

# MUCH MYSTERY IN BABE RUTH'S LIFE WITHIN HIS FAMILY

Conflicting Stories Told Of Birth Of Child, Adopted Story Later.

New York World.

Nearly ten years ago a piquant faced, blue-eyed woman with a flowered, wide brimmed hat, was first photographed as the wife of Babe Ruth. In the reflected glory of her home run slugging husband, Helen Woodford Ruth was generally snapped by camera men. She was shown clapping her hands at the Polo Grounds, applying arnica to a sprained hand of the diamond king, and holding the bat the Babe used to smash the ball.

But of news reports concerning their relationship there were few, and these surprising fragmentary.

It is not known when they were married or where. When Dorothy Helen appeared in published photographs as their daughter, both the Babe and his wife gave conflicting reports of her birth. Later conflicting reports of her birth later adopted.

These threads of mystery, uncertainty, and rumor wind throughout the years to the present. In 1920, Mrs. Ruth told newspaper men she and the Babe had been married "six years." She said she was sixteen when she married him. This would have placed her present age at thirty-one.

Told Of Four Children.

In an interview nine years ago Mrs. Ruth said they had four children, all of whom had died. She went on to describe the happiness of their domestic life, how the Babe came home after the ball game and ate the dinner she prepared.

"I guess the bloom is still on the rose for us," she said.

In 1922 the photographers snapped a newcomer to the Ruth household. Dorothy Helen was introduced as a daughter, sixteen months old. Ruth said she had been born in the Presbyterian hospital on Feb. 2, 1921. Mrs. Ruth said the baby had been born June 7, 1921, at St. Vincent's hospital. Subsequent developments seemed to show Dorothy Helen had been adopted.

That same year fugitive reports

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executors of the will of T. H. Bridges, late of Cleveland county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of December, 1929, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment.

JOHN L. BRIDGES,  
GEO. O. BRIDGES, Executors of T. H. Bridges, Dec'd.

of an impending separation were denied by Mrs. Ruth at the Hotel Ansonia where they were then living. Injured when her automobile skidded and hit a tree in October, she was taken to Pelham hospital. The Babe visited her.

Secrecy Kept At Hospital.

When, one month later, Mrs. Ruth was receiving treatment at St. Vincent's hospital, attempts to learn the date of her arrival and the cause of her presence there were met with the statement by the nurse that she had been ordered to maintain secrecy.

In 1923 reports of domestic disorder persisted. Mrs. Ruth, however, was at the station on Feb. 16 to kiss the Babe good-bye when he left for spring training in Florida. Dorothy Helen underwent an operation in November, and the Ruths were together at the bedside in the Stern Sanitarium.

The following year the Babe took Dorothy Helen with him on his Southern training trip, unaccompanied by his wife.

Ruth on April 16, 1925, was taken to St. Vincent's hospital for an operation. A few days later his wife was admitted to the institution, suffering from a nervous breakdown. It was explained she had collapsed from worrying over her husband's condition.

Rupture Came In 1925.

Contrary to custom, Mrs. Ruth failed to accompany her husband when the Yankees left on a Western swing in the summer of 1925.

The domestic picture was further ruffled when Dolores, a Long Island girl, sued the Babe for \$50,000 as the father of her baby. Later the girl's lawyer withdrew from the case and the suit failed.

It was brought out at this time that Mrs. Ruth had been a cashier in a Boston restaurant before her marriage. She had waited on the Babe and he had fallen in love with her.

In August of 1925 Miller Huggins, the Yankee pilot, fined the Babe \$5,000 and suspended him "for general misconduct" in St. Louis. Mrs. Ruth received the news at the Concourse Plaza hotel. The same night she left in her automobile for an unannounced destination. Dorothy Helen was in the care of friends at the time on Ruth's farm at Sudbury home in his wife's name. It was then reported.

