### THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN



## by Elmer Ferguson

glass get on your nerves. Anytime you begin to feel that the years may be catching up with you, or even passing you, think of Willie Hoppe, who won another billiards championship the other day.

Maybe a ball player or fighter is an Maybe a ball player or fighter is an "old man" at 35. Once upon a time a track athlete who survived 30 was a miracle. You may be greeted with a negative shake of the head when you solicit a job at the age of 40. Doc Osler (wonder what became of the Doc?) wanted to chloroform us all at 60. But don't let such gloomy thoughts depress you. Sport, which

is one of the common denominators of our life and times, points a few examples to prove that middle age isn't necessarily the end of everything. And we think Willie Hoppe, king of the billiards world, is one of the most notable of these. Willie started his career away back in the nineties, which were not necessarily gay. He was then a lad in short trousers. He was so tiny he had to stand on a box to cue the ball while playing, so they called him "The Soap Box Champion."

Even then his father, who was coaching him, had big things in view. And he had a fine subject to work with, because Willie took orders like a soldier. He had a genius for hard practice. And the result began to bear rich fruit at an early age.

They took Hoppe to France, where balkline billiards was its peak. They had "academies" where fans wagered freely on cue matches. And great men played in them. One was Vignaux, the champion. At 17 Hoppe defeated Vignaux. He became world champion. And thereafter he became such an outstanding exponent of his craft that he remained champion for 17 years. From the "Soap Box Champion" he became "The Boy Wonder." Now, in his sixties, he's still champion at his trade, after recovering from a nervous breakdown that threatened to end his playing career. It took two or three years to cure it.

So, as we said, don't let the years get you down. We could wade into the statistics to show you that Clarence DeMar was a marathon champion in his forties; that Bob Fitzsimmons was still a world heavyweight boxing champion at 36, and that Jersey Joe Walcott, the present champion, according to some estimates, is now 45 years old.

And then there was Bill Cook, surviving World War I, and a couple of years campaigning on other war fronts after that, who came back to take up his hockey stick with New York Rangers and, in his forties, win recognition as one of hockey's great righ wings of all time. And there was Big Bill Tilden who, in his fortier wings of all time. And there was Big Bill Tilden who, in his forties too, could beat practically all the younger stars on the tennis courts. And little Aurel Joliat, who played hockey for 17 consecutive seasons with Canadiens, and Eugene Tremblay, probably the greatest wrestler Canada ever produced, who in his fifties was almost unbeatable among the lightweights.

So don't let the years get you down. A lot of folk have been able to rise above the shadows of Time.

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was an article written by Rogers nsby in reply to a piece by Ty Cobb, published in an earlier issue of the same magazine. Cobb had said that modern baseball-and modern ball players, with few exceptions-had slumped in quality considerably since his day.

Mr. Hornsby proceeded to rip ever that means. He not only intimated that Tyrus Raymond didn't know what he was talking about. He also said that he-Hornsbywouldn't rate the Georgia Peach as hetter than sixth on a list of all-

We were just about to sit down and beat out a column hinting that



Melon King—Albert Ray, 64, ha been juggling melons on his head during 40 years of danc-ing. Dubbed the "Watermelon King," Ray says he's never substituted a watermelon for a

heat and one thing or anothermust have blown his top, but good, to talk or write such non-But before we got around to doing so, the roof fell in on The Rajah; in fact he was fired from his job as St. Louis Browns' manager just about the time his magazine blast at Cobb hit the newsstands.

So we thought to ourself, "What the heck's the use of kicking a man Arthur Daley of The New York

Times apparently had similar thoughts regarding Hornsby, the only difference being that he went ahead and wrote his piece. He also said what we had in mind so much better than we could hope to do that from here on we are letting Mr. Daley take over, with many thanks for the assist on a day so warm that even just banging a typewriter with two fingers is a real chore. Almost as much of a chore as it is in any other kind of weather. Come in, Mr. Daley.

