

Yawn - The Big Four Will Mark Its 50th Anniversary

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TORONTO (CP) — Professional football in the East has been caught with its sentiment down, which isn't a bit surprising. There's little room left for such things as the business of operating a pro team.

The Big Four marks its 50th anniversary this year and so far there's been hardly more than a ripple of interest. Of the part of present-day team executives. Admittedly, this historical fact was mentioned to many club officials but, being informed of it, they've shown a remarkable inclination to pass it over.

START IN MONTREAL

President Leo Dandurand of Montreal Alouettes started the ball rolling when he announced the Als would invite all living members of the 1907 Montreal team to the season opener with Toronto Argonauts next Aug. 20. The Toronto counterpart of the celebration will be held when the Als play Argos Aug. 14 in an exhibition game.

The other two original members of the league—Ottawa and Hamilton—have shown no great enthusiasm to mark the occasion. The Tiger-Cats will give "some consideration" to a celebration, says President Jake Gaudaur, but the club has all its "half-time entertainment laid on for the season." The Rough Riders haven't thought about it yet and the ex-

ecutive may discuss it later on, says General Manager Jim McCaffrey.
Gord (Toronto Globe and Mail) Walker dug through old files to find that the first Big Four game was played Oct. 5, 1907, at Montreal against Toronto Argonauts. "That first game set a pattern of the kind that's repeated all down the years," Walker says.

ONE-WEEK WONDER

The Amateur Athletic Union was all powerful in amateur sports those days and suspended all players on both teams. It appears that a Montreal player, Ernie Russell, had been charged with tinges of professionalism and the AAU ruled that any player who played with or against him would be suspended.

Russell played, the Montreal and Toronto players were suspended but W. A. (Billy) Hewitt, manager of the Argonaut team, recalled for Walker that "the matter just died down."
"It was a one-week wonder," he said.

British Columbia Lions, and particularly coach Clem Crowe, could take some unmerciful razzing from their fans this year if their quarterback, still to be named, doesn't live up to his press clippings.

Crowe told Eric (Vancouver Province) Whitehead that "I feel that altogether too much emphasis is put on the importance of a quarterback. He is a key man, sure, but given a good, sound team to work with, my mother could go out there and look good at quarterback."

Good Sportsmanship Shown After Championship Fight

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK (AP)—Gene Fullmer and his manager, Marv Jensen, set a precedent after Fullmer's knockout by Ray Robinson last week which we doubt will be followed.

They visited the dressing room of the victor to congratulate him. We've been in many, many dressing rooms after fights. But never, in our experience, has a door opened to admit a winner to the beaten man's domain. Such a visit would add a touch of sports-

manship, even amateurism, entirely foreign to the business of fist fighting.
So many, many pictures of these dressing room scenes flit through the mind, each giving an insight into the personality of a fighter or his handlers.

There was Joe Louis, thoughtfully toying with the lobe of a damaged ear after his first fight with Billy Conn, and frankly admitting he was behind when he scored his knockout. And Conn, after their second meeting, declaring flatly: "I'm through. This was

the kid's last fight."
There was a battered and bloody Max Baer seated on a rubbing table after being knocked out by Lou Nova, and rather pathetically citing the punishment he took as proof he wasn't a quitter.
And there was Rocky Graziano trotting blithely to the shower after losing to Tony Zale in their first fight, and cheerfully venturing that if they met again the same thing might happen, while in a nearby room the victorious Zale, battered unmercifully, sat dazed and silent as he soaked an injured hand in a bucket of ice water.
So many pictures in so many settings, but never the picture of a loser coming in to pay his respects to the man who had beaten him, so Jensen and Fullmer rate a special bow for this unexpected

Los Angeles On Verge Of Major League Baseball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Los Angeles is on the "verge" of a major league baseball and San Francisco "is not far behind" there is an excellent chance for the next year, Mayor George Christopher said Saturday.
"There is a possibility and a good one," he asserted, "that perhaps for the opening of the next (1958) season, we could have major league baseball here. I

don't say it's a guarantee. But I would say it looks good."
Christopher met in Los Angeles with president Walter O'Malley of Brooklyn Dodgers, Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles and two other Dodgers officials. Del Webb, co-owner of New York Yankees, accompanied O'Malley to Los Angeles but Christopher said he did not attend the meeting.
The mayor declined to say what team was interested in San Francisco.

