

Babe Ruth Better Off Than Ted

Some one some day may break Babe Ruth's home run record. But no ball player today has his buying power.

Hold your horses, you say; Babe got 80,000 \$'s, but Ted Williams is rated at a hundred grand. Where does that leave Babe?

Way ahead; Babe socked 'em mostly for himself, but Ted works for Uncle most of the time. Babe paid 11,000 \$'s income tax, and kept 69,000 \$'s. But the tax on 100,000 \$'s (for a single man) is 67,320 \$'s, which leaves 32,680 \$'s. That leaves Babe twice as much as Ted.

BUT THAT ISN'T ALL. The money Babe got was real; but look at what in-

flation has done to money today. What will it buy?

Comparing the purchasing power of the two kinds of dough, 32,680 \$'s are worth only about 20,000 of Babe's \$'s.

Matter of fact, a ball player today would have to get a million a year to leave him, after taxes and inflation, as much buying power as Babe had when he was the Sultan of Swat.

Sounds impossible, but that's what T. Coleman Andrews says; and he was top dog of the Internal Revenue Service, and knows how to figure.

We all are in the same sort of squeeze, between taxes and phony money. How long are we going to let these leeches suck our blood?



NATURE NOW

Observe Nature On Your Vacation

Many of you who read these lines are planning a family vacation in the "water wonderland" of our own Michigan.

With a little help and encouragement, you can open up yourselves, a new world of interest and enjoyment. Be alerted to the sights and sounds and smells which surround you. Check your "unknowns" with suitable reference material. If you do not already own such books, your librarian can suggest suitable ones.

The "Golden Nature Guide Series" edited by Dr. Herbert Zinn which includes Birds, Flowers, Insects, Trees and Stars, are excellent and inexpensive field guides. If you wish to invest in a single volume "The Golden Treasury of Natural History" edited by Bertha Parker is a good selection.

IF YOU ARE a beginner, you will be surprised to find how satisfying it is to recognize even a few of the plants and animals which will be your companions. Your adventures can be as soon as you turn your ear Northward.

By July the pageant of wild flower bloom will have moved from the shaded forest to the sunny roadsides and meadows. Such common wayside plants as oxeye daisy, orange hawkweed, cheery daisy, round purple violet, turk's cap and bell-shaped black-eyed Susan, Queen Anne's lace, mullein and milkweed will be among the tall grasses of the meadows.

Trees are the most imposing feature of our Michigan landscape. You will enjoy knowing the characteristics of our two great groups, the deciduous and broadleaf varieties and the evergreens or conifers.

If you are driving North through the central part of the State, you will notice the latter gradually. Beyond Gaylord the beech-maple hardwoods dominate the landscape.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Cleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

50 YEARS AGO
July 12, 1907
"A. G. Holt's patent axle for vehicles is furnished by Pontiac Spring & Wagon Works, and Penn Weston is a loud proclaimer for its virtues. Penn has run miles with one greasing and earnestly avers that it is only necessary to oil his wagon three times a year. This is most remarkable, but all users should see Penn and hear how great this Pontiac invention is. It ought to interest every wagon or buggy driver."

"Old age benefits to farmers on reaching the age of 70 years, if promised in their certificates of membership in the Knights of the Modern Maccabees, may be collected according to a decision of the supreme court."

"One of the days we remember with pleasure, as well as with profit to our health, is the one on which we became acquainted with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the painless purifiers that cure headaches and biliousness and keep the bowels right. 25c at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores."

30 YEARS AGO
July 14, 1907
"Oakland County today stands seventeenth among Michigan counties in sheep raising, according to a report recently made by V. A. Freeman, extension worker of the Department of Animal Husbandry of the Michigan State College. The total sheep registered on Jan. 1 was 25,190."

"Announcement is made today of the winners in the Better Homes contest under the auspices of the Detroit-Pontiac Homes company. The capital prize was awarded to

ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Jack and Harriet Maynard are home in Birmingham after their eight-week tour of Europe. They went over so Jack could attend the Rotary International convention in Lucerne, Switzerland. En route they saw England and France. Their post-convention tour took them by bus, plane and train into Germany, the Low Countries, and Scandinavia.

In Helsinki, Finland, their plane arrived two hours after Russian Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev got into the town on their "goodwill tour".

"Hardly a cheer from the thousands who lined the streets to see them parade," Maynard said. "The crowds merely were curious."

Local woman walked into Birmingham police headquarters the other day. She pulled out a dollar, placed it atop an overtime parking ticket, and handed both to the desk sergeant.

"Just one more payment and that meter is mine!" she told the officer.

There are ten different types of zoning classification in the present ordinance. Four are residential in nature—one single family zone, a two-family, a terrace, and a multiple family. Three business zones—A, B, and C. Two types of parking districts. Finally an industrial zone.

The new ordinance would establish three kinds of single family zones. We'd still have two-family and terrace zones. The multiple family would have two types.

The parking districts would be consolidated.

