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Babe Ruth Signs Up.

rounded by the customary entourage cause a smart runner is always ready cannot be decied that Sukeforth is the suof Camera and Pen. George Herman to take advantage of it. Ruth last week attached his name to which was sort of an enforced com- is against it, in his opinion. promise. Colonel Ruppert thought \$70,000 was quite enough for another year, but Ruth would not hearken to \$70,000 annually, except that his contract be for two years. A baseball contract cannot be written! which does not include the ten-day clause of release.

In the circumstances surrounding the signing of the document we have observed some unusual conditions. who measured their awards too nig-ing about. gardly for the value they received. This is not true, but public opinion! is fascinated into molding itself in \$75,000 for one sesson's work and there were last year.

player should receive \$75,000. How ries of last fail. ever, none of them pays the freight. | Not all of the players of the Ameri-One fact has always been in favor can and National loagues are as good came back to America and bought a ball

slight undercurrent of opinion in favor of the owner. Even the ball play- ground. ers in a mild way are inclinded to be-

United States. Other ball players had of good example in 1981. their pay reduced because owners! were reacful of the future and tried to make a budget that would carry all | of them, players and owners alike, ing season have become history for following to say about the signing of Babe through the season. These players the major league clubs and some of Ruth with the New York Yankees for one had believed that a high sary for Ruth the minor organizations have had year at a \$5,000 reduction in salary: "Evmeant high salaries for them. The the minor organizations have had sent at a 35,000 reduction in salary: Even opinion was general throughout the their share at batting the ball, catch-taking a \$5,000 salary reduction on his new longues that Ruth's large income from ing and throwing it. baseball, which was furnished by Colonel Ruppert, in some ways was weeks have not been put in by ball slipping through your fingers. You can

These United States have many a ball player who is afraid of work, or Ruth can adjust himself to that figure, man in it who thinks Ruth is paid too for the player who scoffs at work.

tention will again be given to the pos- were willing to make excuses for a monopoly of genius, soap, railroad iron sibility of Ruth making a new home them.

run record. ever, in guessing as to what will take owner may feel as kindly as ever, but place in 1988.

Another Error for Herman.

Babe Herman, an outfielder and a hatter by profession, Ernie Lombardi, a to advance funds to certain minor realized that the future success of their man; Joe Stripp, a promising third ing a chain of clubs which belong to ized Baseball being extended to assist baseman not yet at his best, and Clyde minor league organizations.

"Not only is the benign power of Organization baseball being extended to assist Jackson's Class B Southeastern League club. Sukeforth, a catcher.

tional League players rivaled that tain minor league clubs, have been ton States League also. Mysteriously, the which was made in December by the asked whether they favor the chain Cotton States is operating. At Vicksburg, Washington and Chicago American store system, as it has been called, and Norman Schlemmer, who said he would un-League clubs, in which each team pro- have replied with some celerity that der no conditions lead the baseball movefesses satisfaction and, with pre-sea- they do not. Their contribution to the ment again this year, promises Vicksburg's fesses satisfaction and, with pre-sea- they do not. Their contribution to the participation. Baton Rouge, which ended son hopefulness, claims to have an minor league clubs has been merely a the season head over heels in debt and is advantage particularly suited to what temporary loan, for which they are to just now paying out the various onery litit desired. No doubt the Brooklyn have certain privileges in regard to the accounts of the players and club, is and Cincinnati clubs feel as gratefully players.

cheerful about their deal. League players suggests only one thing. It was brought about by the stubborn unwillingness of Herman to rights, whatever may be left of them, league boys must be shelling out sure sign a contract. Herman's self-appreciation was \$19,000 or nothing. We have seen better ball players signed at happen. a far lower figure than that, but, after

Fall, that is Herman's self-defined attitude and must be left as such. W Assuming that these players are content to go on with their new owngers, and those who have signed con-Stracts will have no other alternative.

it is not difficult to locate future in- bor, of hungry ball players thronged course, like all other places, it also has its troit, Mich. field possibilities for the Brooklyn club, the lobby of a New Orleans hotel, drawbacks," declares Daniel. "The plant which needed them. No one knows exactly how it may side the temperature was raw, cold and thusiastic and appreciative, and it helps, a

work out, but with reasonably good forbidding. The exercise which they lot to work a club before that sort of at-Minfielding now assured for Brooklyn, it craved was forbidden to then. can afford to dispense with the services A fairly tall, muscular man, wearing their jobs with more zest and pepper than a suit of clothes many degrees in null legislations are not bad. The Climatic conditions are not bad. The climatic to go the elevator. He had a smile one disadvantage is that Los Angeles is so the climatic for the players and a frown for the bay more rival atmosphere. St. Peters. Millicinnati, to last the season through, vance of the weather, crossed the lubby player to furnish them, as he swings cold as he looked out of doors. Llusty bat from his six feet and its |

eared by the fretful cares which are to train the weather.

brought by years. Herman occasionally lumbfounds the fans by pulling a bone, a process which is humorous rather

than ghastly. Those players who were with the Cincinnati club may occasionally do === the same thing. All bone pullers are DEGARDLESS of whether Cincinnati is born alike, but not all are accomplished have been of great renown in the time of Leonardo de Vinci, whose knowledge of the human skeleton and bores was never surpassed. Perhaps Gilbert and Lombardi will think that he has pulled another bone.

