



SPORTS CAMERA

By H. COLES

Some of the old-timers love to delve back into the past whenever an extraordinary feat of some present day athlete is cited, no only to prove to the audience their youth was second to none in production of illustrious figures but also to give us "youngsters" something to hand down to posterity. Although we presume the original recounting of these tales was restricted to straight facts, it is considered customary to make confessions of the "old boys' devotion because of the time element involved between the occurrence and their decision to impart these remarkable anecdotes to us. I can assure you Acton has within its boundaries, several recollections of note. And additionally, they appear to tell these tales of the days when they were but pups of their own volition.

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Their accumulation of noteworthy deeds extends as far back as fifty years and embraces almost every sport in the calendar including hockey, baseball, lacrosse and even curling. However, the tale we have in mind is of fairly recent origin and concerns the game of soccer, or football as they call it across the pond. It is a narrative as turbulent and fantastic as the era in which it was conceived. "Scottie" Burton, prominent district fan, told it to us. He vouches for its authenticity by his presence at the scene of the incident as an eye witness and a strictly impartial one at that.

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Acton, according to "Scottie" used to exhibit a lot of interest in soccer immediately following the first Great War. The migration of many Brits to Canada had aroused a new interest in the game since they had, among their numbers, several players of note. Centres vied with each other in attempts to enter the better players to their camp. Acton attracted more than their quota because of broader employment opportunities than most neighboring centres. Consequently, this old burgh had a pretty fair club and played matches against the best teams in the province.

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On this particular day, the Acton eleven were playing a game in Oakville with a heavy-built squad from the part town. Evidently, Oakville's pride, endowed withiceps similar to a Sherman tank, from opening bell belligerently commenced to shove our boys around instead of clinging to the conventional mode of gentlemanly play we are led to believe, existed in that decade. They figured if they couldn't outplay the smart visiting set at least they could out-bump them. The Acton club absorbed this treatment without complaint until the home boys really began to "put the boots to them." The carnage on the field was reputed to surpass even that of present-day pro hockey. Finally one diminutive Actonian became so incensed he retaliated in kind to a foul committed by a husky Oakville player. That, precipitated a wee bit of fun.

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Drawing to his full stature the Oakvillian loudly boasted: "You can't do that to me. Why, I'm the amateur middleweight boxing champion of Canada, which incidentally later proved to be precisely what he was and he prepared to sweat this troublesome little creature out of his path. But our boy was adamant. "Oh, I can't eh," he said in effect, simultaneously swinging a terrific right. "Well take that!" The haymaker connected. The champ folded at the knees and hit the deck like a sack of spuds.

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They carried the middleweight boxing champion of Canada off the field while spectators stunned into silence by the impact of the spectacle they witnessed began to mutter in hushed tones. It is incidental who finally won the match. All who saw it were so astounded by the incident they completely forgot about the score. It was a thoroughly cowed Oakville ten who finished what had started out to be a regular donnybrook.

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If in relating the foregoing we have strayed off the beaten path you can attribute it to a lapse of memory for it's exactly as we recall "Scottie's" words. In conclusion, we might add that the unassuming fellow who was one of the principals in the David and Goliath act, still resides in Acton, taking an active part in promoting minor sport. We won't divulge his name. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Burton for firsthand knowledge as we only wield a pen.

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About his assailant, we don't know if he forfeited his boxing crown or not.

Int. A Champions of last year in six games without very much trouble. Perhaps, they should enter the Int. B champion in the Eastern Canada Int. hockey finals instead of the Int. A bracket. We're convinced that on last season's performance Sundridge Beavers would have had scant opposition.

GEORGETOWN

At Cameron who was formerly a member of the Bank of Montreal staff in Georgetown, has received a promotion from assistant accountant to accountant at the bank branch in Peterborough. A new industry with its headquarters in Georgetown is Kippin-Ker Limited. The new company is engaged in Fibreglas fabricating with fibreglas boats as a primary product and a wide variety of other lines. Leonard (Bus) Bell, president of Georgetown Clay Products is president of the new company which has its temporary headquarters in part of the Clay Products plant on King Street. Plans are being completed for a new building for Kippin-Ker on premises adjoining the plant and this will be erected next month.

On Saturday, April 18th, the wedding took place in St. John's Church of England, Stewarttown, of Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith of Stewarttown and Robert Preston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Preston of Glen Williams. Rev. J. E. Maxwell officiated at the ceremony.—Herald.