Rogers Hornsby is having trouble enough these days. Yet it is impossible to leave unchallenged one ridigazine rebuttal to Ty Cobb's original blast against the modern ball players. The Rajah destroyed the efficacy of his arguments by the malicious way he omitted the Georgia Peach from his All-Star team. Named in the outfield were Shoeless Joe Jackson, Tris Speaker and Babe Ruth with Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams also ranked ahead of

. . . . The easiest way to answer that silly estimate is to point to the record book. Cobb practically owns it. He has the highest lifetime average in the history of the game, a breath-taking .367. He won the American League batting cham-pionship twelve times in thirteen years. For twenty-three consecutive years he hit over .300, thrice soaring over .400. He had the most times at bat, runs, hits, stolen bases and sundry other items.

Does that sound like the No. other five men. Ruth was a better distance slugger; Speaker and DiMaggio were slicker fielders, and both Jackson and Williams were more gifted natural stylists at the both Jackson : nd Williams were pitch. Soon I w more gifted natural stylists at the I owned him."



No Larceny Today-Outfielder Hank Bauer of the New York Yankees is out at second on an attempted steal. Johnny Pesky, Tigers' shortstop, applied the tag after taking peg from catcher Joe Ginsberg. Ump is Scotty Robb.

plate. But Cobb was overwhelming in what Eddie Stanky once des-

\* \* \* The major leagues probably never had a fiercer competitor or a smart-er one than Tyrus Raymond Cobb. This reporter's favorite story is one uncovered by Tom Meany. It's so illustrative of Cobb's temperament that it stands repeating. The Georgia Peach was an eager and restlessly ambitious minor leaguer then playing for Augusta in the Sally League. He roomed with Nap Rucker, the pitcher, and it was their habit to dress and undress in their rooming house.

One day Rucker was knocked out of the box and already was in the tub for a leisurely bath when he heard Cobb dash into their bed-Never before had Rucker beaten Cobb to the tub. He could hear Ty pacing back and forth like a caged tiger as he snapped tartly at Nap for his slowness. The pit-

all cylinders every instant he was thinking. Often he'd be thrown out on what looked to be needlessly foolish base-running gambles, but there was a motive behind every such move. The artful Cobb was plotting. He'd try for that extra base to test a throwing arm or the way the fielder made a tag. This would be done in a lopsided game so that Cobb would have the solution ready for the 1-0 game. For instance, he made a habit

of overrunning third base in order to force a throw from the slickfielding Hal Chase. A pattern thus was established, so one day he thundered into third from second and Chase made the throw. The third baseman swooped down his glove for the tag. However, Cobb was on his way home with the winning run. Only Cobb could score regularly from second on an infield

Average Man Is a Dummy

The perfect "Average Man" doesn't exist, but Ford Motor Company engineers have designed a dummy, from Army physical records, that has the

man's" dimensions Weighing 164¾ pounds 5 feet, 9 inches high, Mr. AM is used to determine interior auto

cher answered flippantly. Suddenly Cobb burst into the bathroom and savagely grasped Rucker by the "Have you gone crazy?" gasped

Rucker after fighting him off. "Nap, you just don't understand," said Cobb despairingly. The blood drained from his face as the satanic gleam faded from his eye. "I've just gotta be first—all the time."
That's the way he played baseball \* \* \*

From a purely physical standpoint Cobb's greatest gift was his speed of foot. How he capitalized on it! He performed for most of his career in the era of the dead ball when one run often was the only run of the ball game. Ty had none of the batting grace of Hornsby's five candidates, but he was a narter hitter than all of them combined.

He spaced his hands on the bat. using a choked grip. Then he punched the ball, placing every shot with artful ease. Deep-fielding players invited him to bunt. So he did. If they played him tight, he aimed for the holes to either side. On top of all that was his frightening speed that made every throw a hurried one. That always was his primary idea, to keep relentless pressure applied everywhere.

