# Hall of Famer Chick Hafey, Ex-N.L. Star, Dies

Charles J. (Chick) Hafey, a member of baseball's Hall of Fame and one of the National League's alltime great outfielders, died in Calistoga, Calif., July 2. He was 69.

Despite ill health during most of his career, Hafey had a lifetime batting average of .317 with the Cardinals and the Reds from 1924 to 1937.

He achieved his greatest fame with the Redbirds and played in four World Series for them, the first in 1926. He also was in the 1928-30-31 classics.

Hafey wore glasses—one of the first in the majors to do so—and his eyesight fluctuated with the severity of the sinus condition that was with him throughout his career.

Branch Rickey, the guiding light of the Cardinals, once said, "I always thought that if Hafey had been blessed with normal eyesight and good health, he might have been the best righthanded hitter baseball had ever known."

But that accolade was small consolation for Hafey, whose running salary battles with Rickey finally led to his trade to the Reds in 1932.

Not surprisingly, the sweet-talking Rickey got Hafey to sign a three-year contract in 1928, calling for \$7,000, \$8,000 and \$9,000. That was right after Hafey had hit .329. In the three seasons he was under the contract, Hafey batted .337, .338 and .336. Chick could now see a plumper contract on the horizon.

But he was sadly mistaken.

He asked for \$15,000 in 1931, a sum Rickey considered "outrageous" because of the depression and other factors. Hafey finally came to terms 10 days after the season began, agreeing to \$12,500.

Then Rickey played his trump card. Hafey was docked his salary until the front office decided he was able to play. That resulted in a deduction of \$2,100.

So Hafey wound up playing for \$10,400 in a year when he won the N. L. batting title with a .349 mark, beating Jim Bottomley and Bill Terry in the closest race in history. The figures had to be carried to four decimals to get the winner.

It was another pennant-winning year for the Redbirds and now Hafey was sure he'd be rewarded. Not so.

He asked for \$17,500 in 1932, a sum which he said included the \$2,100 he was docked the previous year. Rickey, the general manager, and Sam Breadon, the club owner, countered with \$13,000. Hafey, then in Florida, blew his cork, jumped in his sleek Auburn and headed back to California.

"I was so angry I drove 90 miles an hour across the desert," he said. The Cardinals traded Hafey to

the Reds on April 11 and Hafey didn't have to squint to see the figures on the Cincinnati contract. They read \$15,000, the sum he always wanted.

Hafey rewarded the Reds with an outstanding performance in center field (he played left for St. Louis), and batted .344.

Shy and soft-spoken, Hafey didn't get the publicity given many of his contemporaries. But they all held him in high respect. He had a powerful and accurate arm and his line drives were screamers. His log shows 164 homers and 341 doubles. Three times he drove in more than 100 runs, an excellent record in view of the fact he never played in all games because of his health.

Bill McKechnie, who was manager of the Cardinals in 1928-29, was sometimes awed by Hafey's performances.

"Hafey was one of the greatest righthanded hitters," McKechnie once said. "He also had the best outfielder's arm I ever saw." Rogers Hornsby also had praise for Hafey and thought he should have been in the Hall of Fame. Hafey didn't make it until 1971, when the Veterans Committee enshrined him.

Hafey was 6-1 and weighed about 185 pounds. Sometimes, however, his weight would dip when he had severe sinus attacks. Further complicating matters was blurred vision.

In 1927, he had considerable trouble with his eyes, yet he batted .329. He was so ill in 1936 that he sat out the entire season. He played in 89 games and hit .261 in 1937, then called it a career and returned to his ranch in California.

Occasionally he would go to San Francisco to see the Giants play. On one such visit a few years ago, he told an interviewer he couldn't understand why players today beefed so much when they got a brush-back pitch.

"Even if a pitch is a little bit close, they start hollering now," Hafey said. "In my time, we were always getting knocked down and thought nothing of it. The Cubs had some real brutes. If you got a hit against Pat Malone, Charley Root or Lon Warneke, you could make a bet that the next time you came up, you were going down."

Hafey, who started as a pitcher but was quickly converted, played only briefly in the minors with Fort Smith, Houston and Syracuse. He came from a baseball-playing family. An older brother was in the minor leagues and two of his nephews, Bud and Tom, were major leaguers.

Unlike most athletes, who knock years off their ages, Hafey added one to his.

"I was only 17 when I first signed and I thought it would be better if I said I was 18," he admitted long after he was out of baseball. "But the extra year stayed with me throughout my career."

Hafey was well into his career before he realized he needed glasses. After he had been hit several times by pitches in 1926, Dr. Robert Hyland, the Cardinal physician, became suspicious. He gave Hafey an eye test and confirmed that the slugger had impaired vision.

"Nobody gave me a break because I wore glasses," said Hafey. "The only reference I can remember is one made by Van Mungo. I hit a homer off him when he was pitching for Brooklyn and he was really burning. He yelled, 'That's the last time I'll respect those damned things."

Elmer Layden, one of Notre Dame's "Four Horsemen" and later coach at his alma mater and commissioner of the National Football League, died in Chicago June 30. He was 70.

A 165-pound fullback out of the tall corn country in Iowa, Layden was one of Notre Dame's all-time greats. He was All-America in 1923 and 1924 and the hero in the Fighting Irish's 27-10 victory over Stanford in the 1925 Rose Bowl game.

The "Four Horsemen" were immortalized by sportswriter Grantland Rice in his account of Notre Dame's 13-7 win against Army in 1924.

"Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again today," Rice wrote. "In dramatic lore they are known as Famine, Pestilence, Destruction and Death. These are only aliases. Their real names are Stuhldreher, Miller, Crowley and Layden."

The Four Horesmen, all backfield men, were pretty good, but Rice was carried away.

George Stickler, later sports editor of the Chicago Tribune, was the sports public relations director for Notre Dame at the time and he



Chick Hafey

knew a good thing when he saw it.

The day after Rice's dramatic account appeared in newspapers,
Strickler rented four horses from a South Bend coal company, mounted his charges on them and called in the photographers. History was being made.

Harry Stuhldreher, the quarterback, died in 1965, but halfbacks Jim Crowley and Don Miller are still alive. All four had remained close friends through the years.

Miller, along with Layden, was an All-America in 1923 and Stuhldreher, Crowley and Layden were elected the following year. Miller lost his spot to Illinois' Red Grange.

Layden lacked flamboyance and accepted victory and honors with modesty. He almost quit Notre Dame in his freshman year, but was persuaded by Coach Knute Rockne not to return to his home in Davenport, Ia.

"Elmer, I know you are homesick," Rockne said, "but we haven't lost a freshman yet. I hope you're not going to be the first one."

