

Just Chattin'

Ghosts Out of Past Attend Tigers' Opener

By W. W. EDGAR

Most people have a horrible fear of ghosts. Mere mention of the word caused them to become tense and develop a crop of "goose pimples."

But I spent a few hours with a group of ghosts the other afternoon and had a most enjoyable time—with out a trace of fear.

It was opening day for Tigers and despite the cold, damp, dreary weather, I went to the game. I was interested, personally, in any of the Tigers, but to keep my record intact.

You see, when I stepped into the lobby press box it marked the 44th consecutive year in which I had been in attendance when the old familiar cry "Play Ball!" rent the chilly air. I was just a bit proud that I have had the privilege all these years.

No sooner had I taken a position in the box than I realized things were different from that day, years ago, when, as a young fellow out of the East, I was attending my first major league opener.

Most of the lads sitting behind their typewriters were strangers to me and I hesitated even attempting to disturb them in their work. So, I sat alone, a few seats away from them.

At least I thought I was alone. I wasn't. For sitting there, ghostlike, was H. G. Salinger, the late, revered "Sally" sports editor of the Detroit News, with the inevitable cigar stub in his mouth.

I could almost hear him say, as he always did, "Well, W. W., how are things down on Lafayette Boulevard (meaning the Detroit Free Press where I labored for years)."

In the cold, damp air, it seemed I heard the voice of my boss, Henry Bullion, sports editor of the Free Press, calling down to Bill Finkel, the old time band leader, to "flurry up, so we can get the game under way."

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What a time I was having—just looking out at the ghosts.

I cast my eyes down toward the field boxes and saw the Tigers' base—sure enough—there sat the ghostly form of Frank Navin, most colorful of all Tiger owners. His hat was down over his eyes and a voice out of the past said, "Mortally umpires like he used to play third base, the balls bounce off his chest."

Never have I enjoyed a Tiger opener as much.

And I won't forget the look on one of the writer's faces when I asked, "What is ahead And old Bert Walker, of the now defunct Times, was sitting next to me. I was, in fact, sitting in the same place as he did when he died."

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Hippies of 1900



The Observer will pay five dollars for a photograph of the Meadow Brook Theatre property picture used on the feature page. The picture "The Waltz of the Toreador" presented through April 30 at Oakland U. were permissible was taken during a rehearsal. Photo by Oakland U. staff photographer.

Investing Inquiries

Difference Between Blue Chip and Speculative Stocks

(Mr. Wyson, stockbroker for Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis, welcomes all inquiries on investing. Send your questions to The Observer, "Investing Inquiries," 33050 Five Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan. The answers are the opinion of Laurence A. Wyson, who is considered highly qualified on the subject.)

Q. How would you define the characteristics and risks between blue chip and speculative stocks?

A. The so-called "blue chip" stocks of successful, well-established companies are generally regarded as less risky than the stocks of new and relatively unseasoned enterprises.

Quite a few stocks are classified as "speculative" because of their companies' uncertain prospects. Uncertainty may simply stem from the fact that a company is new and untested. In the case of an oil or mining venture, the company may be considered speculative because its future success depends upon finding oil or ore.

Another reason for the speculative classification of a stock may be found in new or rapidly changing industries, such as some branches of electronics.

The owner of speculative stock accepts a greater-than-average risk of course, in the hope that his investment will return a higher-than-average profit. Therefore, there is always a chance that the market price of such a stock may decline sharply or that the company may even go out of business.

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Social Security Facts

Working People May Still Receive Benefits

Social security beneficiaries who worked in 1966 may still receive some payment even if their earnings exceeded \$1,500 last year, in the mail, but others who received no benefit checks of the Detroit-Northwest office last year because they estimated, said today. To claim these benefits a beneficiary must file an annual report of earnings for 1966 on a form provided by the Social Security Administration.

Test stressed that beneficiaries who earned more than \$1,500 in 1966 should file an annual report if:

—their actual earnings are less than original estimates, which would allow some benefits to be paid;

—They earned less than \$125 in any one month as employees;

—as self-employed persons, substantial work was not performed in one or more months.

Beneficiaries who believe they might qualify for payment based on one of these conditions should not delay filing an annual report, Test said. The deadline for filing annual reports was extended two days because of the usual date to April 17. Test cautioned, may result in the loss of benefits.

Beneficiaries may obtain the annual report of earnings form and additional information from the social security office at 18500 Grand River Avenue, Detroit.

Rib Crackers Hold Fifth Annual Show

The fifth annual Model Exposition of the Livonia Rib Crackers Model Airplane Club was held Tuesday, April 18, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Roma Hall, Inkster and Schoolcraft Roads. This display was co-sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.

The Rib Crackers meet the first and third Mondays of each month at Whitman Junior High School.

In addition to the many completed models, partially built models were displayed reflecting various building techniques and the concerns of builders were available to discuss these methods.

