

### DEMPSEY MAY FIGHT TUNNEY ONCE MORE

Estelle Taylor Dempsey, Wife of Former Champion, Puts Price at \$500,000, According to San Diego, California, Staff Correspondent of Collyer's Referee.

Bert Collyer's Chicago Referee, leading sports paper in the United States, has consistently argued that Dempsey and Tunney will meet again for the world's heavy-weight championship. The big reason for the Referee's stand is simply a matter of finance. Promoter Rickard is not running these matches for his health, and the recent elimination contests held in New York have failed utterly to produce a contender for Tunney's throne. These showings have proved that they are not in Tunney's class, and this, of course, means that they will not draw the money. Rickard wants the money. Last Saturday's issue of The Referee says:

"Despite the fact that Jack Dempsey has informed all his close friends that he does not intend to fight again the 'insiders' are willing to wager a tidy sum that he will be opposing Gene Tunney again.

"The 'insiders' are Estelle Taylor Dempsey and some of her intimate friends among the movie colony. When Miss Taylor became Mrs. Dempsey she did not think much of the fighting business, but experience has taught her that there is big money in the game.

"Jack will fight again," said Estelle. "He is the only suitable opponent for Tunney and Brother Rickard will have to fork over a half-million in cold cash before my 'baby' signs up. Jack will be there with bells on and that \$500,000 will be in real money."

"Estelle Taylor Dempsey may not be wearing the pants in the Dempsey family, but she is the one that is going to send Jack into the ring for a third battle. And as she says 'the bout will be short and sweet.'"

"According to the views of Mrs. Dempsey, friend husband will win quickly or collapse from exhaustion about the third round. Dempsey is going to shoot the works in one grand, old fashioned barrel house fashion. If he doesn't win, he will thrill 'em to the marrow and make a \$40 customer feel proud—even if he is so far from the ringside that he is unable to see a punch.

"Regardless of the result Dempsey will pull down at least \$500,000 which will be hard to take. Dempsey will demand a square deal on the rules and will not stand for Dave Barry as the referee.

"After the battle Dempsey will be able to say 'Estelle, old girl, you made me the champion again' or perhaps it will be 'Honey, you led me to the slaughter, but we got the money.'"

"Estelle may even insist upon being appointed the official time-keeper, in which event there will be no 'long count'."

#### Rickard and His Decoy

Discussing the heavyweight situation editorially The Referee continues:

"It looks as if Tex Rickard is using the New York boxing commission as decoy to induce Gene Tunney to fight for him and at figures somewhat under those that the champion compelled the promoter to give him. When it seemed that Tunney was going to slip by without making a gesture at fighting, because there wasn't much of a gate in sight with the nondescripts that were left to pit against him, the commission comes along and announces that Gene must accept a challenge within a few days or lose his title under the six-months' rule. The commission offered him Sharkey, Risko or Heeney for his choices. It is to laugh. Of course, it is impossible for Rickard to pay Tunney \$750,000 to meet any one of this trio—but that is what he would be compelled to pay if he lived up to his contract. With Tunney in the middle now, however, Rickard figures he will listen to reason, accept a smaller cut in the first fight with the eventual promise that Dempsey and the big money cut will appear on the boards later. Nothing could be sweeter."

With arrangements of this kind being pulled off continually, it is little wonder that the dear old American public is at last awakening to the fact that they are being hornswoggled right and left, though just why they have stood for this kind of thing so long is hard to see.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Wise—In ever loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Sophia Wise, who departed this life four years ago, March 27, 1924.

The evening star shines o'er the grave Of one we loved but could not save. God called her home, it was His will But in our hearts she liveth still.

A loving mother, true and kind No friend on earth like her we'll find.

For all of us she did her best And God gave her eternal rest.

—Sadly missed by Husband and Family.

### OWEN SOUND SQUEALS WHEN TEAM LOSES

Defeat of This Year's Greys Brings Wail from Sporting Editor of Sun-Times, Who Tells a Lot of Things Everybody Knew Long Ago But Could Not Prove.

When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues. Somebody, sometime, said something that sounded like that, but whether our quotation is correct or not, it serves its purpose well in this instance.