LONG ROUTE
The Alaska highway extends nearly 1,600 miles from Dawson Creek, B.C., to Fairbanks, Alaska

U.S. Steel Corp. Has Top Earnings

NEW YORK (AP)—United States Steel Corporation Tuesday reported the highest earnings for any quarter in its history.
Net income for the three months ended March 31 totalled \$115,478,109, equal to \$2.03 a common share compared with \$1.60, \$1.83 or \$1.83 a share in the same period last year.
The previous record quarter in the company's history was the second quarter of 1955, when net income totalled \$105,225,538.
Roger M. Blough, chairman, attributed the record earnings primarily to "efforts on the part of our operating people to get their

Remember When

Babe Ruth, pitching for Boston Red Sox, bested Walter Johnson in a pitcher's duel at Washington 40 years ago today. Ruth allowed two hits but the Sox collected four and won by 1-0. Ruth, whose fame as a home-run hitter overshadowed his earlier pitching prowess, died in 1948.
Production during the first quarter averaged 95.7 per cent of capacity, which was below the 98.0 per cent capacity rate of a year ago.

Union Says Strike At Gaspé Copper Mine Still Effective

MURDOCHVILLE, Que. (CP)—The United Steelworkers of America (CLC) announced late Monday that "nearly all" of 750 striking workers of Gaspé Copper Mines Ltd. called for their weekly strike pay without incident during the day.

A large provincial police force continued to patrol this copper mining town in the Gaspé peninsula and posted guards at two roads leading to the community.
Of the 1,000 who went on strike March 11, some 500 reside outside this 300-home town, some as far as 100 miles away. Some of the original strikers left soon after the walkout was called to seek work elsewhere.

Strikers began arriving early Monday morning, filing past the police guards on the two roads.
Roger Bedard, union spokesman said the men came to the union office inside the town picked up cheques varying from \$10 to \$45, lunched at workers' homes or at a large privately operated boarding house, then returned to their homes.

Bedard said nearly all men entitled to strike pay showed up. He said he could not give the precise number.
The company and the union had made separate appeals.
The company, its mining operations paralyzed, asked all workers to return to work "now and law and order have been restored."

The union described the company call as "an insult" and asked the strikers to appear for their strike pay as usual.
Monday the company's siren sounded at the mine, signalling opening of operations. Bedard said only two of the strikers and three or four other men, not union members, went to the mine.

In Toronto general manager Richard V. Porritt of Noranda Mines Limited, of which Gaspé Copper Mines is a subsidiary, said the strike has been illegal since it began.
Mr. Porritt, also general manager of Gaspé Copper, said he knew the mine had reopened but he had no information on subsequent events Monday.

Institute Of Canadian Studies To Open At Ottawa July 1

OTTAWA (CP)—An Institute of Canadian studies, the first of its kind, will be established at Carleton University here July 1.

"The institute will foster and stimulate Canadian studies of an inter-disciplinary nature, with primary emphasis on cultural history," says Dr. C. T. Bissell, president and vice-chancellor of the small but expanding university.
This emphasis will not be narrowly nationalistic in any sense, he adds, but will be "inter-cultural as well as inter-disciplinary."

By inter-disciplinary is meant co-operation of departments such as French, English and history in sponsoring courses in Canadian subjects.
The institute will, for example, introduce studies assessing the contributions of England and France to present-day Canadian culture. Other studies will compare Canada and the United States and Canada and other members of the Commonwealth.

DEVELOP INTEREST

Dr. Bissell, who will head the institute committee of departmen-

tal heads, says the purpose is to develop a general interest in the field. This could best be done through public lectures and publications "and by instituting in the school of graduate studies and in senior honors undergraduate courses academic programs in Canadian studies."
The institute's first project will be to publish lectures delivered during the last academic year in a series titled "our living tradition."

These eight lectures drew audiences of up to 1,000 each and included historian-biographer Donald Creighton, speaking on Sir John A. Macdonald, and author Robertson Davies, on Stephen Leacock. The lecture series is to be continued.
Eventually, the institute would provide graduate fellowships for students of Canadian studies.
Carleton was established 10 years ago and achieved university status three years ago. Construction on a large new campus on the capital's south side began last fall. The university expects to move into its present small building in south-central Ottawa in the fall of 1958.

U. S. Cautions Syria, Egypt, Israel Against Drastic Acts

By JOHN SCALI
WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States disclosed Friday it has urgently cautioned Syria, Egypt, Israel and other governments against any drastic action which might further inflame the Jordan crisis.

The state department reported this newest move to bolster young Hussein's hand amid unconfirmed rumors that Russian volunteers might back up forces seeking to topple him.
U.S. officials expressed doubt Kremlin leaders would risk any such thinly-disguised intervention in the Middle East lest it set off a major military explosion.
A state department spokesman said U.S. diplomats had urged caution and "prudence" on many governments, particularly those near Jordan. He identified Syria, Egypt and Israel as among the countries contacted and hinted Russia also had been approached.

MADE TWO POINTS

American ambassadors have made these points, said press officer Lincoln White: (1) the independence and integrity of Jordan is "vital" as President Eisenhower stated from Augusta Wednesday and that (2) "prudence would be exercised by all."
U.S. authorities keeping careful check on Middle East developments said they had "no solid re-

ports whatever" to back up Baghdad and Paris reports that Russian volunteers might intervene.
These unconfirmed rumors pictured Moslems from Russia plotting by in Syria, some equipped with Soviet MIG fighters, poised to help Syrian forces who are on Jordan soil in the event of trouble.