Layden's greatest game probably was in the Rose Bowl against Stanford. He scored three touchdowns, two after hijacking passes and fleeing 70 and 78 yards.

"Elmer could have been even a better player, a better scorer if he hadn't been so unselfish," Crowley said. "He never failed to block for the rest of us. He was always a first-class gentleman."

Layden earned a law degree and he couldn't make up his mind after graduating just what career he would pursue. He played one year of professional ball with Brooklyn, then became coach at Columbia College in Dubuque, Ia., in 1926. He also practiced some law.

When an opportunity arose to become coach at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1927, he discarded law and built the Dukes into a national power.

As Notre Dame's fortunes sputtered under Hunk Anderson, Layden's 54-16 record at Duquesne did not go unnoticed by his alma mater. In 1934, Layden returned to the Fighting Irish as coach and remained through 1940, compiling a 47-13-3 record.

Ironically, his replacement was Frank Leahy, who preceded him in death by nine days.

Columnist Red Smith, an alumnus of Notre Dame and a long-time friend of Layden, held him in high esteem.

"Layden was scrupulous in following eligibility rules," Smith wrote. "Athletes had to maintain an academic average of 77, compared with a passing grade of 70. There was no red-shirting, no playing of student transfers. Without cutting corners, he was a success against the best college teams in the world."

Layden also served as athletic director and was a low-key recruiter. He always impressed upon a boy that football fame was fleeting and that the main thing was to choose a college that would best prepare him for life.

More than one good athlete grabbed his hat when he heard Layden's speech.

By 1940, Layden's enthusiasm for coaching was gone.

"The strain was becoming so terrific that I felt it wasn't worth it," he said. "I wanted no more of it."

So he left Notre Dame in 1941 to become commissioner of the NFL in the war years of 1941-46. His reign was indistinguished and he had some opponents among the club owners. He was replaced by Bert Bell.

That was all of football for Layden, who decided on a business career.

"I can make a better living under less hectic conditions," said Layden. "You can't eat newspaper clippings"

He moved to Chicago and became an executive with General American Transportation Corp., retiring several years ago.

Joe E. Brown, who considered himself a sports fan first and a famous movie and stage comedian second, died in Brentwood, Calif., July 6 after a long illness. He was 80

A former minor league infielder and once part owner of the Kansas City (American Association) club, the wide-mouthed comedian could be found at a baseball game or some other sports event when he wasn't working in films or on the stage.

In recent years, however, he was confined to his home by arthritis, a heart condition and finally a stroke.

Although baseball was his first love, he was an ardent follower of UCLA football teams and often sat on the bench. He was an avid collector of sports memorabilia and gave a substantial part of his collection to UCLA in 1947.

"People call me a super-fan," Brown said in an interview in 1960. "Well, maybe I am, but I'm not a fanatic. I can't quote batting averages and things like that and I'd rate sports pretty far behind the church and my family."

Brown, whose wife of 58 years, Kathryn, was with him at the time of his death, had two sons and two daughters. Joe L. Brown is general manager of the Pirates and Don was an Army Air Corps pilot killed in a crash in 1942.

Brown ran away from his home in Ohio when he was 10 and later worked as an actor and acrobat. He played a few games for St. Paul before World War I, then devoted his full time to acting.

Some of most hilarious performances were in movies with baseball or other sports backgrounds. Two of his films were "Alibi Ike" and "Elmer the Great," both about baseball. They still are seen occasionally on television.

Brown was a close friend of the late publisher of THE SPORTING NEWS, J. G. Taylor Spink, and was a frequent visitor to the paper's offices during the publisher's lifetime. The comedian devoured every issue.

In the early 1950s, Brown did a stint with the Yankee broadcasting team. He also found time to head the P-O-N-Y baseball program

which is for youngsters in the 13-14 year-old bracket.

Both of Brown's sons attended UCLA and participated in varsity sports.

The comedian took a fatherly interest in UCLA students, particularly athletes, and helped about 30 through college. One was Mike Frankovich, who was more like an adopted son. Frankovich was one of UCLA's top athletes and now is a movie producer.

David Earl (Swede) Savage, who was burned and suffered other injuries in a crash during the Indianapolis 500-mile race May 30, died in Indianapolis July 2. He was 26.

The Santa Ana, Calif., driver had been on the critical list since the accident, which occurred midway through the race when he slammed into a wall. His car seemed to disintegrate as it burst into flames.

Savage's death was the third related to this year's 500 event. Driver Art Pollard was killed May 12 during a practice run. Armando Teran, a member of a pit crew, was injured fatally after being struck by a fire truck which was speeding to the site of Savage's crash.

David (Salt) Walther, who was burned in a crash on May 27, is still hospitalized in serious condition. Walther's car was one of 10 in an accident which caused the race to be postponed.

Savage, literally, was born to speed. He drove in "kiddie races" when he was 9. By the time he was 15 he was competing in motorcycle events.

He wasn't unfamiliar with crashes. He had sustained head injuries, a collapsed lung, broken ribs and a caved-in chest during mishaps.

"My accidents made a better driver of me," he claimed.

He realized his ambition to drive in the Indy 500 in 1972 when he qualified at 181.726 and started in the ninth position. But he was forced out after five laps with a broken connecting rod.

Walter J. Schmidt, a major league catcher for 10 years with the Pirates and the Cardinals, died in Modesto, Calif., July 4. He was 86. Schmidt, who had a .257 lifetime batting average, was with the Pirates from 1916 through 1924 and

the Cardinals in 1925.

Most of Schmidt's minor league career was spent in the Pacific Coast League with San Francisco, Mission and Seattle. He retired in 1929 and moved to Ceres, Calif., where he spent the rest of his life.

His brother, Charles, who died in 1932, was a catcher with the Tigers for six years.

David Bloom, 73, retired sports editor of the Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial Appeal, died in Memphis July 1.

Bloom was with the Commercial Appeal for 49 years until his retirement in 1972. He continued to write a column in the Sunday paper, the last one appearing two months before his death.

Luther A. (Doc) Cook, an outfielder with the Yankees for four years before World War I, died in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., June 30. He was 84.

Cook played for the Yanks, then the Highlanders, from 1913 through 1916 and had a .274 batting average.

Warren M. Palmer, former basketball coach at Hamilton College, died recently in Utica, N. Y. He was 32.

Margaret Ozark, mother of Phillies' Manager Danny Ozark, died in Detroit, July 3.

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#### Two Stars of the Mound.

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unobtrusive type. He goes about his the various clubs make the selections, of build, of the type that should carry league contests. the game.

