THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

● The most important toe in the sports world does not, oddly enough, belong to a soccer player, a football or rugby ace. In fact this toe isn't employed in any part of the kicking business.

The toe belongs to the greatest shot-putter the world has ever known, big Parry O'Brien of Southern California University, Olympic champion and world record holder in the business of heaving the 16-pound missile for distance.

Just how did a toe become important to a shot-putter? You might ask. And the story is this:

In 1950, O'Brien had set a national college freshman record of 53 ft. 10½ in. Instead of being satisfied, his coach, Jess Mortensen began experimenting with O'Brien to the extent that by the athlete's sophomore year his putting style had been completely rebuilt.

Under the new style Parry's right toe is the key to his success. Most shot putters stand squared away in the ring but when he puts the shot O'Brien's big toe is pointed toward the rear of the circle. Among other things this means that his heel and back are to the direction of the put.

Mortensen believes this vastly improved O'Brien leg drive. Whatever did it, progressively this young stalwart has broken the National Collegiate Athletic shotput record, set a new mark for the National A. A. U., established the all-time Olympic record, and beaten Jime Fuch's world record. His most recent mark, when this was written, was two and three-quarter inches beyond the 59-foot mark.

Back in 1904, Ralph Rose was putting the 16-pound shot approximately 49 feet, at the time a tremendous heave which nobody believed would ever be excelled. Rose, a giant of a man, put the pellet 48 feet 7 inches to win the Olympic title. O'Brien's title-winning and record smashing Olympic heave was just beyond the 57-foot mark. But that was merely a start. Today's O'Brien, with his toe working smoothly to help provide great leg-drive in his push-off, is getting closer and closer to the 60-feet mark, and may be able to achieve this, come the next Olympics. Or perhaps sooner. At any rate, he's one athlete of whom you can truthfully say, he's the greatest the world has ever seen, and prove it by figures.

Recently, a fraction of an inch was added to Les Steers' high-jump record of 6 feet 11 inches, and even though a technical flaw barred the new record, it indicates that techniques have improved leaps and bounds, particularly in field events.

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

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All Dolled Up—The Best Dressed Dog at the Canadian National Exhibition, Kathleen O'Connor and her dog "Sally" won the Ballard Award and 15 silver dollars for the best dressed dog in the Big Mutt Show.

..Plain Horse Sense..

by BOB ELLIS

The most important achievement of organized farming in Ontario since the end of the war was the establishment of the Ontario Hog Marketing Agency with its sales organization United Livestock Sales, Ltd.

It was very successful in maintaining price even against repeated attempts by the packers to bring prices down. To enable the agency to keep up the good work it is important that hog producers continue to give it full support by following its directives.

Send Hogs to Yards

One of the difficulties encountered by the agency in establishing prices is the recurrent shortage of hogs at the stockyards. Too many hogs have been shipped direct to packing plants.

In an open letter, published in last week's Rural Co-operator, C. D. Black, manager of the sales agency, explains the situation to all hog producers.

After reviewing the developments from the January price of 23 cents to the present price of 35 cents, Mr. Black says that he is "not worried about being able to keep the value of your product at this higher level than it has been for a number of years, PROVIDED we get the hogs at the RIGHT PLACE and at the RIGHT TIME in order to do so."

Mr. Black thinks that every hog producer should be aware of the complications and continues: "Regardless of what you may hear from any source the basic fact is that — price is established at the public market."

"It, therefore, follows that in order to create and establish the true value of your hogs, it is essential to have sufficient hogs at the public market and we have consequently ordered transporters to deliver hogs to the Ontario Stockyards who have been going elsewhere with your hogs."

Rebates to Transporters

In an interview to the Co-operator Mr. Black stated that the transporters have shown an unwillingness to comply with the directives.

Some farmers suspect that the reason for this is that an undesirable practice of rebates to some of the transporters has crept into the marketing of hogs, reports the Rural Co-operator.

Generally hogs sold at the yards fetch higher prices than those delivered direct to the plants. Last week the market price was at a record high of $37, while at the plant hogs were paid for at $35 to $36.50.

Appeal to Producers

Mr. Black ends his letter with a strong appeal to all producers: "Now you, the individual hog producer, probably not fully aware of the situation, may not want this. We are concerned — in that through lack of complete knowledge on your part — you may become the innocent contributing factor to lower hog prices."

"In order to maintain the price of hogs at this comparatively high level, after complete study, we cannot advise you too strongly to insist that your trucker adheres to the directives emanating from this company for the sound and well-considered reasons stated above."

Necessity of Co-operation

Under a marketing system, which is supposed to be regulated by supply and demand, two or three large buyers combining forces, could secure undue advantages over a multitude of small sellers.