He played with brains as well as brawn. When Walter Johnson went up to the majors, no one could hit his blinding speed, including Cobb. Then Ty learned that the Big Train had a dread of killing better mith his feath. a batter with his fireball.

"It was a shameless thing to do," Cobb sheepishly confessed to me a few years ago, "but I took advantage of Walter's gentle nature. I knew he wouldn't bean me, and so I crowded the plate, forcing him

Any time Cobb got on a base a mass case of the jitters would descend on the enemy team. He

> games he won by his very presence on the diamond. As a hitter he had no equal. Nor did he have one as a basestealer, since the swift Georgian stole a record total of 892 bases, including 96 in one season. As an outfielder he was good without being great, definitely not so adroit as Speaker or DiMaggio, probably not so good as Ruth, but superior Williams and Jackson. And

no way of estimating the number of

### Got A 700 Year's Job

Hornsby names him No. Six!

Lucky is the man, especially if he works for himself, who has enough raw materials to enable him to car-ry on for the rest of his life. But there is one man living near Mobberley, North Cheshire, who has enough material for 700 years. He sells block of peat, that black, as yet is unrational. It burns in

cradles, glowing red and giving out In such parts of England as peat can be obtained, it is sold for 3d. a block, but in North Cheshire this owner of a private bog sells it at 8 shillings for 100 blocks. And he could get rid of a million blocks if he had them ready, so great is

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WITH LIFE? 



### Tap Earth's Depths For Steam Power

"We need water, minerals and power, and if we were half as interested in exploring the depths of the earth as we are in exploring outer space we might be able t obtain adequate amount of fresh water and salts from the sea and minerals from the earth as by products of power production, and all three for little or nothing after first costs are paid," writes Ira S. Martin, of Upland, Calif., to the New York Times.

Since shafts and tunnels two miles deep have already been made and operated successfully he sug-gests that we direct the big rockets required for exploring the atmosphere down at the earth after which we can dig holes only a mile or two deeper.

A small rocket, e.g., one weighing forty pounds, containing a mixture of explosives and quartz sand, landing at a velocity of 1,000 feet per second, releases 20,000,000 foot pounds of energy plus the energy of the explosives. The rocket deepens and enlarges the hole, shatters and pulverizes and heats surrounding materials, and lines it with depths already attained or from the surface, steel casing could be driven through this pulverized material to any required depths by methods used in tunnelling under rivers and harbors, but with less effort and risk. Removing muck with clamshells operated from old shaft bottom levels would not be

After twin shafts have been completed and joined by fluid connec-tion at the bottoms, water fills the pressure well by gravity alone and boils under its own gravity pressure with heat, the temperature increas-

recently the owner was much dis-

tressed because most of his cows

were affected with a watery brown

but were gaunt and more or less

off feed. The owner was chiefly concerned over the decreased milk

production. This was really serious, for the cows were down to about

a third of what they were giving

Trouble had started with a single

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germ called Vibro jejuni. The

togs. We knew of one outbreak

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ated food or water.

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out the old furniture, you ca work magic with what you've got.

Just as you'd buy a new hat to
dress up an old suit, so you can turn a shabby, out-of-date dresser into a handsome, modern piece through the use of mirror magic. If your dresser is the old-fashioned type with mirror attached, the first step is to strip it of gingerbread. Using a screwdriver, remove the mirror and its moorings. Use putty to plug up moorings. Use putty to plug up the holes and a coat of shellac of varnish to smooth the surface

Then you're ready to remove th

ing at the rate of 0.2 degrees F. pipes to turbines which may be per foot of depth. The water re- located anywhere above sea level.

fect, in keeping with modern de-sign trends, use a saw to take of the high, spindly legs.

