THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN



by Elmer Ferguson

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NO DOUBT thousands of good, decent United States citizens stood aghast as the sequence of shocking revelations concerning the "fixing" of college basketball games steadily developed. Previously, there had been similar revelations concerning boxing and football, and the regular routine of knavery in horse-racing circles.

But few good citizens thought the filthy hand of the fixer could ever invade collegiate circles. And even fewer good citizens stopped to think that in the final analysis, they themselves, the good citizens, were largely to blame.

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You can hear the Good Citizens cry in horror: "Who, ME?"

And the answer is: "Yes, YOU."

For the Good Citizen of the United States, Canada, and everywhere else, bets on games. He bets, of course, in a spirit of innocent fun. He wouldn't, for the world, try to "fix" a game, but he unwittingly contributes to a structure whereby games conceivably could be fixed.

Just why a substantial citizen cannot enjoy football, hockey or basketball games without betting on the outcome, is not quite clear. It demonstrates a degeneracy in the appreciation of sports, whether amateur or professional, a search for a thrill the contest itself does not provide.

But people bet, and the urge to bet is not necessarily evil. But we'd say that if you feel an irresistible stimulus to bet, make it a private deal with a friend for a hat, a round of drinks, a dinner, a hand-painted necktie, or \$50 in coin of the realm. But don't place it in a commercial booth. That's where the possibility of an "arrangement" creeps in. Keep it private and personal, among friends whose integrity you know, and make it modest.

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It is all well and good to scorn the characters who did the fixing in the scandals uncovered in American sport. They are pretty loathsome creatures, and fortunately in Canada, we've had little or nothing of such things, certainly nothing that would even faintly cloud our collegiate sports picture, nor our football, or hockey, or basketball. But the same developments as came to light in the United States are possible in Canada too. And it is the amateur wagers, piling up in volume, your wager and your friend's wager, if diverted into commercial wagering channels, that develop into dangerous growths in our own midst.

This observer is by no means alarmed over the possibility of scandal creeping, or leaping, into Canadian sports. We don't have such a practical approach to our games as exists across the line. Our approach is more on the sentimental side. And we don't have the organized betting, apart from racing and this may be the most important factor of all in keeping our sports scandal-free and above reproach.

One of professional hockey's near approaches to scandal developed a few years ago, and ended in gales of laughter.

The player involved was tall "Babe" Pratt, a genial, though somewhat uninhibited and unpredictable young man, then playing on Toronto Leafs' defence.

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The word got around in some way that Pratt was betting on hockey games. Immediately, there was internal turmoil, pallid faces, and nervous concern in the higher ranges of the National League, together with a solemn clucking of tongues, and a variety

of "tut, tuts."

Investigation was, of course, set on foot. Yes, said Pratt when questioned, it was quite true. He was betting on hockey games. In fact, he was betting on his own team, the Maple Leafs, to win. And what of it, enquired Pratt brusquely.

"This betting is very naughty," said one of the investigators with solemn mien. "You can't do that sort of thing. It's unethical, it is not the course foundations of our structure."

with solemn mien. To that to that solve the thing it endangers the very foundations of our structure."

"Besides that," agreed Pratt, with straight face, "it's just plain silly. I bin betting on Leafs for three weeks, and we ain't won a game in that time. If you gents will return me the money I have lost, I will quit betting right away."

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Colvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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Finds Rare Book Worth A Fortune

When the library of Ripon Cathedral underwent a spring clean, an ex-Leeds University librarian, Mrs. Mortimer, decided to take the opportunity of cataloguing the books in her spare time. She little dreamt that her decision would lead to a discovery which is now exciting collectors of rare books and

un the book and glanced at its title, Epitome of the Pearl of Eloquence," by Laurentiue Gulielmee, an Italian. Mrs. Mortimer suddenly felt a thrill, for the type of print work of William Caxton. She felt certain it was a genuine Caxton, printed in 1480.

printing experts all over the world.

