BAWLS and STRIKES

Fans who like to keep their own scores of baseball games may be interested in several changes in scoring adopted as official rules during the winter.

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Most important, perhaps, is the return of the original sacrifice fly. When with none or one out a runner scores from third on a fly which is caught, or is dropped for an error, the batter will be credited with a sacrifice hit and no time at bat. However, if the runner would not have scored except for the error the fly is not called a sacrifice, that point of judgment resting upon the scorer. No distinction will be made in the summary between sacrifice bunts or sacrifice flies.

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A second ruling will allow a baserunner to be credited with a stolen base if he starts to steal and makes the base to the accompaniment of a balk, wild pitch or passed ball. The Baseball Writers' Association, which recommended this year's changes, felt that the balk, wild pitch or passed ball is caused by the fact that the runner started to steal, which seems reasonable enough.

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Another sensible change does away with credit for the unlucky run batted in. Heretofore when a runner scored while an infield double play was being engineered the batsman was credited with one rbi. That is out this year.

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Two days of real spring weather were all that were required for putting the baseball park in the best shape it has ever been before the rookies roll in for pre-season workouts. No word has been received yet from General Manager Billy Evans of the Red Sox as to when the lads will arrive but when they come the park will be ready.

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The improvements carried out in the last few weeks are almost astonishing considering the weather and the fresh start that had to be made. The secret was planning and willing hands. Business manager Asbury Bartlett of the Queen Anne's Sports Group and his assistants kept ahead of the calendar in their plans and cordial, generous cooperation has been met on every side.

The changes made will please and surprise. For one thing, the visitors' dugout has been made a dugout. It has been lowered into the ground so that it will no longer block the vision of spectators even in the former blind spot at the near corner of the bleachers. Spectators in that sector can now look over the roof and see the plate. Lowering of the stand will also provide more room for the standees who prefer the area between the grandstand and the bleachers. There will be a rail to keep them back, but there will be clear vision.

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The new bleachers will match any in the League for sturdiness and comfort. Pharis Morris has supervised their erection and he deserves a world of credit for the job he has done. The stand is 108 feet long and nine rows high. It will accommodate upwards of seven hundred spectators comfortable, more than the grandstand. The seats are made of dressed planks two inches thick, deep enough to satisfy all sizes and spaced sufficiently for knee room.

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At a later time it may be possible to give credit to all who made the bleachers and the improvements possible. But the most important feature is the interest and cooperation shown on every hand. All that will be needed this season will be a team able to get into the thick of the fight and stay there and Queen Anne's county will prove its claim to being a red hot baseball section. The county is showing its colors in fine fashion for the portion of the work resting upon it.

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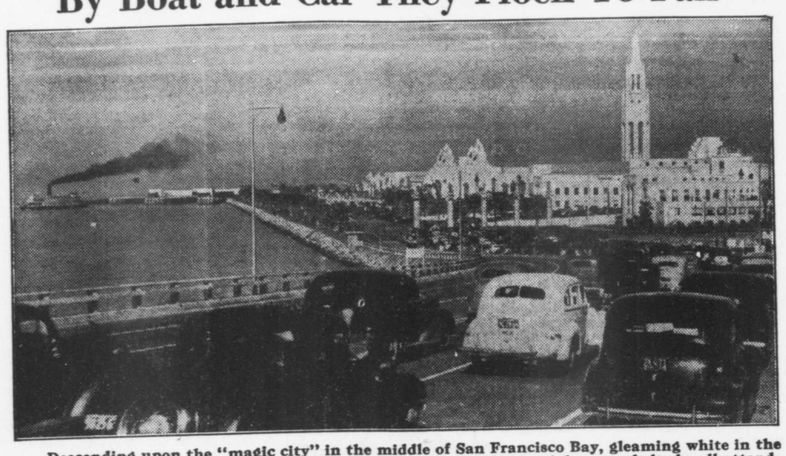
Dover which has been an unknown quantity is giving the first notice that it will have to be considered a hot contender. They are starting off with a manager who will know his way around. In Ray Brubaker, veteran of Mid-West ball, Dover has a wise, shrewd, aggressive pilot who will not miss any tricks. He is the type of man who will either get good material or press for the right replacements until he gets them. That is what the league wants, able pilots and well matched teams that will make the race a tough scramble from the first cry of "Play Ball!"

By Boat and Car They Flock To Fair



Descending upon the "magic city" in the middle of San Francisco Bay, gleaming white in the sunlight and glowing in warm, pastel shades of glamorous color at night, crowds broke all attendance records for Expositions in early days on Treasure Island. Here hundreds of autos roll smoothly through the entrance gates while a ferry boat (upper left) leaves the slip after carrying thousands from San Francisco to the World's Fair.