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The Sunday School Lesson
SUNDAY, MAY 1st 1948

JESUS IS KING

Golden Text: "Blessed be he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mk 11:9

Lesson Text—Mk 11: 1-11, 15-18

Exposition—1 Jesus Proclaimed the Messiah by Disciples, 1-7

In the account, as given by Matthew (Matt 21: 1-17) the entering into Jerusalem and the cleansing of the temple seem at first sight to have occurred on the same day, but from the account as given in Mark we find the entry into Jerusalem occurred on Saturday and the cleansing of the temple on Sunday.

By a comparison of all the accounts of all the events of the last week of our Lord's life we find that the entry into Jerusalem recorded here could not have happened on Sunday and the celebration of Palm Sunday is founded upon a mistake. It was a Friday evening upon which Jesus sent two of His disciples (v. 1). It was a trial of their faith. They proved themselves to be disciples indeed by doing precisely what the Master told them to do (v. 6). Doing what our Lord Jesus commands us to do is the supreme test of discipleship (Jno 15: 14). They found everything just as Jesus said (v. 4, of Luke 19: 32). What He says may appear improbable, but it always comes out exactly as predicted. The reply that they were instructed to give to anyone who questioned their action (viz. "The Lord hath need of him") was very brief but very much to the point. That the owner unquestionably sent him at once when he knew the Lord needed him proved him to be a disciple indeed. Their casting their own garments upon the colt for Jesus to sit upon was a proclamation that they themselves accepted Him as King (cf. 2 Ki 9: 13). Thus Jesus entered Jerusalem in literal fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy (Zech 9: 9).

2 Jesus Proclaimed Messiah by the People, 8-11

We pass here from the disciples to the crowd, and they too, welcomed Him as the Messiah but they did not understand Him. The crowd whom we see here crying "Hosanna, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," in a few days will shout themselves hoarse, crying "Crucify Him." The day is coming when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil 2: 10, 11). Others took branches of the trees (palm branches, Jno 12: 13) and strewed them in the way. Jesus did not join in the joy; he wept while others shouted (Luke 19: 41).

All the city was stirred as Jesus entered (Matt 21: 10); no one causes such a commotion as Jesus in any city which He enters. Wherever He goes, there is a shaking up and a questioning and a division. The excited city asked, "Who is this?" (Matt 21: 10). It is an important question and was asked again and again (cf. Luke 5: 21; 7: 49, 9: 9). We do well to ask it too. Who is this that so mightily stirs the hearts of men? Who is this that speaks as never man spake? Who is this that heals the sick and raises the dead? Who is this that claims authority on earth to forgive sins? (Mk 2: 10). Who is this that dares to stretch out His hands to suffering thousands and says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest?" Who is this that lived more than nineteen centuries ago and yet has such transforming power today? The multitudes replied, "This is the prophet" (Matt 21: 11); but we say, "This is indeed the Son of God, the Saviour of the world."

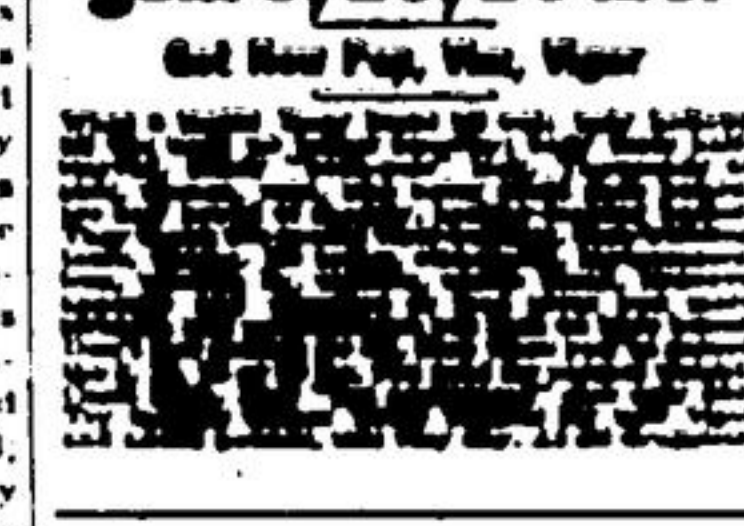
3 Second Cleansing of the Temple, 15-18

When our Lord looked on the building dedicated to the service of God transformed from a "house of prayer" into a "den of robbers." His anger waxed hot. He at once began to cast out all those that had turned the house of worship into a house of merchandise. What would He do if He were to enter into some of our churches and into our evangelistic meetings today? He "overthrew the tables of the money changers." These were connected with the religious service, the men were there to change the Roman money, in common use into the sacred money to be used in worship. But though it was ostensibly in the name of God, it was really for the sake of profit and gain; and He cleaned up whole thing out. He had cleansed the temple at an earlier day (cf.

