



By Jim Coleman

(We have just finished reading "The Babe Ruth Story," which, according to jaundiced reviews in the public prints, has been converted into a motion picture. We trust that this is the final manifestation of a vogue in Hollywood—for the past three years the motion-picture producers have been intrigued by the idea of filming highly distorted stories of the lives of living celebrities. We have been maltreated to the extent of being forced to witness the celluloid versions of the lives of Al Johnson, George M. Cohan, Cole Porter and almost every one except Joe Blow the Oxbow Schmo. We object strenuously to the manner in which Hollywood has gilded these fragrant lilies. We offer them our own story of the life of a Horse Player. We waive all financial claims to the film rights—all we desire is a bit more of reality in our motion pictures.)

Elmer Tweedie was born of rich but honest parents. His father was vice-president of a cereal company, the products of which were guaranteed to grow muscled on any living thing, right down to a piece of climbing ivy. Elmer's father believed in the products of his company, but didn't permit them to be served in his own home. He believed that every child should have an equal start in life and he didn't want Elmer to steal too much of a lead out of the gate.

Elmer Tweedie grew up much as a normal child, although he was inclined to be a bit precocious. At an early age he developed a tendency to pinch his nursemaids when they were occupied with other chores. The heavy turnover in nursemaids disturbed his parents, who finally hired a male nurse for Elmer. The little Tweedie insisted upon pinching the male nurse, but was cured of this habit by the nurse, who hit upon the splendid idea of pinching him back—usually with a pair of linemen's wire-clippers.

Elmer was sent to a very exclusive boarding school, where he amazed his instructors by the facility with which he absorbed knowledge. He played fullback on the football team; goalie on the hockey team; was heavyweight boxing champion and, when his senior classmates held their annual elections, he was voted the Man Most Likely to Succeed.

He won a four-year scholarship at Harvard, but covered the course in two years and handed the rest of the money back to the university. He won a scholarship to study at the Sorbonne in Paris and distinguished himself scholastically, although he contracted chills when he fell into an artificial fountain in the course of the Students' Ball in his final year.

After taking the baths at Baden-Baden (and, oh, how he needed them!), he returned to his native land and, due to parental influence, was installed as treasurer of his father's cereal company. Immediately he instituted far-reaching financial reforms which saved the company \$2,000,000 annually.

Ah—but his very business acumen accounted for his own tragedy. The grateful board of directors suggested that he should take two months' holiday in Florida during the winter.

One day, while driving his Stutz Bearcat roadster, he chanced to arrive at the gates of Hialeah Park. He was young, handsome, wealthy and full of Vitamin E. Without a thought for the future, he drove onto the track and bought himself a clubhouse ticket.

Ah, the pity of it! Elmer Tweedie started his gambling career by wagering \$2 on Potroaso, which won at odds of 30-to-1. Immediately, he realized that, by calling upon his innate mathematical skill, it would be an easy matter for him to beat the races.

(There is a slight pause here for local station announcements.) Two years later the cereal company directors were astounded when the treasurer failed to show up at the annual meeting. Furthermore, they were astounded to discover that the company had shown a net loss of \$2,500,000. They didn't vote Elmer Tweedie a bonus this time—they would have sent the coppers after him, but refused to take this step in deference to his aged father, who resigned with a broken heart.

After leaving the cereal company, Elmer Tweedie consorted with low companions who frequented the race tracks. In keeping with his new financial status, he had given up champagne and was drinking bathtub gin. His father's broken heart proved fatal, but his father left him \$2,000,000 with which he hoped that Elmer would rehabilitate himself.

Elmer didn't rehabilitate HIMSELF, but he rehabilitated several bookmakers and the operators of Sunshine Park. He was selling cotton-candy on a corner in Miami one day when who should drive by in her Lincoln convertible but Myrtle Stuyvesant. Myrtle's heart had always gone pitty-pat when she saw Elmer, but he had ignored her, preferring to read the Daily Racing Form. Now, Myrtle could see Elmer's toes peeping through his shoes and she determined to marry him and make a Good Man out of him. After all, Myrtle's father owned two hydro-electric power companies.

Myrtle Stuyvesant married him and effected a Remarkable Reformation. Elmer Tweedie gave up bathtub gin and started drinking champagne again. He took a job as comptroller of his father-in-law's power companies and confined his reading to the Congressional Record. However, after six months of this refined existence, he started sneaking the Racing Form into the bathroom with him late at night.

Two months later the power companies went into receivership. Elmer's father-in-law shot himself. The customers of the power companies went without lights for two years. Myrtle Stuyvesant and her only child died of a combination of malnutrition, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and the bubonic plague.

The bookmakers who had benefited from the power companies' funds, retired from active business and bought themselves yachts and estates in the West Indies.

Elmer Tweedie lasted for three more years. He took to drinking rubbing alcohol. He robbed small branch banks and grocery stores. He cashed bum checks with all his father's friends and his father-in-law's friends. All in all, he got himself into a hell of a mess.

Finally, the bubonic plague overtook him, too. They found him lying helpless in a stall at Agua Caliente. They took him to hospital and put him into a public ward.

He was lying there when he heard two Internés betting 5-to-1 that he wouldn't live until morning. Summoning what remained of his strength, he rose up in bed and covered the odds for \$300.

He just that bet, TOO!

Okay, Hollywood—take it away!!!

ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS: If you want to see some of those old-timers perform, go down to VIADUCT PARK tonight, when they'll play an abbreviated game for the Injured Players' Fund, starting at 7 p.m. . . . The 8th annual TYPOGRAPHICAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be played at Pine Point on Sunday. . . . Don't forget to bring your 6-m dash. . . . THE LAKE SOOPS will hold a three-day reunion at Port Arthur, starting on Aug. 20. . . . DEACON ALLEN, back from Montreal, says that the bout between JOHNNY GRECO and ERIC BOON was much better than you would believe if you had read the press despatches.

Junior Regatta at RCYC
A junior regatta will be held Monday and Tuesday at the RCYC. Entries have been received from the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, the tournament today with a score of 270. Fred Daly of Ireland was second and the Queen City Yacht Club and Dal Rees of England third.

BASEBALL—Tonight at 7
CANADIAN JAPS vs. MILWAUKEE COLUMBUS GRADS
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Cincinnati Discharges Neun; Walters Takes His Place

New York, Aug. 6 (UP).—Johnny Neun was discharged as manager of the Cincinnati Reds and veteran pitcher Bucky Walters named in his place in an announcement tonight by club president Warren C. Giles.

The sudden switch in pilots, fourth in the National League this season, grew out of an afternoon conference between Neun and Giles. It was announced to the players in the clubhouse at Ebbets Field before the start of tonight's game against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"I definitely did not resign, nor was I asked to resign," said Neun. In the hotel meeting, Neun said he told Giles that he did not intend to continue managing next season and that he and Giles then reached "mutual agreement" on the change in managers immediately.

Giles announced that Walters, long one of the league's outstanding pitchers, had been signed as a player-manager only for the remainder of the 1948 season. He said that this arrangement was at Walters' own request, and the club president expressed the hope that Walters would be manager "long beyond this year."

—By JIMMY HATLO

JUST BUMP INTO CASANOVA SOMEWHERE WITH HIS MISSUS—WOW! WHAT A BRUSH-OFF!



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Australia Leads Davis Cup Series

Mexico City, Aug. 6 (AP).—Billy Sidwell sent Australia into the lead in the American zone Davis Cup tennis finals today with a thrilling five-set victory over Armando Vega of Mexico. A second singles match between Adrian Quist and Gustavo Palfox was halted by rain.

Sidwell edged Vega 2-6, 6-6, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5. Quist, the Australian captain, was leading Palfox, 5-4, in the first set when the match was interrupted. It will be completed tomorrow morning.

Cooper's Condition Remains Critical

Syracuse, N.Y., Aug. 6 (AP).—The condition of Jack (Pops) Cooper, 68, Kansas City, Mo., speedboat racer, remains critical, hospital officials reported tonight.

His physician said Cooper's condition changed from serious to critical last night to remove a blood clot. The veteran speedboat racer suffered a brain injury and fractured hip Monday when his high-powered boat, Top III, turned over in a Gold Cup race on Lake Ontario, at Pictou, Ont. The boat landed on top of Cooper.

Ball Park Vendors Strike; Seek Boost in Commissions

Demanding higher commissions to its sellers for the programs and refreshments sold, the Toronto Baseball Vendors' Association last night called a strike of its 75 teen-aged members at Maple Leaf Stadium.

A non-striking employee of the food and program concessions at the park estimated last night that approximately 30 youths had left their jobs "at the last minute." Other youths were enlisted quickly and there appeared to be no interruption in sales to customers. In one instance, a woman took over the selling of programs outside the park.

Full-scale picketing will get under way today, said 15-year-old Walter Brown, 71 Niagara St., leader of the unofficial vendors' association. Last night, while Toronto Maple Leafs battled the Newark Bears, members of the striking association handed out leaflets listing demands.

The majority of the members of the vendors' association are between 10 and 20 years of age. Most of them are students.

The vendors are demanding a commission of three-cents per hot dog sold, instead of the current one-and-one-half cent commission.

Gordon's 3-Run Circuit Clout Gives Tribe Win Over Yankees

Cleveland, Aug. 6 (UP).—In a free swinging battle that was in doubt until the last out, Cleveland Indians outslugged New York Yankees, 9-7, in the opener of a four-game series before 71,268, tonight.

Joe Gordon's 21st home run of the season, with two men on, won the ball game in the seventh, for the Yankees came back with a four-run rally in the eighth to knock out Bob Feller. Feller was the winning pitcher, however, gaining his 11th triumph. The loser was Ed Lopat, although Red Embree pitched the home run to Gordon.

Al, Gil Geekie Take Features In Regent Show

The Geekie brothers, Al and Gil, Classic Club, were the stars of last night's initial Regent AC boxing show at Danforth Stadium. Al took a five-round decision over Irish Shaun McGuinness of the host club in the main bout while Gil outpointed Ray Anderson also of Regent in the semi-final. Over 1,000 spectators attended.

The main bout, a 112 pound affair, was fast and furious with both fighters giving all they had right from the bell. For the first two rounds it looked as though the Irishman would triumph but Geekie came back strongly to capture the third. From here on it was Al's fight as he landed one after another of his hard rights first to the body and then to the head. Shaun never gave in but there was little doubt as to the outcome.

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Staffs, Yorkers Post Victories

Tom Huntley and Moe Galand starry servers for Staffords and West York Coaches, respectively, came through with clean-cut wins over Friendship Legion No. 321 and Columbus Grads, 9-4 and 7-1, last night in the Viaduct Junior League at Millen Stadium.

Staffords . . . 002 012 4-9 11 2
Friendship . . . 004 001 0-5 3 8
Huntley and Marriot; Phillips and McLagan.

West York . . . 021 040 0-7 9 1
Columbus . . . 100 000 0-1 5 2
Galand and Cawicki; Hemphill Kendall (5) and Cairo, Kazochink.

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