The Free Bress' Short Story

A COMMITTEE OF THREE

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T'S an outrage, Kenneth Parker's being kept off the team just because he's a triffe down in his studies." ... Stanley Venable facel a group of his fellow students indignaratly. "If he isn't allowed to play Saturday. we'll probably lose the Olifton game. He's the only pitcher who has a chance against them."

"Something ought to be done about it," declared Terry Edwards, mournfully, "Well we'll do something about it." Stanley asserted. "Are we just a pack of sheep, without minds of our own, or any interest in old Baylor, or any right der forming ourselves into a committee

making a kick, ch?" A hearty chorus of assent followed this suggestion. Terry looked slightly doubtful, reminding them that after all, an agreement had been made between Baylor and Clifton and other schools as to scholarstic standing and eligibility of players and so on, and that the rules committee was probably only doing its duty. No one seemed to heed Douglas Wade arose to the full of his careless, lanky height to suggest Stanley for chairman of the students committee.

"We'll see them to-morrow, right after! the first period in the afternoon." Stanley promised. "They will be in session then, and that will be the best time."

By the next morning, the news had spread all over the campus. According ly, when Stanley was informed that has presence was desired immediately at a faculty meeting, he felt a twinge of un-He squared his shoulders nevertheless and entered the room, deflantly. "Ah, good morning, Venable" Dean

Hamilton looked up pleasantly. "Take a chair, please. Let's see, you're a Junior, Venable?" "Yes, sir."

"And your standing in school is uni formly good. Sufficiently so, in fact that you have been chosen to fill an im-I refer to the rules committee. A vacancy, as you perhaps thought it best to fill it before the com mittee meets next, which will be this the decision was announced You have been elected to

why he had been called on the carpet | right back on your triends. I thought! he answered briefly evasively Always Parker was your triend. Fine way to he had thought of the rules committee, treat him!" was, and composed of unimpenchable standing as remote

them half-deflantly.

your committee, this afternoon. I can't! friend, had broken faith. Parker was time, of course—to present a petition prowess, but perhaps he had a right to

now," declared Douglas Wade, "with you | none the less.

like they were favorable to us." just because he was a bit low in his that the game was a slaughter.

ness to come before the rules committee. again him increased.

on Saturday if this silly rule was en - now: forced, and that this was a time for The next week dragged. The rancor to Smoky Palls.

as much patient gravity as any of his in the face of such antagonism he could from Winnipeg by the T.C.A. The name of one of His Majesty's Naval Establishat the end, when Douglas winked at him school year. and went out. The students committee! On Thursday a new sensation came, tagami, which runs into the Moose and expected, him to vote as he had talked It was all over the campus that morning. so out into James Bay.

the day before, and so they felt that neither, perhaps both." the issue was a foregone conclusion in

Professor Nealey, a popular young instructor, was chairman. Now he delved into a drawer of the table, drew out a copy of the rules governing athletics,

and passed it across the table to Stanley. "Will you kindly read the rules governing in this case, Mr. Venable, so that we may all have them fresh in our minds?" he requested. Stanley took the book and read aloud, mechanically:

. . . And finally, these rules, pointly entered into by the duly elected representatives of these several schools, shall be binding upon all members. It shall and going to the rules committee and further devolve upon the respective rules committees, as a matter of honor, to see to their enforcement."

No other penalty was listed for failure to comply with the rules -just that one phrase, as a matter of honor! Stanley gazed at it. The rule regarding young Parker was platn enough. student fell down in his studies below certain average, he was not to be allow ed to take part in organized athletics until he had brought them up again Kenneth Parker was about five points below the required average

the circumstances as well as anyone, the failure was chie to sheer carelessness. or laziness, on Kenneth's part. Perhaps Parker felt-that, being a strong man on the gridiron and diamond, ordinary rules were not for him. A campus hero, school sentiment would see him through had been his attitude of late. He was depended upon to do the right thing." above ordinary rules.

