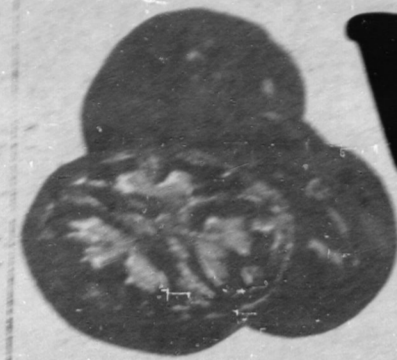


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Sports Camera

Specially Written for The Record By Pat Usher Canadian Press Staff Writer

The name Bobby Pearce probably means nothing to Canadians under the age of 30.

But some 30 years ago he was the foremost oarsman in the world with a string of titles to his name as long as the shells he wielded so expertly.

He may be forgotten by most people in Canada but he is remembered in Australia, where he was born and where they take their sports really seriously.

An Australian newspaper man has picked Pearce as that country's top athlete in its 200-year history.

Pearce, now in his 60s, was the world's best amateur oarsman from 1928 to 1933. He won the Olympic sculling championships at Amsterdam in 1928 and again at Los Angeles in 1932. In between he won the event at the British Empire Games in 1930.

He captured the Diamond Sculls at Henley-on-Thames, England, and numerous Canadian and United States events. Eventually he turned pro, winning the professional world rowing title in 1933 and retaining it in 1934 and 1938.

Pearce, who came to Canada in 1930 and settled in Hamilton, was voted Canada's foremost athlete of 1938. He retired in 1945.

The husky Australian was in front all the way in his first race for the world professional title, held in Lake Ontario off the Canadian National Exhibition grounds at Toronto in 1933. He finished the three-mile course with a lead of almost a quarter of a mile over the champion he dethroned, Ted Phelps of England. Pearce's time was 19 minutes 24 and 3/5 seconds and he was never extended.

It was the same story a year later when he overcame a stout challenge by Bill Miller of Philadelphia over the same distance and the same course, winding up with a margin of 15 lengths. In spite of rough waters and a headwind over two-thirds of the course, Pearce's time was 19 minutes 52 and 4/5 seconds.

Four years later, in 1938, he defended his title again at Toronto. This time his opponent was Evans Paddon of Australia who wound up the three-mile course eight lengths behind. Pearce's time on this occasion was 20 minutes 5 and 4/5 seconds.

There was one defeat on Pearce's record. Bill Miller, whom he defeated in 1943 over three miles, edged him in a half-mile race at Fort William in 1935. A few minutes later the pair went at it again over a one-mile

distance and this time Pearce was the winner. Bobby Pearce suffered another defeat after his official retirement from competition. His opponent in that race was his son, Jackie, also a sculler of distinction. There are those who say Bobby deliberately allowed Jackie to win.

Be that as it may, his spectacular career ranks along with that of Ned Hanlan, the first Canadian to be the world's champion in single shells.

Obituaries

MRS. EFFIE LINDSAY At the West Haldimand General Hospital on Thursday, May 14, 1970, Effie C. Evans of Hagersville, wife of the late John Lindsay, and dear mother of Dewart of Hagersville, Mrs. Doris Allen of Hamilton, and an (Mrs. Charles Spence) of Thunder Bay. Sister of Craig Evans of Guelph, Mrs. Hazel Buck of Regina, and Nell Evans of Collingwood. The late Mrs. Lindsay was born and raised in Anticoke, the daughter of the late Charles Evans and Annie McCarter. Her married and later life was spent in Hagersville. Mrs. Lindsay rested at the Hyde and Mott Funeral Home where service was held in the Chapel on Saturday May 16, 1970 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Hagersville cemetery. The casket remained closed.

JOHN W. (JACK) HEROD At the West Haldimand Hospital on Friday May 15, 1970, John W. (Jack) Herod, of Hagersville. Beloved husband of Stella Patterson and dear father of Ann (Mrs. Rudy Vinnai) of R.R.1, Wilsonville, and Jacqueline of Hagersville. Son of Wilson Herod and Margaret (Mrs. Herbert Roberts); both of the Gore. Grandfather of Andy, Kim and Tracy. Mr. Herod rested at The Hyde and Mott Funeral Home, Hagersville where service was held in the chapel on Sunday May 17 at 2 p.m. Interment Gore Cemetery.

HARVEY LAWRENCE EVANS In West Haldimand Hospital Hagersville, Harvey Lawrence Evans, R.R.2, Anticoke, on Saturday May 16, in his seventy-third year. Mr. Evans rested at Thompsons Funeral Home, Port Dover. Service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday May 19, with interment in Union Cemetery Nanticoke.

Federation News

There must be an economic way to maintain feed grain prices at levels which are fair to livestock producers while, at the same time, providing Ontario grain growers with equitable profits.

Gordon Hill, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, said this was the greatest problem facing the farming industry. He made the statement in Ottawa after meeting with the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Commons.

He fears there will be another large wheat crop this year in Western Canada because farmers are ignoring the LIFT programme and are planting wheat.

"This bloody well isn't good enough", he declared. He contended the blind determination by farmers in all parts of Canada to isolate themselves and operate as if independent is wrong.

Mr. Hill said farmers across Canada must realize how they affect each other's livelihood. He also

contended this is part of the problem which has led to the surplus wheat situation which is still expanding.

Mr. Hill was in Ottawa representing Ontario farmers in the submission of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture against "Non-Quota Feed Grain Marketing."

After the meeting, Mr. Hill asked all Canadians to push an aggressive sales program to sell this country's grain and livestock products in markets throughout the world. He predicted that Canadian consumption of meat could be increased through more effective promotion.

Mr. Hill also predicted if Canadian farmers don't learn quickly how to co-operate with each other, the surplus of wheat will continue to grow as well as beef and pork.

The Ontario Commodity Council has indicated it will

support federal legislation for national boards for marketing farm products.

The council, a special department of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, wants members of any national marketing council and commodity agencies to be nominated by producer commodity organizations. The council also suggests that members be elected for a specific period of time which should be set out clearly in regulations for such a system.

This will be suggested for changes in farm legislation to The Agricultural Committee of The House of Commons by the federation. The idea for a commodity council was made following an in-depth study of present legislation.

President Remie Miggins a commodity member from the Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board said the commodity board representative "approve and support such a Bill in principle as it will fulfill the needs of many different types of farming."



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