All over Britain houses are cracking up faster than folks can build
them, foundations settling, doors

Shortly after the turn of the
century a 'quake north-west of
Derby stopped scores of public them, foundations settling, doors jamming, ceilings crashing, as the result of a newly-discovered in-curable soil trouble. Heavy repair householders, are zooming to upwards of £10,000,000 a year. In many areas whole streets and uburbs are affected. Bricks and

plaster split, walls bulge, plumbing and expensive fitments fracture . and as fast as owners repair th damage this strange blitz happens n black snots from Eastbourne

oken drains and road fissures impose new bills on the ratepayers. Factory machinery is flung out of true, church spires tilt, and in one buildings were found to be slipping clean off their foundations. According to scientists of the Building Research Station, Watthe trouble is "shrinkable clay." Entire suburbs of London and many new housing estates throughout the eastern counties have been built on clay of large shrinkage capacity which swells or

rrinks with the season. Heavy rainfall over the past six wears has increased these minature dropped into pre-shrunk pockets of soil overnight, with drastic effects on the structure. There's no easy remedy. Such trees as poplar, willow and elm, when close to a house And this is just one of Britain's

hush-hush housing troubles this year, 'quake problems that are baffling local authorities. In Shropshire, for instance, disused clay quarries have filled with water and now a landslide threatens to carry village of Jackfield into the Severn. Five hundred people hear earth groaning at night and find their houses tilting under them. Some families have been evacuated. Even the postal service has stopped. Notices warn the public road "at their own risk and peril."

of forecast what may happen. backing his loaded coal train when the earth opened beneath him and

were engulfed to a depth of over 100 feet and the driver was killed. His mate jumped clear but, with could only stand helpless while shaft as though an active volcano. Today a disused, railed-off siding is the only sign of this fantastic vanishing. The engine and trucks a name. The Cult of the Third Eye were never retrieved but had to buried in, beneath thousands of

tons of earth and rubble. Swadlincote, Debyshire, where landlord at one of the locals can-

commended the evacuation of the 1938 have been abandoned because the ground. Fifteen housing been scrapped because there was no assurance of stability for any buildings erected there

In For a Shock? Many townships are similarly threatened. But what's worse is an earthquakes in England is now

Herefordshire earthquake, when chimney-stacks tumbled and many valls collapsed over an aea of several hundred square miles.

Perthshire, received no fewer than 143 tremors within three months. Comparative stillness has made many people believe that earth tremors never happen in that country. But perhaps they're in for a -From "Tit-Bits".

SO NEAR, AND YET

Victor Borge, the clever Danish you really should finance is my uncle, who was determined to invent a new soft drink. He worked on a formula for a whole year, and came up with something h called '4 Up'. It was a failure, but my uncle was not discouraged. He worked another year, and produced '5 Up'. Again it failed to sell, but my uncle persevered. He took all the rest of his money, seclude turned "p with still another drink that he called '6 Up.' Alas, it failed like the others, and my uncle, discouraged at last, gave up in dis-"The point of your story eludes

me," said the banker. you tell me all this?" "I just wanted you to know," said Borge, "how close my uncle came to inventing '7 Up'!"

Malayans Believe In "The Third Eye"

There is a strange boom these days in Malaya which does not seem to be affected by the bandit

warfare. On the Island of Penang, for example, the Chinese appear to have become more inclined to mys-ticism than ever. There are to-day more than a dozen new "religions" whose leaders claim that various gods may be appeased, so that the sick may be cured and evil spirits vanquished.

The names of the cults that seem

to be the most flourishing are: The Cult of the Monkey God; The Cult of the Three Mountains; The Third Eye Cult.
Although these cults have differ-

ent titles, the methods of starting them varies little; and the drive for members seldom changes. The method of collecting subscriptions from followers invariably displays the enterprise for which the Chinese are famous.

A cult is launched by some Chi-

may be taken as an example.