"Is there any question as to our action gentlemen, any discussion as to course?" Professor Nealey asked. No one replied. Stanley voted with

the others, that Kenneth was not eligible to play until his studies had been raised It was easy errough to talk about making exceptions, about setting rules aside. When it came to a question of responsibility, however, and "as a matter of want to talk to you," called Parker honor," one way was left to vote.

other students would quite understand but he had looked for no such wave of antagonism as swept against him when "You're a fine one," Douglas Wade

said bitterly, while Terry eyed Stanley Stanley left the room a few minutes reproachfully "Talk but one way, and To the eager then, just as soon as you're given a vote

That was almost the last outburst. After that, his acquaintances, even his old friends, passed him by now without a sort of police organization. It held a word. The school had decided that the power to decide all important mes - he had broken fatth, and intended to tions of conduct and discipline, as well ostracize him. He could not explain his as eligibility of players. Now he was action so that they would understand. actually a member of the committee! Although he knew that, ordinarily, the The story of that which had actually ruling of the committee would have been happened was soon known, by official accepted without rancor and without statement of the dean. Stanley was comment. It was his own activity of quickly surrounded by a crowd. He faced the day before that had stirred up all

the trouble "This kind of alters things." he said. The worst part about it was that "Under the circumstances, you fellows Kenneth seemed to feel as the others will have to elect a new chairman for did, that he had been a poor sort of be on two different things at the same rather conceited about his physica to the rules committee, and to listen to be, and at heart, he was a decent sort The shock of this decision might do him "This ought to make it easy for us. good, but Stanley felt mean about it all,

there to vote for us, and to swing some! Saturday was but two days away-too of the other student members. The short a time for Parker to raise his faculty couldn't help but know what was standing in and the Clifton game rolled afoot, so their appointing you now looks, along on schedule. Stanley was with the thers in the stands, watching, hoping,

Stanley said nothing, but privately he! Parker was sitting on the beach towas a little doubtful A sense of re- day, chained there by a decision of the sponstbility seemed to have settled upon rules committee Stash Willets, who his shoulders, the carefree attitude of took his place in the box was not in KAPUSKASING MILL PRODUCES the day before gone " The previous after - Kenneth's class at all, "Moreover) the noon he had not besttated to get up and knowledge that now no relief hurler talk about an outmire, and having the was available who could possibly pull

against him seemed in no degree to, "Kap" as it is familiarly known is It should be added that the appar-In his own chair. Stanley listened with abate, and he began to wonder whether. 268 miles from North Bay and 667 miles atus, which was suggested by the officers six fellow members. He said nothing stay and face it for the rest of the is Cree and means 'branch river." the ments, with the able advice and assist

Stanley heard the news from Professor Nealey.

The night before Kenneth Parker had been in town with a couple of fellows from Clifton. Nothing was wrong in any of that, but a plate-glass window in a big store had been amashed. If half the rumors going around were true, then Kenneth and his friends from Cliftonwho now had turned to enemies and accusers-could expect to be expelled from their respective schools.

"Will this come up before the rules committee, or the faculty?" asked Stan-"That is a little difficult to say, yet,

Professor Nealey replied.

The students plainly expected that the matter would come before the rule committee. Douglas Wade, for the first time -since the previous Saturday, stopped to

"And it'll be just to bad for Kenneth, won't it, whether he's innocent or not, with you on the committee?"

Stanley flushed, but said nothing. Later in the day, he heard, with a vast sense of relief, that the matter would not come before the rules committee at

It's to be settled otherwise," Profespoint one representative, and the stud- sponsible for girdling these roses is ents from Clifton are to choose a representative as well. Then these two will able during June and July. select a third, and the three so chosen just what did happen, and will seek to place the blame honestly. All three involved have agreed to abide by the findings of the committee of three, and after that, the respective faculties will also such action as may be necessary, if any," "That seems a good way."

"I think so. Kenneth, for his part, What was more, and Stanley knew insists that a fair, impartial investigation will show that he was not guilty in arsenate of lead. ariy way, and says he's perfectly willing to abide by the result, and I believe him We have some fellows here at Baylor who may get off on the wrong foot now and then, before they stop to think. But when it comes to a pinch, they're to be

Was that last intended to make him

feel a little better about his own vote week ago, Stanley wondered. He felt as if a load had slipped from his shoulders. He walked outside, rounded the corner of a dormitory, and stopped, abruptly. A considerable group was clustered about Parker, including Douglas, Wacie, Terry Edwards and other old friends. "Oh, Stan, watt a minute please.