Jno 2: 12-17), but the first cleansing did not prove permanent. Nor did this, but it expressed the mind of God and of Christ, and His mind is just the same today. He would have a house of God thoroughly purged from all traffic, and would not even suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. The chief priests and scribes were sore displeased (Matt, 21: 15). Of course they were. Such men are always displeased when anyone gets any praise but themselves, and they are never happy when good is done unless their own hands do it. They were so enraged that they sought some way to put Him out of the way.

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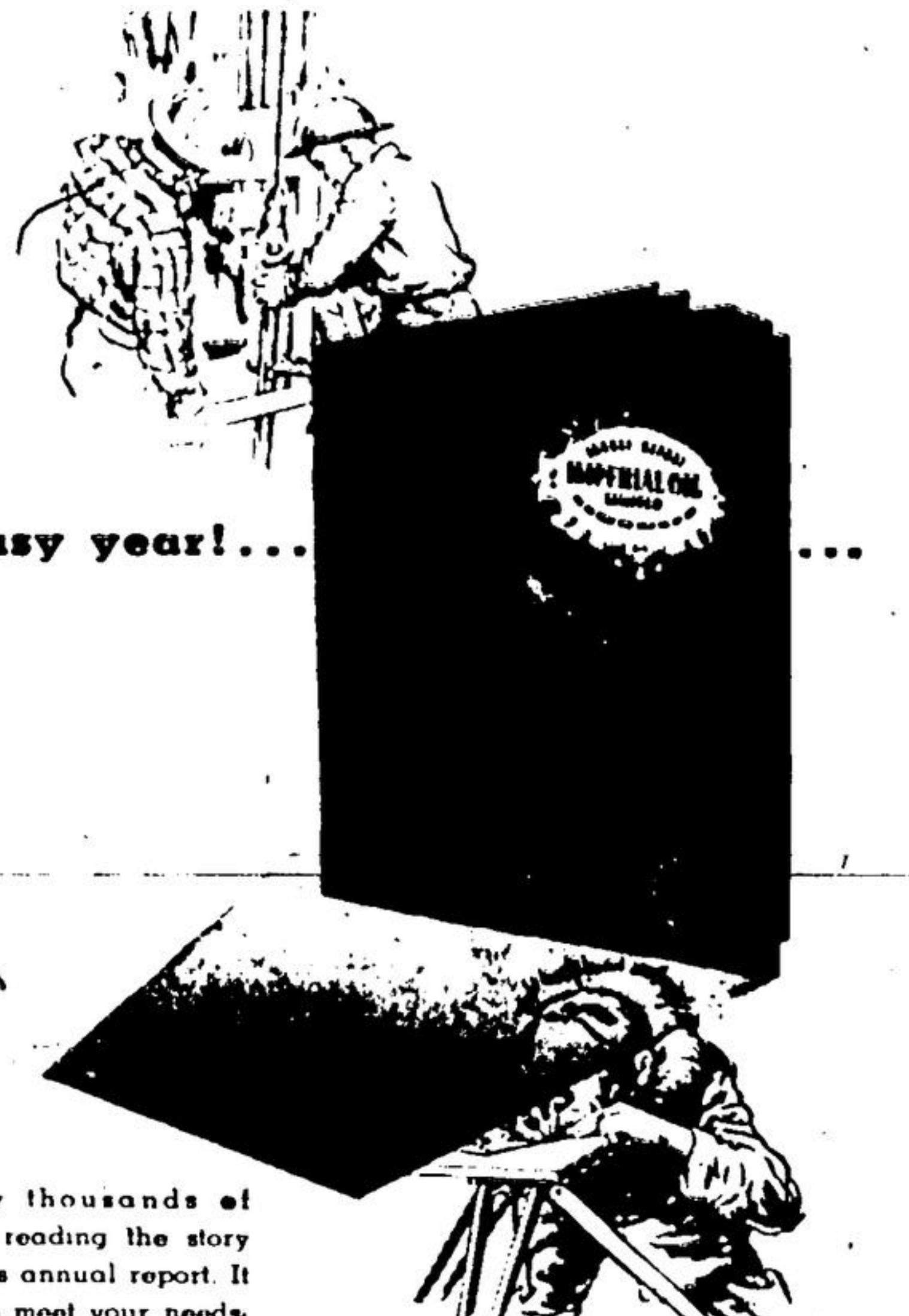
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