

# SATURDAY NIGHT MUSINGS

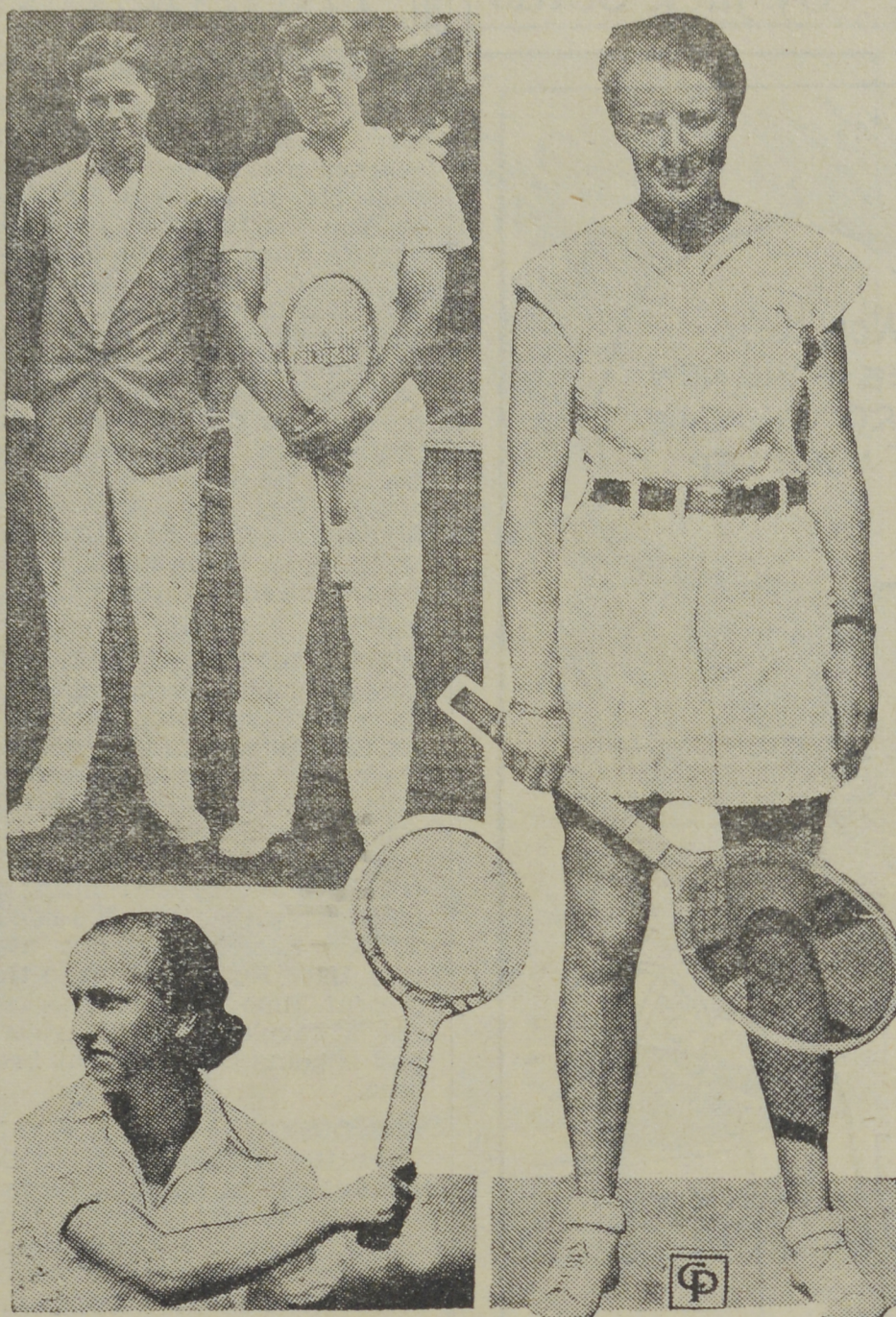
EASTER is over for another year but in this territory there is still hope of new life and new activities. Always in the spring months there is an ambition in youth to get out into the open and take part in play. In these modern days organized play is looked upon as a necessity and spontaneous participation in sport is not so general as it used to be. Just now the golf enthusiasts are getting their arms swinging and their equipment in shape for the season. At one time golf was considered a pastime for older men, but that idea is fading away and now golf is strenuous enough for anyone who likes that sort of game.