Lost Motion.

Quien sabe?

new problem of some kind. It may with pitching strategy.

the use of the pitching arm. their heads as the arms of the his- the brightest prospects at second base that toric old wind mill are revolved by has broken into fast company in many

A well informed trainer, who gives a contract to play ball in 1932 with study to that sort of thing, is dis- the officials of the Brooklyn club but also Colonel Jacob Ruppert. The sum ac- couraging its use. He says there is with many of the players on the team. In certable to both parties was \$75,000, no necessity for it. Loss of energy former years he was known as the 'man-

much that he can give to the ball; by that, meaning that his arm power will generate a certain amount of strength. nal recalls how Sammy Strang Nicklin, who He does not use this all of the time, died at Chattanooga, Tenn., December 13, of course, but he uses an average quit baseball to become an opera singer with the masses and establishing economical tune and foresight have built up strong remaximum amount during the process and then left music to join baseball again. of a game.

applied to the use of speed, instead had a voice. Sainty had," wrote Davis, parks to the boys two days a week when with a 25-man player limit. Heretofore the sympathies of men of being expended in making wild "and when he was still playing ball for the the teams are at home this season, and to have been with the player, except on gesticulations preparatory to pitching, Giants he made up his mind to crash into give youngsters free instruction in baseball rare occasions, the ground being he is certain some of the younger grand opera. So Sammy went to Paris fundamentals, under the supervision of rare occasions, the ground being he is certain some of the younger along about 1909, it must have been, and managers, players and umpires. This is his taken that all owners of ball clubs pitchers would stay longer on the plate there enrolled as a pupil of Jean and Eduanswer to the challenge that other sports were more or less hard taskmasters than five innings. It is worth think- ard De Reszke, in their day the greatest are luring youths away from baseball.

More Base Running.

the reverse, but what a fight some who under the noses of opposing pitchers a singer Sammy could make beautiful also will be distributed in each city. receive \$100 monthly will make for a and catchers, but there will be atmade to steal than make them at the wrong time. Sammy a small pocket-size card, giving information and catchers, but there will be atmade to steal than make them at the wrong time. Sammy Colonel Ruppert is willing to pay Ruth tempts on a wider scale to steal than studied for many years, off and on. On one

does so, basing his award on a This has been indicated at all train-guished musicians in the audience, sam-shrewd business valuation as to the ing camps where teams are possessed my was singing the 'Eri tu' eria from 'The amount of return that he will receive, of players of more than ordinary Masked Ball. He came to a high G and pacause he has this ball player on his speed. Two reasons can account for started over. Again the G was too much eligible list, we can see no reason why this. One of them is the success that for him. He tried it a third time and he should not be permitted to do so. Chapman had in 1931 and the other dopped again. 'Hell,' said Sammy 'let's get There may be reasons in the minds the daring and the good results done with this here.' So he skipped the of other baseball men as to why no achieved by Martin in the World's Sc- high one and went on to the finish in a

of Colonel Ruppert. He has paid a runners as the pair of young men who club." large sum of money to Ruth in the created such a good impression for course of that young man's life-time, fine base running last season. No one but he has not paid it without notify- expects that Lombardi of Cincinnati ing his partners in the American or Hogan of New York will rumble League of his literation to pay it and down to second base on the first receiving their sanction. The Ameri- pitched ball or perhaps on the fortycan League thought it had a better first pitched ball, but some day either aftraction than the National League of them may astonish some crowd of and was quite willing to encourage it. fans by demonstrating that the seed For the first time there has been a of base running has fallen on good

Players who bat the ball are all runlieve that Ruth was the exorbitant ning it out. They are not jogging down the base line and they are not The general trend is downward in forgetting to turn toward second base business in many sections of the when they should. That is the result

The Training Season.

More than two weeks of the train-

responsible for the better pay that players for five years.

ball players have been receiving in Not all of the clubs in the major at poker. It will hire fishing guides and leagues have shown they will become wild turkey beaters for many days. You When it was ascertained that Ruth possible pennant winners when the quite a filer in stocks. But while agreeing was receiving practically as much as actual race begins in April, but all of that a \$5,000 salary cut is quite a slash, usual, while other players are not get- them have displayed more activity, or don't overlook the fact that Babe Ruth still ting what they have been paid in for- almost all of them, if the use of the will draw \$75,000 for this season's services mer years, the Ruth theory of high word "all" is too radical, than they on the baseball diamond. The king of all salaries has received a severe knock- have shown in years prior to 1932.

much money on general principles, The general temper on the part of now not getting any salary at all who will Brentwood, Pa.; Carnegie's, 629 Calera yet the man to make that contention owners is to insist on results that the balance has been badly adyet the man to make that contention owners is to insist on results that are justed when a single laborer gets that much is almost sure to be one of those who commensurate with the amount of risk money for his services and others get so sits back of third base and waits to financially for which owners become little. It seems especially unfair when such yell his loudest approval when Ruth bars a home run.

