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BEATING THE GUN

BY AL MOSES
WE-FIND-THE-ANSWERS

NEW YORK. (ANP). Question and answer time:

(Q) Dear, Al Moses:

Nothing can be done about my Joe Louis not becoming America's best 1900-50 fighter. But would you say I was close to the mark if I said Louis, Jack Johnson and Kid Chocolate represent three of the best fighters since boxing became a sport??

Robert Slaughter, Pontiac, Mich.

(A) Absolutely.

(Q) I feel that Lucius Baster of Cleveland will lead the American league in batting this year, do you agree? How do you pick the first four teams in the junior major league circuit to finish?

Bob Townsend, Akron, O.

(A) Easter should be among the 300 hitters but to lead Williams or Kell, I don't think so. I would like for the clubs to finish for 1950 like this: YANKEES, RED SOX, CLEVELAND and DETROIT.

(Q) Kid Gavilan must have adopted the easy life—based on his showing against classy Billy Graham. I think Ray Robinson would have stopped the Cuban that nite—do you think so??

G. T. H., Harlem.

(A) I do.

(Q) As an amateur sportsman I have raced cars; hunted in Asia and fished in Tampico Bay and South America. I claim the Dusenbergs is the highest priced auto today. Can you check this for me, Alvin??

Templeton Shawy, San Francisco.

(A) The type 41 French manufactured, Italian built "Bugatti" is the most expensive as well as biggest automobile ever built. More than 24 feet long, it is designed to give a top speed of 142 m.p.h. It costs \$43,000. Ettore Bugatti (dead since 1939) was an Italian who made autos in Alsace Lorraine.

(Q) One paper says Irving Crane is National Pocket Billiard champion as a result of the current Chicago tourney. Another says Willie Mosconi leads the field—what gives, Al.

(A) Can't answer palsy-walsy?

(Q) George Dixon, called by former lightweight champ Frank Erne a better fighter than old Joe Gans, was whipped by an unknown Negro bantam in an exhibition when I was a kid of five. Can you dig into records for his name??

George Samuels, Clifton, N. J.

(A) Walter Edgerton who is known in the prize ring as "The Kentucky Rosebud."

(Q) May I have seating capacity of these NL baseball parks please; Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh??

Betty Clivden, Roxbury, Mass.
(A) Chicago, 38,690—Cincinnati 30,000 and Pittsburgh, 33,370.

(Q) Was Ned Gourdon first to broad jump 25 feet good in other athletic tests?

Carson Bell, Newark, N. J.

(A) Yes, 100 and 220 quarter mile, discus throw, javelin toss, hop step and jump. Good as a baseball catcher.

(Q) I want the date of (East-West) NCAA College basketball finals usually played at Madison Square Garden in your city??

Raymond Shavers, Toledo, O.

(A) March 28, 1950.

(Q) To settle a wager, Alvin, will you check the years Rogers Hornsby was NL batting champion giving me the averages he carved out. Thanks.

Lester Buchanan, Yorktown, Pa.

(A) 1920, (370); 1921, (397); 1922, (401); 1923, (384); 1924 (424); 1925, (403); 1928, (387). The "Rajah" was with St. Louis and Boston during the above batting leadership.

(Q) Maxim, like you write, Al, shouts for Joe Louis and Ezzard Charles hoping for a slice of a 1-million dollar purse for tricky Jack Kearns and himself, I think Maxim ought to go out and whip Jersey Joe Walcott over whom he once got a split-decision and later lost to.

"Slim" Jackson, Cleveland, O.

(A) Stop reading me like a "Dunniger," will ya chum.

Ask Peace Table

CAPETOWN, S. A. (ANP). Delegates from India, Pakistan and South Africa agreed last week to settle their differences over the conference table and to resume negotiations immediately. The three countries have been at loggerheads over social and economic matters for several months . . .

Says He Is Retired, You Wouldn't Believe It

TAMPA, Fla. (ANP) You'll never convince Heavyweight Johnny Haynes of Los Angeles that Joe Louis has retired for good. Shortly before the four-round exhibition went on, Louis told newsmen, "I'm not interested in fighting anybody." He immediately entered the ring and before the fourth round could end, Haynes was out cold.