## Problems of Official Scorers.

scoring has drawn its usual backfire wanted and a serious attempt should on the hitting streak or the record is out. of comment, most of it commendatory, be made to meet that demand. although some writers express a different view, which is their privilege. The indictment was not meant to be all-embracing, for there are many were asleep at the switch in Ohio to have De Maggio break the record, Cav- Vosmik .256. Twogood is with Toledo. scorers who conscientiously endeavor when the state was permitted to slip eney said, but in so doing he robbed us of

rules or turn in their shects. for a dozen years and has been an of- electorate? Advices are to the effect ficial statistician for five years of the that nothing has been done so far to- American Newspaper Alliance, predicts that dozen while working for the Topeka ward a campaign in behalf of the Dizzy Dean will be the king of all pitchers State Journal and, who, therefore, is proposal, although Organized Ball is before he is through, pointing out that Dean cognizant of both sides of the ques- counting heavily on the receipts of tion, believes the campaign for better Sunday games played in the Keystone

"It may be true that statistics canby be free from errors. The best of work for an active organization to the chance to be rated among the pitching 1928; sold to Hollywood, September, 1928; the chance to be rated among the pitching 1928; sold to Hollywood, September, 1928; Portscorers, and statisticians, as well, will carry on the fight. The other side is elect—up with the Mathewsons, the John- San Francisco, February, 1929-30-31; Portmake a few. but with more attention united. It is up to baseball to join sons and the Alexanders. make a few, but with more attention united. It is up to baseball to join sons and the Alexanders. to scoring rules and compilations they hands with other sports desiring to "This Cardinal star has everything a great can be made almost free from any take advantage of the proposed liber- pitcher needs-more smoke than a burning Augusta, 1904-05; sold to Detroit, August 28 faults. At least, the records of play- alizing of the laws. Baseball cannot oil well, a fine curve ball, good control, a faults. At least, the records of play- alizing of the laws. Baseball cannot oil well, a fine curve ball, good control, a 1905; reserved for 1906-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-ers can be accurate enough to furnish expect somebody to come forward and cool head and plenty of heart. Dean will 14-15-16-17-18-19-20; manager. December, a definite line on the abilities of the hand this fever to it on a platter, now undoubtedly be the strike-out king of basea definite line on the abilities of the hand this favor to it on a platter, nor players. Considerable of the scoring, can the game expect to get anywhere naturally, is judgment. That can be unless it co-operates with others. gained only by experience. The young Therefore, we hope to see the ing the job, but a few days' rest had him and Zach Wheat are wanted by F. C. W. sports writers, somewhat resentful of shackles of inaction shaken off and ready for the big act." suggestions from players, would be do- an aggressive campaign begun at ing themselves a good turn by listen- once, in Pennsylvania, if the rewards ing to old-time managers about certain of the local option laws are to be plays. Minor league parks often are reaped. Muffing the opportunity now in bad condition. I feel no qualms of would be an inexcusable error. weakness toward asking a player what happened on a ball that got by him in the field. It might be wrong to score the play a hit. I find most ball players eight White Sox in the scandal of are honest when asked to interpret 1919, is understood to be trying to plays that occur too far away for scor- peddle a story of that denouement, in ers to determine what happened. That which he claims to have some new Columbus first baseman, sets American might be showing a sign of weakness, facts that will "expose baseball."

assuming that they have scored the such embellishments as may have of season in a double-header with Phillies. game with some degree of accuracy, come into his mind since then, but Resignation of William H. Klepper as pres-Hobbs declares, is failure to send in this willingness of Jackson to give ident of Seattle Pacific Coast League club score sheets to the official statistician. his "confessions" would have been He failed to receive sheets from one more commendatory had he come for- York Yankees' string of consecutive games city for two years because the local ward with them in 1919. It is doubt- in which they have escaped shut-outs at 308, club owner would not promise to pay ful whether Joe has anything to say a major league record, by holding them for them. Hobbs, to prevent such a now that is new. Even if he did, it situation, recommends that each club would be of no value, for there is Grantham, Cincinnati, breaks right ankic be assessed an amount equal to the nothing deader than ghosts once laid. scoring work pay for the season and If we were in Joe's boots, we'd keep the resultant fund drawn upon by the still. statistician to compensate the scorer It is doubtful whether a selfonly when the sheet's have been filed, respecting syndicate or magazine or by the president, when the statisti- would use the story, anyway. Aside

supplied. scorer, however, has been made by in his facts than he was with his acts, Phillies. Porter Wittich of the Joplin Globe, some of the ghosts he arouses might who places the fault for queer rulings prove that they still have teeth with thirty-first home run, on Chapman, wasnon the rules themselves, particularly sharp edges.

concerning wins and losses by pitchers. For example, Wittich contends the grandstand scorers criticize the official scorer because he doesn't give an error to a fielder when a batted ball hits a pebble, to an infielder who races his head off to get to a ball and then is unable to handle it, or to a player for not holding a hard-hit ball. Of course, the Joplin writer is dipping into the more or less ridiculous to make his point, but he does raise a legitimate objection in regard to the rules. He able degree, "All the really new developpoints out the example of a hurler ments of the game, and most of the radical pitching shut-out ball for nine innings, | departures from past procedure, have origbeing relieved for a pinch-hitter and inated in the business offices of the St. replaced by a pitcher who permits five Louis Cardinals within the last ten years," hits and three runs in the tenth and points out Wray. "The Sunday doubleyet gets credit for the victory when his team makes four runs in its half, demned it. But they all have adopted it, while the first pitcher does not get even in New York. any credit. He says that cannot be

laid on the official scorer, because it is in the rules The Sporting News will agree with farm' system. This was an extremely radi-Wittich that in many cases the rules cal departure from an ancient custom and are inadequate and misleading. One all cities now "ladles' days" are the vogue. of the charms of baseball is the fact It was Breadon who saw the real possibilthat the rules are not foolishly changed lities of this plan and exploited it, along every year or so, as is done in other with the 'Knot Hole Gang' and 'Girls' Day,' sports, but there are certain sections in a way that made other clubs see the that should be clarified. One has only light. It was Breadon, too, who first saw to read the many questions received the merchandising field supplied by big When old-timers get together, they by The Sporting News asking for inare wont to shake their heads over the terpretations of conflicting and vague It was Breadon who first introduced the lively ball and the inhibitions the rules paragraphs in the rules to be con- system of selling books of tickets to fans, put on pitching and they have had a vinced of this. Of course, no set of holders of which would have preferential lot of other people believing that too regulations can cover every situation, rights in the purchase of World's Series much leeway was given the hitters and but they should be sufficiently definite tickets, in case the Cardinals won a pennot enough to the pitchers. It remained, to admit of ready understanding. The nant. however, for Dizzy Dean of the St. rules committee still has considerable "Breadon has been laughed at, stormed Louis Cardinals and Carl Hubbell of work before it, as a result. Several at, sneered it-but his policies and his ideas the New York Giants to prove that it years ago its members thought their changed the complexion of baseball. The isn't so much the pitching as the job was done, but there are many fact that he took a club which owed \$175,pitchers. If the hurlers will get out loose ends that still could be taken up. | 000 in 1919 and parlayed it into a \$3,000,000