Agrangements have been completed for 1932 between Ruth and his employer. Now that they have been limited and have limited and h adjusted satisfactorily, the usual at personal interest in the players and kind of ball playing, and when you have Organized Ball.

There is not so much manifestation cent plus of what you think you are worth." Real wonderment lies more, how of that sort of thing this year. The he would like a little reciprocation.

Helping Them Out.

Major league owners have agreed nates have at last come to their senses and catcher, and Wally Gilbert, an infield- league clubs of different classifications, own ventures is more or less dependent er, were traded by the Brooklyn Two major league clubs, the St. Louis on what we of the provinces have, or do baseball club to Cincin ati for Tony Nationals and the New York Ameri- not have, in the way of baseball," Hewitt Cuccinello, a very good second base- cans, have engaged in the task of back- writes.

This exchange between teams of Na- have given financial assistance to cer- gula are bolstering up the drooping Cot-

ing any further funds, but, of course, in regard to any player who seems enough." desirable for their use, whatever may

li this sort of thing is to continue,

yearning for exercise and soup. Out-

Scribbled by ScribeS

strengthened, or not, by the exchange, artists of the Herman school. He would I the Brooklyn Dodgers greatly improved their team and made it a pennant contender by the transfer of Babe Herman, Wally Gilbert and Ernie Lombardi to the Reds for Jos Stripp, Tony Cuccinello and Clyde Sukeforth, in the opinion of Joe Vila, sports editor of the New York Sun. "The results will show later, that the Dodgers have been greatly strengthened by this bold move," declares Vila, "Manager Carey obtained two first-class infielders, who are

Each year in baseball brings up a consistent 300 right-handed hitters, "As soon as he took command of the players at Clear. " Larey quickly realbe something smart in catching base ized that he had an interior infield with runners, the fielders setting a trap for Gibert the best man for third base and them, or it may have something to do Finn or Thompson available for the middle hag. As the matter stands now, Stripp will This season, as young as it is, has play third base for the Ebbets Field team developed quite, an argument about health after a long spell of illness last year, he will rate with the best men at that cor-There are some pitchers who take her of the diamond in the National League. delight in swinging their arms around In Cuccinello, the Brooklyns have one of currents of air which provide the mo-Taking a reduction in his pay for the tive power. They cannot do this when Richards, the big Bartford graduate, who first time in his long career and sur- there are runners on the bases, be- has made a fine impression on Carcy. It perior of Lombardi as a maskman.

"It is understood that Horman had become extremely unpopular not only with ager's pet' and was allowed to do pretty: Every pitcher, he says, has just so much as he pleated. Invariably, he caused trouble over his contract."

Richard S. David of the Milwaukes Jour-"Sammy Strang Nicklin was a colorful figure, as the saying goes, not only in baseto be found in Europe, but Sammy Strang and constructive. This year, he is getting When the baseball season of 1982 had money and the best was none too good out half-sheet cardboard posters for each club in the loop, showing the home schedule

memorable occasion, with many distin-This has been indicated at all train- guished musicians in the audience. Samblaze of glory. "Finally Sammy discovered that he would never by famous as an opera star. So he

> Editor and Publisher, in noting the ball game played by sports writers covering the New York Yankees at St. Petersburg, Fla., pointed out that the scribes made the mistake of trying to play baseball and now the real ball players have lost faith in them. "They stole bases at the wrong time, were put out on hidden ball plays and made a general mess of things. Just for the fun of it, they called themselves the Brooklyns and the Yankees, and the poor old Yankees found themselves sitting on the short end of a 22 to 18 score. In a rather philosophical vein, Lou Gehrig, covering the game for the New York Herald Tribune, declared: 'Anyway, there are a lot of newspaper men who won't have the nerve to call any of the Yankees dumb this season, or bad fielders, or bad hitters."

taking a \$5,000 salary reduction on his new contract with the New York Yanks. Five It is proper to say that two better thousand dollars is a lot of money to see have quite a session with that much money the baseball players is not going to be hungry or cold. Herbert Hoover manages to It will not be a good season for the get along on \$75,000 a year end doubtless "There are a lot of good Americans just or even pig tails, you can command 93 per

> Purser Hewitt, sports editor of the Jackson, Miss., Lodger, sees in the expansion of base. Is it a balk? the Cotton States League this sesson the extension of the benign power of Organized Ball to help its weaker brothers. "It scoms that big time professional baseball mag-

