers.

Eddie Dyer on Pitching

After all, the pitching can play a star part in any world series, as pitching usually does.

"We were talking with Eddie Dyer, the Cardinal manager, about this section of the world series argument. "In the first place," Dyer said, "the Cardinals haven't yet won the National league pennant this season. The Dodgers are a tough team to catch and shake loose. They don't seem to discourage easily. But if the Cardinals do manage to break in and get a shot at the Red Sox, I have a rather hazy idea our pitching staff can worry them a lot.

"We have some left-handers that Williams and a number of others might not like too well. And if George Mungler can work back to his old form in the next few weeks, we'll have our share of good right-handers to match any staff — and that includes the Red Sox staff."

No one can be sure yet just how good the Red Sox pitching is. There have been too many games where a Red Sox pitcher could dish out a flock of hits and runs, and yet breeze home. We were rather astonished to see that Dave Ferris and Tex Hughson, two Red Sox mainstays, had allowed more hostile hits than any two pitchers in their circuit. Both had been tapped safely well over 200 times, where Spud Chandler had allowed only 151 hits and Hal Newhouse only 173, far below the Ferris-Hughson totals.

The Red Sox have wrecked the American league through a killing margin in runs, base hits and runs batted in. Their stampede has been based on raw power, on attack, not on defense.

Hughson, undoubtedly one of the best pitchers now at work, has had a rather spotty year, being slightly over the .500 mark with a great run-making machine at his back. Ferris has been their star workman, but even the able Ferris has absorbed his share of manhandling more than once.

Red Sox No Cinch Bet

The Red Sox will be favored to win, but anyone who makes them lopsided favorites can be labelled a trifle curious in the cupola. As all around good as the Red Sox are, and they are good enough, up and down the line, they are no invincible, overwhelming force against either of the two fast, game outfits.

The main burden of proof is also on broad Red Sox backs who are expected by too many camp followers to win a four or five game romp.



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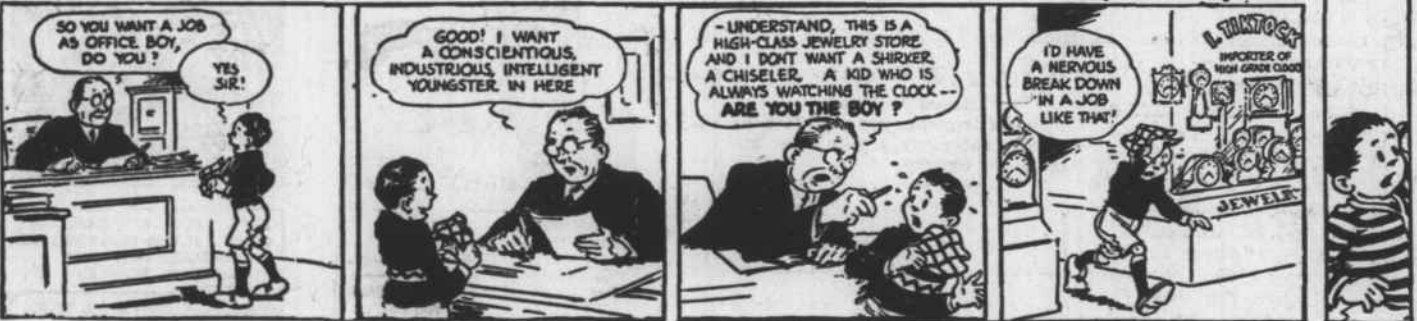
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Peach Tree Borer PDB Control Urged

Pest Biggest Peach Problem in America

By W. J. DRYDEN

Fall is the time to forestall the 1946 peach borer. Material increase in the average productive life of peach trees can be brought about by the effective control of peach tree borers.



Masses of gum mixed with sawdust-like refuse at or near the base of the trees reveal the presence of infestations. The injury may extend about a foot above or below the ground line.

Best control is obtained by applying powdered crystalline paradichloro-benzene (PDB) to the ground in a ring around the tree as shown in the illustration. The ring should be mounded with three to five spadefuls of earth.

The amount of PDB to be used will depend upon the age of the tree. For trees 1 year old, use 1/4 ounce; 2 years old, 1/2 ounce; 3 to 5 years old, 3/4 ounce, and for older trees, from 1 to 2 ounces.

Know Your Breed Jerseys



Originating in the Island of Jersey, the Jersey breed of dairy cattle first was imported into the United States about 1850.

Jerseys are said to be more evenly distributed in the United States than any other breed. They possess to a great degree those qualities ideal for dairy types. Alert, clean-cut, angular and refined in conformation they still have large barrels.

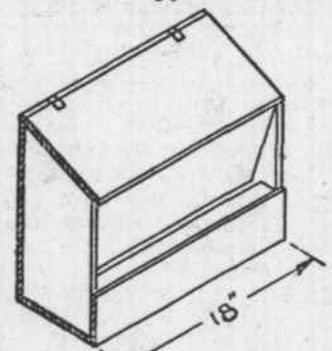
Their milk test is right and cost of butterfat production is low. Average butterfat content is 5.35 per cent, highest of all breeds.

Fall Versus Spring Fertilized Pastures

It is becoming increasingly evident from tests at New Jersey station and other states that except on very sandy soils fertilizers containing nitrogen for grassland and pasture sods, may be applied in late summer or early fall.

Fertilizers containing phosphoric acid and potash only, such as the mixtures usually recommended for alfalfa and Ladino clover fields, can be even more efficiently applied in the fall than in the spring.

Mineral Hopper for Hens



Laying hens and growing chicks need a constant supply of calcium in form of oyster shell or limestone. This hopper may be hung on the wall of the chicken house.

Conquering Flax Wilt By Resistant Strains

During the early 20th century the flax industry was faced with a serious problem. Flax-sickness" was making the industry unprofitable. It was found that "flax-sickness" was the result of a flax disease called wilt. This wilt fungus was introduced into the new soil when cropped to flax, where it lived and multiplied ready to attack later flax crops. The remedy was the introduction of new wilt-resistant varieties of flax.

Double-Cross Corn Not Fit for Reproduction

All plants in a field of corn planted with hybrid seed of a given strain are related—first cousins. The seed coming from such a field is definitely inbred and should not be saved for seed, points out the USDA. Reduction in vigor and grain yield is always the result of inbreeding in corn. The alternative is to plant each year the freshly crossed seed of tested strains of hybrid corn.

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