HORSE SHOW at the Windsor fair brought honors to "Black Bess," seven-year-old dairy delivery horse held by Kay Coyle. "Black Bess" won open class for wagon horses.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

It has long been customary for us sports fans to assume the superior attitude of being wiser, tougher-minded, and infinitely harder to fool than the non-sporting public. Personally, we are beginning to suspect, instead, that we are just about the biggest suckers and softest touches on earth—the kind that will hold still for almost anything money-hungry promoters care to dish out.

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The Toronto Argonauts—to single out just one from many—recently played two games in Winnipeg, to large and profitable assemblages, with a bunch of athletes, many of whom hadn't been even formally introduced to one another. They then journeyed to Ottawa for a regular league game; and it required no expert eye to discern that they were still a couple of weeks short of even passably decent playing form. In other words they—and all the rest of them—were learning their rudiments and getting their preliminary training in public, and at public expense.

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Now if Sir Ernest MacMillan, for example, were to announce that he was starting a new symphony orchestra, and then invite music-lovers to attend his early rehearsals at reglar concert prices, we doubt that he'd get very far. Or if an automobile manufacturer, readying an entirely new model, were to ask folks to purchase same during the period when it was undergoing road-tests, and before its bugs had been ironed out, we imagine he'd run the risk of being laughed to of business. Yet we hard-boiled sports addicts, year after year, fall for exactly that sort of thing, and with hardly a murmur at that.

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It has long been one of our favorite dreams to attend some such contest, with the athletes appearing pounds overweight, short of wind, and with no desire beyond going through the motions as painlessly as possible—and then have the referee declare it NO CONTEST and tell the folks to demand their money back. We have grave doubts about ever living that long—but still we can dream, can't we?

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Draw poker is undoubtedly the finest of all card games; and it is a great mercy indeed that the ladies have never taken to it to any large extent. This pious thought comes right after reading the statement of the winsome young miss who placed third in the "Miss America" contest. With a perfectly straight face she declared she was really very glad she hadn't won top honors, as it would have meant the obscuring of her "Miss Canada" tilte which meant so much to her. Just imagine sitting in a game with one like that, and trying to figure whether she was bluffing or not!

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The quality known as 'color' in an athlete cannot be exactly defined; or if it can we don't intend to bore you more than usual by trying to do so. But it exists, nevertheless, and stands out just as prominently as a shiner on the eye of an usher at a church wedding. It's worth money too, both to the athlete himself, and at the box-office—although really, now we come to think of it, those two are one and the same thing.

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Take, for instance, the cases of George Herman Ruth and John Mize. Just 26 years ago, when The Babe was setting his all-time home-run record, the whole world was watching with intense excitement, and every time he bust another one it was front-page news. Today as we write this, Mr. Mize is ahead of Ruth's mark of the same date, and is a real threat to top him at season's end. But tell anyone that Johnny Mize has hit another four-bagger, and the chances are the response, if any, will be "So what?"

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The difference? Babe Ruth had the quality which kept every eye glued to him even if he was only striking out, or blowing the suds off another seidel of soda-pop: while his present-day rival, to the man in the street, is just another guy named Johnny. It's color that does it—and it pays off too, but big!

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We note that some of our contemporaries are protesting against the modern trend toward longer skirts. As a veteran observer, who has watched the hem-line climb all the way from zero-minus to 120% in the shade, and back again, we would advise them to be of good cheer and save their breath. In the first place, nothing a mere male could possibly say will ever make the slightest difference anyway.

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Secondly, we can recall some fairly exciting and pleasurable moments even in the eras when skirts trailed far in the dust, and a windy day drew many intent onlookers to downtown corners "for to admire and for to see" as Mr. Kipling put it. Such memories bring to mind the remark of the London bus-conductor to the lady reluctant to mount to the upper deck in the presence of observers. "Just go right ahead, lidy,". he. advised her. "I'm directly behind you—and I might inform you that, to a man in my position, legs ain't a bit of a treat."

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We would like to be the first to give you the absolute low-down on the coming World Series between New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers; and if the latter should fail to get in, the same thing goes for the Cardinals. Regardless of which has the better hitting, fielding or base-running averages, the series will be won by the team that gets the better pitching; and the quality of baseball displayed will be greatly inferior to what has been seen in the past. It always is; and ten years from now the experts will be fondly recalling the mighty clubs that used to perform back in 1946 and 1947.

