



As I see it

By KEN HOFFMAN

You know what they don't do like they used to? Hollywood just doesn't turn out wholesome sports movies anymore. The only time a film is treated to a cinematic morsel is early in the morning on some obscure television station. But they're worth staying up for. Here's a review of some of my all-time favorites. Judith Christ, move over.

THE BABE RUTH STORY, starring William Bendix. I defy anyone to present a list of five people who haven't seen this epic. Truly a giant in the film industry, the Babe's life is portrayed through candy-colored lenses. The viewer sits enthralled as the Sultan of Swat bashes homer after homer over the rightfield wall. We see the Babe knocking out of the park for the little boy in the hospital, and generally carrying on like a Saint in a rooming house.

I rate this film as excellent. William Bendix is superb in the title role and the supporting cast complements him well. Another criticism upon which I base the rating is the total lie the movie presents. If the movie had the slightest bit of realism about it, the X rating would have been applied faster than the Bambino jumping on an inside fastball.

For in real life, the Babe was hardly a paragon of clean living. His marriages were farces due to his inability to stay out of red light districts. The wild stories about Ruth's gluttony were probably gross understatements. It is only up to the imagination the records Babe Ruth could have set if he were a dedicated athlete. The man was a pain to every manager for whom he played.

THE PRIDE OF ST. LOUIS starring Gary Cooper. Here was

another wonderful example for youth. There have been conflicting reports on the life of the movie's subject, Grover Cleveland Alexander. Some say the pitcher was afflicted with a disease which made him appear drunk most of the time, while others blame his condition on demon alcohol itself. Regardless of the cause, Alexander could barely see straight most of the time.

This was a decent movie, portraying the life in a somewhat realistic vein. Cooper refrains from tugging on the audience's heart strings and the tears are kept to a minimum. Rate it slightly above average.

JIM THORPE—ALL AMERICAN starring Burt Lancaster. How the Academy Awards eluded this monument to the film industry, I'll never understand. The scene in which Thorpe turns to Pop

Warner and says, "But Pop, I want to be in sports," slays me. The writer of the screenplay rivals the likes of Shakespeare, Hemingway, and Dostoevsky.

The story line is a well known one, the trials of Jim Thorpe to gain the acceptance of his country. Thorpe becomes a big winner at the Olympic Games only to have his gold medals called back because he had played semi-pro baseball several years prior. Jim is broken by the Olympic Committee's ruling but struggles to regain the national adulation in pro football. Strong cast, strong plot, strong movie. In fact, I'm planning to stay up tonight to watch the 5,000th rerun of this classic.

Of course there are others which warrant mentioning. **Big League** with Edward G. Robinson, **Angels in the Outfield**, and the more recent **Bang the Drum Slowly** and **The Longest Yard** are pure de-

light. These are movies that concentrate on entertainment. No heady

mind boggling symbolism here, but sheer delight. Pass the popcorn, please.

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Groves cagers take tourney

They should have called it the Birmingham Basketball Tournament.

Both Seaholm and Groves participated in the Northwest Suburban Christmas Tournament last week, both went to the finals, and the contest provided an added opportunity for the two neighborhood rivals to go at it once more. For the second consecutive year, Groves became tournament champs last Friday night at Walled Lake Western gymnasium by defeating the Maples 65-63.

BOTH TEAMS had earned births into the finals on Thursday night as Groves dropped Livonia Bentley 63-51 and Seaholm coasted past Walled Lake Central 82-66. In the season opener, Seaholm had defeated the Falcons, but ac-

cording to Groves coach Al Vordermark a little experience can go a long way.

"When we played the first game, I think experience beat us," Vordermark said. "I'm not trying to take anything away from Seaholm, they played good Friday."

The Maples enjoyed an eight point halftime lead, but the Falcons sharpened up their shooting in the final 16 minutes.

"WE WERE getting the shots in the first half, we just were not putting them through the hole," Vordermark said.