We have, of course, no intention of insinuating that anyone is a thief, for in the past few years Owen Sound, who have been blessed with two Dominion championships, and went into the finals in one or two more, have been no more guilty of breaking the amateur rule than any other outstanding team in the province. Our contention all along has been that no team that is not padded up with paid players can hope to get anywhere in either hockey or lacrosse. In other words, there is not a team playing "amateur" today that ever got anywhere in the O. H. A. that is not in reality professional. The Sun says in last Thursday's issue:

"There will be no more important hockey talent to Owen Sound. Any Weiland, Cains, Callighens, McDougalls or Lauders that will grace orange and black outfits in the future will be home boys who have learned the game from the ground up right here. There is no need for importing anyway. Several of 1928 Greys are eligible for next season and a number of boys who performed in the Junior City League are ready for the faster company next season. It will take time to develop a championship team, but when the time comes, the fans are going to have a real year. Local boys have starred on the two Canadian championship teams to date, but the next time the memorial Cup is brought to Owen Sound it will be carried on the shoulders of Owen Sound boys."

What does The Sun mean in the first two sentences of the above? We are not a mind reader and may be mistaken, but we take it that there is only one reason why no more Weiland, Cains, etc. will grace the orange and black uniforms of the Owen Sound team, and that is that the salaries paid are too high to admit of the successful financing of the team. In other words, a winning team, even in Owen Sound with its 12,000 population will not pay for itself. A winning team has to be bolstered up with brought-in players, and brought-in players must be paid. Which means that the whole team and those who compete against them, according to the C.A.H.A., automatically become professionals.

Amongst the higher-ups in hockey teams in this province the only difference between a professional and an amateur team is that the former is paid by cheque. The latter gets his "around the corner" somewhere when nobody is looking.

We are very glad that Owen Sound has seen the error of her ways even if a flat pocketbook was the first intimation she had of the existing conditions. We don't know of anything better than a fair-sized deficit for a few years to make for simon-pure amateurism, and now that the Scenery City has decided to crawl down with the rest of us and play all-home talent, perhaps we will be able to have a few games in the years to come. With a home-brew team Owen Sound may not go so far in hockey, but we'll guarantee she'll have a whole lot better time. That is, unless she has acquired the pernicious habit of the United States that "to win's the thing and not the game."

#### HELD DEBATE TUESDAY

Under the auspices of the A. O. T. S. which, being spelled out means "As One That Serveth", the members of the Queen Street church spent a most pleasant evening Tuesday, which included a good programme and a lunch as well as a well conducted debate in which many good arguments were advanced by both sides.

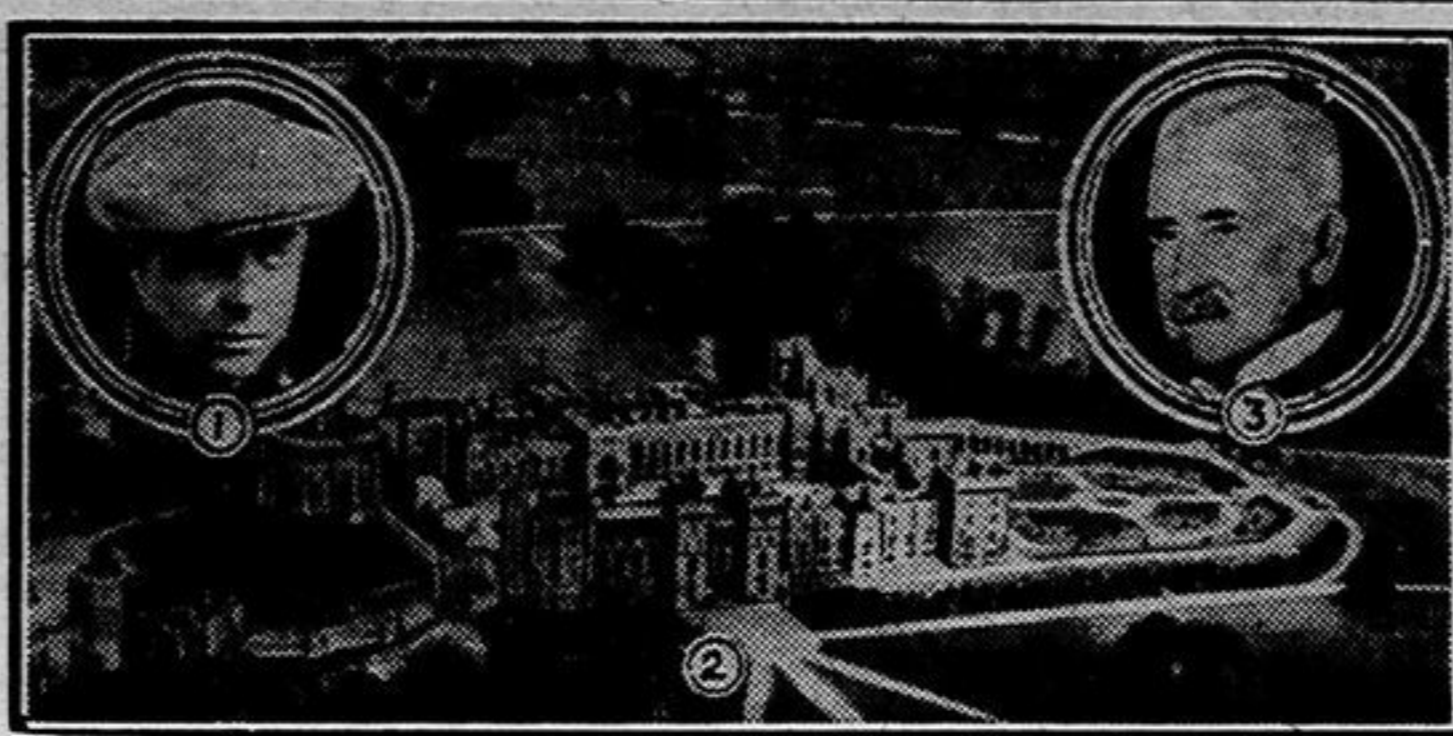
For the programme there was a piano duet by Misses Norma Gagnon and Ellen Hay, a trio by Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. McDonald and Miss Smith, a solo by Mrs. Wilson and a piano solo by Mrs. Padfield.

