The oft-postponed softball encounter between Army and Navy is scheduled for the Park diamond tonight at seven o'clock but whether or not it will be played rests entirely in the lap of the weatherman. So far the Y team have been lucky striking suitable weather for both their encounters but the other games have run into snags.

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The Army-Navy clash should be quite a battle all the way and on a par with the close-knit struggle the Y and Army staged Monday night. The "tars" have been getting in practice games for the past three weeks now and will be right at top form for the encounter.

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The Y-Army tussle lived up to all expectations. It was anybody's game right to the final out with the Y being hard-pressed to hold their early lead. In the last three frames they were in difficulties continually as the Army boys started to fine their batting eye and they had to be good defensively to hold their opponents at bay.

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In the seventh particularly Y showed their fight as the Army loaded the sacks with only one out only to have the winner hold them to one run to choke off a rally that might well have put them into the lead and perhaps meant a victory for them.

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The brand of ball dished out was considered good by the majority of the spectators with several fielding gems being pulled off by both squads. Outstanding in these was the fine evening's work turned in by the outfielders of the army team as they snagged long drives that seemed labelled for hits, often having to travel quite a distance to get under the sphere.

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The Tarky Whitlock's trapping of a smash to second base in the seventh was another beauty. The ball was hit right on the nose and was travelling like a bullet but Whitlock picked it clean as a whistle to get the man at first for the third out of the inning and the snuffing out of the Army rally.

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Next meeting between these two squads will be eagerly looked forward too. Y drew first blood but the Army proved conclusively that they can get up off the floor and come back strongly. It would have been a different story hadn't the Y team snared their early lead as without a doubt closers had all the better of the encounter in the closing innings.

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And while still on the softball subject it seems it would be a good idea if both players and officials got busy and had some necessary work done to the diamond. At present it is sadly in need of scraping and rolling. Get this done and the brand of ball should improve considerably. While another needed item is new sacks.

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The ones now in use are sadly inadequate. It is hard both for players and umpires alike to discern just where they are and since the cost of them is very small indeed this matter should be looked after immediately. It will make it easier for all concerned to both follow and play the game, so hop to it boys.

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Billy Herman's realism, the ability to size up a baseball situation objectively, is a valuable faucet of his all-around greatness. Right now the cagey second baseman is hitting in the neighborhood of .350, not far behind Stan Musial of the Cardinals. But he doesn't expect to win the batting title from the slim St. Louis swatsmith.

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"I predicted at Bear Mountain during Spring practice that Musial would lead the league in hitting," said Herman yesterday before the Dodger-Cub game here, "and after seeing him in those six games with us I'm surer than ever of it. In fact, he should have a 20-point margin on the next man. Musial doesn't have Country Slaughter's power, but he is probably a better straight-away hitter. He is also one of the fastest runners in the game."

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The Cub franchise has long been regarded as perhaps the best in the N.L., but Monsieur James Gallagher, general manager, has good reason to bemoan the paucity of turnstile activity this year. Not only did the Bruins get off to a wretched start in the race but Gallagher points out that the club has enjoyed only one good day of weather at home so far. "It doesn't rain much," he says, "but it clouds just enough to keep the fans at home." There were only 4,207 paid yesterday.

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There has been a lively rumor here that the Dodgers have made an offer for Phil Cavaretta, the Cub who can do a good job at first or in the outfield. There is small chance of anything developing, however. In the first place, the Cubs need Cavaretta, and in the second place he is a lefthanded hitter, whereas righthanded hitting outfield strength is what the Flatbush troupe is currently in need of.

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The National League is having a two-horse race for the pennant and it's a good show that the Brooklyn Dodgers and St. Louis Cardinals are giving the fans.

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But the really wide-open scramble is in the American League, where the six-place club is closer to the lead than is the third club in the National and the seventh only half a game behind the N.L.'s third-placer.

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Furthermore, it wouldn't take much to make all eight clubs contenders. Team No. 7 is only four and a half games off the pace, with Team No. 8 seven games down.

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The New York Yankees have been showing the way except for one lapse ever since the season started, yet they have not convinced anybody that they are a real good ball club.

Use Minards for Sprains

SPORTING NEWS

Willie Pep Defeats Sal Bartolo In Easy Fashion

BOSTON, June 8—(AP) — Willie Pep, Hartford holder of the New York version of the featherweight title, prevented further muddling of that division's affairs by outpointing Sal Bartolo of Boston, in easy fashion tonight in a 15-round championship bout at Braves Field.