She has now been proved right by British Museum experts. Its type and watermarks are undoubtedly Caxton's. This 34-page volume's original owner seems to have been

How To Put On That Girdle Of Yours

A prominent manufacturer of ladies undergarments reports that women don't know how to put on a girdle and have issued a set of rules for doing same.

For full step-in or pull-on type, course removal of slippers, Turn garment inside out upside down and pull up over knees as high as it will It happened this way. She picked go, still inside out. Then pull upper part up into position, turning the girdle right side out. Straighten by pulling higher at waist.

They recommend semi step-in style be raised well past waist be-fore fasteners are closed. To straighten pull down on sides and back, but not in front.

Power Politics. In Pahokee, Fla., Mayor Lewis Friend explained how he happened to shoot his fellow hunter, Town Councilman D. W. Cunningham, who had selected a aware of its value for he wrote in | tree as handy observation post: "I it: "Please not to touch this book." mistook his polka-dot shirt for a What is its value? At least \$75,000. turkey gobbler."



Winnie Honored-Winston Churchill becomes a full member of the Society of the Cincinnati-men whose ancestors helped wrest America from Britain 175 years ago. The Prime Minister is shown receiving the Golden Eagle from Maj. Gen. Edgar Eskine Hume, society president.



What's The Punch Line?-Welterweight boxing whiz Chico Vejar listens closely as Prof. Randolph Somerville takes the 20-year-old actor-boxer through some lines at the School of Dramatic Arts.

stigation of John Macgregor. This

author was the pioneer of canoeing

Where and when the canoe was

of Beethoven. And "a mad En-

glishman" astonished the inhabit-

by paddling a canoe across their

Today Sweden stands number

Sweden headed the unofficial rank-

holm in 1938 the world champion-

ships which have now become a firmly established feature of the an-

one.

The Finns themselves are among the newcomers to canoeing. Their oldest club is only 26 years of age

and their national association was formed as recently as 1932. Today

there are 39 clubs with an approxi

Finland's outstanding canoeist i

Kurt Wires. He is one of the very few to hold a victory over Gert

Fredericksson. Sweden's phenomen-

al world champion. Wires has won

numperous important international races and was a silver-medalist in the Olympic 10,000-meter kayak singles in 1948. His compatriots on his home waters are looking to him

for a silver-gilt medal this summer.

mate membership of 4,000.

country.

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

in his travels throughout Europe and the Holy Land. Like countless other citizens of this fair to cloudy country, we had born is shrouded in the mists of always thought of canoeing as a antiquity. The Eskimos and American Indians have had them for sport which, if not exclusively Can-adian, was one in which Canadians centuries. But the British can justixcelled. Just why we should harfiably claim credit for developing the art of paddling and sailing a bor such a notion is a mystery, as we personally haven't set foot in a cance or wielded a paddle since around the year when Hickory Jim canoe as a sport. They introduced it to the European continent soon after the formation of the Royal Canoe Club through two students attending the University of Bonn, was a weanling, which is quite a while back and no mistake about

* * * However, it was quite a shock recently to read a long screed about International canoeing in which the name Canada got a mere single mention, even if it did hap-pen to be canoe-sailing, which we recall from youthful days as a very sporty pastime especially if the young lady you took along as a the world. At the last Olympic passenger didn't know how to swim.

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Games, here in London in 1948,
Sweden headed the unofficial early.

Anyway, we learned from the | ing by nations and supplied the New York Canoe Club Cup, an international challenge trophy for canoe sailing, is to be raced for this summer — if summer ever comes, that is. A United States challenge that is. A United States challenge had been recived by the British dar. And in their capital city of holders of the trophy, and the match will come off at Aldeburgh, on the east coast of England, during the annual sailing week of the Royal Canoe Club.

more than 20 countries. challenge is to be headed by Mr.