Stan! He had not been called tha Stanley had not expected that the for a week. He waited, while Kenneth

> "You've heard all about what happened last night, of course," he said breathlessly "Have you heard how we decided to settle it the fellows from Clinton appointing one representative, and me appointing one, the two of them to select

"Yes, I'd heard that."

"Well, will you act for me?" Stanley Venable stared incredulous The others were watching and listening with almost equal incredulity written

"I know what you're thinking Stan and what you others are too," he said That I'm acting funny, after saying that you gave me a dirty deal on the rules committee. Maybe I did say it, when I didn't slop to think; but I knew then, just as I do now, that you didn't You were placed in a tough snot, but you played square, according to the rules I know it, and I've known it all along, even if I was some about it.

"As it is-well you weren't elected to the rules committee by chance. They only take fellows that they know can be depended on when the going does get unpleasant, for that job. And that's the sort I want for my representative nowone who is a true enough friend to put honor first; you can be depended on to get the facts and act honestly, no matter

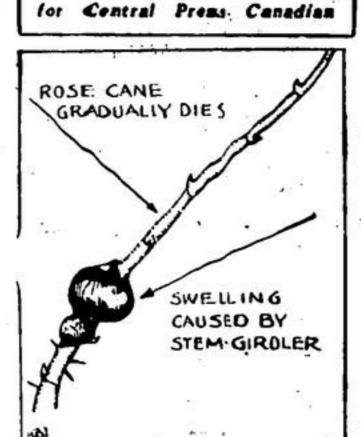
what comes up." As in a dream, Stanley found himself gripping Kenneth's hand, and the others were pressing up, apologizing, congratulating Stanley jointly The past - week had been a bitter one, a time of Geth-

rules set uside; but his words had not; the team out of a bad hole, had its effect. Kapuskasing. Ontario, the oraly regureally meant anything then. Of course on the young pitcher's nerves Slash did lar stop on the Trans-Canada Air Lines the did seem unfair to bar Kenneth his best, an imflectual best, until the route between North- Bay and Winnipeg are now used in the technical language Parker from pitching the baseball game seventh immg, when he blew up. After -935 miles is the centre of an impor- of electricity tant pulp and paper industry. The Stanley watched with a kind of sick Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company "D.G." equipment, as it is now called The new member slipped into his sea : hopelessness. He had known that it was formed in 1926 and work was begun consists of a number of strands of oron the committee that afternoon with would happen; yet he had watched and on a paper mill at Kapuskasing and on dinary insulated cable passing round the an unwonted quietness. The only bust- hoped. After the game the bitterness a hydro plant at Smoky Palls, 50 miles ship about the level of the upper deck, north. Two years later, the operation and energized in a special way by an it developed, was the question of Park - He was being held responsible for the was in full swing and since that time electrical current. It neutralizes the er's eligibility to play, and the students' loss of the game, not Kenneth, who had the company has spent about \$2500 000 permanent magnetism of the vessel so committee was waiting to be heard The known the rules and could easily have in the community, which now has a that she is able to pass over a magnetic boys filed into the room five of them, kept himself eligible if he had tried, population of 4,000. The output of the mine without deflecting the needle and Douglas Wade jaurui'y in the lead Terry Stanley knew that he among the whole Spruce Falls mill is about 750 tons of firing the charge seven of the rules committee was held newsprint daily. Fifty per ceril, of it Total immunity against mines, mag-Douglas recited the same list of greet responsible. He had been a traitor, a goes to the New York Times and the remetic or otherwise, can rever be guaranteen. ances which Stanley himself had ki era turneout, in the verdict of the campus mainder to the Washington Star and teed. However, no ship-fitted with the at some length the day before The mere fact that a few days before he the Philadelphia Ledger. The mill em- new gear has yet been damaged, while substance of it a'l being that it was not would have been as bitter and unthink- ploys 900 and, 700 men work in the bush an officer responsible for its developfair, that Baylor would lose the game ing as any of them, was small comfort, supplying it with wood. A company ment expressed himself as being prepartailroad operates to the bush camps and ed to takes a "de-gaussed" ship over any