The debate was: Resolved that the story of crime should not be published. The affirmative was taken by Mr. E. Falconer and Miss E. Hutton and the negative by Mrs. Padfield and Mr. Knechtel. The speakers were allowed ten minutes each, with five minutes for reply by the affirmative, no new material being permitted. The negative was awarded the most number of points by the judges, Miss J. M. Weir and Mr. J. H. McQuarrie.

Following the debate a lunch was served.

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### DIED SUDDENLY FROM HEART TROUBLE

Mr. David Leith Passed Away Early Yesterday Afternoon.—Was Taken Suddenly Ill Tuesday.

Though he had been ailing since shortly after Christmas, the conclusion of Mr. David Leith, a former resident of Normanby Township and a resident of this town since 1919, was not thought to be serious until Tuesday of this week when he took a sudden turn for the worse and passed away yesterday afternoon shortly after the dinner hour. Mr. Leith had been confined to his home more or less this winter but was thought improving in health until his sudden relapse. Death was due to heart failure.

The late Mr. Leith spent the whole of his life in this neighborhood. He was born in 1857 on the 20th Concession of Egremont Township, on the homestead now occupied by his brother William. He grew to young manhood here and in 1883 was married to Miss Isabel Nelson. They commenced farming on the property opposite his old home and remained here for fifteen years. In 1898 they moved to the farm on the 16th of Normanby near Barber's Corners and remained here until 1919 when they disposed of this property to Mr. William Porter and moved to town, purchasing the Frank Lenahan property two doors south of the Ford garage, where they remained ever since.

Besides his widow, Mr. Leith leaves one son, John, in Holstein, and one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Koenig (Alma), in Normanby, who will have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their sorrow. Four brothers and one sister survive. They are: Mrs. Thomas Knox in Guelph, William in Egremont, George in Toronto, Peter in West Lorne and Dr. John Leith in McGreary, Man.

At time of writing this Wednesday night funeral arrangements have not been completed, but it is expected that the funeral will be held Friday afternoon from Knox church, and interment made in the family plot at Amos cemetery, Dromore.

#### A Good Lawyer

The jury had acquitted the defendant of horse stealing because of the powerful plea of his lawyer. "Honor bright now, Bill," said the lawyer as the two left the courthouse, "you did steal that horse, didn't you?" "Well, now look here, I'll be honest with you. I always did think I stole that hoss until I heard you make that speech to the jury. Now I'll be doggoned if I ain't got my doubts about it."

### ROOM IS SCARCE IN DURHAM SCHOOL

Prospective Easter Pupils Asked to Defer Entrance Until After Summer Holidays.

