

ON THE SIDELINES

By BRIAN BELL

The Chicago Cubs can't get on the bases and a bit for the batting order. If one of the big squad of players Manager Rogers Hornsby has under observation can convince the Rajah he knows how to get on the bases and a bit the game just might be right for Chicago. He will improve his chances of wearing Cub colors throughout the season.

Blair led off last year but there is an idea in the camp that Hornsby thinks the otherwise good infielder is not just what the doctor ordered for lead off work. Finish the second place hitter with Manager Hornsby, in person, probably batting third and Hack Wilson fourth. But this arrangement makes no provision for complying with the rules by sending up some one first.

Unless an exceptionally good lead off man is developed in the spring tryouts the old reliable Kiki Cuyler probably will be sent to bat the start of the season as the very first up for Chicago. Cuyler, a great hitter and extraordinary base runner, hits the ball, but he is good enough to hit in a flock of runs from a position lower down in the order and for that reason Rogers will hesitate to move him up.

Manager Hornsby thinks Elwood English is "the best young player to come up in years."

"He is wonderful," says the Cub manager.

"I look for him to be even better this year than he was last for he is putting on weight and that is all he needs."

"He tries to do what you tell him. If you point out to him the right way to do a thing in baseball he will go at it and try it over and over again until he does. Not all young players think it worth while to work hard to try to improve their play."

"English is a great shortstop and he can play third as well as anybody. He can hit, too, and there is no youngster in baseball today who works better with other players. English can hit that first or second runner. If he misses the ball the first or second time, he still has that third one left and he is not afraid to try again."

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Friday, the 13th, Bad for L. A. Men

Three Los Angeles business men met with plenty of thrills when they chose Friday the thirteenth as the day on which to land in Las Vegas. It was just after 1 o'clock when the marking of the thirteenth when they parked their car in front of the Oaks Hotel. When they returned several hours later they found that their overcoats and two cases of Passinade, a new drink that they are introducing were gone.

The theft was reported to the sheriff's office and on the night of the thirteenth, in company with Chief Criminal Deputy Bodell, a trip was made through the many camps north of the cemetery in search for the stolen goods.

Failing to find any trace of the missing articles the party was returning to Las Vegas. When their car reached a point just north of the cemetery they encountered a man in the middle of the narrow road. Bodell who was driving stopped the car, expecting the man to get out of the way he whipped out a six-shooter and commanded the men in the car to put up their hands. Bodell who saw that the lights from the car blinded the holdup man, jumped out of the car and ordered him to "drop his gun and put up his hand." Instead of complying he made a dash around the car but Bodell was just fast and the two came together. Bodell overpowered him and took away his gun.

When landed in jail he gave his name as Zimmerman. His true name is said to be C. C. White. He said he had purchased the gun to "kill that" down there at the camp. The gun was purchased from a local second hand store, stating at the time of purchase that someone had been robbing his camp.

White was taken into court where bail was set at \$2500 pending his preliminary hearing.

Lester Efrid of Oakboro, N. C. won the corn contest in 16 counties by producing 99.2 bushels per acre.

Utah's livestock value is estimated at \$42,348,000.

Chicago Mauler Has No Qualms Over New Ball

By PAUL ZIMMERMAN

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Start of Wilkins' Trip Under Arctic Ice Floes Nears

CAMDEN, N. J., March 15. (AP)—Sir Hubert Wilkins, and his crew of adventurers in a submarine shot off today on the first leg of his trip to the ice floes of the Arctic seas.

The queer looking craft, with its long steel runners above the body, will proceed to the Brooklyn navy yard where final preparations will be made for the journey which will end this former naval submarine under the northern ice pack.

There was no ceremony as the boat left dock. Sir Hubert and Commander Sloan Danenhower, the ship's skipper, both are anxious to reach the Arctic in time to take advantage of the summer light and thaws.

The tiny craft already has cost close to \$500,000 during conversion from a ship of war to a ship of science. This figure will be greatly increased.

At Providence, the Nautilus will be christened formally by Jean Jules Verne, grandson of the man who wrote "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," from which Wilkins chose the name of his boat.

The actual start on the Arctic trip will be made from London, Wilkins announced. From there they will proceed to Spitzbergen. From there the tiny craft will head into the ice pack.

COMPANY WILL BREAK TEN MILLION DOZEN EGGS

KANSAS CITY, March 16. (AP)—Ten million dozen eggs will be cracked and either frozen or powdered by the Tranin Egg Products company here within the next five months.

The company, one of the few of its kind in the country, sells the liquid and powdered eggs to bakers, candy makers and manufacturers of ice cream, noodles and macaroni. Eggs from Missouri and Kansas are preferred because the yolks are a deeper yellow and the whites of thicker consistency. The eggs are packed in 30-gallon cans and then frozen before being shipped.

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is off White Bay in northern Newfoundland, just north of Cape St. John and about 225 miles north-east of St. Johns.

HOLLYWOOD, March 16. (AP)—George Melford, Hollywood director, was located here today and described the sealing steamer Viking, which was torn by an explosion off Horse Island, on the northeastern coast of Newfoundland.

Melford was the director of "White Thunder," an adventure picture of the sealing country, produced by Varick Frissell, young New York explorer.

"I was on the Viking with Frissell last winter when I directed his sealing picture," Melford told the United Press. "The ship was 35 years old and was an old schooner converted into a steamer."

"We were caught in an ice jam about 350 miles north of St. Johns on this expedition and the vessel did not have enough power to pull us out until the ice started moving from the north. Her maximum speed was between six and seven knots per hour."

Melford said he knew Captain Abraham Kean, Jr., of the stricken vessel, but was not personally acquainted with Harry Sargeant and R. Penrod, other New York men, listed on the vessel.