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L. Whitman, a member of the company that attempted to recover the trophy in 1948. That attempt, sailed off Hayling Isalnd near Britain's naval base at Portsmouth, was the first by U.S.A. since Britain took possession of what is the major prize in sailing-canoeing. In 1936, however, the British successfully withstood a challenge from Canada through Gordon Douglas of the Gamanogue Club. through Gordon Douglas of the salt water

ananoque Club. The British came into possession f the N.Y. Canoe Club Cup at Bayside, Long Island, in 1933 when Roger de Quincy and Uffa Fox made history by taking the prize out of the U.S.A. for the first time.

All previous challenges from the time of the first in 1886 by the Britisher Warrington Baden Powell had been msuccessfully warded off. They were made in 1888, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1895, 1913, and 1914. Usually the races take place over a trian-gular course of about 4½ miles and a time limit of two hours is imposed.

The Royal Canoe Club which holds the trophy on behalf of Britain and which promotes the annual sailing regatta is the oldest canoe club in the world. It was founded on July 26, 1865, at a meeting at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richnond-on-Thames, called at the in-

along the Boulevard Saint Michel, Paris, knows Robert Defrance and his wife Christiana. For this devoted pair are both blind, and every day they can be seen walking slowly, sometimes hand in hand, along the boulevard. They walk with a certain confidence because

the way is so familiar to them. But something went wrong re-cently. Men were working nearby and a manhole was accidentally left open for a few moments. Christiana Defrance chanced to be two steps in front of her husband. She stepped into the hole and plunged 19 ft. to the roaring stream below. The shock caused her to lose conciousness and she lay helpless and Robert sensed at once that some-

seemed endless. Down, down he Nobody had seen the blind couple Within a short time they were

Don't Soak Clothes In Cold Water

It was once habitual for the good housekeeper to put her clothes to soak in cold water overnight. It is known now that soaking longer than 10 to 15 minutes allows dirt to soak back in, and that cold water hinders the cleansing the Rhine city famous as birthplace action of soap. Hot water opens the fabric mesh, permitting suds to ants of Sweden shortly afterwards circulate and loosen dirt, at the same time aiding soap to emulsify oil and grease. Dirt uses up soap, which cleanses

by surrounding the loosened dirt particles and holding them in suspension for a short time. Be sure to use enough soan to maintain lasting suds in the washing machine.

Stockholm they house the head-quarters of the International Canoe Union in affiliation with which are

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"that you read what's going on in the world to-day, and then let us know if you want to be rescried."

thing terrible had happened. His foot found the hole and he did not hesitate. He at once jumped through, deciding to be by her side rather than make no attempt to save her, despite his blindness. He said afterwards that the fall went, and groping amid the swirling water he found the inert figure of his wife. He lifted her and held her grimly as he shouted for help. step into space, but the husband's cries quickly brought workmen to British soldier - barrister - traveleras a recreation. He developed the Rob Roy type of canoe to aid him

grower, who recently was electd president of the Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Associarescued. Neither had suffered sev-ere injury, yet the underground tion which represents some 20,-000 growers in Ontario. canal into which they had plunged is one of the deepest in Paris.

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er recently. Driving from the third ee, his ball brought down a lowflying Piper Cub 'plane, and then an into the hole. Though the ball passed through the fuselage,

attempt to fly the Atlantic non-stop without refuelling had to be postponed because it met with a book is dedicated exclusively to single food. One, for example, is about nothing but mushrooms.

There is an "indispensable little stop without refuelling had to be postponed because it met with a collision. A hole eight inches by six inches was made in the leading edge of the starboard wing—by a seaguil!

