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...to write anything at all at a Lora Club meeting.

Saying he was a member of the group himself, Griffith continued, "When you go to a Lora Club, there's nothing to be gained from what I hear. What you heard at a Lora Club should be the consensus of the room and to be remembered on."

Nevertheless, while saying that some things he said were misinterpreted, he reiterated other statements attributed to him. The Texas aviator also said he plans to fly out against all types of tobacco revenue, including...

"I just hope what you read in the paper right now is not any more distorted than what you have read now."

Griffith denied there was any racism involved when he said he thought the Texas to Minnesota because there were so few black people in the state. "That was one of the reasons we came out here, because black people do not go to ball games."

He continued, "What the ball, racism is thing of the past. Why do we have colored ballplayers? It's not that there are no more, it's just that we don't have them, they're not going to be."

Griffith said at times during the meeting he was just trying to be funny. "As long as you try to be funny and say a few things and try to get a laugh and that's it," he said. "You're up as your feet for an hour, I sit out for a few hours. I think things were misinterpreted."

He could not, however, be specific as to what he drew laughter from his audience.

Griffith denied that Texas outfielder Danny Ford is his biggest disappointment here. "The biggest disappointment has been Burt Winger," he said. Griffith wanted Winger at the gathering for being "in his honor room and that's not a good thing during spring training. I said ball players should get exhibition before they get married."

Reporters are often asked, said Griffith, "They quote me without talking to me." He said, "They tell me 'we don't have to talk to you, we know what you think. I'm not going to mention any names.'"

"Why are you writing this kind of article that is an advertisement? You are really causing a lot of friction. It's not good for baseball but it's good for the people of Minnesota. The truth hurts a lot of people and that's it."

U.S. to finance study of coal-train problems

Associated Press
Chicago, Ill.

The U.S. department of Energy and Transportation has announced plans to finance a Minnesota-Dakota rail corridor study.

The study will focus on economic solutions to difficulties that communities on major railroad lines are having because of increased, restricted diversions. The potential for economic and environmental coal, uranium and community development centers.

Robert R. Bauer of the Energy Department said the 12-month study will begin this month.

He said the study area will include the main Burlington Northern line from the western border of North Dakota to Minneapolis, and will also include the Minnesota-Dakota border near Superior, Wis.

The announcement said the Minnesota Department of Transportation will receive \$750,000 for the study while another \$100,000 is scheduled to be provided by the state of Minnesota and North Dakota. The rail traffic task force representing local communities and the BN.

Columbia U. reveals China-U.S. arts program

Associated Press
New York, N.Y.

Columbia University on Saturday announced the first systematic exchange program in the arts between China and the United States.

The university also announced creation of the Center for United States People's Republic of China Arts Exchange at Columbia's School of the Arts. The Central Institute of Music in Peking will act as the center's counterpart in China.

The center will serve as the initial agency in this country for the exchange of dancers, artists in the fields of music, the performing arts and all visual arts. Eventually, an exchange of people is anticipated.

Initial funding has been provided by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The National Committee on United States-Chinese Relations also is supporting the project.



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