Kapuskasing being a branch of the Mat-

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Garden-Graph DEAN HALLIDAY



Life insurance for rosa rugosa

Rugom roses, especially older bushes are frequently attacked by the ross stem-girder. In some cases the results sor Nealey told him. "Parker is to ap- ruin the entire planting. The pest re-

As shown in the accompanying Garwill investigate the affair and find out den-Graph, the stem-girdler causes swellings on the stems, these swellings being somewhat elongated and marked with longitudinal lines.

The follage of rose canes infected by the stem-girdler turns yellow and slowly abide by their findings, and will take withers, after which the cane gradually dies. Any infected canes should be cut out immediately upon being discovered and burned. A control measure is to spray the roses in June and July with fan?"

WORLD'S LONGEST AIR ROUTE

The longest commercial air service in the world, a continuous route of 17.853 miles, will be operated by British organizations by the end of May, directly the Newfoundland base is free from lee and able to accept the North Atlantic air

Meanwhile Britain's great warplane industry is to be made ready to be turned over to civil aviation as soon as peace comes Firms producing large military types of aircraft have been instructed to keep constantly in mind the possibility of civil variants and the Air Minister proposes to set up a strong civil aviation advisory committee to plan-for the future while Britain is still at war.

Empire air services are carrying on without interruption by the war and have now come under the unified control of the newly established British Airways

Recent events in warting commercial air route developments include the departure of the flying boat "Awarua from England on its 14,000 mile journer to New Zealand. Her voyage marks th real beginning of a direct air mail ser vice between Britain and New Zealand This aircraft and a sister ship are the two flying boats which will be used for the flight across the Tasman Sea, forming a complete service between Britain and the Empire countries as soon as the weather permits the resumption of the Britain to Newfoundland passage

Foreign routes are also about to be extended. The service between Britain and Lisbon, Portugal, is ready to operate within three weeks of receiving the written permission of the Spanish Government, and additional services to the Balkans are also contemplated.

HOW BRITAIN DEALT WITH THE MAGNETIC MINE

Magnetic mines are laid on the sea bottom, and are only effective if shippassing over them are made the danger area of the explosion They are us dess in depths of 300 feet or more, and are thus complementary to the oritinary \ moored mires.

As regards the antidote much has recently, been heard of "de-gaussing" belts fitted to ships of all types from trawlers to battleships, for the purpose of neutralizing their magnetism and so rendering them-immine from magnetic mines. Dr. Gauss one believes, was a Scandinavian professor who died in the middle of the 19th century; but gave his name to the unit of magnetic flux. just as the names of Ohm and Ampere

The "de-gaussing" belt or girdle or

ance of civilian scientists, was developed in less than three months from the time the need for it-became apparent.

STEERING THE SHIPS

New British Rudder Enterests Foreign Shipbuilders

A Glasgow makal aichitect has inventeda new type of ship's rudder which has aroused interest in the maritime nations. Tests have shown that among the advantages over its predecessors are increased propulsive efficiency, smaller size. smaller steering genr greatly reduced first cost and easier and cheaper repet. and maintenance.

A principle already used for yacht sails and slotted acroylane, wings brought into operation for the new ru der, which has been marned "Hydrogup." Shipbul'ders of the Netherlands of of the oldest and most progressive mercantile countries, have been quick 4 adopt the rudder. It was first ordered for two new motorships of the Royal Packet Navigation Company of Amsterdam a repeat order has now been re ceived for a third motorship for the same line and the Java-China-Japan Line of Amsterdam are having their latest motorship equipped with it

The latest product of British martie inventiveness has also tree-ested ship owners in Belgium and Deamark, and negotiations are proceedings for fath installations in the ships of those countries. Five new Hull trawlers and a motor yacht and a tug for Canada me among British vessels for which the arm rudder has recently been ordered.