However, pending this clarification, stance. "The All-Star teams could be picked of, the schedule began, there was not much prime to find a hurler who had pitched the official scorers are more or less on as they were picked this season—by popmore than 46 scoreless innings, the their own and the accuracy of the ular vote of the fans, with the managers of everybody, the Smokies began playing way to Walter Johnson. record achieved by Hubbell last week, figures handed down to the coming having the final word as to the line-up." All of which leads to the supposition generation wholly depends upon the Frick points out, "As to the field day that Dean and Hubbell must have conscientiousness and intelligence they events, there's a fine opportunity to arouse recent days, the team has been in first something on the ball that is equally show in making up their daily sheets, interest throughout the circuit. something on the ball that is equally snow in making up their daily sneets.

as potent as the wizardy of the old masters. One is a right-hander and length or neglect to neglect lence or neglect to perform a duty to

They Want Something New.

Being in a position to feel the pulse

the batter to get a hold on it, does | Some are in favor of one All-Star game each year, others believe a se- game including, perhaps, throwing for ac-Dean has a lot of ego, both off and ries in mid-season would be better. curacy; throwing for distance; circling the on the field. When he first came up, Some advocate a series between All- bases; fungo hitting, bunting and running many thought the manner was as- Stars at the end of the season; still to first against time; 100-yard dash and such sumed, but now it is considered to be others favor inter-league games be others as might be suggested. What an innatural. It is the result of a supreme tween the clubs occupying the same teresting affair it would be-and what fine confidence in himself that makes it position in each circuit. Few, howpossible for him to achieve just such ever, would abandon the World's Sefeats as he has accomplished. Breaks ries and none wants the All-Star conagainst him never daunt him, for, in test of this year to be the last game of

way eventually. He loves to pitch There is a division of opinion as to and isn't content to sit on the bench how the members of the All-Star —a willing spirit that might be emu-|teams should be chosen. One faction lated by a lot of pitchers, but one would let the fans decide, as they that has somewhat dimmed his record, helped to do this year, but would refor overwork will even kill an elephant, quire that the players be used by the and whoever was responsible for Dean | managers in the order they stood in hurling at Columbus the very next the voting. Some think it would be day after he had hung up the record, better to have the members of the should consult an alienist. Too much Baseball Writers' Association of of a good thing is more than sufficient | America do the selecting, because and it would be a crime to ruin a bril- most of them see the players in action liant career, such as Dean seems to every day and would be more likely to have ahead of him, by such tactics. | make better choices. Still another On the other hand, Hubbell is of the group proposes that the managers of

and his performances have not quick- Thus it can be seen that the only ing Jack Lelivelt, manager of the Los Anened the public's pulse as have those division of opinion about the All-Star of Dizzy. Yet he does his job in a game concerns the method of choosworkmanlike manner, and while Dean ing the players, and how many games may be a diamond of many sparkling they should play, with none against facets, Hubbell is like a perfectly cut the game itself, while there is conjewel without a flaw. Both are wiry siderable feeling for more inter- are hokum, Lelivelt said. 'Just check back

on for years unless abused, and both The major league club owners, in often either De Maggio or Oglesby sacri- cleanly, scoring the first man. Is this an seem destined to take a prominent their meetings next winter, should place among the pitching immortals of take these demands into consideration. It may require considerable figuring to arrive at the ultimate conclusion, but it does appear that some. A recent editorial on sloppy official variation from the regular schedules is I've gone along with him. But from now

Need Some Aggressive Action. sylvania this fall, when the question was lost." C. E. Hobbs, who has scored games of Sunday games comes before the

scoring is badly needed. He writes: state in the future. It isn't too early to lay the ground- notes Rice. "This is only his second season

Joe Jackson, Author. Joe Jackson, one of the accused but it certainly is not with night base- Joe may need the money, which is sufficient excuse for his willingness to for rest of season in Western League. One of the worst sins of scorers, tell his story now and even provide

cian has certified the scores have been from being ancient history, there run, against Chicago White Sox. Chuck might yet be considerable dynamite in Klein, Phillies, makes nineteenth home run, Defense of the conscientious official the yarn, for if Joe isn't more careful off Fitzsimmons, New York. Mel Ott. New York, registers differently homer, off Collins,

# Scribbled by ScribeS

THE scal of Sam Breadon is being stamped all over Organized Baseball, according to Ed. Wray, sporting editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who says that the owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, unknown in the field 15 years ago, now is dominating the game to a considerheader for one price is a Breadon idea, Magnates of both leagues bitterly con-

"Then there's the chain store. Every major league club that has a brains department and a bankroll has fallen for the was developed in the Cardinal offices. In baseball crowds and who took over the concessions formerly handled outside the club.

have taken root. Some of them already have on the mound and work they'll get re- Fans are not the only ones puzzled; of- property with half a dozen minor league ficial scorers often equally are at sea, affiliates, some of them worth \$500,000, suf-The record hunters had to go back while there are still officials of the ficiently evidences the effect of his policies."

Ford Frick of the New York Evening ing out 17 Chicago Cubs. They had Organized Ball," which, of course, is Journal is for the continuation of the Allto jump out of the National League only another way of saying they don't Star game each year, but he would add other features to it to make it even more attractive, suggesting a field day, for in-

fastest man in the big leagues; who is the all that sort of thing. There's only one way to answer those questions-a field day. And such a series of events would arouse fan interest to fever heat, too.

"For instance, a series of elimination cona speed ball that fairly whistles as it among them for something different tests could be held, before regularly schedhops across the plate. The New York in the way of major league play-offs uled league games-thereby giving to each Giant, unlike most portsiders, has un- in succeeding years. However, there individual club an opportunity of building usual control and depends on a screw is no unanimity of opinion as to what up a bit of box office attraction. From the winners at the various elimination contests the two league teams would be selectedwith a series of events before the All-Star topics of conversation it would make during the winter league season."

> "Rogers Hornsby is the wonder of baseball," writes George Daley in the New York Herald Tribune. "No amount of knocking down affects his buoyant spirit. He keeps bobbing up like a precocious child in classroom. By the power of his hitting, the skill of his fielding, the force of his personality he has scaled high in baseball and by a somewhat tempestuous temperament his diamond travels from St. Louis to New York, to Boston, to Chicago and back to St. Louis have been stormy. To be consistent he will travel through half of the American League, no doubt winning a pennant here and there, as he has in the past."

