

Bill Gail Risks Life to Save Boy

Heroic attempts of a local boy to save the life of a drowning child and his subsequent disappointment make up the letter which Bill Gail, 31, wrote this week in a column. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gail of Detroit, former Birmingham residents.

Bill, who has been prominent in musical circles in Birmingham for several years, described in exciting detail his rescue of a colored boy last week, only to find his attempts fruitless. Bill, whose right leg was amputated five years ago following an automobile accident, has been spending the summer months as an orchestra leader on board a boat running between Chicago, Duluth, and Georgian Bay.

Bill, who dated his letter from Mackinac Island, writes as follows: "At first, it looked like I was just having some fun swimming, but after a few seconds he was able to get his mouth open and call for help.

"When I got to the spot I called to the people on the dock and asked if that was the place and they said it was just a little farther, so I swam about three more yards and dove. I went down about six feet and down farther over to the right. I could see something dark. So I came up and got a good breath of air and dove down.

"It was pretty deep there, as it was in the lake where the boats come in—I think about 15 feet. I dove and came down right above him. He was lying face down and I grabbed one of his shoulder straps with my left hand and pulled up. He came very easily and then as we started up I kind of got under him and pushed.

"As I neared the surface," the letter continues, "I had a little difficulty in getting him up, but I did. On top, I could keep his head above water and just at that time a swimmer came up and gave the boy to him and told him I couldn't keep his head up. The coast guard arrived in a little while right away and immediately began giving artificial respiration and then the motor launch came out and towed us in."

The artificial respiration which the coast guard began administering was to no avail Bill pointed out. He ventured the opinion that, inasmuch as death occurred so quickly, it was due to a heart attack.

Inside Illustration  
Critic—'I believe an artist should paint only what is in him. Dauber—But my dear fellow, would you have us all doing colored medical charts?'

Nelson's Golf So Perfect It Becomes Monotonous

BY IRVING DIX  
A YEAR ago it was long Ralph Guidahl who was practically unbeatable.

Samuel Jackson Snead appeared to be the man who would succeed him when he bogged down.

But here is Byron Nelson, undisputedly the world's No. 1 golfer.

Tommy Armour, paired with Nelson, says the final rounds of the Western Open were the most monotonous he ever experienced.

That is the silver Scott's way of praising the United States Open champion whose game was that mechanically perfect as he came from behind over Chicago's Medinah Country Club's No. 3 course to bag his fifth tournament of the year.

While Nelson will do until a more formidable exponent of the Royal and Ancient comes along, he says there never was a perfect golfer.

Nelson in swaying as one of his own faults, yet asserts that no swing can be made without a slight lateral hip shift.

Due to lack of height, Paul Runyan has to sway to lengthen his arc.

NELSON points out that the immortal Robert Tyre Jones frequently loosened the grip of his left hand at the top of the backswing, something any teacher would immediately correct.

The Open titleholder lists unusual practices which could be listed as faults in the games of like luminaries.

Alf Perry, former British Open champion, holds the club with the right hand under the shaft, which causes him to gouse huge divots, but overcomes the fault with the tremendous power of his arms.

Harold McGolden often falls to shift the weight back to the left foot.

For Tom Smith, continually works to improve a weak left side.

"Seldom," explains Nelson, "does Horton bend the left knee. He bends it straight out. . . leaving too much weight on the left leg."

Ralph Guidahl picks up the club too quickly. Billy Burke has little wrist action. . . derives his power from his arms and shoulders.

Sam Snead must pivot until the club has passed the horizontal position in the backswing before the Virginian feels that he is hitting the tee shots properly. If some golfers took the club back as far as he does they would be overwinging.

Ben Hogan has a little hitch as the club starts down.

HARRY COOPER can't hit the ball properly unless he takes the club back with the face square to the line. Lighthouse Harry can't roll the wrists back.



Byron Nelson and artillery.

Nelson holds that a good golfer can change his entire swing and still be a top-flight performer. Arthritis in his left forearm forced Henry Picard to switch from the overlapping to the interlocking grip.

Picard put his left thumb behind his right hand to ease the strain on the nerve running up the arm from the thumb.

Despite this change after he established himself as one of the greats, the Chocolate Soldier remained as capable as ever as he more recently demonstrated in repelling Nelson at the 37th in the P. G. A. final.

Nelson prefers to play a golfer who is straight down the fairway with every shot rather than a scambler, or one who ever-luttering is plotting nitches and sinking long putts, as do Smith, Ruypan, Johnny Revolta, Ernest J. Harrison and W. Lawson Little.

He considers Dutch Harrison one of the finest putters in the game.

He insists that when he had Harrison nine down with nine in play in the P. G. A., he still wasn't sure he had the match sewed up.

"Ten-foot putts were gimmes for Harrison," he smiles.



New Philippine Commission

Named by President Roosevelt to succeed Paul V. McNutt as U. S. high commissioner to the Philippines is Francis B. Sayre, above, assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

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S'mythology

By A. LAURENCE SMITH  
Women and War Paint  
Sally Rand and her fan have evidently had their influence on feminine fashions.

News from Paris concerning painted knees would indicate that women are returning to the aboriginal Amerind costume of a lot of war paint and a few feathers.