ALWAYS THE RISK

Not far from the North Pole, a travel ling Eskimo salesman knocked at the entrance of an igloo A brother Eskirno "Howdy." greeted the

"Would you be interested in an ilee re-"Parr" cchoed the second Eskinte Why, what would I want with a fan

Do you realize it's fifty below up here? The salesman nodeled "That's true," he admitted. "But you never can tell about this weather. To-

morrow It may jump up to zero!

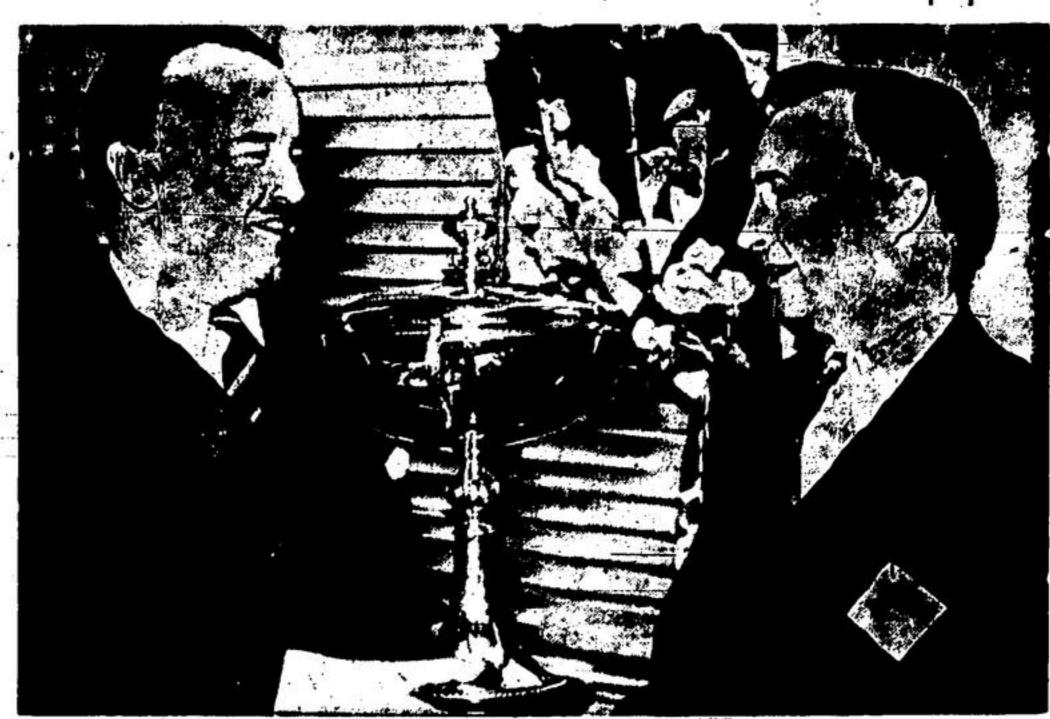
*They're So Convenient *TEA BAGS

Anthony Eden Visits R.C.A.F. in England



Anthony Eden is shown as he inspected members of the It.C A F ground crew which is undergoing extensive training in England

Receives Award for Best Alf-Round Weekly Newspaper



The J. T. Clark Memorial Trophy was pleaented for the pest at sound newspaper in towns of 1500 or by J. W. G. Chark, Left, of Toronto son of J. T. Clark, under. It was received by Mr. Thompson for Hugh to L. C. Thompson Right, of Lucknow, at the 12th Ferguson, publisher of the Port Eight Times winner of annual convention canquet of weekly new paper editors the connectition. More than 200 editors and pullishersof Ontario and Onether. The cup to in memory of the fale of their wive and guests, attended the convention in Winds editor of The Toronto Star and is presented on h year and

French Troops En Route to Stricken Norway.



Flashe are a the Atlantic via radio, this picture tound for Norway, where they will reinfore Er an and passed in the Franch censor shows Prench troops em- Norwegian troops, who are batting Nazi in alers balking-on a troop sing at an unnamed French port-