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The latest protest we have heard about modern automobile stylings comes from a lady who attended one of the Marathon swims at the Canadian National Exhibition. "It's simply ridculous," she said. "Half the cars parked at the waterfront had no runnng boards, and there wasn't any place to sit down and eat lunch!" And so streamlining, too, would seem to have its drawbacks as well as its advantages.

To Steam Press

To steam press, cover fabric with a dry wool press cloth, then with a cottom cloth dampened in warm water. Use a warm iron, set down, then lift it—don't slide it back and forth.

If there is still a shine after this, try raising the nap with a clean brush or rubber sponge.

TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

We are now well into September and the most of you will have settled down to the fact, that there is a long school term ahead of you. But school can also mean fun—and plenty of it. At the moment we are thinking of football. The gang will be out on the back field after school and you (if you are not a player) can probably be seen standing on the sidelines giving the boys the once-over and trusting they will be ship-shape for the first game of the season. Corn roasts on cool fall evenings with a harvest moon overhead can all add up to the fact that even if fall does mean back to the grind, it can also mean good times with the old gang.

Those New Campus Sweaters

Yipe' and Yow.' Have you noticed the trend of those new campus-styles of sweaters? The sloppy-joe is a has-been. Yes, form fitting sweaters are the current trend and we do think you'll agree that they are much more feminine than the potatoe sacks we have been loking at for the past three years. We hope the girls will soon slide into the current designs, although we have no doubts, but that they will.

Debates Are Good

Debates are always a lot of fun — at least we think so. It puts you on the beam and clears the mind of a lot of otherwise, flunky air. With fall fairs, school fairs and the like being the highlights of the moment, debating teams will be polishing up for the annual contests with their near-by neighbors. During a debate is one time, it does not pay to be ignorant.

The Coke and Malt Drinkers

We had to admire the spunk of two teen-agers, who recently took Life Magazine to task for their continual picturing the typical teen-ager as a coke-sucking, malt-slobberer with nothing to do but hang out at the local drug store listening to Frank Sinatra while holding hands under the table. The gals in their letters to the editor, stressed the al important fact, that many of the kids of today like to sit down occasionally and are far too often fed up with the way, radio and the movies try to portray them. We think that the kids around our town are no different from kids of other places and the most of the younger set here, have already made up their minds what they want to be. You would be surprised to learn that most of them want a professional career such as doctors, dentists, etc.

Congrats to the Soap Boxers

We are not thinking of racing derbys, but of the four kids who won the recent public speaking contests at the C.N.E. We couldn't get the names of the winners in time for this deadline but we know that Sudbury, Oshawa and Brantford were among the four top winners and received cash prizes from the hands of the President of the "Ex." If anyone ever tells those kids to go grab a soap box, they'll be able to do it and make a good job of it.

C..N.E Clears Up a Matter of Misunderstanding

The writer, along with thousands of others felt very, very sorry for the gal in the iron-lung at the CNE, until reading in Canadian High news, that the little gal, name of Alma has two perfectly good lungs and is putting herself through university on the weekly stipend received for stretching herself out in the lung for people to gape at, sigh at and go away feeling sorry for.

We'll Hear From You—We Hope

By this time you may have been appointed, as reporter for your town for Teen-Town Topics. If you have we'll be watching for your reports. We hope they will soon be swelling the mails. We can't give you a by-line on a column that is already by-lined but your name will appear under the news you send in. So hurry and give us the latest on the current eener doings in your locality. Remember that even if you only have one item, we'll be pleased to receive it and to publish it.

Profiles

Some weeks ago we mentioned doing a profile from time to time of certain people known to all of you. There will be one coming up soon. If yu have any certain radio star, writer or anyone that you would consider good reading material, let us know about it and we will do our best for you. Until next wek then, so-long and best of luck.

Suspicions Confirmed Swedish Cyclists

The two cyclists described themselves as "employees" on vacation. As they rode across Sweden's northern military zone, snapping pictures and asking questions, they seemed like ordinary tourists, relates Newsweek. But their strong accents made police suspicious.

Last week these suspicions were confirmed. In Stockholm, the Swedish Foreign Ministry identified the apparently harmless travelers as attaches of the Soviet Legation. In an interview with the soviet charge d'affaires, the Swedes protested the Russians' trip, made despite repeated warnings that the area along the Finish border had been closed to foreingers. The jittery Swedish press called the trip "a case of espionage."

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