"Divine Sight"

Life-Time Enemies In this case it was a Chinese boy who claimed that "divine sight" came to him in the night. This That two brilliant geniuses could engage in a lengthy feud over a uses lurch, ceilings fall and the | sight was given the name of "The childish dispute shows how small Third Eye" and followers had to paint an extra eye on their fore-Jones, landscape painter, designer and architect; Ben Jonson, once deemed Shakespeare's equal, poet, heads between their natural eyes. It cost practically nothing at all Mining subsidence is to blame to make a new cult known, because and government experts have re- it soon becomes a sort of whisperwere the two giants whose fierce squabble set the whole of sevendown the narrow crowded alleys. teenth-century London laughing. A boost is given to a new cult insuccessful cloth-merchant of

by the simple method of affirming that the more followers the cult has, the more influence there can be brought to bear on the spirits, good or evil For some cults have good spirts to watch over the followers, whereas others have bad spirits only, which must be kept

In the case of The Third Eye Cult, the boy who started it became a sort of medium. He goes into trances and contacts numer-

ous gods and godesses. When there are a good number of followers, the sick among them are given crams which they are

Dutch Go In For 'Hopped-up" Bicycles

The second of the second second second second

All Puffed Up-Jimmy Wingo, 5, has a quiet smoke with his good

friend Frank Wilson. Jimmy was given a cigar by his father,

C. N. Wingo, at the age of two to cure him of picking up and

smoking cigaret butts. No cure resulted, but the cigar business

has a steadfast customer.

with water and drink it.

in various temples.

The medium meets his disciples

Not all cult leaders make claims

to powers of clairvoyance in any form; indeed, some have been

heard to declare that almost any-

one can acquire the power to serve

the gods by practising concentra-tion and making sincere efforts. Although there is such an up-

surge of mysticism and new cults,

there are still others practised,

both in Penang and the mainland,

by Chinese whose forebears brought the rituals from the home-

land in China, mystic rites whose origins are deeply buried in antiq-

uity. Such a ritual is the Chinese

"cure" for sick children. The ar-

are temple joss sticks, green beans,

ticles necessary for such "cures"

a piece of pig's fat, a pair of paper

shoes, cut-out figures to represent the sick child, a scroll of red rice-

paper, and a duck's egg.

All the articles except the egg

are burned during the ceremony.

Nothing happens to the egg, but it

is not seen again. Rumor has it that

Inigo Jones was the son of an

Smithfield (where once was held the Great Cloth Fair). He had so

little education that he could not

had that mysterious quality called

In those days aristocrats acted as

patrons to promising artists. And

Horace Walpole praise the young

architect, sent Inigo to Italy and

on a tour round Europe to see

the great buildings of the past

He came back and found many other patrons. He designed build-

then the rage.

ings, interiors, and costumes for

the great masques, which were

King Became Curious

Westminster, which stands as one

Then the King became curious

mystery of those great stones set

up on the plain? Inigo Jones was

the man to unravel that mystery.

A good deal puffed up by success and unable to tolerate criticism,

Inigo reported back to his royal

remains of a Roman temple to 2

heathen god. The King was satis-

fied with this opinion; and he com-

master that Stonehenge was the

of his many monuments to this day.

about Stonehenge. What was the

James I commissioned him to

design a great banqueting Hall at

the Earl of Pembroke, hearing

spell the simplest words. But he

the medium makes a meal with it.

"Top Billing" Made

wig than Ben Jonson, the famous

playwright and poet.

the programmes!

everywhere.

would call him an Inigo."

Rich but Not Popular

died just three hundred years ago,

on June 1st, rich but not popular.

He was vain, pompous and in-tolerant. But he had his virtues.

