Watching Their Figures—Pasquale D'Angelo gets into some higher mathematics at the Canadian National Ehibition school for fashion show models. The young models lap up their lessons with more enthusiasm than their geometry theorems, but after all these CNE girls are learning how to model. That makes a difference.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

We all know that Father Time has a dirty habit of sneaking up on us when we're not looking; but, even so, it's difficult to realize that almost 21 years have slipped by since the name "George Young" first crashed the headlines. For it was on Jan. 16, 1927 that all Canada went haywire over the news that an unknown Toronto kid had won the swim from Los Angeles to Catalina Island, for which Mr. Wrigley had hung out the tidy prize of $25,000.

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For those who cannot recall the fuss made over the returning young hero, we may say it was something like the recent dither regarding Barbara Ann Scott—remember her?—only doubled and redoubled and with various hilarious sidelights sadly missing in the latter affair. For with that kind of money in the offing, you may be sure there were many helping hands outstretched; and before things cooled down, Young was probably carved and sliced more ways than any watermelon that ever ripened on a fruit-store shelf.

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However, directly out of Young's feat sprang the Canadian National Exhibition Marathon Swims, to be revived once again very shortly. We can hardly wait either, as for sheer lack of thrills and utter absence of excitement, those long - distance water-crawls beat anything we have ever seen in sport; and we can well recall sitting in the launch from which the swim broadcasts originated and pitying the poor oafs at the mike in their efforts to make bricks without straw, and sound as if they weren't finding it hard to stay awake.

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Yet, even though we've witnessed checker games that were whirlwinds of action beside them, somehow or other the darned things gripped you; and, for all this superiority of attitude, no doubt we shall be among that huge throng lining the Exhibition waterfront when the day arrives—and so, most likely, will you.

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Some radio stations offer cash to the listener first phoning a report of an accident or other bit of late news, and we know one man who wishes they wouldn't. "My wife is a sucker for all these free radio contests, and always complaining because she never wins," he says. "And every time they make that offer over the air, I seem to imagine her sizing me up and wondering if its worth her while to stick the bread-knife into me, and then rush to the phone and report."

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We are going to get the drop on all our contemporaries and be the first to predict that, when November rolls around, Joe Walcott will win the world's heavyweight title by scoring a knockout over Champion Joe Louis.

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We are willing to bet money on it too—our only proviso being that our man must be allowed to carry a length of lead-pipe, while Mr. Louis has to enter the ring securely blindfolded. We won't insist on handcuffs for Louis—although it might be a little safer.

FASHION NOTE: A young kid up our way recently saw his grown-up sister arrayed in her first low-cut evening dress. Asked for his opinion of the new outfit he said, "She looks just like as if some soda-jerk had been trying to cram one scoop of ice-cream too many into the glass."

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The eminent Bob Feller, sounding off about recent attempts of the baseball magnates to curb his post-season activities, drags in such flossy and high-sounding phrases as "Isn't this a democracy" and "Didn't we fight a war for freedom?" and so forth. Personally, we would have been more inclined to go all the way with Mr. Feller if he hadn't added, "I'm not doing this for myself—but for the poor fellows who only earn five or six thousand in the regular season."

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Somehow or other—it may be a flaw in our early upbringing—whenever a man sounds that "not for myself but for the other guy" note too strongly, we begin to be pestered with doubts And when we look up the records, which indicate that Feller personally collected a mere forty thousand year before last, fifty thousand last Fall, from such after-season barnstorming, we wonder if Bob is really so disinterested as he sounds. If so, all he has to do is give his less-fortunate team-mates the entire takings of this year's jaunt. It's a wonder he never thought of that himself!

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HERO WORSHIP. Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest men who ever lived, and the opening of his long-sealed private papers a matter of world-wide interest. The fact that the chief interest seemed to centre around whether or not those papers contained anything scandalous regarding either Lincoln's parentage or his assassination just goes to prove—Oh, anything you like.

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The Toronto Globe & Mail has been editorially bemoaning, at some length, the poor showing Canadians make in international sports, and comes to the conclusion that we are becoming a nation of spectators rather than participants. The fact that our daily papers devote double or three times the space to professional or "spectator" sport that they do to the amateur or "participant" variety would, of course, have nothing to do with this condition.

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Winston Churchill, who since his defeat in the last British elections has continued to talk like a good, game winner, flays the present Government because it wastes precious American exchange on such imports as tobacco. If Mr. Churchill had continued in power he would, we take it, have shut down on the import of the filthy weed altogether. Except, possibly, a limited number of high-quality cigars.

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What Science Is Doing

Influenza Vaccine

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This encouraging word comes from an eminent authority, Dr. Wendell M. Stanley of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, Princeton, N.J., a Nobel Prize winner and a scientist most unlikely to go about making merely wishful forecasts.

According to Dr. Stanley, the new vaccine, like three others already available, has proven effective in mass inoculations of 120,000 persons in a big industrial concern, but its crowning merit it that, unlike the others, it causes no unfavorable reactions, such as chills, fevers or bodily aches.

Medicine moves slowly and with caution as it should. But this looks like an important addition to the doctors' armament against disease. Particularly will the vaccine developed under the direction of the famous Dr. Stanley be of interest to laymen when the latter are told that some medical men believe there will be a recurring cycle of epidemic influenza next year.

German Specialists Coming to Canada

Importation of 14 German specialists is expected to provide at least a thousand new jobs for Canadians. These Germans are technicians with the special knowledge and skill to introduce brand new processes and products into this country, says the Financial Post.

Admittedly these specialists represent the very cream of the millions of immigrants we could get from defeated Germany. Normally we couldn't hope to attract many in their topnotch category. But, if we wished, we could secure many hundreds of thousands of potential specialists from Germany and other countries in Western Europe. And out of those thousands there would be a great many who, seeing opportunities here that native Canadians have either missed, or for some reason neglected, would develope new industries and create new jobs.

Where would this continent be today had there been no immigrant ships to bring out the fathers and grandfathers of the Saunders, Fords, Burbanks, Edisons, Bells, and hundreds of others who have launched new industries or opened new territories? Certainly in Canada at least, we are not so far developed that we can afford to pass up any offers of help.

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Learn to Relax And Live Longer

One reason heart disease stands at the head of the list of the seven great killers is due to the increasing proportion of older people in our populaton. So says the Royal Bank of Canada's Newsletter on Health.

The seven killers are not confined to any section of the country or to any class, but they do strike moce directly at people of advanced years. Heart disease and diseases of the arteries represent the wearing out of the body. But it can wear a long time before it becomes threadbare if a man would learn to use himself with the same consideration he would give to his machines. But many a man who would not dream of putting too much pressure in his automobile tires, lays a constant pressure on his heart.

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Overwork isn't the real answer, at least if it isn't prolonged and strenuous physical work. Doctors question whether mental work alone can cause undue fatigue. If it does so it is more likely to be due to some emotional tension. The remedy lies in change rather than rest, for the mind is practically inexhaustible. Men don't die of overwork, and a bad heart may do yeoman service for many a long year, if the facts are known and rudimentary precautions are taken.

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And the first caution is letting down the pressure. The work won't kill you, but the drive may. Therefore, relax. It isn't so hard. It doesn't mean a long sea voyage, or months in bed unless the pressure has been kept too high for too long.

Deliberately, consciously slacken pace several times every day. Loosen your necktie and shoestrings. Put your feet on the desk. It may not be elegant, but it is a safeguard. Try it two or three times a day and for two or three minutes. Try letting the world look after itself, while you look after nothing. That is a fairly simple way to avoid a blow-out.

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