Baseball is a game that has been popular for years in the Maritime Provinces and it still has its great army of followers and participants. Almost every small boy likes baseball and its popularity seems never to lessen. Although the weather remains fairly cold baseball players are at their games. The older people get a kick tossing a ball around and that is something in these hard times.

In looking over the younger generation there comes the thought that kids of years ago seemed to be pleased with simple pleasure compared with the youth of today. In looking over Canterbury Street one is made to wonder just why kids of the apparent age of eight or nine get their pleasure out of pitching cents. One noon here it was noticed that two little girls were tossing cents to decide whether they would attend school in the afternoon or "jig." It looked as though the "jigs" had it, for the youngsters remained around all afternoon. In the days before there was a truant officer there seemed to be fewer young children on the streets than under present conditions. This leads up to the idea that the Kiwanis Club should be given every opportunity to develop their scheme for a playground, where children and older boys and girls might have the advantages of definitely arranged play. Too many children are finding their sport on the streets, and a move to improve this condition should be approved by every citizen. So if the Kiwanis Club will undertake to operate an athletic field and playground the club should receive the support of every citizen.

This brings back to mind the plan of the Every Day Club which at one time operated the athletic grounds on the Marsh Road. It had some of the ideas of the Kiwanis Club but it had no international organization. However, it did good work and it kept Saint John on the athletic map for several years when other athletic organizations were more or less floundering with financial problems. When the Every Day Club took over the athletic grounds they were in a stage of decay, but members of the club worked evenings and in their other spare time and improved the grounds so that they had them in pretty good shape. However, the grounds

## CANADIANS TO PLAY IN ENGLAND



Announcement of the personnel for the Canadian tennis team, which will play in England and Scotland this summer, was recently made by P. D. Lyons, president of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association. Members of the squad will be LAIRD WATT and BOBBY MURRAY (top left), and MISS CAROLYN DEACON (top right), and MISS ELEANOR YOUNG, (lower left). Murray and Watt, both ranking stars among Canada's younger players, are from Montreal, and Miss Deacon and Miss Young from Vancouver. The team will sail on May 31, arriving on June 10, thus allowing them to become acclimatized before the Wimbledon tournament, June 24 to July 6. They will compete in other English and Scottish tournaments and will meet a team representing Scotland. They will return to Canada, arriving on August 14.

passed out of their hands and were utilized for a commercial venture in which athletics did not feature.

It is hoped that the Kiwanis

Club members can see their way clear to secure some grounds around which they can mature their plans for improving the state of the younger generation.

## Who May be Who in 1935



By BILL BRAUCHER

### ESCAPED THE BULL PEN SENTENCE TO BE A STARTER

When big Johnny Murphy was graduated to the Yankees from Newark last spring, the former Fordham flinger was sentenced to bull pen duty. He had succeeded as relief hurler in the International League, therefore he would be a relief pitcher for Yankees.

But things happened to the regular Yankee slabsters. Illness and injury removed Johnny Allen and Russ Van Atta from the pitching picture. McCarthy called on Murphy as a starting pitcher, and the New York boy showed he had what it took to beat any team in the league.

This year he will be one of the regular first-line grenadiers, and he is one reason why Manager McCarthy figures his club is a pennant contender.

Johnny is a native New Yorker, and will observe his twenty-seventh birthday, July 14. He came directly to the team from Fordham, where he was graduated. At Fordham he was a pitching sensation.

### Steadiness of a Veteran

Sent to Newark in 1933, Murphy proved remarkable steadiness, considering his lack of experience. He appeared in 40 games, and pitched about that many more warming up in the bull pen. He won nine and lost six, allowing 85 hits in 103 innings.

Last year, when Manager McCarthy was hard up for pitchers after Johnny Allen's arm went bad, and Van Atta proved unable to finish a game, Murphy was used as a starter. Though he hasn't as much natural "stuff" as most major league pitchers, he knows how to pitch to a weakness. He won 14 games with a crippled team behind him, while four of his ten defeats were taken as a relief hurler.

He beat each team in the league at least once, taking three each



JOHNNY MURPHY... fits into the breach nicely.

from the White Sox and Indians, two each from the Athletics, Browns and Red Sox, and one each from Tigers and Senators. He lost three each to Tigers and Red Sox, the only teams to beat him more often than he beat them.

"Excuse the merriment, but my mother-in-law's parrot just died." "What was it sick of?" "My mother-in-law!"

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