

## ANNE HIRST Your Family Counselor

"Dear Anne Hirst: For three years I've been going to this counselor. Each time he is home we plan to get married—and each time he lets me down, saying it is best to wait, always promising it will be 'some day' or 'next time'. I do believe he loves me; he writes regularly, he always sends me gifts, and he dates me every night when he's on furlough.

"He is 22 and very handsome, so lots of girls fight with him, but he never pays attention to any except to me. I am 18, and because I dated when young, I am very settled; he seems to be, too. I would rather let him give him up, for he is the only man I'll ever want. I trust him completely—but I don't want to wait for 'some day'.

"I should add that he is responsible in every other way. Is there any chance he may jilt me? I'm living in a dream-world planning our future, yet he still puts off marriage. . . . Each time we are together, I have to say to a quick good-night because our emotion almost runs away with us. . . . He will soon be here again, and as usual I have high hopes of wedding bells, but I still dread being disappointed.

R. J. W.

### HE NEEDS FRODDING

I wish you could tell me how your parents feel about this lad's repeated postponement of marriage. If they approve of him as a husband, tell him this time that they are waiting to announce the engagement and his wedding date. If you have no parent, indicate to him that you want to set the day—or else.

If you have not started what we old-timers call a hope chest, do it now, and have a little exhibit to show him. This will please him or shock him, and you had better find out which it is to be. Ordinarily I would not suggest this, but you have waited so patiently that you deserve to know where you stand. Many a young man is content with being engaged, and does not realize what agonies a girl's pride and heart suffer through his reluctance to getting married.

I wish you would write me what happens. I shall be interested, and no matter what you report, perhaps I can help.

### IGNORANT YOUTH

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**INDIAN INFLUENCE.**—Khaled Gamal Abdel Nasser, son of Egypt's premier, makes like an Indian during an Egyptian adoption of the gymkhana at the Khallifa El Mammoun preparatory school in Cairo, Egypt.

woman, with too much make-up, and almost naked!"

Well, I have heard the magnolia described in various ways but never exactly like that.

Good thing we don't all think alike—about magnolias and a lot of other things. For instance we know of some city people who bought a cheap farm in a hilly wooded section of Ontario. They rented the land, fixed up the house a bit and there they retire for weekends. To insure leaving business cares behind they had the telephone removed and requested that there be no rural mail delivery. I didn't inquire if they had a radio or television set. Probably not. So for three days out of every seven they are in the world and not of it. And no doubt there are numbers of other folk who go

rustic to the same extent. I wouldn't like it. It would do something to me I am sure. Surely one's neighbors, the party line, the rural mail, the party on the next place calling the cows home at night, all are an integral part of rural living.

Some people might tell you an isolated life such as I have mentioned is the ideal setup for people who write. Don't ever believe it except in exceptional cases. The average writer may like the wide-open spaces, but he needs them peopled with more than birds, rabbits, mosquitoes and poison ivy. He needs

the sympathetic knowledge of the comedy, pathos and tragedy of neighbors to give him the common touch.

The tractor and seed drills have certainly been busy around here this last week. Funny thing a week ago it looked as if the land would never dry and yet there is quite a lot of seedling done. We always have a soft spot in our hearts for the trials of the prairie farmer, having survived four years of it ourselves. Of course we have our troubles down east but it is rarely all our eggs are in one basket. We have seen a weather-

beaten farmer out west looking over his hail-flattened crops, slow tears coursing unchecked down his lined, sunburnt face. We have seen his wife join him, put her hand gently on his shoulder and say with amazing simplicity, "Thomas—remember there is always next year."

No wonder the west is called "a next year country." The pity of it is "next year" sometimes comes too late.

But not this year, we hope. We pray that springtime and harvest will be better than in prairie farmer dares to hope for at present.



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- For more profitable returns, the Department of Agriculture, through its Livestock Branch finances a sire-testing program; milk-testing service and provides assistance in the eradication of Brucellosis and Warble Fly.

Under a farmer Minister, F. S. "Tommy" Thomas, and with farmers like W. A. "Bill" Goodfellow, Northumberland and J. N. "Jim" Allan of Haldimand-Norfolk in the Cabinet, rural Ontario has an important place in the Progressive Conservative program.

**Vote PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE June 9**

## THE Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

• This column rejoices at the sudden and surprising decision of the Canadian Rugby Union to transfer the Grey Cup game of 1955 from the traditional site in Toronto out to the British Empire Games stadium in Vancouver.

It may be a move toward an objective this column has been advocating for the past three years, namely: a two-game series for the Grey Cup annually, in the cities represented by the eastern and western winners respectively, total points to count.

Hitherto, the western champions were obliged to travel east, whether they liked it or not, meet the eastern champions in Toronto's fine Varsity Stadium. We don't claim that this one-day clash of east and west wasn't a great show with colour, drama, background, everything. It was all of that—wonderful. Wonderful, that is, for those who could see it.

But what about those who, for one reason or another, couldn't bet to Toronto to watch their heroes in the crowning football game of the season? Those are the fans who were getting the short end of the stick in this one-day deal.

Taking the Grey Cup out to Vancouver breaks this one-city tradition, and also is a smart bit of promotion. Vancouver is now in professional football. Annis Stukus fought an uphill battle there last year and in the city's first venture into the game, his club got amazingly fine support.