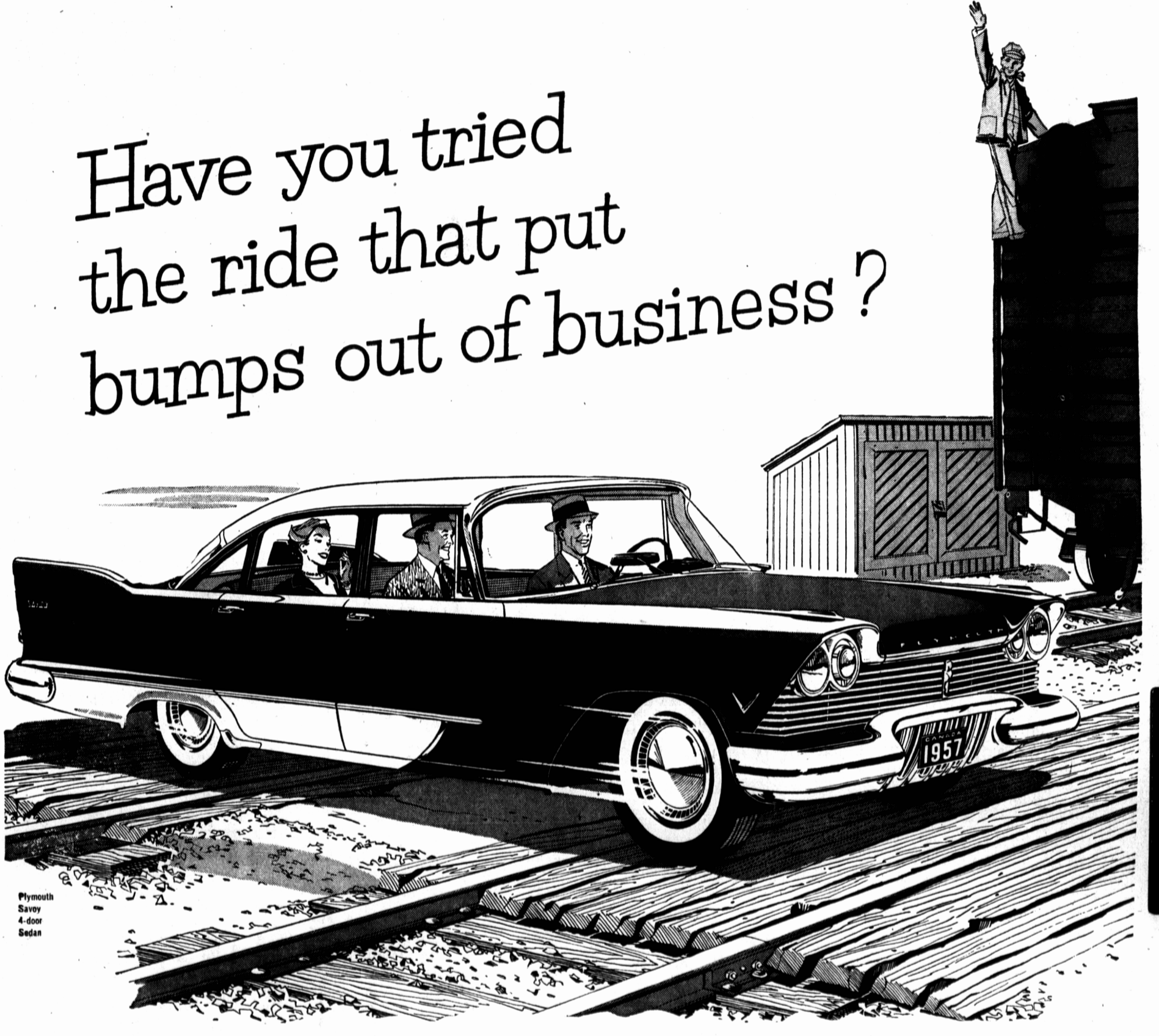
U.S. diplomatic officials, basing their view on latest intelligence reports, hinted these reports originated in Egypt and Syria among those seeking to frighten young Hussein at a critical point in his struggle to hold on to control of Jordan.

POLICEMAN KILLED

SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—Sarnia police constable Ernest Carson Nixon, 29, was fatally shot early Saturday and a few hours later police laid a charge of murder against his wife. He staggered from his home with four .38-calibre bullets in his body and dropped dead on the front lawn, police said. Mrs. Bettina Nixon was charged with murder and is to appeal in court Monday.

GREAT ARTIST

Pierre Renoir, the French artist who died in 1919, produced 6,000 paintings and more than 150 lithographs.



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