Pep failed to carry every round only because of his cautious start. He began in such slow fashion that Bartolo stayed on even terms with him until the third round. From then on Pep's left and his speedy and efficient footwork checked Bartolo, whose victory hopes hinged on his counter-attack at every turn.

This so-called championship contest, first such outdoor extravaganza, caused a breach between the Massachusetts and New York Boxing Commissions. The latter state's Solons, who enthroned Pep when he defeated Chalky Wright last November, ruled that he could defend his laurels only under their jurisdiction. The Massachusetts Commissioners promised featherweight championship recognition to the winner.

It became evident as soon as Pep scored the first of his accurate left jabs, and he averaged about 10 a round, that he had Bartolo's measure and that no one need fear that the featherweight championship would find itself in three pieces. It's still in two, however, for Jackie Callura of Hamilton, Ont., is the N.B.A.'s 126-pound standard bearer.

Abe Yanofsky Retains Chess Championship

DALHOUSIE, N.B., June 8 —(CP)— Abe Yanofsky, Winnipeg, retained his Canadian Chess championship early tonight with a win over Charles L. Smith, Montreal champion.

The 19-year-old Winnipeg wizard went through the 11 rounds of the Dominion tournament without a loss. Smith's defeat in 57 moves of the final game was the Montreal titleholder's only loss.

The concluding match was the tightest played in the seven-day tournament. Smith held the defending champion to even terms until the last few moves, and it appeared the game might end in a draw.

The final standing:

Yanofsky, 11; Smith, 10; Jules Therien, Quebec, 9; George F. Doyle, Saint John, N.B., 6 1-2; S. B. Wilson, Montreal, 6 1-2; D. M. McConnell, Halifax, 5 1-2; W. E. Mayfield, Halifax, 5; Harry Mc Lary, Saint John, 3; R. B. Richardson, Summerside, P.E.I., 3; G. R. Balmer, Dalhousie, 2; G. S. Grimmer, Dalhousie, 1 1-2. The other contestant, F. M. Wren, Halifax, had three wins when he withdrew from the tournament a few days ago.

The longest match of the tournament was played last night when Wilson defeated McAlary in 81 moves.

Hopes Soar That Britain Has World Champion Boxer

By Allan Nickleson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LEEDS, England, June 8 —(CP)—A vicious left hook, which many ringside experts agreed was the best punch seen for years in British boxing, sent soaring hopes that in snub-nosed Freddie Mills Britain has a future world champion.

Giving away 35 pounds, the British and Empire light heavyweight king clouted 217-pound Al Robinson all over the ring at the Leeds united football ground and sent him to the floor in the second round with a crash that was heard by everyone of the 8,000 present.

The decisive triumph also placed the Bournemouth Bomber still further in front as the No. 1 man for the British and Empire heavyweight crowns left vacant by the retirement of Len Harvey several months ago.

It was a repetition of the Mills-Harvey fight last June when fearless Freddie took Harvey's British and Empire light-heavy titles. It was a similar punch and the end came at the same period of the second round.

Larry Gains, once of Toronto and former British Empire heavy titlist was among ringsiders who raved about the punch. The big Negro, now in the Pioneer Corps, said it was one of the finest he ever had seen, "beautifully timed and straight to the point." Gains helped Robinson train.

Both Mills and Robinson are R. A.F. Sergeants.

Sport Shorts From Britain

By ALLAN NICKLESON
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, June 4—(CP)—No man did more for British football than Sir Frederick Wall and there was genuine regret throughout the country when it was learned this great sportsman probably never would be seen in public again.

Now 85, Sir Frederick has been ill for months and unable to leave his home at Sutton in Surrey. He was Football Association secretary for 40 years and on his retirement in 1934 was tendered a cheque for nearly $50,000 by the grateful Association.

Sir Frederick saw soccer grow from a small beginning with lukewarm public interest to a sport which now has more players and followers than any in the world. It has been two years since he watched a match but he reads avidly all press reports of the various games.

He feels his inactivity keenly and reminisces of such sports as soccer, cricket and rowing, all of which he excelled in as a youth.

"Occasionally some of my old friends come along to chat with me and we live in our memories," he told newsmen.

Plenty of persons have wondered about the same thing, it's been the basis of discussions for years but apparently no one ever here thought of using a pedometer to determine the answer.

Anyway, Fred Lowe popped up with an idea of the distance covered by a football player during a game. Fred is a Bristol referee and during the first half of a soccer match he wore a pedometer strapped to his leg.

