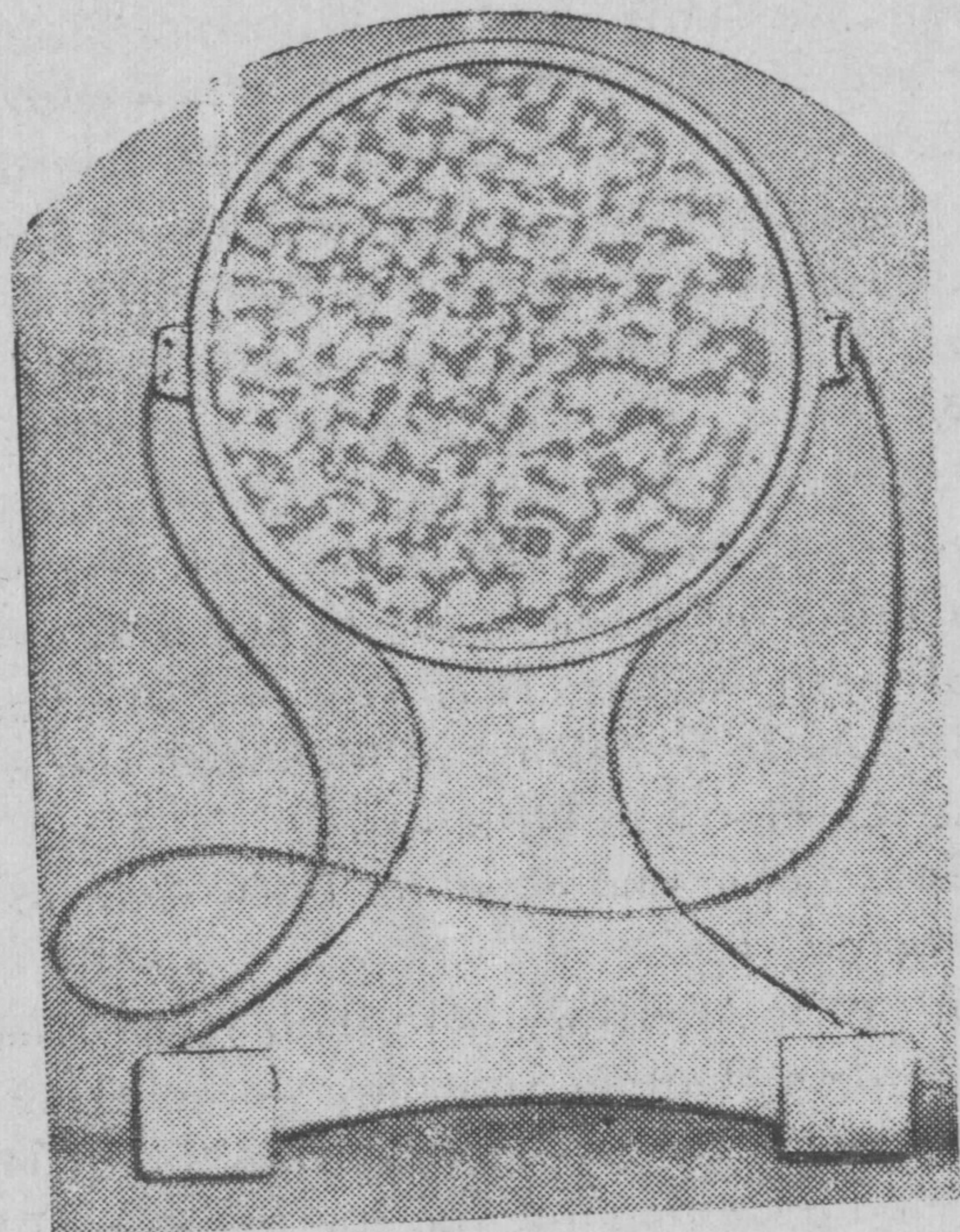


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SCHREIBER NEWS -

Mary Martinsen won two of three turkeys in the Terrace Bay Christmas roll-offs, one with a score of 827 and the other with 822.

W.T. Wallace went to lakehead hospital this week.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Rattray spent the holidays in Sudbury with their daughters - Mr. & Mrs. Earl Cameron and Mr. & Mrs. Don McLeod.

Mr. & Mrs. K. Himes spent the holidays in Port Arthur with relatives.

Alex McCuaig of Toronto spent the weekend with his parents.

Among visiting guests were Mr. & Mrs. P. Potvin & family from Sault Ste. Marie for the holidays.

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By Glen May

No gravy train here

Athletic scholarships in Canadian universities would create gaping cracks in the academic foundation now firmly cemented in Canadian colleges.

This philosophical viewpoint was put forth by a man who has established himself as a respected coach and teacher at the University of Toronto.

Tom Watt is a faculty member of the School of Physical Education, head coach of the Varsity hockey team and assistant coach of the Varsity football team. He also excels in the coaching of gymnastics and has been connected with amateur sport since he first laced up a pair of hockey skates in public school.

He has mingled with National Hockey League players and discussed strategy with leading football coaches at top American colleges. His life has always been closely related to sports, and yet he is positive athletic scholarships would prove to be a monumental mistake.

Recently a committee announced it has been studying a plan which calls for the adoption of athletic scholarships for Canadian universities. This announcement came from Ivor Wynne, president of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union.

Wynne said that if the CIAU decides in favor of scholarships at its annual meeting June the decision would likely be submitted to the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada for approval.

"Pressure" on the CIAU prompted the setting up of a committee to study the scholarship plan said Wynne.

However, Watt is convinced the "pressure" would be on the players and coaches, not the CIAU.

He said, "I wouldn't want to coach any team which had players on it with athletic scholarships. I guess I'm being selfish but that's the way I feel.

"Athletic scholarships are directly opposed to the basis of our society. And also, none of our players feel they have missed anything by not going

through school on an athletic scholarship."

If the scholarship plan is accepted Watt would like to see it arranged so that if a player showed sufficient ability to be offered an athletic scholarship he "would have to be academically acceptable to any college in Canada." Another point put forward by the outspoken U of T coach is to have a scholarship foundation fund organized so the scholarships would actually be separate from the universities.

He feels this system would create an equality factor and no one university could "buy" a championship team, as is the case in many American colleges. Watt stated that in the U.S. many star athletes are on what is called a "full scholarship" which allows them to take special courses which don't interfere with their particular sports.

He cited Cornell (a leading Ivy League school) as a perfect example. At Cornell hockey players are channelled into such courses as agriculture, a "lower standard" type of course.

Also, these full scholarships allow the athletes to graduate without paying any money. And on these scholarships "spending money" is often included. Following graduation the top stars are sometimes put into executive type positions.

This is usually done through influence generated from various alumni holding key positions with companies.

Watt defended the present Canadian system saying: "In Toronto we can offer good facilities, teams, and schools, with each person being treated well ... and these are big points."

Professional sport today is big business, but amateur sport is not. Perhaps the CIAU would do well to digest ideas from men like Tom Watt who are directly assisting the many men and women in college today who will undeniably become leading Canadians tomorrow.