The Experimental Aircraft Association displayed partially built, full size aircraft on display represented thousands of work hours and more than \$7,000 in real value.

In ancient times inscriptions on buildings were sometimes inscribed so that alternate lines were to be read from left to right, then right to left, a practice no longer followed.

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April Shower of Values

Webber's Folding, Non-Tilt Aluminum Patio Furniture

Chair 296 Rocker 496 Chair 596

Firmly webbed green and white or yellow and white polypropylene plastic on sturdy 1 1/2" tubular aluminum frame. 74" Chair adjusts to five positions.

Dulux Avencho Chair with Wooden Arms, 9.97
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"Pine Rose" Bathroom Ensemble Cannon Towels and Face Cloths

Reg. 294 Washcloth 23 Face Towel 44 Bath Towel 73

Reason the bathroom with this, thirty converters and towels with one on a frosty rose background, in daisy print, empire bronze or celestial blue.

Baseballs, Soft Balls

3 Days—Reg. 87¢ Ready for the season—official league regulation baseballs, softballs.

Reg. 1.19-1.29 Bats 67¢

Light duty baseball bats and official softball bats in choice of models and lengths.

Pro-Fielder's Glove

3 Days—Reg. 4.75 Full size, full grain cowhide, leather-lined. Leather-laced "L" heel.

32-38 Blouse

3 Days Only—Reg. 1.87-1.99

Perma Press Blouses

Missey's sleeveless models in fine rayon fabrics. New collar styles. Solid and prints.

3 Days—Reg. 1.87 Missey's Cool New Bermuda Shorts 157

A variety of colors and prints. Pockets, transverse color and prints. Side zipper or fly front styles. In sizes 8 to 18.

3 Days—Reg. 28.97 20" Standard Convertible Sidewalk Bicycle

3 Days—Reg. 6.97 Red Metal Wagon with 8 1/2" Wheels, 34"x16 1/2"x4 1/2"

Windup Impulse Starter

3 Days—Reg. 44.66 22" 3 1/2" Horse Power Impulse Starter Mower

3 Days Only—Reg. 4.33 Textured Spun-weave Capris

Missey's 8 to 16-cotton rayon homespun or heather. Low rise waist or regular. Sunny colors.

3 Days—Reg. 6.95 Yd. Dan River Striped Seersucker

10-20 Yds. remnants of Dan River Wrinkle SHIRTS. Values to \$1.94, if on full bolts.

3 Days—Our Reg. 67¢ lb. Hershey's Foil-Wrapped Kisses

Delicious Hershey's milk chocolate kisses, individually wrapped in silver foil to retain flavor.

3 Days—Our Reg. 6.99 16-Pc. Set Home in Garden Overproof Serving Ware

3 Days—Our Reg. 5.47 16-Pc. Set of Decorative Melamine Dishes

3 Days Only—Our Reg. 38¢ Carefree Bikini Head Scarfs

16-16 1/2" Triangles of cotton in sunny colors and prints. A fetching way to protect your hair.

3 Days Only—Reg. 11.00! Women's Folding Slippers

Fine for travel or at home. Flexible, elastic-top vinyl slippers in black, blue, pink, white, bone or gold. 5 to 10.

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NOW YOU CAN "CHARGE IT" AT KRESGE'S

impressions

Church bulletins are usually a sad lot. An interesting exception, however, is the Parish Bulletin published each Sunday at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in Farmington.

The publication always contains a column entitled "The Voice of the Cicada" (look it up in the dictionary as I did) which is characterized by the high quality of the writing.

A few Sundays ago the column was subtitled "An Illustrated Criminoid Primer." Parts of that column follow:

"In the Fourth and Fifth Centuries after Christ, various Teutonic tribes, representing various degrees of savagery and barbarism, swept into what was then the most civilized and technologically advanced part of the world—the Ancient Roman Empire.

"Among these tribes there was one which stood out for its unbridled lust for violence and destruction—the Vandals. Plundering in their methodical, Germanic way, they gave posterity the term, 'vandalism,' a synonym for the deliberate, and yet unreasoned, destruction of property. Nowadays the term is commonplace in keeping with what it represents.

"To say that senseless destruction of property is commonplace is not to say that most people are vandals. Although most teenagers are not vandals, vandalism is most popular among teenagers. Keep in mind: To say that most vandalism is done by teenagers is not to say that most teenagers are vandals.

"But some are. And what they do, attracts a lot of attention.

"Not to be confused with vandals, whose destruction of property is both deliberate and senseless, are thieves, who seek, not to destroy, but to acquire, at whatever expense to others, something that belongs to others. These fall into two categories: (1) Those who steal what they want or need; (2) Those who steal for the sake of stealing."

Interpersed in the column is a frightening catalogue of the acts of vandalism and thievery suffered at Our Lady of Sorrows within the past 14 months. (For example, 10 microphones, each valued at \$54).

The Farmington church is not unique. A minister in Livonia told me that the church has the same problem. The same holds true for most of the churches in the area.