"Not only is the benign power of Organ-Jackson's Class B Southeastern League club, Some owners of major teams, who but to all intents and purposes, the mobounding back, into the league ell, fired If the league fails to carry on, they with enthusiasm: Bogalusa, La., and Port Analysis of this transfer of National have no present intention of advanc- Arthur, Tex., have been admitted to the league, thus stretching its distances beyond will wish to exercise their baseball mebbe they can go, mebbe so. The big

> Daniel M. Daniel of the New York World-Telegram understands that the New York the duties of the official bookkeeper of baseball will become far more onerous than those of the official scorer.
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> Los Angeles again in 1933, but that they tember 28, 1904, is five feet eight inches, have signed a three-year agreement, which virtually bars the Yankees out of the Coast burgh, Pa. Buckalew was born at Poplar picture should Joe McCarthy want to take his club there. "Los Angeles has its many of miches, weighs 180 pounds, bats and throws for feet. It inches, weighs 180 pounds, bats and throws of the Coast burgh, Pa. Buckalew was born at Poplar burgh, Pa. Bu One hundred, or nearly that num- advantages as a training; base, and, of right, lives at 5722 Elworth boulevard, Deat Wrigley Field is ideal. Big crowds turn

KEEPS NYP LEAGUE IN THE PUBLIC EYE



Perry B. Farrell

incidentally the most expensive teachers tising and some of his ideas are both unique favor of the employe as against the begins, there will be indication of "The De Reszke brothers quickly recog- of each club for half the senson, to be put club in the loop, showing the home schedule employer, especially where there is more base running than there has been nized the excellence of Sammy's voice-he up in vantage points and which will be repopular idol in the foreground of the in two or three years. No great rush was a baritone-but they found themselves placed by new posters for the second half. picture. One would think it might be of runners will be made to steal bases rlightly puzzled by what to do with it. As while large cards advertising opening day Another feature instituted by Farrell is

a small pocket-size card, giving information about the NYP League on one side and a complete schedule on the reverse side. A generous supply of these will be given to each club for free distribution. He also is collecting photographs of all players in the league and will have a supply of mats made, distributing these to every newspaper in

Buses are used exclusively by the league hundred dollars a season for each club.

IS DAZZY VANCE A SPITBALL PITCH-

er? asks O. M. F. of Karbers Ridge, In. Vance is not a spitball pitcher.

IS THE NAME ST. LOUIS CARDINALS patented trade-mark name? asks R. C. M. The name is not a patented trade-mark

WAS HARRY OSWALD A MEMBER OF in 1924, asks J. G. of Avalon, Cal. Records fail to show Harry Oswald ever being with the White Fox or Vernon.

WHO HOLDS THE RECORD FOR CIRcling the bases? asks Fan of no address. Evar Swanson holds the base circling record, made on September 24, 1931, in a field meet at Cincinnati. His time was 13.3. J. S. OF GRINDSTONE, PA., WANTS

J. B. Lowman, 209 Porch Euilding, Johnstown, Pa., is president of the Johnstown HAS ED REICHLE SIGNED TO MANage any team this year? asks L. B. of Bar-

the Johnstown club.

in Organized Ball for this year. He is a CAREER OF WHITY GUESE IS DE-

sired by G. W. H. of McGuffey, O. Guese's record shows him with Cincinnati in 1901; Little Rock, 1902-03-04-05; New Orleans, 1906-07-08; Montgomery, 1908-09-10; Syracuse, 1911; Great Falls, 1912; sold to oungstown, June, 1912; released, June, ADDRESS OF ELMER KNETZER, OL-

lie Carnegie, Charley Small and Joe Semler are wanted by P. Z. of Freeland, Pa. Knetzer's address is 28 Hillson street Semler's, 216 Geydon avenue, Mc-

T. F. L. OF BALBOA, C. Z., ASKS FOR ruling on following play: Runner on second; pitcher on mound in position to pitch, draws ball up to chest with both bands and then turns and fakes throw to second It is a balk, as pitcher has already started his delivery.

CAREER OF MacDONALD BARKSDALE is wanted by J. F. of Scottsburg, Va. Barksdale began with Richmond in April 1925; released to Jackson, Tenn., April, 1925; Blytheville, June, 1925; released, July. 1925; Richmond, March, 1926; released, March, 1926; Danville, Va., May, 1926; released, May, 1925.

A. P. OF CHICAGO, ILL., WANTS THE roster and pictures of the two Chicago Both Chicago rosters were published The Sporting News, issue of January 11, at a small salary, to warm up pitchers and We are unable to furnish pictures of play- catch during batting practice. Thus, perers as our photographs are limited to our haps, the young players will benefit to a mer here. I've got curves, speed and ev- at bat, Gomez was being joilied by Lazzeri international Newsreel, Chicago.

R. J. R. OF PARAGOULD, ARK., WANTE to know how many bases Fred Tauby stole with Durham in 1929 and 1930 and his batting average and number of stolen bases with Evansvillo in 1931. Also won and lost record of Pitcher O. E. Collier with Evansville in 1931. Tauby stole 46 bases in 1929, 55 in 1930, 53 in 1931, and batted 317 in 1931. Collier wor; 14 and lost 13 with Evansville in 1931.