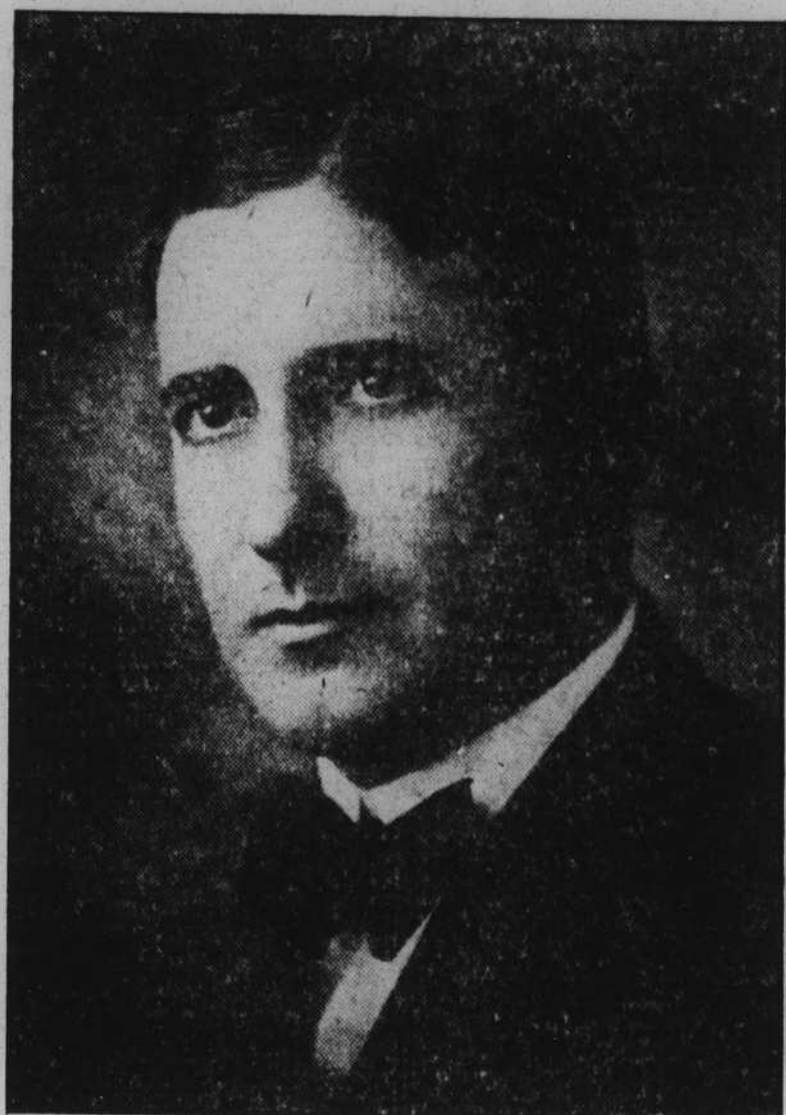
Forgotten By The Public.

It appears that with the disappearance of Mrs. Ruth the night her husband was banished from baseball, she had steadily sunk into obscurity. No photographs were published of the piquant faced "Hon" holding Dorothy Helen or her lap under the admiring gaze of the slugger. In 1929 there was an item that she was ill with influenza at St. Vincent's hospital.

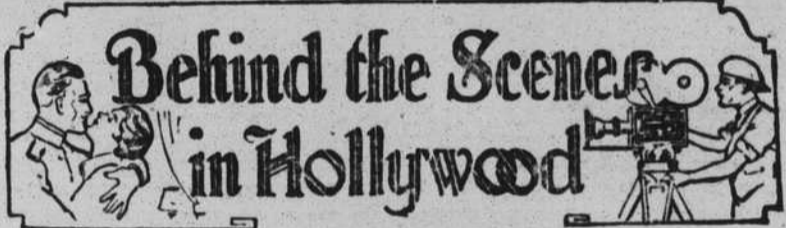
The Babe was a frequent visitor at the bedside. Nevertheless, reports would not down that the Ruths had separated.

Her association with Dr. Kinder in the past three years had never been made known.

# Starts Bootleg Drive



County Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner (above) yesterday started a drive here against the sale of extracts as an intoxicating beverage, and against prohibition law violations by issuing subpoenas for 50 witnesses to appear before a court of inquiry here next Wednesday at which time they will be questioned about liquor law violations.



By DOROTHY HERZOG  
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(Foreword—The boss took the day off so I'm slipping Minniehokus' communication! That strolling Juliet must be suffering from galloping dyspepsia if the manner in which she slings the ungrammatical tomahawk can be taken as a criterion.)  
New York, N.Y.



HOW!  
Go visit you Hollywood. Landlady say: "She gone. She owe rent. Mebbe no come back." You in plenty wrong. Bime by see you jail.