It recorded he covered 6½ miles chasing the players about the field for 46 minutes. That's 13 miles to a full game and many players cover more than that.

For 60 years that famed Nothe-eastern Rugby Club, Hartlepool Rovers, has been playing on the same grounds. Now the grounds have been commandeered by the armed forces and that brought up the suggestion of a new place to celebrate the Allies' victory when it comes.

The boys feel that a new pitch, fit for heroes to play on, would be a fitting welcome home to their mates at the front. A site has been chosen. Now all that's needed is $7,650.

A fund was opened and the first subscriber was a shipyard worker with a half a day's pay—$1.75 Next was his boss—manager of the yard and a former player—who dumped $225 into the pot.

LONDON, June 8—(CP)—If the Canadians invade the continent this summer—or whenever they do—it's a safe bet that George Robinson will be on the lock-out for a tennis court.

It's been a hard haul for the former Canadian junior champion from (64 Aberdeen Ave.) Westmount, Que., to keep in anything like the form that labelled him as a coming great when he joined the army. But in the three years George has been here as a signalman with an artillery regiment, he has played the game at every opportunity.

Wherever his unit was stationed, lanky George sought out the nearest court. When he came to London on leave he dashed over to Wimbledon and played on both the grass and en-tout-pas courts.

Tennis in Britain has dropped off sharply since the war began, thousands of clubs have closed and tennis balls are all but impossible to obtain; but George persevered so much he feels he's playing better right now than he eyer did—and his brother agrees.

George's partner most of the time has been that brother, L. Cpl. Cliff Robinson, former Quebec intermediate doubles champion. But many of Canada's tennis greats have arrived in Britain with the armed forces since the last racket season and on George's first leave this spring he came to London to track them down.

Sun-tanned and fit from a three-week assault course, George bumped into Don McDiarmid, former Canadian champion, stationed in London as an R.C.A.F. corporal. He also found Flt. Lt. Walter Martin of Toronto, one-time Davis Cupper now with the R.C.A.F. headquarters here. So, on his next leave George, now 24, will pack his racket, search for tennis balls, and head for London to find out just how good he is.

Former member of the Mont Royal Tennis Club in Montreal, George whipped some of Canada's best back home including Phil Pearson and Bill Pedlar, Davis Cup stalwarts a few years back.

George Robinson's drives have been seen on courts around Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg where he performed in the Western Canada junior championship. He played doubles with Lewis Duff of Montreal—since mixing with the air forces over here—and the two had many triumphs, including winning of the Montreal Cup.

But George has other interests besides tennis. He's a good soldier and he's looking forward to the day when he will come to grips with the enemy. "The most important thing is to win the war," he says. "Everybody knows that. But it's great to have such things as tennis for relaxation and it'll be pretty swell to step out on a tennis court back home when it's all over."

AN OLD BOY OF TRURO, N.S.

Vancouver—(CP)—George Paris may be 76 but he's still an athlete at heart and when in the mood can deal the old puncing bag no mean blow. As a coach and trainer for the Vancouver Police Mutual Benevolent association George has been making athletes out of policemen for 35 yars. He came to Vancouver from Truro, N.S., and for many years was a well-known figure in lacrosse and boxing.

The slogan "Lend to Defend," should now give way to "Get Cracking for Attacking," Councillor J. H. Allen suggested at a Purley Wings for Victory meeting.

O-K PURE WHITE CIGARETTE PAPERS

Airmen Drop Out Of City Softball League

An Air Force team, one of the four in the City softball league, is being forced to withdraw because of difficulties in securing transportation from the station to Victoria Park where games are played, it was learned last night.

It is expected that a new schedule will be drawn up, with the Y. M. C. A., Army and Navy teams participating.

Announcement of the Airmen's withdrawal was made late last night by W. E. Scantlebury, secretary of the league.

C.M.A. DISCUSSES

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"In this country the instrument of production, and, to some extent, of distribution, is that represented by this conference," he said.

Mr. McLean said the system of competitive industry still had a contribution to make to human welfare.

Louis L. Lang, president of the C.M.A., said the association had been studying post-war planning since early in the war and C.M.A. planning committees opened discussions in 1940 of the problems in several fields—transportation, tariff, commercial intelligence, export trade, legislation, industrial relations and employment.

F. P. L. Lane, first vice-president of the C.M.A., said the greatest problem to be met in the post-war period was the prevention of mass unemployment.

"It is the duty of each manufacturer to get into maximum production with the least possible delay," he said, "and I have no doubt that each manufacturer will meet this challenge to the utmost of his ability. If, however, the ability of a manufacturer to meet this responsibility is impaired by conditions beyond his control, it necessarily follows that his provision of the desired full measure of employment will be reduced accordingly.