Now, you can apply decorator's magic. Pick a new mirror, one in good design, chosen to blend with the style of your bedroom furniture. Hang it flat on the wall over the dresser, placing it vertically not more than three inches of side. That's all there is to the worked wonders for your bedroom at eye level and centering it so that dresser extends beyond it on either face-lifting. But you'll find you've on mere pin-money.

turns to sea level as super-heated water and steam. In this process salts and minerals are deposited as steam rises to turn machinery which generates electrical power. Oxford University has The greater the depths attained, the hotter the water and steam, and the higher the superheated steam

> chemical processes which take place in living plants and animals, and at present much research is being concentrated on the complicated protein compounds called en-zymes which regulate our breathing and digestion and other activities. Without enzymes even the lowest forms of life would be impossible. It has been estimated that a single cell from a plant or animal conta approximately one thousand differ

ent enzymes.

The commonest enzyme is the one in the yeast cell, which pro-duces alcohol and carbon dioxide from sugar and is used in making cheese, fermenting beer and other alcoholic beverages, and in clarifying wines and fruit juices. Other enzymes enable us to di-

own trouble by bringing the germs home on his overshoes after visitthe secretion of saliva. In this ing a neighbor's herd that was in-fected. \* \* \*

It usually takes about four days saliva we find an enzyme called "pytalin," which breaks up complicated molecules found in starch. The oxidation or burning of our food must proceed at body temfor scouring to start after animals have swallowed the germs. Sympperature, and it is the remarkable enzymes that accomplish this. toms of the disease are about as already described, with the prin-cipal one being that stinking thin diarrhea. Deaths seldom occur, but Kills Pain the owner blamed the trouble on diarrhea. Deaths seldom occur, but frozen or moldy silage that she extremely lowered milk production

might have eaten. However, as make winter dysentery a pretty exmore animals became affected, he pensive disease on a dairy farm. began to think that maybe the scouring represented some kind of Nor is it limited to milk cows a "catching" disease. It turned out that this was correct, for the diarr- or beef animals. Calves may be hea was shown to be so-called "winter dysentery."

It may appear almost anywhere,
and generally shows an between and generally shows up between December and March, thus explaining its name. The disease is also known as "black scours" and There is no more definite pattern for the disease, since a diarrhea may persist for weeks, and the

that followed the route of a certain

milk hauler, and appeared in every

barn where he stopped for milk.

In the case of the farmer mention-

ed earlier, he evidently caused his

germs are given off in the watery tremely mild, while again it is s manure, and infect other animals that swallow them with contamincontains strings of mucus Scouring is sometimes caused by spoiled feeds like the silage first The germs may be carried on suspected by our farmer friend. Shipping fever, changes of feed, co ccidiosis, and various kinds of pooning may also cause severe scou ing that might be mistaken i vinter dysentery. If you're in doubt at any time, it'll probably pay yo to get a veterinarian on the jol to make a definite diagnosis. You'l want to get started with treatment

as soon as possible, and there's no need of doctoring something before you know what it is. In case it really does break ou there are several effective remedie An ounce or two daily of weak chlo rine or copper sulfate solutions are often helpful. Your veterinarian will have newer and more effective drugs not generally available or arms, so you may want him

reat the animals. His call may be an economi one, for the quickest way to stop to stop losses of milk or weight tha can run into money pretty fast Whether you do the treating or have a veterinarian do it for you, both affected and healthy animals had rich engineers pulls away from the simulated road faster than may prevent infection before

rubber to its original shape. The Alone with medication of stock grueling test would tear an you'd better not track manure in rdinary tire apart, but the new ordinary tire apart, but the new one is said to be able to withstand hundreds of miles of sus- that the dirty stuff is loaded with tained high speed driving. Photo was made at 1/10,000th of a FUL!

## Enzymes Regulate

granted thirty thousand dollars for research into certain branches of bio-chemistry, including those conproper tiny nerve, and the proce-dure often had to be repeated until the needle itself was more painful cerning enzymes and proteins. than the extraction.