A disappointed Seaholm coach Bob Sherwood said he had thought his team was just "beginning to jell" before the Groves game and

he blamed part of the problem Friday on not being able to establish a press or running game.

"Even when we led, I didn't feel we had control of the tempo of the game," Sherwood said. "If we play our style of game despite our size, we'll have a chance against any-

one." The Falcons sank three straight baskets in the third quarter to close the gap to one and the two Birmingham squads exchanged the lead until late in the game when Groves went ahead and stalled to insure the win.

TO THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY:

NOTICE OF GAS RATE HEARING AND

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION FOR PARTIAL AND IMMEDIATE RATE RELIEF

On November 27, 1974, Consumers Power Company filed an application with supporting testimony and exhibits with the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. 62-0217, which requests authority to amend its gas rates so as to increase its annual gas revenues by not less than \$14,157,000. At the same time, Consumers Power Company filed a Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief which sought authority, on an interim basis pending final Commission action, to amend its gas rates so as to increase its annual gas revenues by approximately \$19,559,250. In its application, Consumers Power has stated that significant increases in the cost of capital, taxes, wages, equipment, materials and supplies have had a serious impact upon the earnings level of its gas business and that it has not been able to attain the level of earnings in its gas business found to be reasonable in the prior rate order of the Michigan Public Service Commission.

The Michigan Public Service Commission has scheduled hearings on the application and Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief in Case No. 62-0217 and has ordered that notice be given that:

- A. The initial hearing in this case shall be held at 9:30 a.m. on January 20, 1975, in the offices of the Commission, 1 E. 8th Street, Lansing, Michigan 48913, which hearing shall be in the nature of a prehearing conference and shall be held for the purposes of exploring and, if possible, settling upon matters which will expedite this proceeding, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Determining the parties to the proceeding, the nature of their appearances and the positions they are taking in the proceeding, as well as the facts they intend to controvert or give evidence of, all in accordance with the provisions of Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Commission.
 - Simplifying and defining the issues in this proceeding.
 - Obtaining admissions as to, and stipulations as to, facts not remaining in dispute, the authenticity of documents, and matters of public record.
 - Determining the number and identity of witnesses.
 - Specifying the schedule for the exchange of proposed exhibits and written testimony, and the reduction of oral testimony to written form.
 - Establishing procedures for the hearing.
 - Specifying a further schedule of dates of hearing.
 - Expediting any other matters that may aid in the orderly conduct of the hearing and the disposition of the proceeding.
- B. A public hearing shall be held at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 1975, in the Auditorium of the Law Building, 525 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48913, for the special purpose of taking statements and testimony of any interested persons.
- C. Further public hearings in this matter shall begin at 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 1975, in the offices of the Commission, Law Building, Lansing, Michigan 48913, for the purpose of commissioning cross-examination of the Company's witnesses and such further proceedings as may be necessary or appropriate. Public hearings shall continue thereafter from day to day or on such adjourned dates as the presiding officer may see fit until the matter has been fully heard.
- D. A public hearing will be held on the Company's Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief at an appropriate time during this rate proceeding following the conclusion of the cross-examination of the direct case of the Company and the recital of the report of the Staff of the Commission in accordance with Section 64 of 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCLA 460.64.
- E. The Commission, on its own motion, will commence an investigation and hearing on January 20, 1975 into the existing gas rates, charges, revenue deficiencies or excesses, services, practices, procedures and operations of Consumers Power Company, and this investigation and hearing will not necessarily be confined to matters contained in the Company's application but will include all matters pertaining to the reasonableness and justice of the Company's gas rates, charges, operations and practices as may be necessary to enable the Commission to determine whether the existing or proposed rates and charges are unreasonable and excessive and should be reduced or altered.

F. Any person seeking to intervene, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Commission, shall file with the Commission, at least five (5) days prior to the initial hearing of January 20, 1975, an original and 12 copies of a petition to intervene, together with proof of service upon Consumers Power Company.

