

Moegle's Interrupted Run In Cotton Bowl Top Oddity

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The sports oddity of the year occurred on January 1, 1954. That's an oddity in itself.

Usually the unusual happenings of a New Year's Day are forgotten or buried under the mass of other strange occurrences in sports. This one still stands out in the minds of the writers and broadcasters participating in the Associated Press year-end poll.

The scene was the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, where a capacity crowd watched Rice romp over Alabama. Dicky Moegle, elusive Rice half-back was running wild and apparently there was no way Alabama could stop his long runs.

That is, there was no way until Moegle burst into the clear and started on a 95-yard jaunt toward a touchdown. As he ran near the Alabama bench a fired-up youngster named Tommy Lewis forgot he wasn't in the game, jumped up and tackled Dick still 42 yards from the goal line. The officials, of course, gave Moegle and Rice credit for the full distance and the touchdown and Lewis was almost overcome by chargin as Rice won the game, 28-6.

But the unpredictable public didn't cast any blame on Lewis. He

was hailed as a "great competitor". He was buried under sympathetic letters and telegrams and deluged with offers to appear on radio and television shows and to make banquet talks. People almost forgot about Moegle in connection with the incident until Dicky came back during the past season to repeat his running feats and earn All-American honors.

Only one other event that came close to that one as an oddity in the opinion of the sportswriters. That was the 1954 World Series.

The experts found it hard to believe that the Cleveland Indians, who had set an American League record by winning 111 games during the season could collapse completely or that the New York Giants were a good enough club to blank Cleveland in the series. There were two ways of looking at it, but the result still remained the same—Giants in four straight.

Several others picked on one aspect of the series—the home run counting of pinch-hitting Dusty Rhodes—as the year's great oddity. And a couple thought it most strange that Cleveland's Bob Feller, after waiting six years for such an opportunity, didn't get to pitch even one ball in the series.

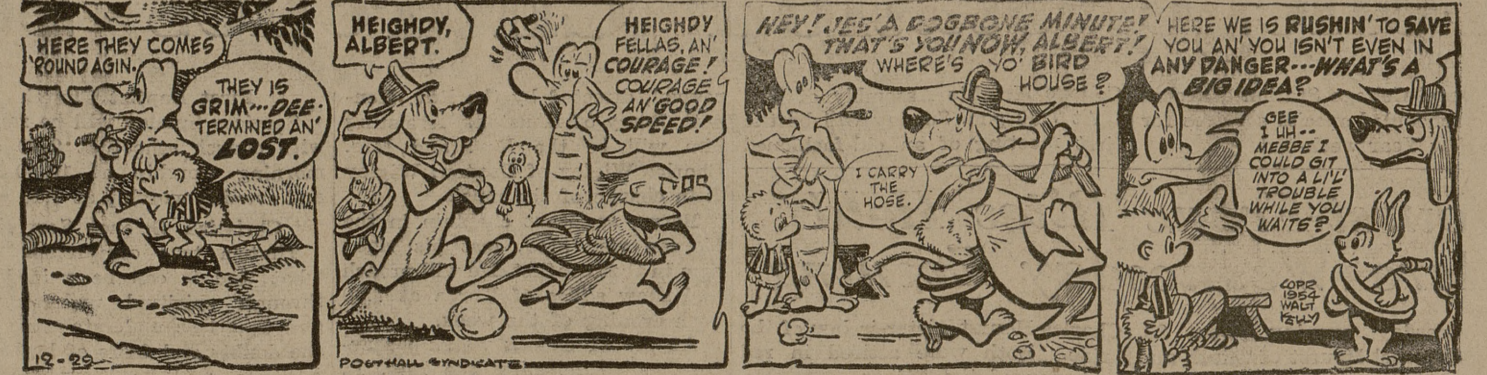
Football as usual, drew lot of attention to its brand of goofy hap-

penings, capped by the collapse of the Illinois team that looked so great in 1953 and the fact that Illinois and Michigan State, co-champions of the Big Ten last year, finished at the bottom this season.

Track also produced some strange happenings. There was the thrilling mile race at the British Empire Games when Roger Bannister and John Landy, the only runners ever to break the four-minute barrier, both bettered that "impossible" time—and when Landy looked over one shoulder for his rival, Bannister passed him on the other side.