It was a throw-back to the long-ago days when professional hockey, as new to the west coast then as football was last year, invaded Vancouver. Victor and Sam Bennett minister and became a tremendous game overnight. But Vancouver, in football, can do with the shot-in-the-arm the Grey Cup will provide.

We trust this isn't just a one-year move. Other cities, east and west, would like to be hosts to the Grey Cup final. And they deserve it. But we still believe in our own idea, a two-city play-off between the two champions. Baseball does it. Hockey does it. It's good for them. So why not for football?

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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## Oceanliner's Roll Eased By "Fins"

The sailor has a saying that no ship is too big to roll. Although this saw has come down from an earlier day—what was considered a huge ship then would now be thought a small craft—it holds true with the Leviathans plying the sea today. This fact is emphasized by the Cunard Steamship Company's recent installation of an anti-rolling device in its \$5,673-ton liner Queen Elizabeth.

The roll of a ship is the result of a complex mixture of impulses, of which two are of particular importance. These are the period of roll of the ship and the frequency of the wave motion.

Every class of ship has an inherent period of roll. For a complete oscillation the time of a roll ranges from 8 to 10 seconds for merchant vessels to approximately 5 seconds for destroyers.

Wave periods vary greatly depending on the height of waves and the rapidity of their onward movement. And the effect of any particular sequence of waves on a ship depends on the angle at which they strike the vessel's hull. The effect can also be varied by changes of course or speed of the ship.

The effect of waves on a ship can be likened to impulses given to a child's swing. We all know how easy it is to make a swing go higher and higher when little bumps are applied at just the right period of the swing's sway.

When the period of roll and the "impinging" waves synchronize, the angle of roll becomes increasingly great, and the ship itself eventually rolls over were it not that friction from the vessel's side going through the water dampens out the roll. Also as the ship's period of roll changes, resulting in a cessation of the synchronism.

The first anti-rolling device used, and which is still to be found on practically every sea-going ship of any size, was the bilge keel. This is a rib of metal secured to a ship for some distance on each side at about the turn of the bilge. Its width depends on the size and type of the ship, and it reduces rolling by the resistance offered to its passage through the water.

Although effective to some degree, bilge keels do not provide the stability demanded in modern vessels. In merchantmen to ensure the comfort of passengers and abate damage to material, and in men-of-war to provide steady gun platforms. Consequently the search for better methods continued, writes Captain Frederick L. Oliver in "The Christian Science Monitor."

Some years ago, a Herr Frahm, a noted German naval architect, proposed the use of anti-rolling tanks, and a number of ships were so equipped. There is considerable theory involved in his project, but essentially it

THAT'S A NICE SMILE—Posing for his portrait at Marineland, a porpoise smiles nicely for the underwater photographer.

## PLAIN HORSE SENSE

By E. (BOB) VON PILIS

What Communism does to lands and people under its domination is best illustrated by recent reports from Germany. The renewed and aggravated encirclement and isolation of the Western sectors of Berlin by the surrounding Soviet dominions is a point where the aim appears to be to seal off Free Berlin hermetically under the slogan "a defensive ring around Berlin." The plans now adopted foresee an expansion of the area around Berlin that serves as a "control belt" with particular regard to supervision separately of general travel in and out of Berlin and of commuter services.

The local puppet authorities had more extensive plans associated with the introduction of conscription in West Germany and timed to coincide with that of the Soviet Union and the other parts of the Soviet bloc. In the Soviet occupied part of Germany itself the occupation forces continue to live off the land to the detriment of the inhabitants. A renewed wave of land collectivization does not help matters but is embittering the farmers.

## When Big Jim Smiled, It Wasn't Funny

When Jim Thorpe played in the minor leagues, one of his team-mates was Al Schacht, later famous as baseball's number one pitcher. Thorpe was a big, powerful, easy-going and a wisecracker, struck up a friendship with the moody and stuffy pitcher. But there was one thing Al forgot to observe about the Indian. When Jim Thorpe grinned he was mad; and the wider the grin, the madder he was.

One day at a party of the ball-players of the club, comedian Al Schacht began ribbing the boys. Soon the crowd was howling with laughter. Before long, Al tried a gag on big Jim Thorpe. The Indian growled—then smiled. Al thought the big fellow liked being kidded. He continued joking and teasing Al, who jehing and the Indian smiled and grinned wider and wider. Suddenly, Jim grabbed the comedian-bullyplayer by the scruff of the neck, crossed swiftly to the open window dragging the startled ruler with him, lifted the body into the air and dangled it outside a mere three stories above the ground.

"Let go!" screamed the frightened Schacht. "What are you doing, you crazy Indian! You'll drop me and I'll be killed! Pull me in out of here, I tell you!"

"Take it easy, Al," grinned the big Indian. "Let's hear how your jokes sound in the fresh air!"

Jim dangled the squirming clown outside the window for several minutes. When he brought him in, Al Schacht almost collapsed on the floor. It took him a long time to learn to talk again. And the first thing he said when he could say anything at all was: "Jim Thorpe is the strongest man in the world—thank God!"

### LIONS

We're sure this is the height of something or other. Just what, we dunno yet. Anyhow, seven men from the lion country of Nigeria were visiting in London recently. They are very anxious to go to the zoo and see a real live lion. Malan Yukuha Wanka, 30-year-old accountant explained that lions "live in the bush in Nigeria, and they are dangerous. Seek them there we leave them alone!"

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