Business A (light retail) would become Business 2. Business B (heavy retail) would change to Business 3, with some of

the heaviest retail uses (such as warehousing, contractor's storage, nurseries) being set up as Business 4.

WHAT NOW IS BUSINESS C (offices-professional) would become Business 1. A total of 13 different zones.

Which is by way of a long introduction to this situation?

Birmingham City Planner Herbert Herzberg and the seven members of the city plan board are about ready to wind up better than a year and a half of intensive study and meetings, on a proposed revision of the city's zoning ordinance.

Should the plan board recommend a separate zoning classification for certain less desirable service-type businesses, or should it put them in the same class as light retail?

THE B-1 ZONE will be used as the "transition" between business and residential. But would large numbers of residents object to having a dance or music studio next to them? Especially in the summertime when windows were opened?

How about banks and their new drive-in services? What about employment offices? Or funeral homes? Private clubs? Theaters?

Do any or all of these have features (such as large numbers of people or need for large parking areas) that the coming and going of people or cars would be undesirable next to a residential neighborhood?

Or is it immaterial?

If you have any opinion, now is the time to communicate it to Herzberg, the city plan board, or the city commission. Formal hearings will be coming up in a few weeks.

Reuther Bound to Lead Masses

Just as surely as day follows night, we are convinced that the powers of federal, and most state, governments will be dominated by a few leaders in the American labor movement. Spear-heading it will be Walter P. Reuther and his clique of close associates, each of whom follows Reuther's philosophy of "hate capitalism and don't trust its custodians".

Reuther is as certain to become one of the leaders of American masses as is the fact that the masses, and the so-called "classes", allow "loud and raucous voices" to direct their paths; the masses by passive following, the classes by failure to assert defensive leadership in the cause of proven economic, political and social laws and truths.

HISTORY AGAIN AND AGAIN

proves that it is easier to gain a great following by preaching the doctrine of hate and distrust, than by preaching the doctrine of love, self-discipline, self-reliance, self-education, and kindred qualities.

To be sure, a leader who gets to the top by the negative doctrine is destined to fall, and somewhat quickly. However, he does get to the top, and while getting and briefly remaining there, can work great harm to the cause of human freedom.

Often, too, such leaders may believe themselves to be motivated by self-deluded convictions of martyrdom, of assumed desire to help their fellow-creatures. Freedom, indeed, is a precariously held value . . . and most people easily lose it.

From The Eccentric's Point of View . . .

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., grandson of the chap who made his name as a household word in America, pleads poverty (in a way) and wants some money from a fund he some time ago set aside for alimony payments to his fifth wife. His granddaddy had a way with expensive horses . . . and the third generation spends his dough on women.

Uncle Sam. One among several reasons: The U.S. has too much to say about Canadian economy, because U.S. citizens have too much money in some of Canada's industries, and therefore too much control. We do not view with alarm this current situation . . . basically, Canada and U.S. citizens respect and hold more than average international affection for one another.

A Russian scientist claims that extra large doses of plain, old-fashioned sleep will take years off a person's life. He recommends it for all people who are susceptible to premature aging, especially. If you are troubled with insomnia, he'll give you a sleeping pill. Adding it all up, his idea is not new: for while one is asleep one's mind and body both are at rest—with no consciousness of one's own or the world's problems to bother about, youth stands off the sculpture of Father Time. Shaded of Ponce de Leon! here was the fabled Fountain of Youth all the time!

Indeed, "big time politics" can be a dirty business. You observe that Michigan's Governor and Detroit's Mayor recently publicly called each other "liars," or words that add up to prevarication. What a demeaning example to hold up for all to see and hear!

To the many young people who are attending schools and colleges, we call attention to the necessity of regarding their training as a mere starting point in the search for truth. When every graduate shall leave school with the clear understanding that what he has learned is nothing more than the base of education, we may conclude that our teaching is amounting to something.

Canada's commonwealth government recently changed from liberal to conservative. Reports since say that the new Ottawa government will be less friendly to

So They Say . . .

Biography of a four-time widow: She first married a millionaire, then an actor, then a preacher and then an undertaker. One for the money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go. —Skyscraper, U.S. Naval Air Station, New York.

Now Milwaukee has a talking dog with a vocabulary of three words. As in the case of cats recently, our advice to him is to stop right there—rather than increase the possible area of misunderstanding.—Christian Science Monitor.

Lyndon B. Johnson, Senate majority leader: "A world wearied of war and crises is desperately yearning for peace."

We read in the "Business Bulletin" columns that a new toy cow moos and can actually be milked. Probably it's just a taxpayer.—Wall Street Journal.

History repeats itself, as everybody knows. But what some people are wondering is why it has to repeat itself so fast.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

All the modern hairdo needs to look like the original is a piece of shimbone thrust through it.—Richmond News-Leader.

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Beatrice Hartman Added to Faculty at Kalamazoo

Beatrice Hartman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Hartman, 2450 Walnut Lake road, Birmingham, has been added to the faculty of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, where she will become an assistant professor of speech.

She is currently working toward her PhD at Michigan State, where she has been a speech instructor since 1950.

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