M. A. B. OF ALBANY, N. Y., WANTS

the age, height, weight, how they bat and

Conley and Roy Buckalew. Gaudette was born at Lewiston, Me., June 9, 1903, is five feet seven inches, weighs 175 pounds, bats left, throws right, lives at 3015 Shawmut street, Lewiston, Me.

AGE AND CAREER OF DOUG MCWEKNY and ages of Byron Speece and Carroll Yerkes are wanted by C. A. W. of Jamaica,

misti fans will look to the California for the players and a frown for the layer to furnish them, as he swings cold as he looked out of doors.

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| Governor Huey Long was totally unable or training seasons now run into a looked by cold to San Francisco, February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco, February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1925; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Francisco. February, 1926; with have more rural atmosphere. St. Peters looked to San Fran

Casual Comment

By J. G. TAYLOR SPINK

RUMBLINGS are being heard from the training camps as 16 managers whip their teams into condition for the 1932 pennant races and aircady many baseball men are debating the wisdom of the move the major leagues made at their last winter meeting, when they decided to reduce the mid-season player limit to 28 It sounded like a good move at the time. It was argued that each club would save the salary of two men and that players who otherwise might be retained as substitutes by the more successful clubs, would be released and would be available for other organizations, which needed such players

and could use them as regulars, thus speeding their possible development into stars. But you hear as many arguments against the change, now as were heard in praise of the decision at the time it was made: For instance, it has been pointed out that the new rule has worked to the advantage of the young men who have a habit of holding out and threatening to quit. Under the old condition each club could carry an extra infielder and outfielder and there always was the threat that one of the substitutes, given an opportunity, might make the grade and take the holdont's Job. But with most managers planning to reduce their infield and outfield personnel, rather than cut the pitching staff, the holdouts figure that they are more essential than ball outcast, and he could have gone along in the old days. However, the biggest objection to the for at least another ten years at a prince-

RECEDENT means nothing to the young change is on the ground that it prevents by salary but for the lure of the tempter. president of the New York-Pennsyl- managers from keeping players who are vania League-Perry B. Farrell, son not quite ready to play regularly in the of John H. Farrell, the secretary of the majors, but who probably would profit more National Association. Turning out of the by sitting on a big league bench and playworn ruts of the past, he has been free ing occasionally, than by spending an acwheeling his own way and has made his live year in the minors. Another argument circuit one of the strongest Class B loops is that the good clubs, which through luck of the country by popularizing the game or enterprise or a combinatio: of good formeasures without imparing the standard of serve forces, will be forced to dispose of some of their protection and that as a re-One of his plans is to wean youngsters sult the baseball played, over a 154-game If this energy were conserved and ball but in the remote field of music. He back to the game by throwing open the stretch, may not be as good as it would be

O COMPLAINT has been heard from champions, according to reports from Bradenton, but his case can be cited as one in which the club finds itself facing of the tenors and the bassos. They were | Farrell also is a strong believer in adver- the necessity of parting with valuable men. Street has an over-supply of infielders and yet the players are sufficiently valuable to make him want to keep at least seven. For instance, in addition

to Bottomley, Frisch, Gelbert and Adams, the four infield regulars, the Cardinals also have Horace Ford, Eddie Delker, Jimmy Collins, Pat Crawford and Lee Cunningham. Now Street needs protection at third and short and therefore probably wants to retain Ford and Delker. In the case of the latter, the club also is influenced by the fact that Delker has been out for three vears. Well, according to the usual plan of nine

pitchers, three catchers, five outilelders and six infielders, that would be the limit of 23, so Ford and Delker would be the only extra infielders Street could keep. But can the teams for travel and Farrell is working out | Cardinals afford to part with Jimmy Cola co-operative plan, whereby gas and oil lins? Of course, he may be listed now as can be purchased at a saving of several an outfielder, but if Hafey signs, that will create a similar problem in cutting down that department of the world's champions. If the old limit of 25 were in force, Street could keep Collins and then ducide whether he wanted Pat Crawford as the other extra, or another outfielder.