QUIZ PROGRAMS

where they give dollar bills for

guessing Agnes MacPhail's first

name, a plump housewife walked

off with the five-hundred-dollar jackpot. "What's the first thing

you're going to do with this mon-

simply.

reader.'

ey?" gurgled the delirious M.C.

wrapping objects in deceiving and

inappropriate packages, and pre-

of the studio audience who could

identify same. The announcer step-

stage to let the radio audience in

Edwin O'Connor was present one

day when the announcer stepped

view a package big enough to contain a set of the Encyclopedia

Britannica. "What have we here?"

he asked playfully. "A set of dishes? An elephant?" "You have

there," said a lady in the audience,

hauling the lucky lady onto the

stage. "Have you X-ray eyes? Or could you hear what I was saying in that soundproof booth?" "Not

exactly," said the lady. "I'm a lip

"Marriage is a step so grave and

decisive that it attracts light-headed

"Wonderful," said the announcer,

"a small diamond ring."

out of the booth and held up to

senting them to the first member

it," said the housewife

The modern-day "Flying Dutch man" is a middle-aged gentle riding a hopped-up bicycle which makes a noise varying between that of an overgrown mosquito and wartime V-bomb.

With motorcars difficult to get because of high prices and small import quotas, there has been a big switchover from ordinary cles to what are called there bicycles to what are called there buzz bikes, or bicycles fitted with a wide variety of small auxiliary

TESUNDAY SCHOOL
LESSON

God Prepares A Leader

1 Samuel 1:20, 24-28; 3:1, 16-21: 4

Memory Selection: The child

Samuel grew on, and was in favor

both with the Lord, and also with

A famous man when asked how

grandparents." Well, we don't

know about Samuel's grandparents

ed for him. She knew the first rule

of sound vocational guidance, a dedication of her child to God. The

home in which he was reared while

young put God first. The prayers

he heard were marked by a warm

and lively devotion, creating an at-mosphere where reverence, that

highest emotion among men, took

precedence over other passions. The pleasant, courteous spirit of

the mother would never be forgot-

ten by the boy. The same high quality which enabled her to reply

graciously to the unjust censure of Eli was no doubt observed by

her son on many occasions, and as a lode star held him to the teach-

ings of home. While Samuel was still a boy

God revealed Himself. Samuel missed out on the guntoting, crime-

comics, movie gangsterism which most boys have today. But he

ently responded. For many years

he was destined to be God's great

FANNYISMS

The late Fanny Brice (Baby

Snooks to you) displayed her pers-

picacity at a tender age when she

was helping out in her aunt's candy

store. Her aunt had stocked up

heavily on peppermint sticks, but

penny a stick) the neighborhood

year-old Fanny borrowed a ham-

mer, broke the sticks in twelve

though the price seemed right (a

kids weren't having any. The ten-

big bank account is always

grouchy and bad-tempered. Re-

member, girls, every household

gets the same amount of ice-but the rich get it in August and the

poor get it in January."
"I owe my own success," confi-

Anything my mother wanted to do,

thought for a moment and added,

"She had a pretty good left too."

and good leader in Israel.

but we do know that both his par-

men. 1 Samuel 2:26.

Holland has about 5,000,000 biearly in life the training of a child should begin, answered, "With his cycles. In the past 18 months the number fitted with motors has grown from 50,000 to about 180,-000. The total is expected to reach 225,000 before the end of the year, ents were godly. His name, which means, "asked-of-God" reminds us of Hannah's prayer for a child. Before his birth her prayers ascendand 500,000 by 1956.

License Not Required An increase of 50 per cent in highway accidents in the Netherlands during the past year has een attributed to the "buzz bikes." The government regards them as a bicycle-which means no license necessary, and riders use both

highways and the special bicycle tracks provided alongside every Dutch road. The Dutch bicyclist has long been known as a sort of circus rider because of his amazing dexterity and speed-and the many traffic risks he takes.

