# On the track at the Eleventh Olympic Games uated in honor law, but chose not to follow up

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"Olympiad" in and around the Olympic Village athletes' quarters and saw her arguing with propaganda minister Goebbels over the lack of footage of the "master race" as portrayed by Germany's athletes.

Canada claimed a gold medal that year for Francis Amyot's canoeing performance, three silvers for canoeing, the 400-meter hurdles and basketball and five bronzes in freestyle wrestling, canoeing, the relay, the 80-meter hurdles and of course Phil Edwards' 800-meter run.

"It was a run back in those days," Conway says. "Today 800 meters is a dash. Phil came in behind John Woodruff of the U.S. and the Italian Lenzi. He didn't run so much as he flowed. He was incredibly fast, but he couldn't sprint. Phil put his stamp on most of the people that went by in those days."

For Canada's Olympic athletes of 1936, little if any fanfare awaited them on their return home. Team members trickled back at different times, most of the runners, including Conway, taking various European track clubs up on offers to compete in smaller events

### FOURTH YEAR

Conway was returning home to his fourth year at the University of Toronto and enjoyed his best running during the hot summer of 1937. He "never felt lighter" working out after hours on the track at the University of British Columbia, where he was doing

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some summer work. A year and a half later though, during Christmas week 1938, things just didn't come together.

Empire Games," he says with one of those mildly self-deprecating chuckles. Conway competed in the 800- and 1500metre events at the Sydney, Australia,

"I ran extraordinarily badly at the

games and was "not at all satisfied". Athletes around the world were looking forward to the 1940 Olympics, but their nations were by then involved in an altogether different competition. Conway

knew he would not likely get another chance

at an Olympic medal. He signed on with the Canadian Army's Algonquin regiment and ultimately saw action in France, Holland and Germany, but not before his fame at running caught up with him. The army brass was eager to promote sports competition among the enlisted men and Conway found himself winning a brigade meet and packing his bags to

"I ended up third, and they followed that up by giving me a week's leave," he recalls. "On one of my days off I had to run to catch a bus. I got their alright, but my legs were all tied up, and at that point I said to myself, "Conway, as far as track and field is concerned, you're all washed up".

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ROLLING HILLS Berlin, Sydney and the Army training grounds of England were a long way from the rolling hills of Muskoka, where the Moosejaw-born son of a banker-turned-tanner grew up.

The family lived in Huntsville for 46 years. Conway's grandfather built and run the

Anglo-Canadian Leather Company there, the town's biggest employer. His father later ran the operation and eventually Conway was working his summers there until opting for a law education. He grad-

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Abbott Conway is seen second from the right in this preliminary heat for the 800-metre race at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. While he falled to make it past the semi-finals, Conway collected a treasure trove of proud memories, including recollections of the Nazi high command

and American running sensation Jesse Owens.

snag in this year's plans. Conway would be there now watching the BBC's coverage of the Olympics from Los Angeles. "Technically, there's just no comparison between today's Games and our day in most events," he says. "These athletes are running faster and jumping higher than we

with the required three years at Osgoode to

subsidiary, like Acton's Beardmore Tan-

nery. In 1959, a speculative boom in the

price of hides dealt a serious blow to the market and Canada Packers regretfully

closed the Huntsville operation, relocating

40 of its employees, including general

Conway worked at Beardmore from 1962

to 1980, latterly as assistant to current

president Peter Dunham, From the start, he

and his family have lived in the same cen-

tury-old stone farmhouse near Arkell,

raising some sheep and crops and riding

These days Conway and his wife Betty

divide their seasons between the farmhouse

and a summer home in Cornwall, England,

where Belty was raised. But for a minor

horses on their 100-acre property.

manager Conway, to Acton.

Anglo-Canadian was a Canada Packers

become a lawyer.

could ever hope, and the bulk of the reason is their superior training methods." Of the often phenomenal paycheques today's "amateur" athletes receive for endorsing certain products, Conway declines to "wag my head at it." His generation was lucky to receive expense

money, he says, and they never gave it a

second thought. "We did it for free because we did it for the sheer fun of it," he says.

### Car collision

An 18-year-old Burlington woman was charged with failing to yield at a stop sign when two cars collided at the intersection of Highways 24 and 25 at Brisbane at 9.45 a.m. Sunday.

The accused was travelling north on Highway 24 when she collided with a second car driven by 60-year-old Norman Holiday of Guelph, who was travelling west on Wel-

lington Road 24. Damage to the accused's car was estimated at \$2,000. The Holiday car received \$2,500 damage. Minor in juries were suffered by Jean Holiday, 57-year-old passenger in the second car, but she was not taken to hospital.

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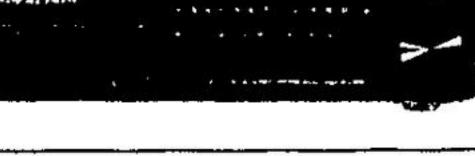


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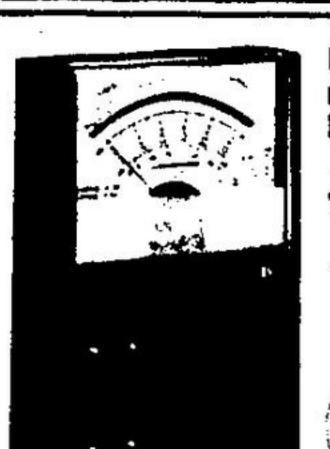






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