Bebe Daniels have luncheon Montmartre. Ben Lyon put on waiter clothes. Serve guests. Everybody ha ha. One guest no savvy. Ben grab cake away. She tear him with look. Say: "No been served." Ben grin. Then she savvy who he is. Plenty ha ha.

Bebe and Ben goin' together. Ben beaucoup fun. Beaucoup furrin lingo. Mean much. Doan think Bebe serious. Ben not. One time Ben love Marilyn Miller. Big love. All over. Sometimes brave got only one love in system. Ben young. Bime by mebbe have big love two.

Buys Stable

Hear yummy yum. Hear Mae West meet George Walsh. Hear "Diamond Lil" buy Georgie horse stable Long Island. That make him swell bit and pull stepper.

Heap sorry Fred Thomson die. Fred swell brave. No play round. No smoke. No drink. Mind own biz. Leave million dollar Fred, Jr. Leave one dollar to squaw. She Frances Marion. Fred Young. Have big idea talky fillum. Much friend to Gene Tunney. Hear he and Tunney mebbe do something fillums together. Now Fred gone. Mebbe squaw sell wig-wam. Cost plenty. Cost thousand or two run every week. Frances make lotta dough. Three thousand come end every week. Mebbe live small house now. Only she and papoose.

AH Maist.

You see Davy Lee pass on. You wrong. Davy much alive. Have flu. Get over it. Davy make fillums Warners. No stop. Mebbe play Al Jolson in "Mammy." Al find him. Al love. Give Davy swell Christmas present. No remember.

Lillian Gish here. She still fillum Duse. She come train one morin' nine o'clock. Mary Pickford meet her station. Max Reinhardt come too. Direct Duse in fillum. Mary good friend Lillian. Like celeb too. Mary no fool. No let celeb slip through digit.

Mary swell. Big regular her family. Lottie Pickford no like Mary. Lottie hittum pace. Go in for giggle water. Like whoopee. Team with Jack Daugherty. He grace. One time marry Barbara LaMarr. She get divorce. One time marry Virginia Brown Faire. She get divorce. Bime by mebbe marry three time. Like vaccination. Sometime take. Sometime nope.

The White Horse  
Catchum cold. See Tom Mix. Say: "Tom, feel bad." Tom say: "Minniehokus, you need horseback." Tom gave me horse. Go ride Beverly Hill bridle path. Meet Hobart Bosworth. He ride swell. Sit straight in saddle. Like arrow. Have white horse. Wear eye shade. Hobart, not horse.

Many year ago, doctor tell Hobart he sick brave. Say mebbe he no live many moons. Hobart take it on chin. He buy horse. He ride long hour in afternoon. He take good care himself. Bime by feel swell. See doctor. Doctor open eye wide. Say Hobart well. He still ride. Every afternoon. Marry beyutiful squaw. She young. They heap happy.

Kidding Along  
Jack Gilbert got new gag. Jack and Gus Edwards make lopsided French lingo. Go visit Lily Damita. She work M. G. M. lot now. They speak Lily listen. No savvy their French. Her eye dance. She come back. Speak lopsided U. S. lingo. All body laugh plenty. Lily whoopee papoose. Got plenty "it." Like to make laugh. Give freshies cold shoulder.

Well, gotta run. Keep date big gasoline brave. Mebbe get Hispania Squeezer. Mebbe. Slons.

# Mellon Tells Why He Objects To Big Prohibition Fund

Additional Money Can Be Used To Other Departments Allied With Prohibition.

Washington.—Secretary Mellon's objections to the proposal to make an additional \$25,000,000 immediately available for prohibition enforcement are based on his opinion that it would "result in the extravagant use of public funds" unless the money could be allocated to specific uses.

His disapproval of the proposal, put forth by Senator Harris of Georgia is detailed in a letter to Chairman Warren of the senate appropriations committee.

"The problem of prohibition enforcement has many ramifications and its successful solution depends not only on ample appropriations for the bureau of prohibition put on the activities and situation of other departments and bureaus of the government," the secretary wrote. "For instance," he wrote, "one of the major difficulties encountered in making the prohibition laws truly effective is the congestion in the United States courts occasioned in large part by numerous pending prohibition cases. It would seem desirable, therefore, if congress deems it advisable, to appropriate an additional sum of \$25,000,000 for this general purpose, that some consideration should be given to whether a part of this sum at least should not be allocated to the department of justice.