Swiss Border Troops Mobilize In Fear Of Hitler Aggression

Behind Swiss border troops, reported mobilizing for possible emergency, is one of the world's oldest republic's, says a bulletin from the National Geographic Society. In 1291, the first three of Switzerland's cantons, or states joined in defensive league against the house of Hapsburg. In view of the malice of the time, they swore to have no ruler other than their own to maintain their independence by their own armed strength. Later other provinces were added, until today the nation is made up of 22 largely autonomous cantons, united under a confederation whose capital is at Bern.

Of Switzerland's population, amounting to something over four millions, more than 70 per cent speak German, about 22 per cent speak French, and the rest Italian and other tongues. The official languages are these three, plus Romansch, a Latin derivative added last year as a fourth.

Surrounded by Germany, former Austria, France, Italy and the little principality of Lichtenstein, Switzerland hasa geographic position that is at once an asset and a liability. Traditionally a buffer state, she is also an important trade link between powerful neighbors. Though she has no seaboard of her own, either to defend or to use, she controls mountain passes over which domestic imports in 1938 came from neighboring countries; some 34 per cent rides the commerce of some of the most populous regions of south and central Europe. Nearly half of her of her exports were sold in nearby markets.

A mountainous country, with much unproductive land and few natural resources, Switzerland imports quantities of food as well as raw materials that keep her factories humming. With a rather dense population in an area less than half the size of Indiana, she has become a highly industralized nation. Only about one quarter of her working people are engaged in agriculture. Another six to eight per cent are occupied in the tourist business; while between 45 and 50 per cent are employed by industries, many of which had their early beginnings in handicrafts carried on at home during the long winter evenings.

Because of domestic lack of raw materials and fuel, and the high cost of transport, Switzerland has specialized in quality products. Such articles as Swiss watches, chocolate, cheese, embroideries, and toys are known around the world. For in addition to Europe, Switzerland has valuable commercial relations with the United States, South America, and the Far East.

Germany continues to hold the Number One position in Swiss trade, both as customer and vender, although in 1938 purchases of German goods declined considerably. Soviet Russia was the only important trader who sold more to Switzerland last year than during 1937.

With a high average income and standard of living, Switzerland is one of Europe's richest countries. Her gold reserve is estimated to be between two and a half and three billion Swiss francs—or about $675,000,000.

From now on, however, much more of the national income will be diverted to military preparedness, according to recent news dispatches from the Swiss capital. One report sets proposed expenditures for defense and public works at more than $240,000,000.

Perpetual neutrality was guaranteed Switzerland in 1815 at the Congress of Vienna by Prussia, Austria, France, Great Britain, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Russia; but the Swiss army was maintained on a war basis all during the World War.

For defense Switzerland has relied for centuries on a national militia, based on compulsory universal service. It has been estimated that Switzerland today could raise an army of nearly 300,000 men between the ages of 20 and 48.

Denmark's Parliment, the Rigsdag, consists of the Folketing, of Lower House, and the Landsting, or Upper House—the folks group and the landed group.

Mrs. Jones Again Heads Kent Island Women's Club

Mrs. J. Calvert Jones was re-elected president of the Kent Island Woman's Club at the annual organization meeting in the Clubroom at Stevensville Tuesday afternoon. rganizer and one of the most active members of the body, Mrs. Jones has held the president's chair since the club's founding three years ago.

Other officers chosen were Mrs. Reba Lowery, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Helen Daniels, 2d vice-president; Mrs. May Longan, recording secretary; Mrs. Florence Southard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Maude White, treasurer.

At the session Miss Ruby Kirk, home demonstration agent, discussed the arrangement of kitchens. The club will hold a card party Friday, April 21.

Dominion Ladies Plan To Renovate Church

Plans for raising funds by a short play in the latter part of April to renovate their church were discussed by the Dominion M. E. Ladies' Aid Society at their meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Carlie Thomas. Mrs. Albert Geotz assisted as hostess.

The program included a reading, "Christ is Risen", by Mrs. George Tull; duet, "They're Nailed to the Cross", Mrs. Frank Lee, Miss Beatrice Roe; reading, Gethsemane, Mrs. Wedge Jones. Mrs. George Hall won first prize in the Biblical question contest and Mrs. Kirby Thompson second prize.

BOOK CLUB

Mrs. Howard W. Ryland will report on the "Song of the Years" at a meeting of the Book Club of the Centreville Woman's Club to be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Elzey Friday afternoon.

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9-B PROGRAM
By Betty Lee Collison, '41

The 9-B section presented their first program of the year. It was a cowboy arrangement taken from the book 'Wildfire." The first and second scene took place on a ranch in the mid-west. The characters were: Wilbur Morris, Mr. Bostil; Louise Whitby, Bostil's sister, Jane; Betty Collison, Bostil's daughter, Lucy.

The third act took place on a moonlight night on a prairie while th ecampfires were burning. Characters were: Luther Yates, Slim; Sudler Tolson, Bill; Spencer Sparks, Lin.

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