There is an "indispensable muc cook-book on Eskimo cooking," cook-books by opera singers, funny paper characters, mythical personalities created by food companies, and by church groups. Some slops

ground in Pearl River Village, New York County, a crow was to blame. Someone took a pot shot at the Cook Book" was published. One bird, missed, but set off a series of her theories nearly knocked the of explosions in a fireworks factory. Igniting gunpowder caused extensive camage to four nearby buildings, but the crow flapped off un-A bee was recently responsible

blacking out, half a town in nnsylvania, U.S.A. The bee stung motorist's nose, the motorist rashed into a pole and broke all Fish were indirectly to blame

another black-out, when the nerican railway was short-circuit-An angler near Wellington cast line into a creek beneath a railway bridge. It caught in some wiring and the result was that teen freight trains and three

A dog shot a man in Texas last year. He sniffed at his master's rifle, raised a paw and touched the trigger. In Cambridgeshire this year a keter went up in smoke and

fled for the pavilion with fire licking at his trousers. A ball had hit a box of matches in his pocket which immediately burst into A somewhat similar occurrence is reported from California. A far-mer had been working with a weed-

killer made from sodium-chlorate. When he put his hands in his pockets, his trousers exploded, the chemicals used being highly i An even less likely accident of curred in Indiana this May. A steeplejack, James Swottan, was treated in hospital for considerable

injuries. He had fallen-from Yet an ex-paratrooper, Richard Beckham, of Fairbanks, Alaska, fell from a kitchen shelf, then hit Soggy cake clogged up the sink waste-pipe, the water overflowed, short-circuited the electric wiring

and set the house alight.

In Appleton, Wisconsin, a man sneezed so hard that he fell out of bed and broke his toe. A severe sneezing attack caused another to crack his Adam's apple, and yet a third sneezer, a Sussex woman, disocated her spine and had to spend

several weeks in plaster.

A dislocated jaw was the lot of a Kidderminster girl whose fiancé kissed her with too much verve. Kissing apparently needs a lot of care, for in America an actor embraced his leading lady so thoroughly that he broke his nose. He has since been given compensation for injuries receive n the course of duty! You never know what may cause

Parlay. In Detroit, after Duane nter, 11, told how he had run a \$30 stake up to \$2,805 at the horse races, the judges ordered him to sink all his winnings in U.S. defense



Perching Pooch—This dog, "Mr. Nick," has different ideas on

A Few Odd Facts

the pilot was unhurt.

'Planes meet with many unexment and specific seasons inspire

cozy off great-grandmother's tea-pot. It was the decree that cooking measurements must be level and universally standard. "Slightly rounded dessert spoonfuls" were out. With Miss Farmer, cooking ceased to be an individual, creative art and became an exact sci-

Today there are two classes of cook-books-straight and specialty. Miss Farmer's comes under straight, as do other general vol-umes which carry all-inclusive se-lections of recipes, menu and diet suggestions, marketing, serving and like information. Specialty books deal with one type of food or cooking-such as the Sizzling Platter.

Cooking, Chafing Dish Cookery, any good cook-books lately:"

John Russell

Siamese Royal Wedding—After their wedding in the Siamese embassy in Paris, Prince Birabongse of Siam and his bride, Celita Howard, kneel on intricately fashioned pillows waiting for the

guests to file past and spill a little "holy water" into their hands.

Internationally famous as an auto racer, the Prince uses the name,

P. Bira, in sporting events.

It will soon be seed-treating time and many farmers throughout Canada will be preparing their seed grains against attack by many seed and soil-borne diseases. I am reminded of this important fact by Canadian Industries

Limited who also sent along the interesting pictures appearing herewith. These are from magnified photographs of two whea kernels. The top one shows a healthy seedling that has been treated with a modern seed disinfectant. The untreated seedling below is heavily infected with root-rot and will either be killed outright or will develop into a retarded, weak plant. Nuff said?