After the exhibition, Louis restated his position, but he was surrounded by doubting people, including Haynes . . .



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William F. Cody—better known as Buffalo Bill—one of the most famous characters in the history of Nebraska (and, for that matter, all of America), is at the same time the most elusive. More has been written about the famous scout and showman than about any other Nebraskan, yet it would be virtually impossible for even the most careful historian to write a biography of him that would be exact and satisfactory in all respects.

A great difficulty in trying to pin down the truth about Cody's life arises from the fact that for virtually all of the information about him, the biographer must rely either on Cody's own statements or those of his contemporaries. Cody left no "papers" from which an accurate account can be written.

In his own statements, it is safe to say, Bill was not completely scrupulous with regard to the truth. His press agents apparently were completely bored by dull facts. Then, his contemporaries were violently partisan—either he was a daring hero of unlimited power or he was a low-life of the worst order, a pariah who had taken advantage of a credulous and unsuspecting public.

A phase of Buffalo Bill's career over which there is particular—and typical—confusion concerns his supposed election to the Nebraska state legislature in 1872. He was democratic candidate for representative in the 26th district. When the returns were first announced it appeared that he had been elected. That announcement, however, had failed to take into account the vote of Harlan county, which gave his opponent, D. P. Ashburn, a majority.

Despite these returns, Cody claimed to have been elected, and "resigned" his seat, on the grounds that he was too busy to serve. For years biographers have repeated the fiction that Buffalo Bill was elected to the Nebraska legislature.

Another illustration of the difficulty in documenting his career is the fact that almost every museum in the west has Buffalo Bill's gun. We have one in our museum at the capitol—a seven-shot, Spencer repeating carbine. Ours is believed to be genuine—and most of the others probably are, too! The simple fact is that Buffalo Bill had hundreds of guns in his wild west show.

Be that as it may, the man

It's New at N.U.

By Charlene J. Colbert

During the past week the university has witnessed quite an array of theatrical performances. The University theater presented its third major production of the year, "The Glass Menagerie," a play depicting the life of a frustrated family in the midst of a depression.

Jack Rank, a 1927 graduate of the university, portrayed all the ten characters in Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." Rank changed costumes for each character, kept the conversation going throughout and never was out of the sight of the audience for more than twenty seconds at a time while changing. He was assisted by only one man who did not appear on the stage during the performance. Rank is the only man in the United States who depicts all the characters in a play. In order to eliminate the necessity of two or more persons appearing on the stage at one time, Rank had to re-write a portion of the speeches.

Stan Kenton, on his stop at Nebraska university, gave an attentive audience his version of a modern type of impressionistic music. The university was Kenton's only stop in Nebraska while on his country-wide tour.

Initiating the observance of the Lenten season were vesper services held in the auditorium of the Love Memorial Library. The Religious Welfare Council sponsored various speakers at several meetings. At the first session, Dr. Frank E. Court, answered the question, "Why Lent." The newly dedicated Carillon Tower called the service to order. Music during the hour was furnished by members of the Delta Omicron music sorority.

whose 104th birthday is celebrated Feb. 26 is a genuine western hero. I'll try to relate some of the more provable facts of his career in a later column.

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A Message From The NAACP

Mrs. Basilia Bell, president of the Lincoln branch of the NAACP issued a statement and an appeal to Lincolmites this week for the Hassell Fund drive which is nearing a close.

"The Hassell Fund is growing," said Mrs. Bell, "but do not forget that it will grow only through your help. As a result of the dinner given recently by the citizen's group for the fund, it now stands at \$90 with some tickets still unreported. (\$73.91 previously reported.) Let us rally to the good cause. We don't know who may be next—it could be you. All contributions should be sent to Mrs. Robert Moody, treasurer, 2123 "T" street, or phone 2-1673."

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Clara Edna Moody and her family wish to express many Thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, letters and in fact for everything that was done for her during her recent confinement at Dr. Nichol's sanatorium, Savannah, Mo. Clara is home again doing well.
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