As long as he was using ordinary bicycles, motorists and pedestrians could estimate his speed was to be written by no less a bigfairly accurately and get out of the way. But since the bicyclists began attaching motors to their bi-Ben wrote his masque; and Inigo cycles, which gave them a remarkdesigned the scenery (the first able variety of speeds, the acciden movable stage scenery ever used in England) as well as some gorgeous

Confusion Increases Confusion Increases costumes. And now we come to the cause of the great quarrel that

By behaving sometimes as made all London town laugh at cyclists and sometimes as motorists, the motorized cyclists befuddle the two giants. Inigo Jones's name traffic policemen as well as motorwas put above Ben Jonson on the fact that few of the "buzz bikes" look any different from or-For years after that Ben Jonson pursued Jones with amazing venom. | dinary bicycles. Some of the motors are so small that they cannot be He poked fun at him in his famous comic poem, "A Tale of a Tub."
He went about maligning him seen except at close range, while those tucked away at the rear of the machine give no indication that Once Johnson said to the King: | the "bicycle" is not an ordinary "If I wanted words to express the greatest villain in the world I bike. Motorists in Holland are accus-

tomed to droves of ordinary bicyclists bearing down on them at the peak hours, when every second Dutch person rides a bicycle. But the King took Jones's side and Jonson never again wrote a But when several buzz bikes masque for royalty. He neither suddenly loom out of a phalanx of forgave nor forgot this, and the two men remained bitter enemies for life. bicyclists and dart alongside or in front of cars without any warning other than the normal bike bell-It was Inigo Jones who introit's a terrifying experience for a duced the Italian style of architecture into England. He built driver.
fine mansions and churches. He The p

them is unsolved.

The bicycling organizations object to the "speed demons" using The automobile associations say He was very, very generous and gave freely to all who asked finanthey are less of a menace on the bike paths than on highways. -And the government, after a year's careful consideration, has ruled they are bikes, which means home life I enjoyed as a child. they can go anywhere. and drive with their ears cocked a perfect right." Miss Brice

for a noise like a refrigerator

motor with a shot bearing.

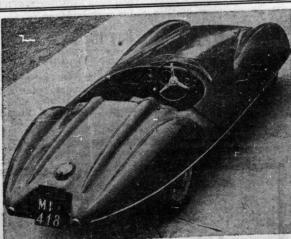
pieces each, and put a hand-made sign in the window: "Big bargain today only! A dozen pieces of peppermint for a cent." The entire stock was cleaned out in threebefore, these columns have to be written a little in advance of their ladies: "Never marry a man f appearance. A few weeks ago we did a piece about how many major in a husband is a gentle, even disposition. Of course, a man without

Becker's firing, of course, was due to nothing else but the fact that the Toronto athletes-or rather the athletes wearing Toronto uniforms-were not only failing to live up to the Leafian slogan, "First in · Fifty-Two," but were showing signs of slipping right out of the fourteam playoffs. Whether or not they'll do any better for Grimes, only time will tell. Burleigh is a good baseball man and so is Joe Becker. But even John McGraw, or Casey Stengel, or any of the other "Miracle Men" couldn't win pennants if they didn't get pitching and hitting from the hired help.

However, even if the Maple Leafs aren't exactly balls of fire on the liamond, they're not doing so badly in one other very important resters jingle profitably. With the aid

or so back.

For, way over in De the burghers and citizenry of Frank-fort-on-the-Main are in the midst of a big celebration marking the hundredth anniversary of the invention of that luscious delicacy.



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THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN



by Elmer Ferguson

The late esteemed Daniel Webster, who won very considerable fame as a gentleman who knew what words really meant, defined sport as a noun meaning . . . that which diverts and makes mirth; pastime, amuse-

diverts and makes mirth; pastime, amusement.

If Mr. Webster was around today, he might alter the definition. He might remove the word "mirth." For there is little more real fun in the major realms of sport. It has become a very serious business, with few laughs. If there is any mirth, then it is strictly coincidental and unintentional.

In fact, the athletes of today aren't even characters as we knew such in other days when there was less money, more laughs. They're cold, calculating and skillful, workmen.

It wasn't like this in the not so old days when sport had its sports. The guys (and gals, too) had personality.

There are no more roistering characters such as, for instance, the late Harry Greb, Pittsburg's bouncing boxer who buffeted his way to the world middleweight title. Greb's deviations from what were known as routine training methods won him fame of a sort. Certainly notoriety. Once in New York he rolled out of bed late in the afternoon, went to the hotel barber-shop, requested a shave and a face massage with hot towels. It had been a rough night.