John Connelly of the Los Angeles Examiner takes a different slant on the recent 61geles club, as saying: "Consecutive hitting | the club along.

"'I'll tell you why these so-called streaks average in the loop is .319. over the averages and let me know how ficed during their streaks. A pennant-winthe sacrifice makes it possible. A couple Haughland, and Wally Nydahl. of times I've let Jim hit when a sacrifice him of a chance to keep up his streak, I'm out to win ball games."

"Lelivelt echoes the sentiment of Jimmy De Maggio's streak has cost the Seals more by Cleveland. Evidently baseball and other sports than a dozen ball games. 'I was pulling Boyle is hitting, 304, Durocher 234, and

> way of speed, curves, change of pace, smart- Del. ness and control. "Dean is just a kid,"

undoubtedly be the strike-out king of baseball again this season. The Cardinal rifleman is not only a great pitcher, but a truck horse for work. He came close to overdo-

↑ UGUST 1—Carl Hubbell, New York Giants, establishes National League A Giants, establishes National League record in pitching 46 consecutive scoremark of 44, made in 1908. Mickey Heath, Association record with one assist and ties mark of one chance accepted by first baseman. Muskogee club made traveling team August 2-Mel Ott, New York Giants, hits accepted by board of directors.

scoreless, 7 to 0. Jimmy Foxx, A's, makes thirtieth homer, off Allen, Yankees, George as he slides into base. Tom Zachary, Boston, limits Brooklyn to two hits. August 4-Wally Berger, Boston Braves,

August 5-Sammy West, St. Louis Browns, ties modern record of four extra-base hits in game, with double, two triples and home

August 6-Jimmy Foxx, A's, registers thirty-first home run, off Chapman, Washthirteenth homer, off Swetonic, Pittsburgh.

## PUTS MAGIC TOUCH TO KNOXVILLE TEAM



#### Tommy Taylor

FIGHE age of miracles may be past, but Knoxville fans can hardly be convinced that Tommy Taylor has not been using in the second half of the Southern League race.' In the first section of the divided campaign the Knoxville team limped home in seventh place, exactly 18 and one-half games behind the leading Memphis team. The Smokies, in fact, were so close to the bottom that it didn't make much difference. Taylor, through the agency of the club president, the veteran Bob Allen, picked up a footloose player here and there as he went along, but even when the second half hope for Knoxville. Then, to the surprise inspired ball and before long they were bouncing along with the leaders. In more place, fighting it out with New Orleans. As a

quently gets into the game at third base. in the outfield or as pinch-hitter. He has the pinches. He hit for .305 in 1919. When been playing since 1913, when he broke in with Houston of the Texas League, but can manager of the 12 he played for, he named still get around in spry fashion. In his time Frank Chance first, and Miller Huggins secmound, but on his trips to the majors he said. was classified as a third baseman. These included two trials with Washington and playing short one day for New Haven one with the St. Louis Cards. He is something of a landmark in the Southern youngster, which, at the time, caused him League, having put in most of his time in a lot of embarrassment. His team was playthe circuit since 1921.

Tommy is doing his first season as a ranks last December. He was born in Mexia, Tex., September 17, 1895.

# J. M. S.: WE HAVE NO RECORD OF

player named Teets.

B. S., CAUBON, MAINE: A BAT THAT pers is an illegal bat and team has right to E. O. R., JERSEY CITY, N. J.: WRITE

to Charles Knapp, president of the International League, 295 Madison avenue, New York, N. Y., for information desired. CAREER OF OSSIE BLUEGE IS WANTED

by G. P. N., Fort Wayne, Ind. Bluege started with Peorla, 1920-21; Washington, 1922; optioned to Minneapolis, 1922; Washington, 1923-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-

CAREER OF JOHN CHURRY IS REquested by L. D. D., Waterford, Ohio. consecutive-game batting feat of Joe De 1920; released, May, 1920; signed by London work quietly and without ostentation. subject to the approval of the league Maggio, San Francisco Seal outfielder, from Maggio, San Francisco Seal outfielder, from that entertained by the average fan, quotable presidents, or commissioner.

Thus, it can be seen that the only ing Jack Leliveli, manager of the Los Anglia, 1921-22-23; sold to Chicago Nationals, 1924-25-26-27-28-29; voluntarily retired, 1930-201.

WHEN DID HAL WEAFER LEAD THE streaks are no good for pennant-winning Virginia League in batting and what was ball clubs. They're just a nuisance," point- his lifetime batting average in that circuit? ing to the absence of sacrifice hits to help asks F. L. J., Woburn, Mass.
Weafer led the Virginia League in 1925 with a .391 mark with Richmond. Lifetime

BATTER WALKS. THE NEXT TWO HIT who also wants the whereabouts of Tony ning club has to play for one run. And Berka, John Smith, Kenny Storme, Hal It is an earned run, Berka, Smith, Storme

with Oklahoma City. PRESENT BATTING AVERAGES OF Joe Vosmik of Cleveland, Ralph Boyle of telephone call from a man who said he saw Brooklyn and Leo Durocher of the Cardi- the last 15 innings of this game and that nals are desired by J. C. R., Petersburg, the reason the game was called was be-Cavency, Seals' manager, who claims that to what club Forrest Twogood was released Va., who also wants to know when and cause they had only one ball and it got

to do their duty, but was aimed at those who cause statisticians to have nightmares and make averages meaningless by their failure to observe the control of the fans. Are the same interingless by their failure to observe the control of the fans who come out to watch him along the fans who come out to watch him addresses of Chuck Klein, Dick Barbon of Clise Duck, With two men on bases, Clarence and the fans who come out to watch him addresses of Chuck Klein, Dick Barbon of Clise Duck, With two men on bases, Clarence and the fans who come out to watch him addresses of Chuck Klein, Dick Barbon of Clise Duck, With two men on bases, Clarence and the fans who come out to watch him addresses of Chuck Klein, Dick Barbon of Clise Duck, With two men on bases, Clarence and the fans who come out to watch him addresses of Chuck Klein, Dick Barbon of Clise Duck, With two men on bases, Clarence and the fans who come out to watch him were peeved. And if we did, the ball game are not sent after left-handed spitballer, hit and the fans who come out to watch him were peeved. And if we did, the ball game are not sent after left-handed spitballer, hit and the fans who come out to watch him were peeved. And if we did, the ball game are not sent at the fans who come out to watch him were peeved. And if we did, the ball game are not sent at the fans who come out to watch him hat the fans who came to be a far of the fans who came to the fans who came to the fans who came to be a far of the fans who came to the fans and the fans who came to the fans and the fans are not sent at the fans who came to the fans and the fans are not sent at the fans who came to the fans and the fans are not sent at the fans and the fans are not sent at the fans ar Alameda, Cal.; Hurst, 114 North LaPeer in an unassisted triple play. The next to meet the brakeman's daughter as drive, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Davis, 4200 Avenue D. Birmingham, Ala., and Holley re-Grantland Rice, writing for the North sides in the off-season at 3659 South Hoyne avenue, Chicago, Ill. Dudley is with Chat-

> CAREERS OF ED COLEMAN AND TY has a greater combination of stuff in the Cobb are requested by M. B., Wilmington, leased, July, 1926; Idaho Falls, June, 1927; eleased, August, 1927; Twin Falls, Septemunder the big top. He and Hubbell have ber, 1927; released, July, 1928; Boise, July,

Americans, November, 1931-32-33. Cobb started with Augusta, 1904; Anniston, 1904; 1926; Philadelphia Americans, 1927; released, November, 1928.

