

I try to limit my stories of my younger days to those I can clearly remember. I hope that I succeed in this endeavor. A while back, I listened to a friend of mine giving a speech. He touched on the exploits of the city softball team which I played on in the 1930s. I could not believe what I heard. As he told it, he was our number one pitcher and the team had been built around him. The truth of the matter is that he was "in uniform" only on those rare occasions when we were short of pitchers. I can recall only one game that I played behind him. Perhaps that is what is good about sports. It provides us with memories which exceed our accomplishments.

As little boys my friends and I formed an athletic club. We named it, "All Around Athletes" but called it the Three A Club. We had regular meetings in our homes and our mothers prepared good lunches for us. We had baseball, basket ball and football teams and conducted our own track meets. The club was very successful and people began to notice us. The local chamber of commerce decided that we deserved their backing. They provided us with a room in their quarters for a club house and helped us in many ways. From that point on we began to fall apart and soon we were a club in name only.

The real fight against polio started in 1933. President Roosevelt's birthday was used as a date for dances to be held throughout the country to raise money. I was on the committee for the dance in our county and worked very hard to make it a success. My efforts did not go unrewarded. At a special ceremony, I was presented with a dainty little bottle of perfume.

If times are so tough why is it that the weight reducing industry is flourishing?

I am not going to announce it at this time but I am going to be a candidate for president.

It would be very difficult to convict politicians of accepting bribes if there were no bribers.

What was Margaret Truman's connection with major league baseball?

Political boo-boos: Teddy - I uh ah er ah. Ronnie - Offended the mafia with an ethnic joke. Jimmy - Enraged Californians by declaring the southern part of their state a disaster area. Dole - Announced his candidacy.

A message to the unemployed. Prepare yourself for imminent job openings. Lawrence Walk's baton is getting heavier and heavier. Sooner or later Pete Rose will break his neck - probably at second base. David Rockefeller is no spring chicken. The time will come when Ayatollah Khomeini will become unable to squat. Mohammad Ali is about to stage his final come back. Lee Iacocca is facing bankruptcy. Lurt Lance's prospects are not bright. Harold Stassen can not run forever. Congressman Richard Kelly is going into the detective business. Laverne and Shirley are slipping. Howard Cosell is a prime candidate for assassination.

Did you ever try to watch TV with your eyes glued to the set?

The guy who made Achilles famous was a heel.

Leon Czolgosz poses no threat to any of the current presidential candidates.