The barber asked courteously: "Who do you think will win The barber asked courteously: "Who do you think will win the fight tonight, Mr. Greb?"

e fight tonight, Mr. Greb?"
Replied Harry, indifferently: "Who's fighting?"
"Why, you are, Mr. Greb," said the amazed barber. He was

Out west they recall lurid tales of big, rugged Amby Moran, Out west they recall lurid tales of big, rugged Amby Moran, who played major hockey both east and west. Amby was careless about training, too. He played so poorly for Regina one season, that the late Wes Champ, advised him he would have to report in shape the next fall or do without a contract. So Moran bought a pair of pants three sizes too big for himself, donned them, reported to Champ. When the manager queried him about weight, Amby ran his hand around the top to show how much larger they were for him "as a result of his program of getting in shape." "It cost me \$9 for those pants, but I got a contract," recalled

Amby.

Sprague Cleghorn, one of hockey's great all-time defense players, was a paradox, a practical joker off the ice, a hard man on it. One night while he was managing Montreal Maroons, the Governor General of Canada was present in the Montreal Forum as patron and guest of honour at a big Christmas-basket charity boxing event. He was invited to the Maroon dressing-room to meet the players, who were hurriedly summoned. Just as the Governor General and his staff were making a dignified entrance, a horrified Forum official noticed Cleghorn had a "buzzer" attached to his hand. He was instructed, in hasty whispers, to get rid of it. "Surely" said the official, "you were not going to shake hands with the Governor General wearing that thing?"

"Certainly I was," said Cleghorn. "The boxing show is poor,

"Certainly I was," said Cleghorn. "The boxing show is poor, the Governor looks bored, and deserves some sort of a thrill." There is no such humour around the major sports wheel today. Big money has chased out the laughs, made it serious business.

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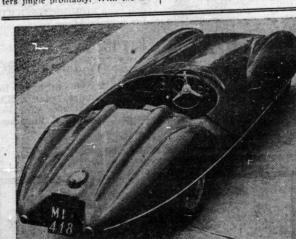
league managers had already been let out this season, little thinking that something of a similar nature was about to take place a lot nearer

But before said piece got into print, sure enough Joe Becker of the Toronto Maple Leafs had been handed his pink slip, and Burleigh Grimes brought in-with consider-

of certain circus-like features, of certain circus-like reatures, "Special Days," and the like, the Queen City representatives in the International Loop continue to draw crowds that are really remarkable when you consider the large vacant spaces that used to yawn in the stands and bleachers just a year

But before long Owner Cooke and the rest of the Leafs' top brass are going to find themselves fresh out of outstanding occasions to cele-brate. And, always anxious to be helpful, we suggest that they put on a "Special Day"—or even a ser-ies of them—in honor of what has become, over the years, one of base-ball's most important and bestsuspense, we refer to nothing but the Frankfurter - hot dog to you!

German historians say-according to Martin Gansberg in The New York Times-that the glorified sausage known as the Frankfurter or hot dog, was developed in 1852. And we hope that you won't get the foolish idea that such an ir portant development was the work of a single man-or even a marrie one. No, the Frankfurter was the joint production of the members of the entire Frankfort Butchers Guild-and there are some who say that its final shape was determine by a butcher who was inspired by his own dog-one of those dog-anda-half-long-half-a-dog-high affairs known as Dachshunds .-





ture switchboard without ever getting a "wrong number." The board was one of the novelties displayed at the Toy Guidance exhibit.

food didn't come into international prominence until it was imported tell is how long he smokes his frankfurters. to America and used as an attraction at the Chicago World's Fair in 1833. There, history states, the original and its imitation, the hot dog, were devoured by the thou-

While the elongated, pork-filled secretly smoked product has made the city of Frankfort famous internationally, it has taken New World enthusiasm, New World resort life and New World spectator sports, especially baseball, to put the hot dog into the big time. For on this side of the water the frankfurter actually is so popular as to be a national institution. One in eight pounds of meat eaten by the average family is of the sausage category, and 32 per cent of the meat thus consumed is in the form of the hot dog.