Now, when the hyaluronidase enzyme is mixed with the novo-Bio-chemistry is the study of the caine, ti causes a rapid spreading of

> But what may prove to be the most important discovery is that influenza and peneumonia germs carry the hyaluronidase enzime This may result one day in the front-page headlines we all want to see: "SCIENCE CONQUERS COLD AND 'FLU!"

the pain-killer.

The Sin of Greed not covet. Exodus 20: 17.

They enable us to use the oxygen we breathe in for burning the food at low temperature. Out of the thousands of different "varieties" of enzymes, the scientists have isolated. one which i likely to prove a boon to mankind. It is called the "hvaluronidase enzyme, and has the remarkable faculty of breaking down barriers between living cells.

best way for two worlds. By Rev. R. B Warren, B.A., B.D

It is significant that the last of the ten commandments is the one that deals with a heart condition Thus it is a key to the understanding of them all. If the heart is right we will keep the other commandments. In our next lesson we shall see that Christ's new comnandment calls for a heart of love. Man needs new heart.
There was quarrelling over the

before extracting a tooth the den- rich man who thought his soul

after grading has been completed. it is amazing what a difference there will be in a few months and still more in a few years. Quickest results with the new garden, of course, will be obtained where a few loads of rich loam are brought in and spread over the whole lot. This applies to lawn, Where this is not possible or is too expensive, one can go at things more gradually. Thorough and fre and also digging in all sorts of



Exodus 20: 17; Luke 12: 13-21-29-34 Memory Selection: Thou shalt

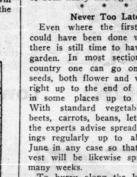
division of the inheritance in our Lord's day, too. He refused to be

tist would jab a needleful of the drug, novocaine, into the gum to deaden the pain.

He could not always be certain

He could not always be certain that he had jabbed it into the proper tiny nerve, and the proce- of the orphans, and infants. He thought only of himself.

Thousands of people are in hospitals for the physically and mentally ill, who wouldn't be there if they had obeyed the simple formula of Jesus, "Rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." But men take their own way and worry and contention about the things which shall pass away take their heavy toll of mental and physical health. How foolish are we mortals! Put God first and all our needs will be met. And happy is the man whose wants are not greater than his needs. Earthly treasures wil dissolve when the elements shall melt with fervent heat but treasures in heaven will



"I'd like to change my lunch hour

green materials, like grass clip-pings, leaves or special crops. The latter are usually oats, peas or rye, which are sown, allowed to grow and then dug in. These things supply humus and that is the big need of both heavy and light soils. Never Too Late Even where the first planting

With some tall things it is an excellent plan to provide support.

This may be in the form of short

stakes or even twigs and it may

the plant to the same loosely with

soft raffia, twine or the special twisting material sold by seed

stores. With busy plants such as

peonies, most experienced garden

ers place a wooden or wire hoop around the plant fairly early in the

spring. This will provide effective support and even hold up the heavy

In the famous Kew Gardens near

London, they have an excellent

trick for supporting big shrub-like flowers such as delphiniums and

even climbers like sweet peas. Be-fore these plants have grown more

than a few inches high, some old

branches or brush are firmly stuck

into the ground close about them. Prunings off fruit trees or shrubs

are ideal. As the plants develop

they will grow all around and hide

these dead branches and be firmly supported.

Working It Will Help

Behind some of the new houses

ompleted since fall will be some

ial. Nowadays, it is true, builders

sometimes make an attempt to save

could have been done weeks ag6 there is still time to have a good garden. In most sections of the country one can go on planting right up to the end of June, and some places up to mid-July. With standard vegetables like beets, carrots, beans, lettuce, etc., the experts advise spreading plantings regularly up to about mid-June in any case so that the har-To hurry along the late plant-

ings, one can take several short cuts. The ground should be extra well prepared and some quick-acting commercial fertilizer applied to push growth. Watering, if possible, will also help. This growth Because of this, dentists have seized upon it. In the old days, he told the story of the foolish noon won't seem to be so long."

With vegetables is especially described and particularly with those of which the roots are eaten.