The capacity of the Durham Public school is taxed to the limit at present, but with the annual Easter holidays in sight, and the annual influx of "beginners" there is no telling what will have to be done to keep up the efficiency.

This time of the year the teachers and pupils are well along with their Entrance and Promotion work and the influx of a large number of beginners at this time means that the classes will be disarranged and much of the preparatory work go for naught.

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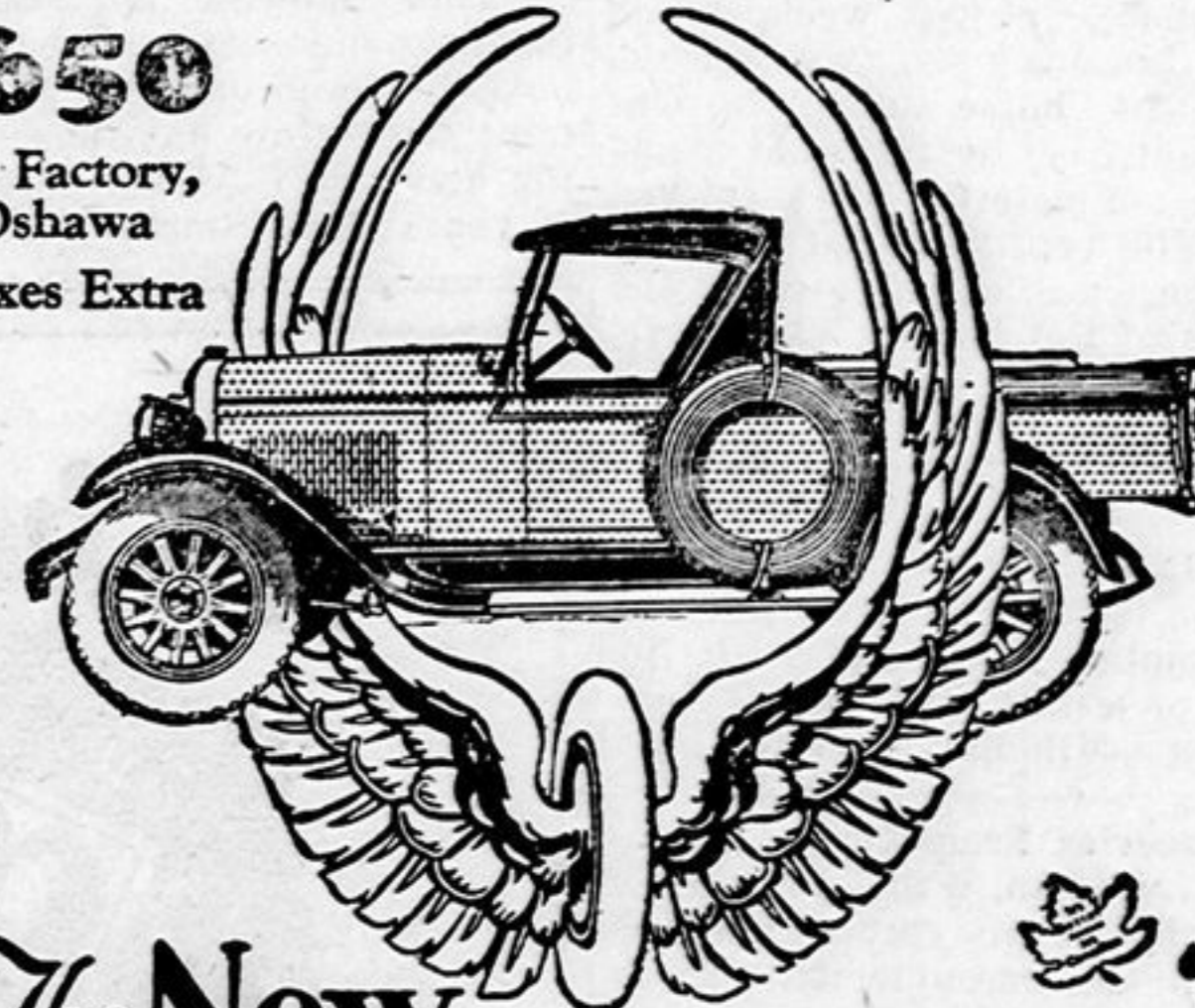
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