Statistics for last year, for example, show that 3,739,267,000 hot

frankfurters. One informant revealed that, be

to tell how long the process lasted Proud of the work that goes into

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were devoured by gourmets of all
ages. A steady increase from year



famous chimp actor, looks every bit the politician as he declares himself a "dark chimp" candidate for the presidential nomination.

to year has been noted by manufacturers since 1931.

German manufacturers condemn the Canadian variety as inferior. One of them explains that a good frankfurter should snap when you bite it. Explaining why his own product is so successful, he adds, "Our best frankfurter skins used to come from Russian and Chinese lambs. We can't get them now, but we are getting some from Persia. Half the secret of a good frankfurter is in the casing."

This maker says that our model is pale and wrinkled in contrast to the original. "It can't even be compared," he says. "No flavor, no texture, no snap." Manufacturers over here shrug

off comparison with the Frankfort nodel, and statistics show that they have just cause. Four times as many casings for hot dogs are imported into the United States alone as into Germany.

Last year, for example, hot-dogs casings from Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador) ran more than 5,348,000 pounds and from Argentina more than 3,371,000 pounds. German makers imported from these countries, in addition to Persia, Russia and China, a little over 2,000,000 pounds.

Admirers of the Frankfort product explain that the secret of a successful wiener is in the smoking.



Switching Hours-Six-year-old Maxine Rudner plugs into a minia-

But even the Germans admit the , One thing a manufacturer won't

sides the Persian casings he uses nothing but finely ground pork from electrically killed pigs, and spices prepared by a trusted cook.
"The real secret is in the smoking."
he confided. But he refused not only but also what wood he used.

their product and its ultimate suc-cess, manufacturers (Canadian, American or German) are taken aback when the content of the frankfurter is questioned. Asked if there was any chance that he or his competitors might slip in some horse meat to increase the profits, a Frankfort manufacturer showed his irritation. "Horse-furters? Never! We butchers are



"No Money Wasted On Monkey Business"—Bonzo, Hollywood's

the brink of the second division

abyss. Maybe—perish the thought—the Leafs won't be "First in Fifty-Two." If memory serves there have been other years when they didn't quite make it either. But that's no reason to let A.D. 1952 slither past without taking advantage of the chance of putting on a real, never-to-be-forgotten celebration in honour of the delicacy which plays no favourites but cheers an sustains winners and losers alike

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PITCHING HORSESHOES

-From Countryman's Year, by Haydn S. Pearson____ WE are glad there is a national association to guide officially the destinies of pitching horseshoes. If the people who enjoy projecting arrows from semicircular pieces of wood or knocking around an inoffensive wooden ball have organizations behind them, then those who pitch

horseshoes deserve the dignity of similar treatment. A game after supper on the farm, however, needs no official sanction Two deeply driven stakes of oak or ash forty feet apart and a few old horseshoes are all the equipment needed. A man who pitches regularly is particular about his "shoes." They can be neither too heavy nor too light. They must feel right in a man's hands. The countryman who enjoys the game from April to December is just as fussy about his prize pair of old horseshoes as he is about his favorite ax or his pet hoe. One of the pleasant things about pitching horseshoes is the diversity

the calk at the rear center and letting the shoes go three tim s end over end. Others maintain that one end-over-end revolution is best. There are those who stoutly argue the only proper way is to hold the shoes side ways, with a thumb curled around a front calk. Others balance the shoe on several fingers and figure that two and three-quarter turns will These arguments of course, are merely the technicalities of a blood stirring, traditional American sport. For some three centuries men and boys have been exercising their skill with the pieces of curved iron It's the good-natured rivalry, the masculine banter, and the pitting of

one's skill against another's that gives zest to pitching horseshoes When the shout "It's a ringer!" comes, a man has a feeling that he's

accomplished something worthwhile.











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for snarl, former heavyweight boxer Lou Nova gets a lesson

in emoting from the famous thespian at a Hollywood studio.

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