CAREERS OF UMPIRE PAUL SENTELLE of New Orleans, La. Sentelle began with Baton Rouge, La.

1903; Macon, 1904-05; Philadelphia Nationals 1906; Jersey City, 1907; Mobile, 1908-09; drafted by Brooklyn for 1910; released opionally to Atlanta, 1910; released, August, 1910; Rochester, 1910; released, September, 1910; Chattanooga, 1911-12; released, August, 1912; Des Moines, January, 1913; released, May, 1913; Mobile, June, 1913; manager Galveston, March, 1914-15-16-17; team disbanded, May, 1917; umpire Texas League, June, 1917; Houston, 1918; umpire Texas League, April, 1919-20-21; umpire National League, January, 1922; died April 27, 1923. Wheat began with Enterprise, Kan., 1906; Fort Worth, 1907; Shreveport, 1908; Mobile, 1909; sold to Brooklyn, August, 1910-11-12- major leaguest 13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26; refarm hand. leased, January, 1927; Philadelphia Ameri- President cans, January, 1927; released, October, 1927; League, held that the evidence presented Minneapolis, March, 1928; voluntarily retired, April, 1929.

G. S., CHICAGO, ILL., DESIRES THE

Glenn of Minneapolis, career of Richardson of St. Joseph, and age and career of Davis of Pine Bluff and his fielding and batting average in 1932. Glenn is 24 years old, five feet 11 inches iall and weighs 165 pounds. Began with October, 1928-29; released, gust, 1929; Jersey City, August, 1929-30; Hazleton, May, 1930; Albany, September, 1930-31; St. Paul, September, 1931-32; Newark, January, 1932; optional agreement Springfield, Mass., May, 1932; Newark, July, 1932; Binghamton, August, 1932; Newark, 1932; New York Americans, September, 932-33; option to Minneapolis, April, 1933. Richardson began with Columbia, June, 1925-26; Spartanburg, 1926; Columbia, August, 1926; Salisbury, 1927; sold to New Haven, September, 1927; sold to Brooklyn, September, 1928; Macon, May, 1929; Brooklyn, September, 1929-30; Macon 1930; traded to Asheville, July, 1930; Macon Scotember, 1930; Toledo, September, 1930-31: released: June, 1931; St. Joseph, June, 1931-32-33. Davis signed with Waco, May,

# **Personalities**

By BILL WAMBSGANSS -

TAD AN interesting chat with Roger Peckinpaugh the other day. Peck wast I recently deposed as manager of the Cleveland Indians, but isn't squawking because the Cieveland owners have eased the pain of parting company with him by paying his salary in full to the close of this season. Peck has had a very interesting career in baseball, playing under 12 managers before becoming pilot of a major club himself. He started out with Cleveland, going South with the Naps in the spring of 1910. Jim McGuire was the manager. He was farmed to New Haven in the Eastern League and recalled at the end of the season, taking part in 35 games. The season of 1911 found Roger a member of the Portland Pacific Coast League club, under the management of Walter McCredie. In 1912, he was back with Cleveland under the leadership of Harry Davis. Davis didn't like managing and resigned, Joe Birmingham taking over the reins in 1913. Ray Chapman joined the Indians about this time and Roger was traded to New York for Stumps and Lelivelt. Peck played shortstop for the Yankees

Frank Chance resigned a month before the close of the season, Roger became manager pro tem. At New York, where Peck reached the greatest heights of his stardom, he played under Chance, Donovan and Huggins. He also took part in the World's Series of 1921 between the Yankees and Giants. There was some talk at the time that Peck would succeed Miller Huggins, and in order to quiet the rumor, Col. Ruppert, Yankee stop, and that is how Everett Scott, another great shortfielder, came to replace Peck in the Yankee infield, while Roger went to some sort of strange magic on his team Washington by way of Boston. As a Senator. Peck played under three different men. first Donie Bush, then Clyde Milan and lastly Bucky Harris. He also participated in two World's Series at Washington, helping to win the championship from New York in 1924, but his play in the 1925 Series against Pittsburgh was off color, the Pirates bringing home the bacon to Forbes Field. Peck wound up his playing career with the White Sox under Ray Schalk in 1927. He was appointed manager of the Cleveland Indians in 1928, serving in that capacity until a few months ago, giving

during the next nine years. In 1914, when

Peck will go down in baseball history as one of the game's greatest shortstops. Tall and angular, with legs somewhat bowed, he roamed his field with the catlike agility the plate; he, nevertheless, was poison in asked who, in his opinion, was the greatest he has also taken a whirl on the pitching ond. Neither of these men was a driver, he

Peck recalled an amusing incident, while against Holyoke, when he was still a green ing at Holyoke. With the score tied and two out in the ninth inning, Holyoke had manager, having been appointed from the men on first and second. The batter was a dead left field hitter, so Peck played deep, and he figured that if the ball was hit to his right he would make a force play at third base to retire the side. In the meantime, both runners advanced on a short Peck (ailed to make note of this. The batter hit the ball to deep short. Roger made toss to third, but there was no third baseman there. Then he looked at second, but no man was there to cover. As a last resort he looked at first, but it was too late, the runner was across the bag. "There I was," has been bored and filled with cork stop- says Peck, "standing out there with the ball in my hand poised to throw, while the 1931-St. Louis. winning run scampered over the plate."

## Just Chatter

TERE'S some great relief hurling. Pitcher Wolf of the Quincy club of the Three-I League went into a game in the tenth inning against Danville. When ne came to bat he received a walk, was advanced to third, and then stole home, winning the ball game.