Feed your cattle on sawdust and have them thrive, is the latest from scientists. Sounds almost too good to be true-but that's what

man said During World War I sawdust in the form of a test tube was used, was converted by German chemists In this test tube cultures of bacinto cattle fodder by means of sul-furic acid. The acid broke down the lignin (stick stuff in woddy cells) so that the wood or cellulose could be digested in the rumen of a cow. A cow has four stomachs, of which the rumen is the first. Cows

. . . In the laboratories of the General Electric Company Dr. M. Dexter Bellamy has long been trying to make sawdust digestable without the aid of sulfuric acid. He does this y turning electrons on sawdust. The electrons do something to the lignin so that bacterial action of rumen can convert the cellulose into acetic acid, propionic acid and butyric acid. All these volatile acids can be absorbed by a cow's intes-

. . . The electrons that Dr. Bellamy turns on the sawdust come from a modified X-ray tube. An X-ray modified X-ray tube. An X-ray tube glows in action. This visible glow consists of a stream of electrons. When the stream strikes a tungsten target invisible X-rays shoot forth.

Nick," has different ideas on what to do with a fire hydrant. He likes to sit on this particular hydront and watch the world go by. He won't let other dogs near his perch and when some painters turned up to paint it, they had considerable trouble until the nick's owners called him off.

Dr. Beiliamy wants the electrons and not the X-rays. Accordingly, he applies a discovery made years ago by Philip Lenard. In other words, he substitutes a thin aluminum window for the target. The electrons pass through the aluminum into the open air and make a fine miniature aurora.

About Cook Books

Cook-books are written just fo bachelors, for two people, for hundreds, for third graders, for gourmets, for amateurs, for living alone whether you like it or not, and for more books, while sometimes

Quite small members of the animal kindom are capable of causing the most freakish accidents. When five buildings were razed to the

scores of others. A unique exam- . As the period of exposure was inple of slanting is a cook-book for hunters. It includes deerburgers, armadillo sausage, muskrat meat loaf, beaver fricasse and wood-

chuck pie.

This is truly the Golden Age of cook-books. In fact, people are altering the attested conversation wedge of "Hare you read any good

exposed to electrons is soluble in soluble. All these experiments may be of lose, it does not mean that cattle cannot. And if cattle can be fed a mourishing sawdust, which has been made digestil!e by simpler means than treating it with sulfuric acid, beef may be much cheaper some day then it is day than it is.

And for millions of beef-lovers, And for millions of beel-lovers, that day cannot come a minute too soon.

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cream and rugged coastline, Corn-wall is renowned for its "wreckers" -unscrupulous characters who used to lure ships to destruction by hanging out false lights, or dousing existing beacons, and seizing any cargo washed ashore.

There's the story of one Cornish

parson who, although he always included in his service a prayer for added a rider to the effect that if BATTLE FOR HUMAN HEART the Almighty saw fit to wreck a particular vessel . . . could He ease arrange to do so locally? Yet . . . "we are bound to con clude that most tales of actual wrecking of ships are legendary or to be found only in romantic novels," says William McFee in his

informative book on one of the most fascinating of all subjects, "The Law of the Sea". The only not occur in Cornwall at all but on the Scilly Islands, writes the author, when in 1680 the first lighthouse

sist rather than hinder their relatives engaged in the family occupa tion of wrecking. For over a cen tury the St. Agnes light was a public scandal. Sometimes it shone it could not be seen from St. Mary's (a neighbouring island). Some it was put out altogether!" Turning to New England, Mr McFee states that although the story, again of a parson, who spot-ted to wreck on the rocks through his church window and ordered the congregation to "wait for him, is probably founded on fact, there is little historical evidence to support deliberate "wrecking" of ves-seis on Cape Cod.

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In The Winter

Because it has been discovered that trees aren't really as dormant as they seem in winter months—in fact, can absorb fertility solutions through their bark—it may be possible to help trees to avoid or re-cover more quickle from winter injury by "bark feeding." This is indicated by research work at the Michigan State College horticulturd department, headed by Dr. H. B. Tukey.