# A Tribute To The Weekly Newspaper

While sitting reading the Huntsville Forester the other day, t occurred to me how vastly important was the weekly newspaper in the national scheme of things. And what a powerful voice is represented by the combined efforts of these hundreds of small community papers spread across the length and breadth

Every now and then, on the metropolitan dailies, some of us get illusions of grandeur. We see our giant presses rumbling out hundreds of thousands of copies of our papers, see the teletypes and the telegraphs chattering madly, the big trucks tearing off to all points of the compass, hear the newsboys shouting on the

And the mammoth size of the operation sometimes dazzles us into the idea that we're fairly large potatoes in the journalistic world. In a sense, I suppose, the size and circulation of a newspaper is important. But I often wonder whether our very size is not a handicap, occasionally, in getting close to the people we serve and whose feelings we are supposed to reflect accurately. The best newspaper brains on the largest dailies in the United States, for instance, wrote off Harry Truman with great

were wrong. If they had been reflecting accurately the mood of their country, they would have been right. I don't know, but it seems to me that you wouldn't catch a weekly newspaper editor being wrong very often about the win-ner of an election in his community. And it strikes me that it's more important to be right about a few people than wrong about

assurance before the last U.S. elections. But Harry proved they

The weekly newspaper editor usually has time to light up his pipe, stretch out his feet and have a talk with the subscribers. It's not a daily newspaper editor's fault that he can't do this. A big daily has a way of chawing ravenously at his time. But in the case of the weekly editor, he may often, in one day, exchange opinions with a farmer, a welder, the mayor, a housewife and the president of the town's largest industry.

These exchanges of thought need, by no means, be formal. The chances are, if the editor has been in his chair for some time, that he recorded the birth, high school graduation and marriage of one or all of these subscribers. In which case Subscriber William Jones becomes merely Tom Jones' boy. And an editor who might be fooled a bit concerning the attitude of William Jones is not likely to be misled very far by Tom Jones' boy.

Out of this intimate and friendly relationship there must surely grow that most magic of all journalistic ingredients, sometimes called the ability to "keep a finger on the public pulse." If this bond has been well and truly forged, no newspaper can fail to be important, even though its entire list of subscribers could be mustered in a small community hall.

lone, small voices heard 'midst the clamor of the multitude which sounds all around us. Whenever some publication is close enough to us to reflect our thoughts and the things we want to say, we feel that we have become articulate and our loneliness is alleviated in some degree. In this respect the weekly editor occupies a golden chair, a

All of us go through life, to some extent, trying to make our

chair of great dignity and great responsibility. He has been given the opportunity of acting as the voice and, in many ways, the conscience, of the place in which he lives. And this small town or village, multiplied, is Canada. The golden chair, of course, is not without its lumps. It is a

little difficult to throw the book at a local political candidate and then be confronted with his injured and reproachful countenance the very next day, or even on the same day. In the case of the weekly newspaper, the so-called man on the street can cease being one by merely taking a half dozen steps into the editor's

Not only that, but the weekly editor may have to interrupt his written discourse on the complicated world situation to help a customer compose a classified ad offering a washing machine for sale. This may be awkward at times, but I can't help thinking it is educational. Sometimes the problem of the lady who wants to sell her washing machine can bring the world situation into a little clearer perspective. Such incidents can serve as a sort of decompression chamber for those who have been prowling

around rather deeply in the world's affairs.

Perhaps the daily newspaper, trying to keep pace with the events of a fast moving world, is a victim of the atmosphere in which it serves. Readers who in a few short years may forget Stalin's first name are not likely to forget the day Aunt Maggie won the prize for the best cake at the fall tair. Or that Elmer Smith's hound trotted out the sideroad one day and turned up

three weeks later 30 miles away in Jackson's Junction. And I'll be hanged if I can say for sure which is the more important. Stalin is getting a lot of publicity these days, but, for all I know, Elmer Smith may have had a pretty good hound.