FETHERE have been many complaints that the path of young men to the majors was being obstructed, and little has been done to correct that condition, if t exists. And an argument you hear about the new player limit, of course, is that it and to the same extent retards the progress Had Everything but the Instruments shunts 32 men back to the minor leagues of that many more who were on the verge FEORGE BRANNON, portly and genial of making the jump. There are not enough small minor leagues

the Chicago Americans in 1923 and Vernon the way it is, and undoubtedly, as some baseball men point out, the blow of the the Cotton States League in Vicksburg, new player limit will be felt all along the Miss. While his connection with the Cotton trick diet chart. . . . He and Judge Fuchs ine, far down to the small leagues. clubs in the pennant races," one baseball winter to cast his lot with the renganized George Weiss make a peculiar combination man complained. "If you're going to shed Southeastern, Brannon, however, han been for the New York Yankees.... For years a few tears, shed them for the poor second accustomed to attending the directors' siectdivision clubs, which are trying to bring ings for so many years that he couldn't year ever got with each other was at the close up men and develop them, so that progress frain from driving over to Vicksburg and of the 1927 World's Series when the Yancan be made toward the top of the league. sitting in at the deliberations. the name and address of the president of The clubs at the top have regulars for most | Various yarns were being spun at a of their positions, in fact for all of them, luncheon-and yarn spinning is more or

> "For instance, we are trying to build a new infield and we may have a couple of men for a couple of jobs and we'd like to keep them, to test them in actaal big league competition, over perhaps the entire season, to play them here and there and find out just what they can do. But no, we have to cut down to five outfielders, six infielders, three catchers, unless we want to sacrifice pitching possibilities.

"There, too, the stronger clubs have the edge. Their pitching staffs are about all set, with the regular starters all picked of us-just sittin' there and waitin' for staffs and you know that the only real test for pitchers is to send them against big league batters. Well, under the new rule there staring for about ten minutes and, we'll have to find out by June 15 and that finally, he couldn't stand it any longer. can't be done satisfactorily."

ANY baseball men freely predict that next December's baseball meetings danged fellers gonna play?" will be the introduction of a measure to restore the old 25-man player limit. I is known that some influential club officials have protested that the change was a mistake and that the owners should have consulted the managers and considered the move more earofully before taking an action which could not be construed as progressive.

However, it is possible that a solution of the problem will be met during the season, and that the managers will find that they are complaining before they are hurt. Some of the managers, it is known, are planning to cut their catching staffs to two men, so that they will be able to give themselves more protection in the

infield, outfleld or on the mound. The third-string catcher usually spends nost of his time in the bull pen anyhow. and a young player, not actually on the as how he could and inquired as to the roster, can be carried around the circuit, applicant's experience. at a small salary, to warm up pitchers and own use. Write Acme Newspictures, or certain extent and some of the clubs may crything." Properly impressed, Leibold as to how soft those A's were, but he bob, up with young phenoms.

> NORCHID, as Walter Winchell would look him over. say, to the NYP League for its foresighted action in throwing open the cities and it is hoped that other circuits will | Smith," but before he could get any further. see the light and make similar announce- Nemo gave him a swift kick in the pants seemed to come from his hip pocket. It

years for a general opening of gates to the other than Wee Dickie Kerr, here of the youngsters of the nation. It is one big way 1919 World's Series and former roommate balls, of meeting the competition offered by golf, of Leibold on he Chicago White Sox, who throw and addresses of Bucky Gaudette, Ed tennis and other sports. As cities grow, now lives in Houston. the opportunity for sand lot baseball decreases and Organized Baseball will be wise to help meet the competition from the golf links and the tennis courts. Years ago the golf links were not accessible to the youngsters, but now they

> are, in most public parks, and the youngstors who have not hortunate enough, to; be affiliated with clubs in municipal: leagues, find it difficult, if not impossible, to find a place and equipment to play baseball, The leagues can go a lot further. They can, organize, leagues in the small towns at small expense and they can provide even stimulate interest in league baseball by letting the best teams in their territory Baseball parks When Organized Ball shows the pub-

as well as to profit itself, then the small ville Vol pitcher, who ran a toy shop at is farming at Bellevie, Mich. Agricult leagues will begin to build back and regain El Paso last winter, thinks the world of ture also has claimed T. W. Bause, outsome of the prestige that has been lost his home town—Juarez is only five minths fielder and pitcher with Freeport in the through mismanagement and disregard for lites away. It has been discovered why Wisconsin Illinois League in 1909-11, who civin spirit is relating groups at Meadow Grove Neb.

Putting em on the Pan

the lobby of the Hotel Sinton in Cin- pened. had looked like bushers, as they lost to be all set. I stood almost on the foul line. the Cincinnati Reds in the first game of Babe hit a smash right into my hands that the 1919 World's Series. "Ah don' know what come ovah us."

drawled Joe in the patois of Dixie. "We'll beat hell out of them tomorrow." elsch piped up. But the Sox came out of the Series a discredited bunch and a few months

later rumors of dirty scandal began to circulate. Then the whole story of the conspiracy to throw the Series was made public and Jackson and Felsch. along with five other stars, were banished from baseball for all time. Today, Jackson lives in Savannah, Ga le is president of a little two-by-four pants pressing business. But for that crooked Series he would probably have been able to retire rich and all set for life. He was right in his prime when he

made the false step that made him a base-

BIG league writer, traveling through the South, discovered Joe in Savannah recently. He writes that Tackson is a trifle heavier than when he was knocking infielders down with smoking line drives, but all the old Jackson determination is still there.