The director said he last saw Frissell before the latter left Hollywood a month ago.

"He might have been going north to take additional scenes for the picture, or he might have had something new in mind," Melford said. "I cannot say for certain and I knew little of his plans when he left Hollywood."

Melford said he understood that Frissell, a nephew of Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, also was related to the late Andrew Carnegie.

PROSPECTOR DIES WHEN GOLD HUNT ENDS

TONOPAH, March 16. (AP)—Silveroni Penelas, famed the Nevada desert seeking gold for nineteen years. He knew hunger, cold, heat, loneliness, hardship and all the sufferings of the gold-fevered prospector.

Then the venerable Spaniard struck it rich. He discovered claims of high-grade ore and the claims were sold for \$75,000. Two days later he died and executors are now searching for a brother believed to be in South America and a sister in Spain.

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OFFICERS NAB PAIR WHO ROB NEVADA CAFE

Small Amount Money Taken from Slot Machines Recovered

Surprised while in the act of robbing the Nevada Cafe, Clay McKerrigan, 23, and Ed Becker, 33, are in the city jail.

Mr. Leppert, proprietor of the Underpin store, which adjoins the Nevada cafe, was awakened shortly after one o'clock Monday morning by the sound of someone breaking in the door in the rear of the Nevada Garage and had Frank Farnsworth telephone for the police. Officer Dave Mackey responded to the call. Mackey went to the rear door of the cafe and had Farnsworth go to the front of the building and attempt to open the door. When Farnsworth rattled the door Becker and McKerrigan made a hurried exit through the rear door, only to run into the gun of Officer Mackey.

Neither of the captured men were armed. When searched at the police station the officers found \$35 in small change taken from the slot machines.

Entrance to the cafe, officers stated, was gained by prying open the rear door. A small pinch bar and a screw driver were the only tools found that were identified as property of the pair.

Becker stated that he was born in Scranton, Pa., and admitted to Chief of Police Nash that he had served previous jail terms. He said he had served time in the industrial school at St. Anthony, Idaho, and had been arrested on a Dyer charge in Flagstaff, Arizona. McKerrigan was born in Dillon, Montana, and gave his occupation as a cow puncher.

Charges will be filed against both men and it is possible that they will come up for trial at the coming session of the district court.

Becker had been under investigation by the sheriff's office for the past few weeks following the tracing of stolen property to his residence.

Thirty-one farm bureau teams competed in an Illinois baseball tournament last year.

Wisconsin produced 263,000 bushels of onions during 1930.

Use of a good variety of seed corn increased the yield per acre by one-third, in official Mississippi tests.

Country Inspires Modern Masonry And Wood House

This is the type of house one might plan after a drive through portions of Pennsylvania.

There an incentive might be gained from the beautiful old houses with their varied uses of stone and wood in a harmony quite appropriate to the nature of the country itself.

This house is painted white—except for the stone end of the first story of the dining room wing.

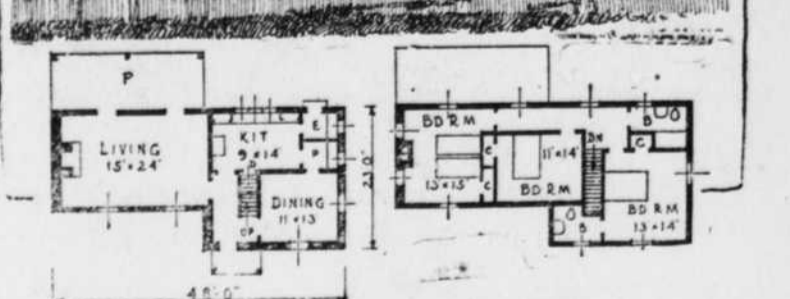
Where there is a quantity of stone on or near the plot, the advantages to the builder are obvious. The chimney is necessarily of masonry, and to finish the remainder of the end with the same material enhances greatly the individuality of the design and costs very little.

One very good reason for selecting this design is that it may be built in units, the dining room wing first, and then the living room.

Thus additions may be made without interfering with the harmony originally in the mind of the architect.

There are several ways of arranging the second floor to meet the owner's personal needs. The plan shown provides larger bedrooms. Three bedrooms may be arranged with cross-ventilation for all if desired.

A point of convenience in favor of the lower plan is that there is easy access to kitchen and cellar without passing through the other rooms.



The roof is brown, with a few greens and purples intermingled. All clapboards and the shutters are white.

The lot should be approximately 75 by 100 feet, and the front of the house should face west. By placing the porch on the front or back, the house would go on a narrower lot if placed the narrow way.

The cost is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$12,000, subject to local factors.

FERRON BUYS DRUG STORES

Dr. Martin Sells His Four Stores

W. E. Ferron has purchased from Dr. Roy W. Martin his half interest in the Las Vegas Pharmacy, White Cross Drug company, Professional Pharmacy and Postoffice Drug Store, becoming the sole owner of this string of fine stores.

Dr. Martin is retiring from the drug stores in order to devote his entire time and resources to providing adequate hospital facilities in Las Vegas during and following construction of the Hoover dam.

Dr. Martin entered the drug store business in 1905 when he took over the store which had been started by Dr. Shannon.

Mr. Ferron came to Las Vegas in 1916, at that time purchasing from Dr. Martin an interest in the original store, the Las Vegas Pharmacy. Several years later the partnership

purchased the White Cross Drug store and 18 months ago added two new stores to the chain, the Professional Pharmacy and the Postoffice Drug store.

"Bill" Ferron has given his undivided attention to the development of the drug business in which he was a partner and of which he now becomes sole proprietor. His business career in Las Vegas has been one of uniform success, the splendid business of the four stores being the best possible evidence of his progress.

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