As a matter of fact this used to happen and has led to the establishment of the one Central Marketing Agency acting for all producers.

I stands to reason that only through co-operation with and full support to the Agency of each and every producer successful operations can be carried on.

This column welcomes suggestions, wise or foolish and all criticism, whether constructive or destructive and will try to answer any question. Address your letters to Bob Ellis, Box 1 123 - 18th Street, New Toronto Ont.

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The race to design and build a "space station" is on.

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Dr. Walter Dornberger, famous as the scientist responsible for the vicious V-2 rockets which showered upon London in World War II, is now working for America, advising upon the development of guided missiles. The doctor has predicted that within twenty years man will have fashioned a receptship capable of the trip to Mars and back, via an earth satellite. But, he adds, this great solar adventure will probably never take place, for it would cost no less than £3,000,000,000 — perhaps more! Certainly no single aircraft company could foot such a bill, but to a government — with the military side in mind — it is a different matter.

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"Then, suddenly, my love for her was gone. One day she seemed like a stranger. . . . I came to my senses, and brought her back fast. She is a nice girl, and I couldn't bring myself to tell her the truth—that I would never be content with any woman but my wife.

WHAT'S NOW?"

My wife has forgiven me, and thank God in His mercy knows why. Since then, I've done all I could to make up for my folly. But what of the girl? I feel responsible. I thought I had to leave her now and then, to break it gently. I know she cares for me, and I feel how grieved and bewildered she is. No one is to blame but me. What can I do?"

R. D. T."

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Every meeting renews her hope—and, if you mean what you say, there is no hope for her. She will recover, and realize that no good ever comes from sinning. What you did will leave its scar — on your wife also. You are very fortunate that she took you back. Show your gratitude by a decent humility, and by undivided devotion to her and your children; that is all she asks.

Your experience proves what I have said so often: An illicit passion burns itself out, leaving two guilty people (and some innocent ones) who will never be the same again. I hope that your story will be a warning to young women, and other married men, who are tempted to defy the moral code.

Knowledge can be an armor against temptation. If you would learn what happens to those who yield, read this column every day. . . . Anne Hirst has wise counsel for troubled souls, and comfort for those who need it. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

Don't Scrub Floors Sponge 'Em

Many women who are accustomed to automatic washers and ironers, electric mixers and pressure cookers, still get down on their hands and knees with an old-fashioned brush and pail to scrub the floor.

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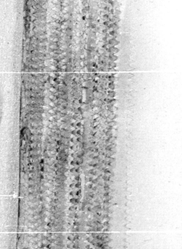

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No Piece Like Home—So the Turners and Kullboms took theirs with them on a vacation trip to Canada. Here Mrs. C. S. Kullbom stands in front of the home-on-wheels built by her son-in-law, Wendell Turner.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline D Clarke

Before resuming my ordinary, everyday "chronicles"- I would like to devote just one more column to the A.C.W.W. Conference — this time in connection with the visit of the delegates to the very spot where the Mother Institute was organized. To my mind this was one of the highlights of the Conference.

Judging by its well-wooded surroundings the terrain of Stoney Creek has changed very little since the decisive battle of 1812-14. It is a beautiful little village, and, if one knew nothing at all of its history, one would be inclined to pause awhile because of the magnificent scenery And then, having paused, it would be only natural to inquire about the imposing monument that stands high upon a hill in Battlefield Park. This monument is in the form of a massive stone column, rising from a dense growth of trees and shrubs and was erected to commemorate the Battle of Stoney Creek between the American and Canadian Forces in June, 1813. But it has still another meaning, of possibly even greater significance. It commemorates the beginning of the peaceful era that has existed between Canada and the U.S.A. for 140 years. Further evidence of the friendly relationship between two great border countries can be found in the burial ground across the road, where Canadian and American soldiers, who once fought against each other, now sleep side by side, having given their lives for what each considered a just cause. On the battlefield where they fell a Soldier's Monument has been erected in their memory.

Following the grim aftermath of war the people of Stoney Creek settled down to again wrest a living from the soil. Many of the early settlers were United Empire Loyalists and among them was a widow, Mary Jones Gage, who, with her two children, James and Elizabeth, came to Canada from Albany in the year 1790 and were granted Crown Lands in Stoney Creek. The home where the Gage family lived, and endured great danger and hardship during the war, is now known as Battlefield House and is preserved as a Museum, most of the pioneer furnishings having been contributed by various members of the Gage family.