Many pitchers are superstitious about striking out the first batter to face them. Several years ago the New York Yankees introduced a prize pitching package when Vernon Gomez, 19-year-old rookie southpaw, made his major league start, and defeated the White Sox, 4 to 1. And, by the way, you have not heard the sensational part of this little story. He struck out the first three men to face him in the opening inning, and if that wasn't a phenomenal introduction into the big leagues, I have never heard of one. So there you are, fans, Goofy Gomez is one pitcher who isn't

afraid to strike out the first batter. Broadcasting some comment over Station WOWO, Fort: Wayne, about a game played meant the ball game. But sooner than rob and Haughland are free agents. Nydahl is 56 years ago between Harvard University and the Manchester pros, the game going 24 innings without a score, I received a so soggy that they had to quit. You've heard the expression, "killing two birds with one stone," but here's an incident . where two shots killed five. This

time Mitchell came to bat there was a doubled up. One man's misfortune is an- keep risibilities up. other's good luck. We won that game and also the series.

# Turning Back the Pages

Denver, suffering from pneumonia and lung trouble. He had been pitching in a semi-pro tournament in the mountain city, where he had gone for his health. Charley Gelbert, Rochester shortstop, was of the games of the Reading series. The Yankees had called in Bill Dickey, young catcher .with the Little Rock club

Toronto was reported to be asking \$100,-300 for First Baseman Dale Alexander, but insiders said he belonged to the Detroit club and would go there.

TEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK. Lee Fohl had been dismissed as manager of the St. Louis Browns, Jimmy Austin tak-

Paddy O'Connor, manager of the Hartford team, was quoted as saying he had a future major league great in Lou Gehrig, Yankee had never been any further North than scorer of the Sacramento club, went on a President Ban Johnson of the American

to him by Umpire Moriarty and others that Dave Danforth, southpaw of the St. Louis Browns, had tampered with the register as being from Dergon. the ball, backing up the umpire's banishage, height, weight and career of Catcher ment of the player. However, Johnson overruled the Athletics' protest of the game in which Danforth pitched,

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK,

Hal Chase, Cincinnati first baseman, had

season on charges made by Manager Christy ice that he would sue the club for his John K. Tener had resigned as president of the National League in disgust over the failure of club owners to back up his policies. It was claimed he was not pleased his league refused to vote for an August 23 ending of the season, such as Ban Johnson had advocated, due to the war order from Secretary Baker, who classed the game as a non-essential and held that The date eventually agreed upon for closing was September 2, Johnson's magnates following the course of the National, which 1933; franchise assigned to Pine Bluff, June, meant encroaching on September with the

# FAVES FROM APBOOK A FANS SCRAPBOOK

CHARLES JAMES (CHICK) HAFEY

Outfielder, Cincinnati Reds. Born, Berkeley, Cal., February 12, 1904. Weight, 185 pounds, normally. Height, six feet. Bats and throws right-handed. Married. One son. Charles J., Jr., ten years old. Home address, 2226 California street, Berkeley, Cal.



TRST of all, this "Scrapbook" must get back a year Chick Hafey lost in baseball shuffle. Chick is sincere when he says records have him one year older than he actually is. It all happened back in fall of 1922 when he signed contract with Cardinals' organization. Chick, then 17, felt he would have more chance if age were advanced to 18 and he gave natal day as February 12, 1903. That brought him to more passable age, he thought,

Until now, noted outfielder was willing to let year slide. But with 30 not so far around corner he thinks it would do more good on his side again. Therefore this Scrapbook takes hard-luck star's word for it that he fibbed 12 months' worth when he was kid about to make bid in game. "Make my birthday, February 12, 1904, and you've got gospel truth," said Chick. "No kidding." With that, Hafey confessed that he was pitcher when he was taken by Cardinal organization, but as developments would have

it, never pitched inning which went into Organized Baseball's rec-

Portland in Coast league in 1913. Chick was small boy then and brother's career didn't have much influence, because he didn't last so long. Two of other older brothers also played ball, but only as amateurs. Three of brothers, including Al, are now in Berkeley fire department. Chick went to grade school in Berkeley, but he did not take much interest in game, Liked\football better. But along about 1919, he became active as amateur pitcher. Did very we'll and late in 1921 became 'hurler for Shattuck avenue Merchants' team

ords. Buttlet's not get ahead of story. Hafey was one of five boys. There were three girls

in family.\too. Albert, eldest of the Hafey family, played professionally as pitcher with

of Branch Rickey's recommended him as pitcher, Hafey reported to Cardinals in camp although technically under contract to Syraowner, decided to trade his brilliant short- cuse. Chief duty was to pitch in batting practice. One day he was given chance to bat and lined ball to all fields. Rickey, then manager, called Chick to one side. "You hit that ball pretty well," quoth Branch, "I think you ought to be an out-

in bay district Winter League. Was playing in Winter League in 1922 when friend

When Cards were ready to break camp, young Hafey was assigned to Fort Smith club of Western Association-as an outfielder. He batted .284 and was transferred to Houston for 1924, where he gained average of .360. Was called in by Cards late in '24 and transferred to Syracuse, 1925. Batted .253 there for few weeks' service and was

called back to main office. Got into 93 games and hit .302. That was making of Hafey as big leaguer, but troubles were just beginningroubles which might have ended career of less courageous player. Has had more than share of bad breaks physically. Starting with 1926 season, sinus trouble began making inroads on wyesight. Infection weakened optic nerves and he batted only .271. This was first pennant year of Cards and Chick got into seven games of World's Series with Yanks.

Winter saw beginning of series of head operations. Came back in 1927 to bat 330,

Pains in head and lowering vision of left eye gave him great difficulty. Was almost constantly under treatment. More operations during winter of 1927, After season of 1928, vision was found to be so poor that specialist said glasses were only hope. Wore them beginning of 1929 season. Regular part of equipment on and off field ever since. Was traded to Cincinnati in spring of 1932 because of second straight holdout campaign against Cards. Missed training trip with Cards in spring of 1931, but finished with average of .3489 to gain batting title in National League. Ran into flu with Reds last season after starting off at great hitting clip and had to go North for health, Lost about 27 pounds in weight, but finished with batting average of .344 in 83 games, Again started in fine shape this year, but bumped into stomach trouble, which put him out of game for several weeks. Placed on strict diet, Chick has been playing with weight about 13 pounds under what it should be. Expects to spend winter in Arizona

Chick has two nephews with Mission club of Coast league. These are Daniel (Bud) and Tom, both sons of his brother, Dan. Bud is outfielder and Daniel kid pitcher. A mild-mannered, pleasant man, Chick has borne troubles of career well. There is no use speculating on what kind of hitter he might have been but for eye trouble, As it is, his major average up to this year stands at .328. And what an arm! Married Miss Bernice Stigaliano in 1922. There is son, Chick, Jr., ten.