"I could lead either of the big leagues," said Joe. "A couple of years ago, playing down here at Waycross, I hit 535 in 100 games. Last year in an exhibition game I was up twice and got a single and home run." Did he still feel the same way about is suspension from Organized Ball?

"I asked to be suspended before the World's Series of 1919. I didn't want to play after I heard what was going on. But I had to play. And I did play. Look at the records I made in that Series. Look at Buck Weaver's, too, and you don't need any more proof that we played." best that ever played ball?

"It was, unless you like the old Athletics better. I don't know but what we pented after he had been lured by the had more power. Then we had Eddie voice of the crocked gamblers. But wheth-Collins, too. He was the smartest man ler he was or not, he passed out of basethat ever walked on a hall field. Eddie ball just at a time when he could have did our thinking for us. He figured out capitalized on his ability in a big way.

FEGHIRTEEN years ago the writer sat in | what was going to happen before it hapcinnati talking to Happy Felsch and Conce he told me to play over on the Joe Jackson. Shoeless Joe they called left field foul line for Babe Ruth. I asked Jackson, and an admiring crowd stood him why. I could move ten feet, you around gaping at the tall, bronzed Sox know, after a ball and I couldn't figure outfielder, one of the greatest hitters of why Eddie wanted me to go over so far. all time. That afternoon the Sox, probably the greatest ball club ever gathered, third base that day and he wanted me to

> would have busted up the ball game." SKED who was the best flinger be ever faced. Jackson promptly ana swered Walter Johnson, "The only way you could hit him." drawled Joe. was to poke the ball. I used to wait for his curve. Used to kid him by standing up straight with the bat leaning against

> my hip. "They say Grove is awful fast. But I don't see how he could be as inst as that side-arm hop of Walter's. Besides, a lefthander is easy to hit. I never could figure why left-handed batters always complained that they couldn't hit left-handed pitchers. All the left-handers I ever saw were suckers. You could tell every time when a curve was coming and when you were going to get one down the alloy."

What did a hatter need most? "Just nerve. I used to laugh at the plichers and it would make them mad. I used to get Coveleskie crazy. I said, Just throw that ball anywhere near, Pollock, and they will have to pick it out of your throat!'

"I had an edge on pitchers because they knew I thought they were all suckers. And I used to keep am guessing. I changed my stance at the plate three times the first three years I was in the big leagues."

A has always claimed he was never a party to the framing of the 1919 Series and he points to his record as proof that he played his best. He batted 375 and did not make an error. His crooked Series record follows: AB. R. H. TB. PO. A. E.

LTHOUGH banished from baseball, Joe

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BETWEEN INNINGS

By EDGAR G. BRANDS

RHYMES OF A ROOKIE When you fan in a pinch, like a sucker, Or you "kick" one that's right in your

When you step to the plate full of vigor and hate. But you can't get the sign of a hit. You might just as well grin to the music, So bring out the "sax" and the "uko"---

For tomorrow--you're back in Dubuque. -FORD FRICK in N. Y. Journal.

owner of the Jackson club of the Southeastern League, was in a remi-States now is decidedly ex-officio, inst-"Don't waste all your sympathy on the much as he withdrew from the circuit last

and all they have to worry about is cutting less right up Col. Brannon's alley. Rolling a speak to you." . . . It is whispered around their reserves. But think of the lower fat cigar from larboard to starboard, George that the reason Col. Ruppert shied from tomary, "wel-i-i, I'll tell yuh." Everybody cause the Bambino has a bad heart,

"Several years ago I was on the governor's official staff," Brannon began, "Speakin" of Hot Springs makes me think of this one, One day the governor got an invitation to pay an official visit to Hot Springs to attend some sort of a big public affair. So the word was passed around and all the boys on the staff got out their uniforms, swords, gold braid and plumed hats. Oh, I tell yuh, we looked grand. We were sittin' on a sort of platform-about a dozen usually before they go North. But the clubs somethin' or somebody. I noticed an old lower in the race are trying to build up boy down in front of the platform who looked like he'd come from 'way back up in the hills somewhere. He just stood He pointed his finger right at me, and to the great embarrassment to all of us supposedly dignified staff members, he hollerone of the first orders of business at ed, 'Well, fer Pete's sake, when air you

> Paul Gribble, pitcher of the Fort Worth Texas League team, as a protection against a cold, rubbed his chest with a certain brand of salve which is calculated to keep down the dangers of cold infection. Charley Engel took a sniff at the salve and observed scornfully: "Heck, Paul, I thought you was a YOUNG man!"