It Can't Be Done!  
A farmer, by the way from Milk River, Alberta, reported that his little community levies no municipal taxes on houses or other improvements.

nor on merchandise, machinery, money or credits; that the town not only has no debt, but that it has sufficient cash to run another year without further collections.

Milk River has abolished local taxes, in spite of the opinion of those who know "it can't be done." Taxes can be abolished anywhere, everywhere, when taxpayers make up their minds to no longer stand for tax robbers.

Milk River simply collects ground rent, which is recognized as the publicly created and owned income from public wealth. The moral is, don't speculate in real estate—it may happen here.

Old Time Religion?  
Again we are told that "We must return to the old-time religion. Christianity as practiced thousands of years ago." Such statements are so vague that I always wish these "old-time" enthusiasts would mention definite dates.

And they always confuse religion and Christianity, which doesn't go back "thousands of years." It is difficult to understand why they should be interested in the past centuries of the Christian era, with slavery prevalent in the whole period.

The Crusades, with 200 years of arson, murder, rape and war; the Borgias; new Christians; and the Spanish Inquisition, the persecution of the Pilgrims, Huguenots and Quakers, our own witch-burnings, are all products of "old-time religion." These things are to be turned to any of these periods. The old-timers will do well to remember Lot's wife and look forward to the practice of real Christianity instead of back to the vicious practices of religious fervor.

Spreading a Smoke Screen  
The only thing that can "destroy labor" is the blind following of blind leaders, leaders who lead to continuous and costly wars. In his attack on Little Jack Garner, John L. Lewis was only spreading a smoke screen to cover his own deficiencies.

The Perfect Understanding  
Homer Martin and John L. Lewis understand each other perfectly. Here is what Martin says about the Lewis "leadership." "We know full well that the automobile workers of the country are sick of trucking picket lines. They are sick of constant bickering, hating and striking."

They want to work in peace and security under fair conditions from management." Martin's statement leads me to be the bell-crow and lead the strike wars." It isn't so long ago that he was the leader, and it isn't necessary to refresh the memory of the oldest inhabitant to find records of his five strikes pulled by Mr. Martin.

Inside the White House  
So many men have paid so much more than \$100.00 to see the inside of the White House, and without seeing it, that there is no reason for Secret Service alarm over the fact that some Washington slicker keeps off the W. P. A. rolls through the sale of admission tickets to tourists. His enterprise should be rewarded by a grateful public.

Rights and Privileges  
The Duke of Windsor takes on the whole attitude in protesting against the sightseers on "unhatched boats" who wish to see him in his Purple bathing in his private pool. The public pays a lot of money to support the Windsor in idleness, and the Duke has an obligation to make some return. About the extreme littleness of doing something to permit people to look at him through a speglass.

Honest When Forced  
Common honesty has at last been discovered in Washington, not rampantly, to be sure, and it has taken six years to develop, but there it is. We agreed to pay Panama \$250,000 annually, in gold, for the use of the Canal Zone, but tried to pay Panama in 1934 and six credit vouchers with New Deal dollars, which Panama refused. Now it has been agreed to pay with \$20,000 of the new dollars, equivalent to the Panamanian balboa. The home folks must still take what they can get.

Sauce for the Gander  
How can Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morganthau, Jr., justify an export bounty on our cotton, and at the same time the levying of penalties on German and Japanese imports on which "those countries pay export bounties?" Such contradictory attitudes not only do not encourage world peace, but they do lend support to the following opinion of the late Prof. Thorold Eggers, Oxford: "I believe that the principal strength of communism, the danger of which is menacing all society, is in the badness or unwisdom of our government, in maintenance of unfair and irritating privileges, and the use of the force of legislation in

order to confer exceptional advantages on certain classes."

A Divided Country  
There's danger for us in the trips that Postmaster-General Farley and National Committee Chairman Hamilton are making to Europe on the same ship. It looks like a frame-up, and upon their return we will probably learn that the Democrats and Republicans have made a friendly agreement to divide the country between them; with each party to pursue its own rackets in its own territory in its own way, without interference from the other.

Judgment  
"A Daniel come to judgment." The Supreme Court of Alabama ruled against the wife who asked for a divorce because her husband spanked her during a row that started about a widow living across the street. The "humat" rights of husbands should be protected.

A Patriotic Purloiner  
Solicitor (pleading for shoplifter)—You must not fail to observe, your worship, that spark of patriotism within her heart which would lead her to save Empire by stealing only British goods.

BASEBALL TODAY  
GATE-CRASH AT BALL GAMES GET MANY A BRUISE.  
BUT RAILROAD GATE-CRASHES SET HEADLINES IN NEWS?

- THE ANSWERS  
(Answers to questions on page 3)
1. Estimate, 32,052,000.
  2. About 9,000 miles.
  3. \$4,550,000,000 in the fiscal year, 1936.
  4. 2,130 from June 1, 1925, until he retired in May, 1929.
  5. About one gallon a mile; 3,550 gallons a crossing.
  6. Dr. Dufae says, "No."
  7. Edward Thomas Taylor, of Colorado, 81.
  8. About \$12,000,000,000.
  9. Japan sells 80 per cent of her exports to the U. S., Great Britain and France, and buys 85 per cent of her imported war materials from those nations.
  10. Best estimates are that Germany has 1,200,000 men in active service.

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