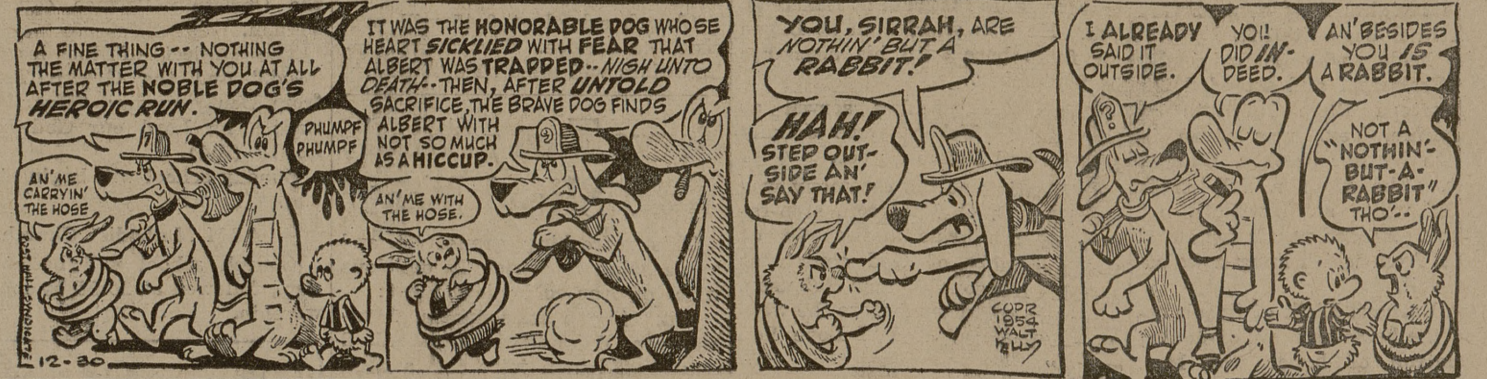
It was in the Empire Games, too, that Jim Peters, heading for a victory and a record in the marathon, collapsed 200 yards from the finish line and never got there. Another marathon runner, Russia's Ivan Filin, turned the wrong direction as he entered the stadium to finish in the European championship. Finland's Veikko Karvonen took the right turn and won, but officials decided to award Filin a gold medal, anyway.

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Yellow Fever Mosquitoes Known Breeding in Texas

AUSTIN, (SpL.)—Yellow fever mosquitoes are known to be breeding in Texas, a senior engineer with the State Department of Health says, and "they could make trouble for us."

"We haven't had a recorded case of yellow fever in this state since 1905," says Frank Von Zuben, a specialist in insect control. "But with the volume of international travel we have today, together with the presence of yellow fever mosquitoes, the situation is potentially dangerous."

Von Zuben, just back from an international conference on yellow fever in Havana, Cuba, sees it like this:

Yellow fever has been kept under tight rein since the Spanish-American War. But the disease, spread exclusively by mosquitoes known scientifically as Aedes aegypti, has been perpetuated in jungle monkeys. Thus, United States citizens who travel in jungle countries, or natives of those countries visiting here, are sometimes exposed to bites of mosquitoes which have previously fed on infected monkeys.

When those international travel-

ers pass through Texas port cities or air terminals, they may bring the infection with them. Local yellow fever mosquitoes might easily take the infection from them to spread among others.

No species of mosquito other than Aedes aegypti spreads yellow fever in municipal areas, Von Zuben says.

Health officials know the points at which yellow fever mosquitoes are breeding, he indicated. Given working funds, they could be entirely eliminated in any given area in a year's time.

Aedes aegypti, Von Zuben pointed out, seldom fly beyond 100 feet from their breeding site. In any type of water container they breed prolifically, but are highly vulnerable to DDT.

He says the Caribbean island of Trinidad recently suffered an epidemic of yellow fever after being free for years. Since June of this year, the island's import-export trade has taken a loss of \$28,000,000.

Vet Stays On Ice

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Charles (Rabbit) McVeigh can't keep away from hockey. He started his hockey playing career in 1919 and was a star in the National Hockey League for many years. When he quit playing he became a referee in the American Hockey League. Now, at the age of 57, he officiates ice games of the Michigan State College teams.

Bowling Knows No Age

LACROSSE, Wis. (AP) — Regular competitors in bowling league play every Nonday night in this city are Mrs. Ella Schneeberger, 75 years old, and her grandniece Lynell Bailey, 13. Mrs. Schneeberger has been bowling for 35 years and has an average of 135.

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