Mary Gage was a courageous woman. After losing her loyalist husband, John Gage, she put what possessions she could handle into a canoe, and, with her children and two brothers, made her way along the old-time water route from Albany to Canada, finally to the head-of-the-Lakes and thus to Stoney Creek. Here she set about clearing the land and tilling the soil until her son James was old enough to take over the responsibility. How fitting, considering these and later circumstances during the war, that the motto of the Gage family was, and presumably still is, "Courage without Fear."

Possibly that motto would apply equally well to many other pioneer Stoney Creek residents, and particularly to Erland Lee. It was Mr. Lee who first recognized the need for a women's organization, whose main function should be to study and improve rural living. In the fall of 1896, with this conviction still firmly rooted in his mind, Erland Lee attended a meeting of the Experimental Union, at the O.A.C. in Guelph, where he heard Mrs. Adelaide Hoodless address a meeting on the need of having Domestic Economy taught in schools as one means of raising the rural standard of living. Mr. Lee was so impressed by Mrs. Hoodless' stirring and forthright address that he arranged for her to address a meeting of the Farmer's Institute in Stoney Creek, to which the women were invited. And from that small beginning emerged the Stoney Creek Women's Institute. News of this new venture got around and women in other districts were fired with enthusiasm. One after another new branches were formed. Now, the W.I., affiliated with other rural organizations, constitutes the A.C.W.W., the largest women's organization in the world.

How fitting then, that the A.C.W.W. should visit the site of the Mother Institute. Here, in the grounds of Battlefield House, at the foot of the hill upon which stands the Memorial Column, women of all nations met with the present members of Stoney Creek W. I. Here, also, were the five remaining charter members of the Mother Institute, the first to carry the torch, led by the inspired Adelaide Hoodless, who, from bitter experience, had recognized the need for greater knowledge among women — of nursing, medicine and a better way of living. Here, too, to greet the delegates was Marjorie Lee, daughter of Erland Lee; Mrs. Gordon Conant of Oshawa, daughter of Mrs. D. Smith, the first W. I. president; and Miss Muriel Bostwick, grand-daughter of Adelaide Hoodless.

Across the sunlit hills, in the vicinity of the Gage homestead, and amid the beautiful shade trees, it almost seemed as if the spirit of the pioneers was present at this A.C.W.W. pilgrimage. Perhaps Mrs. Raymond Sayre felt it too as she said in her address — "The Story of Stoney Creek gives us four important points to remember. First, the power of an idea; second, the power of a woman; third, the power of an individual; and fourth, it proves that everyone must begin where they are, and with what they have."

VALUABLE CHIPS

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An indignant boy took himself off to the potato chip company's offices to protest. His annoyance was soon dispelled by the presentation of a fat monetary reward given him by the employee who had lost her engagement ring while working in the plant.

Honeymoons That Weren't Too Sweet

Perhaps the shortest honey moon on record was that of the Portsmouth soldier who jumped his unit to get married. Thirty minutes after the ceremony he was in cells awaiting an escort back to barracks.

In the same class were Alex Hinney and his bride, Constance Fleet, of Las Vegas. Alex and his wife went through the marriage service to benefit under the terms of a will. They collected the cash on a 150-minute honeymoon and then made a bee-line for the divorce court.

The most uncomfortable honeymoon was spent by the jester of Empress Anne of Russia. The empress didn't like his sense of humour, and she forced him into marrying an old crone.

The couple were compelled to spend their honeymoon in a house made of ice on the frozen surface of the river Neva Just to make it worse, a bed was installed which was carved out of a block of ice.

What about the longest honeymoon? Surely the Gosport couple who cruised round the world in a converted lifeboat are candidates here. They were away for four years.

Possibly the busiest honeymoon was spent by Maureen O'Ryan when she took Ernest Johnson to be her lawful husband. He was the manager and she was the assistant on a Dodgem track at the Festival Gardens. They chose the height of the season to marry, so after the service they both went back to a spell of overtime.

One of the oddest honeymoons was the choice of London clippie Elsie Hansen, after she married a bus driver. Elsie held four London Transport athletic championships, and she had to travel to Osterley, Middlesex, to defend them after leaving the church.

The querest spot for the wedding night was chosen by an Austrian farm-labourer, who took his bride home to a stable to be bed-mates with his favourite horse.

Home to Mother

But even she was lucky compared to June Neam, of Memphis. Her husband had a passion for bull-terriers as well as his bride, and he took both of them with him on the honeymoon.

June didn't mind that so much, but she drew the line at having the dogs in bed. She hopped out and went home to mother.

These trying times are the good old days we'll be longing for a few years from now.

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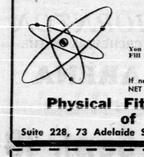

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