"The problem of smuggling is an important one. Its prevention is largely dependent, in so far as our sea coast is concerned, on the adequacy of the fleet maintained by the coast guard and in part on adequate customs force at our various ports; and in so far as our land borders are concerned, on an effective patrol of the borders.

"In so far as the bureau of prohibition funds could be advantageously used at the present time in increased investigational activities and in a well-considered educational program. Looking to the future, it will no doubt be advantageous to provide additional funds for increased border patrol of the customs service and an increased equipment for the coast guard."

ATLANTIC CITY, MD., IS FINE RESORT—FOR FISH

Baltimore.—"Atlantic City, Md." has been discovered. After fishing around for several months post office inspectors found it, a four-mile strip of sand, several feet under high tide, about seven miles below Ocean City, Md. It is more appropriately known as "waters."

The stimulus that led to the search came from inquiries received from people all over the country who had bought ocean front lots at the resort. The most persistent was Mrs. Mary Dodzek of Schuylker, Okla., who said she had been paying taxes on her lot since 1917. As to dreams of palatial hotels and gay piers, they were dispelled when the inspectors failed to find a house within several miles of the place. At low tide the land might be seen peeping through the water.

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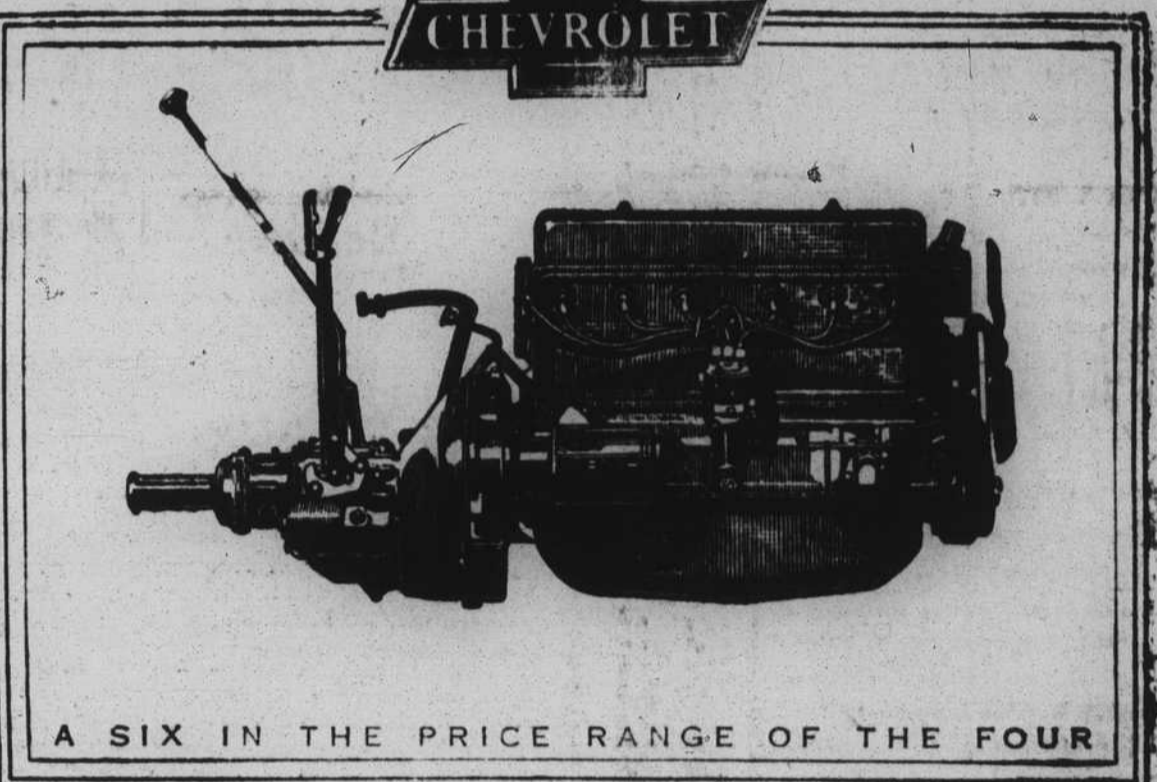
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