Just a Couple of Midgets

The telephone bell in the notel room of Nemo Leibold, manager of the Columbus American Association club, at Houston, rang the other day and when Nemo answered he was asked by a voice at the New York team-old and young other end of the line if he could use a the victim of his buffconery. good left-handed pitcher. Leibold allowed 13 men in a Sunday school game last sum- one of the innings while the Yanks were

the Rice Institute diamond and he would The next day a stocky citizen approached thing unforseen happening. the manager of the Columbus learn and gates of its parks to the boys of its started to say: "Manager Leibold, I'm John and then warmly shook hands with him, developed that Tony had put a paper cup of The Sporting News has campaigned for for "John Smith" turned out to be none

More of Less Personal Frank Grube and Lu Blue of the Chicago White Sox carry pet canaries with them, ries, is running a small pressing outfit in . . Grube's is named George Hildebrand and Blue's, is called DeCatesby. . . . The star in the Northwestern League 25 years players think the umpire and the St. Louis ago, is employed on the fish pier at Santa Browns' owner should feel honored, . . . Cruz, Cal. . . . Ed Mills, who caught for Should Pete Jablenowski fall to stick with Milwaukee in 1887, 1888 and 1889 and with the Cleveland Indians, he ought to be able Duluth, Milwaukee, Spokane, and Terre to get a job with the White Sox: ... Pete Haute, is in the flour, feed and coal bustis an accomplished planist and he and Lew ness at Lake Mills, Wis. Hank Schrol-Fonseca, who has a fine baritone voice, had ber, who played the infield for Duluth, St. just about arranged to go on the NBC Paul, Chicago White Sox, Lincoln, Lawchain when Lew was traded to the Pale rence, Boston Braves, Waterbury, Cincinto play. They can foster boys' baseball and Hose. . As manager of the White Sox nati, Indianapolis, Columbus, Chicago Cubs, loward the end of the season they might this year. Lew could arrange a deal to Mobile and Montreal, is a member of the bring his planist back to him even if only fire salvage corps in Indianapolis to promote harmony in the club. Jack dian John House, outfielder in the old Iowa play, preliminary games at the Organized Quinn, veteran pitcher of the Brooklyn State Central Association, and one time Dodgers, vehemently denies that he is a with the St. Louis Browns, is farming at Polo-Put me down as English with just Onelda Wis. John Eubanks, who played enough Irish and Welsh seasoning to make at Fort Dodge, Detroit, Indianapolis and bi towns and cities and that it is eager to serve me spicy, he says, George Bell, Nash- the South Atlantic and Texas leagues, also

Angeles club by the Chicago Cubs, could not report to the Angels. He said it was on account of his law practice, but it was recently announced that he is to murry Miss Anibel Bevore MacLeod of Kenilworth, Ill., on March 25. . . . Before reporting at training camp, Walter French, the former Athletics' outfielder now with Little Rock, consulted a fortune teller and Just cut up and be gay, make the most of she told him he was going to change positions in 18 days. . . . Now, he's wondering if Connie Mack wants him back. . . . Hugh Wise, believes a name should mean something. . . . The Detroit recruit catcher was

studying for his master's degree at Purdue last winter. . . Wer Ferrell, Cleveland ace right-hander, breaks so many golf clubs that he has bought a new set-all steel-if he gets mad at them now, all he niscent mood at k recent meeting of can do is bend them. . . Bill McKechnic invested two bucks the other day in a are experimenting with it before trying it on their players. . . Ed Barrow and kee business manager greeted the new director of the Yanks' chain store system. with "I feel so good tonight, I'll even tilied back his chair and rumbled a cus- signing Babe Ruth for two years is be-

Sam Guthman, Jr., named vice-president of the Macon Southeastern club. recently, has his own ideas as to why he was selected. When notified of his election, he said: "Huh! Give this job to somehody else. Jacobs wants me hooked up here so he can get all the baseball uniforms washed free of charge."

Yes-Guthman is a laundryman. He Expected to Travel

Mike Kallaher, the supply sergeant of the Memphis Chicks, was having his troubles getting uniforms to fit various and sundry prospective Chicks assembled at the team's training camp recently. After he had accomplished the feat after a fashion, he was settling back with a sigh of relief, saying, "some of these ball players must think they are going on dress parade instead of a cow shed to play baseball," when one rookie with a uniform under his arm appeared before him, waiting.

"I nin't got but only a home uniform. Where is my road uniform," was the startling, reply.

The Playful Lazzeri None of those young fellows trying to

make the Yankees' infield had better crowd Tony Lazzeri, who expects to win a regular place himself, too much or he is likely to show them a few tricks they have never seen in the American Association or in the Pacific Coast League. Tony has more stunts up his sleeve than a sleight-of-hand porformer and nearly every member of the New York team-old and young-have been Lefty Gomez, in particular, will never forget the embarrassment Tony subjected him to in a game against the Athletics "My name's John Smith. I struck out lest summer, Sitting next to Tony between told the pitcher to report the next day at thought nothing of the joshing, and when the Yanks were retired. Lefty went out to the mound without being conscious of any-Gomez pitched a few balls, then felt something dool trickling down his right leg. Investigation revealed that the leak ice water in Lefty's pocket and the cup didn't break until he had thrown a few

> Down Memory Lane Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was forced out of the game with seven other White;

Sox for their part in the 1919 World's Se-Savannah, Ga. Walter Cartwright, a