Does Hafey regret he was changed from pitcher to outfielder? "Not when I recall how Hornsby, Ainsmith and those other fellows whistled drives back at me in

1923—Fort Smith 1924—Houston. 1929—St. Louis. ,336 ,349 ,344 . 895 3206 576 1050 129 60 .328 1618 78 55 Major League Totals H. HR SB. Ave. PO. World's Series Totals.

# BETWEEN INNINGS

By EDGAR G. BRANDS

LINES TO SCREWBALL KING Bubble, bubble, witching waters, Hurry up and boil:

Drop a bunch of goose eggs in, Hubbell's due to toil! Bubble, bubble, Toil and trouble

For the other side,

Trouble, trouble, Coming double. Hubbell's in his stride! Carl is "hot;" the ball's a bubble, It floats across a strike. Shave that Oklahoma stubble-

Try it if you like! Ciphers grow from every bubble, On the score board fair. Are the batters seeing double?-Shades of Matty there!

Hulbbell, Hubbell! Ton and trouble For your every foe; You\ can spank 'em, You \can blank 'em.

Boy! How you can go!

In the New York Sun.

Brooklyn runner on second base. This more sophisticated brand of athlete is com- to officiate a game in Galveston was from time he hit a line drive to Shortstop Joe ing up to the majors these days, but there the stands, Sewell, on which the runner at second was are enough of the gullible still present to

> of the latest stones. When Frank made his full inning, calling their decisions. The first trip to New York City with the In- stunt went over big, had the desired effect dians, the players were quartered on the on the crowd, and when the umpires rethirty-third floor of the Hotel New Yorker, turned to their accustomed positions, there Willie Kamm told Pytlak that the hotel car- wasn't a squawk from the spectators for ried guests on its elevators only up to the the remainder of the game. eighth floor without charge and exacted a fee of ten cents a nide for the rest of the More or Less Personal way. For two days, according to the story told. Frank rode to the eighth floor and now the magnates are afraid he will start walked up to the thirty-third, until Man- another, with his advocacy for a rest every ager Roger Peckinpaugh heard of it and once in awhile to freshen up the batting told Pytiak that the hotel management had eye and pep up the system. . . . Manager made a special concession to the Indians, Lew Fonseca of the Chicago White Sox whereby they could ride all the way with- has no official hours for his athletes to

> fore he was through. He told the catcher breakfasts at noon . . . Harry Rice, recently that as New York was a city ruled by gang- divorced outfielder of the Cincinnati Reds, is sters, it was necessary for the Indians to going to be merged to Elsie Gilbert, an acchip in and pay the hoodlums five dollars tress, as soon as she has her present mate a man, so they wouldn't come into their Reno-vated. . . . Rip Radeliff, with the Chirooms and tear up their clothes. Pytlak cago White Sox for a brief spell and now handed his five to Kammi and figured he with St. Paul of the American Association, had made a good buy, when he wasn't mo- is still feuding with the Dean family. Rip

science, for he figures a family could live scorer than on the batter, for Joe scorned a week on that much in Texas. But, in the a day's rest offered him by his manager meantime, Hutcheson is getting used to the lafter the string was broken. . . . Presiskyscrapers, streets filled with people and gent Dan Hill of the Piedmont League high living, and, incidentally, he is getting has a white German police dog. . . . A better acquainted with big league\ pitchers, type of canine as rare as a home run by who, because of the powerful bat he swings, Charley Grimm. . . . A radio beauty intro-Mathewson that the player was betting on ore not crazy about renewing their acduced the other day to Nick Altrock, coach games played by his club. Chase filed no-quaintance after the first meeting.

The Inside Story

When a fellow's wife talks about her face." she was his boyhood sweetheart, should win driver of the second machine was a sports a lot of willing cars with her, article, in the editor. Frank feared the writer would August number of Good Housekeeping.; Nrs. ride him in his paper for any failure to Pennock, however, uses a wife's preroga- perform up to standard, so he began to tive and only tells most of the good things, thit the ball harder, with the result that although she does reveal one secret-that he battled his way up to the Cubs.

players are rather like prima donnas, saying they are in the public eye so much they are inclined to be temperamental, and she doesn't except her own hubby. Merb's missus discloses that a ball play-

er's wife is both a wife and widow and the ambition of son Joe is to see his daddy make a home run, but as Herb has made only four during his career, she says the youngster's chances are not very good. Mrs. Pentrock reveals that none of the wives or players is jealous of Babe Ruth's salary, declaring they realize that every time the Babe makes a homer it means a dollar and half to each player and his family. She believes Herb always will be mixed up in baseball, saying: "Nothing else seems to appeal to him much."

Reverse English on Spectators

Jake Atz, former umpire-in-chief of the Texas League, and who a couple of months ago returned to the saddle as pilot of the Fort Worth club, is again trying to prove the arbiters have a lot to learn, but they have his best wishes just the same. Jake, one of the game's greatest story tellers, recently recalled a stunt pulled several years ago by Jack Daly and Louis Weir, then teaming together as umpires.

frequently as they once were, for a cidents, they had decided the only fair way

Walking off the field, Daly took a front row seat directly behing the plate and Weir Frank Pytlak, the up-and-coming catcher grabbed a chair in the right field wing even of the Cleveland Indians, is a butt for some with first base. There they stayed for a

Babe Ruth began the home run craze,

arise in the morning, which explains why Kamm also pulled another on Pytlak be- Al Simmons and Frank Grube have their had his difficulties with Dizzy when both Big Joe Huicheson, the Texan who is a were in the Texas League and now Paul has likely looking slugger for the Brooklyn to bob up with him in the Association. Dodgers, is another who his new to big spoiling two long hitting streaks Rip had city ways. Until he joined Brooklyn, Joe been enjoying. . . Steve George, official Chattanooga. However, he is proud of the three-weeks' vacation the day after the fact that he comes from Denton, Tex., the fans charged him in a mob argument over same town that gave Joan Blandell to the a hit given to Joe De Maggio, San Franmovies, but unlike Miss Blondell he signs cisco, in the sixtieth game of his 61-consecutive-game hitting streak-the nervous Joe eats \$1:50 meals with a guilty con- strain evidently being heavier on the why he wore a catcher's mask and Nick replied: "This is no mask, it's my own . . . Mrs. Frank Demaree says her husband, everybody sits up and takes no- husband is a defensive hitter . . . or rathtice, expecting to get some inside dope, er, he became a hitter in self-defense, Therefore, Esther F. Pennock, wife oft, Herb, Here's the story: When Frank was playing the New York Yankees' veteran pitcher, who with Sacramento, he drove his automobile ought to know something about him, since into another car and learned that the