Radioactive chemicals, plus fer-

foil centre is said to cut ironing time in half. Pad fits any board, tilizer solutions, were the tools Tukey and his fellow researchers irons underside of garment while you iron topside. Perforations keep pad dry. Can be used with steam used in their tests. When they applied a radioactive chemical to the or electric iron. branches of a dormant tree, for in-stance, they found that it traveled. A Geiger-counter test on the trees a few days later showed that the Colorful Vinyl plastic covers fit over red clay flower pots to give them a new "face." Made to fit radioactive material had moved. The same thing happened when 3, $3\frac{1}{2}$, and 5 inch pots. radioactive chemicals were sprayed or painted on the trunk of the tree -the Geiger counter clicked at a Plastic sponge-like mop fits all different spot on the tree a few days after. And these tests, min! you, were made during winter weather

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tilizer solutions containing phos-phorus, potash and nitrogen. The research men selected peach and apple trees in several commercial quart or gallon cans to eliminate dripping and running of paint. Des-cribed as "a plastic lip with a wire paint to drain back into containe Also useful as a brush-rest. orchards in Michigan that had been during the winter, they sprayed the

iertilizers on the branches and trunks of the test trees.

The pay-off came later. Trees Cleaning Glove Simple wet over-sized terry-cloth commercial importance. Because human beings cannot live on cellusprayed could easily be told from pouch. treatment. For one thing, they Perfume Atomizer Light-weight aluminum perfume

atomizer marketed in satin-like finish of pink and and gold fits twoand four-ounce size perfumes. One hand operation is featured. recovery from the winter injury. Yet the untreated trees in the orchards gave every indication of Snack-type plastic tray held in position by chromed steel clamps

solution absorbed by the branches gave the trees additional nutrients for car eating. Swings out of sight inder instrument panel when not to speed recovery—also acted as a substitute for the food that was blocked from normal channels by injured tissue. This "shot in the Plastic Table Cover arm" apparently gives the tree a chance to grow new wood and set up new channels for flow of food

from the roots.
"Actually," says Tukey, "we don't yet know how much practical value there is in this winter bark-feeding process. But at least we know that so-called 'dormant' trees will absorb liquid chemicals through the bark."

From "The Country Gentleman."

For a great many years now, a strange tug-of-war has been going on between the French and Austrian governments over-a heart. It be-longs to the former King of Rome and Duke of Reichstadt, son of Napoleon, who died in Vienna early last century at the age of twenty-

Vienna, together with the re-mains of the Duke of Rome's Marie Louise. The French would was erected there.

"Unfortunately, the keepers appointed appear to have been Scill-remains in Paris, but the Austrian

Reversible Vinylite plastic table cover has two contrasting designs Marketed in 54 inch squares, it Manufacturer states the cover is and will not mildew or crack. Car Visor Low-cost plastic car visor cuts down sun and head-light glare. Fits

all models, easily installed. Manufacturer states visor won't steam Road Marker Gravity-fed device marks safet and parking lines within 1/8 inch of curbing. Works at walking speed

Rust Remover Non-inflammable, non-toxic rust disintegrating fluid penetrates cor-

Weatherstripping Plastic weatherstripping combined with extruded rubber inset elim inates drafts from doors and win-



TO PREVENT SMALL CHILDREN FROM POKING THEIR FINCERS OR PLAYTHINGS INTO ELECTRICAL OUTLETS SEAL UP ALL UNUSED OUTLETS WITH OLD PLUGS FILLED WITH SEALING WAX. ROUND PLUGS ARE HARDER TO REMOVE



Dr. Bellamy could hardly turn

the electrons directly on a cow

without doing damage and probably killing the animal. Rabbits' ears

are easily punctured by electrons. So an artificial rumen or stomach

teria from a cow's rumen were

placed, for one or two days and

kept at 100 degrees F., which is the

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After the period of digestion ended steam was bubbled through the specimen. The volatile acids

came off as vapors, which were then

came on as vapors, which were then condensed. To the liquid thus ob-tained caustic soda of known strength was added. The degree to which volatile acids were neu-

tralized by the soda was a measure

When the stuff in the glass was

minut s the bacteria digested the sawdust as readily as they did hay. Don't scratch iron!

of their amount.

temperature of a cow.







