

TORRANCE NOTES

Ormond and Ed Jones were guests Saturday evening at a party given by Mrs. S. A. Green of San Pedro.

Maxine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gascoigne of Gramercy avenue, entertained a few little friends Monday afternoon in honor of her ninth birthday.

Mrs. Marion Reeve of Cabrillo avenue was a recent guest of Mrs. Nelson Reeve of Lawndale.

Mrs. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey

at homes all over the city every morning isn't news. It's too commonplace. Everybody knows about it. But when the milkmen FAIL to deliver milk all over town—that's NEWS."

In my roving days, when far distances beckoned and were answered, I rolled into Winnipeg from Detroit one morning at 9 o'clock with 88 cents in my pocket. I spent 20 cents for breakfast and a nickel for carfare to the office of the Winnipeg Telegram. At 10:30 I was writing copy for the sheet, having landed a job to write copy for and conduct a prize fly-swatting campaign for the kids of the city. When that campaign was over, and we had weighed some tons or so of defunct flies, the managing editor assigned me to cover a cricket game.

I never had seen a cricket match and didn't know a wicket from a frame. But I hunted out a generous-looking Englishman, told him of my predicament, and he dictated the news story for me. Then I took it to the office, introduced a few American slang phrases, and got by with what the sports editor said was as good a cricket yarn as he had ever seen.

That was praise which I couldn't take without blushing, so I told him the truth of the affair—and he wouldn't believe me.

Convinced that I was a cricket expert, he saw to it that I was assigned to another match soon after—and I had the hardest time in the world convincing the managing editor that I simply couldn't handle it, for I knew my initial good luck wouldn't repeat.

W. H. K.

SAYS THE RAMBLING REPORTER

Being the Highlights of Fifteen Years' Experience in Gathering the News

It seems like an age ago that I sat in the newspaper room at the Indianapolis police headquarters, a cub reporter, who had hired out as one of long experience. In those days, as now, Indianapolis was the gateway to the south, through which passed hundreds of negro fugitives from justice, to hide in more or less secure concealment in the fastnesses of the Hoosier capital's black belt.

In that black belt crime flourished. So on the first night that I served the Star as police reporter, I was excited by the sufficient news which three murders of negroes by negroes provided. I worked feverishly getting the details, and with all the nervousness of a novice writing the "stories" of the killings.

Anxiously I waited for the city edition to come off the press. I expected to see my efforts emblazoned with screaming headlines across the top of the paper. But when the paper came out I had to search diligently to find my stories at all—and when I did, to my disappointment, they were buried on page 17 at the bottom of the page under a small head.

The next noon the city editor called me to his desk and delivered himself of an admonition something as follows: "Young man, killings in the black belt ain't news in Indianapolis. Last night was a dull night down there. Unless there are very unusual features to a murder in that district, it isn't worth much more than a paragraph."

I learned right there that news is the unusual. Old Art Bowman, city editor of the Detroit Free Press, and an old chum of mine, once illustrated it this way:

"The fact that milkmen leave milk

well with three men on bases. Durham drew the relief assignment. He walked calmly to the box and proceeded to fan the next three batters.

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"The next inning the Reds got something like seven runs off Brother Durham. When he came back to the bench I got in a little jibe myself.

"That's hard luck, Bull. The club got stuck when they paid \$11,000 for me, and they got sunk when they took you for nothing," was my soothing remark.

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SPOTLIGHTS ON SPORT

by JACK KEENE

AN interesting story comes from the Boston Braves' camp concerning the passing of Dana Fillingim, veteran spitball hurler, from the big show. Fillingim is due to pitch for Beaumont in the Texas league the coming season.

Fillingim had the habit of standing directly facing the batter, with both feet on or at the rubber, while preparing his moist shoots.

He wore a shoe with exceptionally long spikes—for a pitcher—and in delivering one of his spitballs one day last season his toe spike caught in the pitching rubber. As he swung on his windup the spike held and his knee was wrenched so severely that he had to be helped from the field. The knee failed to yield to treatment and Fillingim, discouraged, lost interest in things.

Fillingim, a Georgian by birth, would have liked to remain in an eastern or southern circuit when the Braves let him go, but the spitball is barred in most if not all of the eastern circuits, so Dana was shipped to the Texas outfit.

Fillingim's passing is sudden. He was classed as a vet, but had pitched only six years for the Braves. The Athletics and Cleveland gave him tryouts back in 1915 and 1916, but he failed to make the grade. His best year was in 1921, when he won 15 games and lost 10 for the Beaneaters. Last year he broke into 35 games, but managed to win but one while losing nine.

When the Giants paid \$11,000 for Rube Marquard back in 1908 the Indianapolis A. A. club included "Bull" Durham, another pitcher, in the deal. Marquard was the main attraction, of course.

Marquard and Durham were pals, but the publicity given Marquard, then hailed as "the \$11,000 beauty," sort of got under Durham's skin. Marquard, in a recent fanning bee, recalled a bit of repartee the two exchanged when Rube made his debut with the beauty tag adorning his chest.

Marquard started his first big league game for the Giants against the Cincinnati Reds. As Rube recalls it, the Reds knocked him all over the lot—and out of the box in the second inning.

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well with three men on bases. Durham drew the relief assignment. He walked calmly to the box and proceeded to fan the next three batters.

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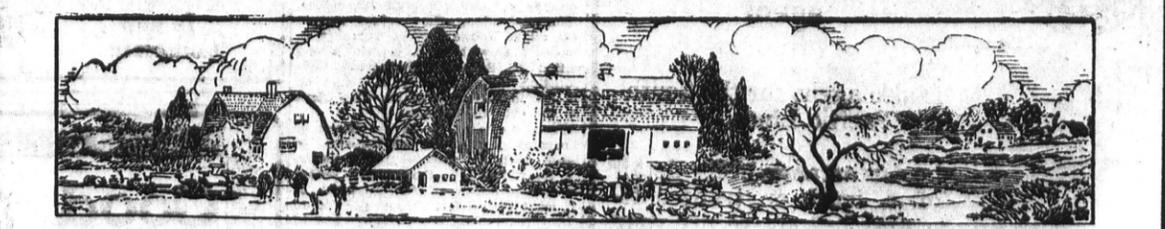
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