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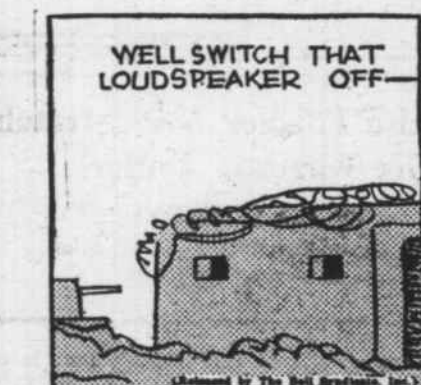
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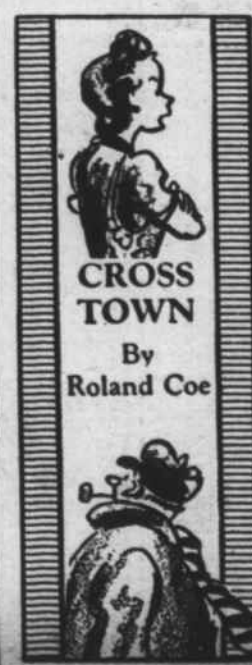
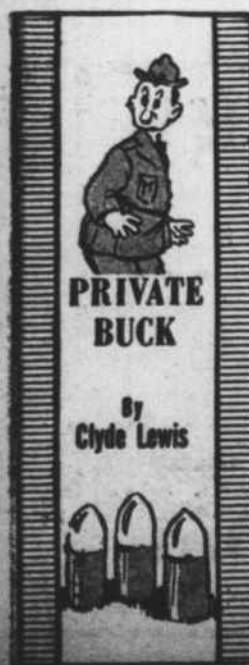


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RAISING KANE—Tear Jerker



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PRIVATE BUCK

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CROSS TOWN

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"Since you shifts me to watcha da Italiano prisoners, Sarge, I spika da good english again!"

"Sure, there're holes in it. But I gotta carry it anyway--it belonged to my wife's grandfather!"



SNUFFY Stirrweiss, the bounding Yankee second baseman, rates double ranking as a combination baseball and football star. Snuffy at North Carolina university was the tar heel ace from the Bronx, one of the best backs that ever galloped and threw passes for Carolina glory. Now he has proved to be one of the best young ball players that Joe McCarthy ever handled, especially on offense where he is a run-a-way cheta h around the bases and better than .300 at the plate.



Grantland Rice

The Stirrweiss claim to double fame brought up an old argument recently that began with this question—

"Who was the best combination football and baseball player in the history of the big leagues?"

There are more than a few who belong in this contest. First of all, there was Christy Mathewson, Bucknell's star back and the Giants' greatest right-hander. A trifle later on we had Big Orvie Overall of California and the Cubs, Eddie Collins was a fine Columbia quarterback before he became one of the top second basemen of all time.

Certainly no one could rake up a list along these lines and leave off Frank Frisch, the 145-pound Fordham flash and one of the best ball players of his or any other time. We can offer you another in the person of Spud Chandler, Georgia's star kicking and running back and the Yankees' 1943 ace.

Lou Gehrig was another Columbia football star, whose fine gridiron record was overshadowed by his baseball fame. And no one can overlook Mickey Cochrane, a triple-threat performer of high merit at Boston university and one of the three best catchers I've ever seen. Cochrane was All-America calibre in every way.

And there was Jim Thorpe, only a fair big leaguer, but football's finest back, and Ernie Nevers of Stanford and the Browns who was as good a back as any coach could ask for.

The Hot Parade

There must have been a few others, but even this collection shows the hot parade Stirrweiss has joined — Mathewson, Overall, Collins, Frisch, Chandler, Cochrane, Gehrig, Thorpe and Nevers.

But the main question still remains unsettled—"If 100 points were awarded for baseball skill and the same for football ability, who would finish on top?"

Mathewson, Gehrig, Cochrane, Frisch and Chandler head the baseball list. Thorpe and Nevers were the two leading football players from the group. In the combined ranking we find Frisch, Chandler, Stirrweiss, Cochrane and Overall well up the ladder.

My guess is that for combined ability in both games Frisch wouldn't be too far away from the main gate. But he would be well pressed by Overall, Chandler and Cochrane who were also high up in both branches of the football-baseball tree.

Nelson's Swing

Byron Nelson, the Texas whiz, has already cracked all past money and bond-winning records for competitive golf. Before the year is out he is sure to pass the \$50,000 mark, which is a Mt. Everest altitude in the ancient and honorable pastime of pasting the pill.

Slightly changing an old query—"Upon what swing doth this, our Nelson bank, that he has become so great?"

In pursuit of this information we called upon Al Ciuci, pro at the Fresh Meadow Country Club, and one of the best instructors and smartest observers of them all. He knows most of the answers. Here is Al's angle on Nelson—

"In my opinion the success of Byron Nelson is due to his sound golf swing. Just what does this mean? It means for a starter that he has firm, uncocked hands and wrists at the top of his backswing. This gives him a closed face. He has a solid strong right leg bearing his weight, and what is more important—a restricted pivot on his backswing.

"His head is at all times back of the ball, which accounts for his body being back of the sphere until the hit and his hands move on to complete a smooth follow through. With this type of swing he can rarely push the ball off line. If any error occurs, he will hook.

Like Douglas Edgar

"Nelson's backswing reminds me of Douglas Edgar, whom you remember well. In my opinion Edgar was the finest iron player of all time. He was a great instructor as well as a fine player and he started a system of club swinging that came along to Nelson many years later on.

"Don't forget also that Nelson is a determined competitor who is usually able to concentrate fully all the way through a tournament. This is just as important as a correct swing."

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If you have any doubts about the shortage of new passenger car tires, a recent statement by a government agency that knows the situation should clear your mind. It points out that less than one new tire for each car on the road will be produced in 1944, even if the industry is able to achieve the goal of 22 million passenger car tires.

The cure is imperative now, particularly with users of truck and bus casings. Stocks are low, and it is estimated that during the latter part of the year there will be a shortage of 25,000 tires a month to meet replacement requirements on vehicles using tires of the 8.25 size and over.

Joseph Shaw

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