Subparagraph (2) of Rule 11 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Commission (R 460.21) provides as follows:

(2) A person to intervene shall set out clearly and concisely the facts supporting the petitioner's alleged right or interest; the grounds of the proposed intervention; and the position of the petitioner in the proceeding, so as fully and completely to advise the parties and the commission of the specific issues of fact or law to be raised or controverted." (Emphasis added).

The Commission will require strict compliance with the above-quoted rule.

G. Consumers Power Company, on or before January 20, 1975, shall serve upon each intervening party a copy of the written direct testimony of its proposed witnesses and its proposed exhibits as filed with the Commission. Proof of service shall be filed with the Commission on or before February 10, 1975.

H. THE INCREASES DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY EITHER GRANT OR DENY THE REQUESTED INCREASE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND MAY GRANT A LESSER OR GREATER INCREASE THAN THAT REQUESTED AND MAY AUTHORIZE A LESSER OR GREATER RATE FOR ANY CLASS OR CLASSES OF SERVICE.

Jurisdiction in this matter is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended; MCLA 462.2 et seq; Section 4 of 1919 PA 419, as amended; MCLA 460.54; Sections 4, 6, 6a and 6b of 1939 PA 3, as amended; MCLA 460.4, 460.8, 460.6a and 460.6b; Section 3 of 1923 PA 238, as amended; MCLA 466.25; Chapter 4 of 1969 PA 306, as amended; MCLA 24.271 et seq; and the Rules of Practice and Procedure before the Commission, 1954 Administrative Code, Supplement No. 54, R 460.11 et seq.

A summary of the proposed rate increases, by classes and their impact on the various classes of service offered by Consumers Power Company, is set forth below:

Summary of Proposed Final Gas Rate Increase

	(2) Annual Operating Revenue Year End 6/30/76 Present	(3) Proposed	(4) Revenue Increase Amount	(5) Percent
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE				
Rate "A"	\$276,272,783	\$290,264,514	\$13,991,731	5.1
GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE				
Rates "B" and "C-1"	116,680,421	128,267,801	11,587,380	9.9
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONTRACT SERVICE				
Rates "C" and "C-2"	145,559,855	163,221,475	17,661,620	12.1
Rate "E"	62,496,464	75,284,052	12,787,588	17.3
Rate "F"	0	0	0	0
Rate "GL-1"	18,885	21,358	2,473	13.9
Total C&I Contract Service	\$208,074,904	\$236,576,883	\$28,501,979	13.7
Other Gas Revenue	4,197,837	4,322,377	124,540	3.0
Total Operating Revenue	\$605,225,945	\$659,381,375	\$54,155,430	8.9

Summary of Proposed Interim Gas Rate Increase

	(2) Annual Operating Revenue Year End 6/30/76 Present	(3) Proposed	(4) Interim Revenue Increase Amount	(5) Percent
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE				
Rate "A"	\$276,272,783	\$286,108,647	\$9,835,864	3.6
GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICE				
Rates "B" and "C-1"	116,680,421	125,459,339	8,778,918	7.5
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CONTRACT SERVICE				
Rates "C" and "C-2"	145,559,855	158,810,894	13,251,039	9.1
Rate "E"	62,496,464	70,083,972	7,587,508	12.1
Rate "F"	0	0	0	0
Rate "GL-1"	18,885	19,943	1,058	5.6
Total C&I Contract Service	\$208,074,904	\$228,914,833	\$20,839,929	10.0
Other Gas Revenue	4,197,837	4,301,079	103,242	2.5
Total Operating Revenue	\$605,225,945	\$644,783,888	\$39,557,943	6.5

Any interested persons may examine Consumers Power Company's rate application, Motion for Partial and Immediate Rate Relief, proposed rate schedules and supporting testimony and exhibits in the offices of the Commission, Law Building, Lansing, Michigan 48913, or at Consumers Power Company's Division Office in the city of Battle Creek, Bay City, Alma, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, East Detroit, Pontiac, Saginaw, Royal Oak, Livonia, and Traverse City.



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