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When the "Babe" Came to Rutland October 1919

“Babe” Ruth “The Home Run King” of the Boston Red Sox came to Rutland in October 1919 to play the Rutland team. In spite of its interest, the story of his visit is only a part of the content.

There is also a lengthy biography of the author Jacob Sherman, that serves as an introduction to the issue, relating his numerous positions in Rutland, whose history is of interest in its own right.

The major focus of the story of the “Babe”, who was sold to the Yankees as a “bad” investment, is his retaliation in hitting a “monster” home run, making his name a household word.

In addition to the Babe Ruth story, there are numerous other descriptions and details of activities in Rutland at the time. These include parades, films and plays, with numerous illustrations, making this a particularly enjoyable and varied potpourri of Rutland in the 1900’s.