"Therefore, every consideration should be given in adequate time to the removal of such barriers to full employment," he said.

"Just such barriers do exist and are to be found in current taxation, but I emphasize that no manufacturer in Canada, to my knowledge, has complained about the high rates of taxation that now prevail. . . ."

Arthur J. MacNamara, deputy Minister of Labor and Director of National Selective Service, said employers would have to plan to take in women—or men not in the military call up class— to replace men lost by military call up and transfers to other industries.

Mr. MacNamara spoke at the manpower conference section of the meeting, while a conference on priorities and controls was held concurrently.

In his presidential address, Mr. Lang said post-war Canada probably would have neither a complete government control or other form of regimentation nor a system of free enterprise.

"As usual in British countries and in the United States some middle course will be discovered and followed. It seems likely that there will be more government control and direction for some time than there was before the war, but most people hope and expect that war legislation, war controls, war orders-in-council and regulations will be modified gradually and abolished as soon as conditions will permit.

"If this is done gradually, we shall avoid the wild buying spree, and the succeeding buyers' strike and depression that followed the First World War."

British Racing Largely Matter Of Queueing Up

By Allan Nickleson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

ASCOT, England, June 8 — (CP) — Anyone striving to develop perfect patience could take no better object lesson than to attend a wartime race meeting in Britain. It could be called a wartime queue meeting just as truthfully.

Thousands jammed railway stations and trains to attend famed Ascot's first meet of the war. They queued to catch the trains both going and coming, queued to get into the swanky track, to make wagers and buy lukewarm half-pints of beer at a shilling a throw. As a hungry participant in this queue meeting I can say that those who scrambled into the food queue early encugh to get something to eat were the lucky ones.

It was real wartime austerity. It wasn't the Ascot of top hats, flowered frocks and strawberries and cream. The keynote was seen in the Royal Box where fine pre-war furnishings were replaced with a small desk and a couple of folding chairs.

That's where the King and Queen sat after making an unostatious entry just after the first race while protective Spitfires roared overhead. It was an unexpected visit and to the sun-soaked crowd it meant the King had given just another indication he looked with favor on such relaxation as racing for his subjects while the country is engaged in war.

King's Horse Eleventh

The Royal couple, like thousands of others, came to see the King's colt Tipstaff run a six furlong dash. To the roars of 25,000 or so, they walked to the paddock to inspect the racer and chat with Trainer Fred Darling.

Darling shook his head dubiously when the King, in Army uniform, made a question. Maybe the Royal trainer told the King to keep his two bob in his jeans and maybe not but the fact is that Tipstaff finished 11th in the field of 12 and it was announced later he would run no more in the King's colors. He started second favorite but dropped behind when pressed at the half-way mark.

If the Royal wager was made it probably was placed with the totalisator, commonly called the "Tote" and consisting of a long row of wickets set up under the canvas and under control of the Racecourse Betting Control Board. The smallest bet that can be made on the "tote" is two shillings and the sky is the limit.

Other wagers can be laid with any of the scores of picturesque bookmakers — bookmaking being illegal on British tracks, set up stands on the lawns, call out the odds and take bets ranging from a few pence to many pounds.

There are just two bets in Britain - - win and place - - compared to the win, place and show of Canadian tracks. A place wager here covers both second and third-place horses and you learn this from experience or from the nice, friendly kind of people who go to Ascot.

A likely-looking steed by the name of Greyladies looked worth a place bet in the final race. She responded by finishing third and if it hadn't been for a passing acquaintanceship with an English gentleman in peak cap, waxed moustache and stiff collar, the "tote" would still have been worth my eight bob be plus the winning of 14 shillings.

Bookies and "Tote"

Mr. Warlus Moustache said place wagers covered show finishers and understood a visitor's bewilderment because as a steward on the Queen Mary he used to attend New York meets when the ship docked there.

There's a difference, too, between betting with bookmakers and on the "tote". Most bookies take only win bets and display odds on their boards. The "tote" accepts win and place wagers but doesn't display the odds.

That means that a "tote" better, wanting to know the odds, takes a look at a bookmakers' board before making his wager. That gives him some idea, at least, of the return he can expect from a successful bet.

Ascot - - as other tracks here - - is a far cry from Canadian courses. At Ascot, horses run uphill and on grass. They start the races out of sight of the spectators and finish only where a few can see. By far the great majority of the crowd get only a glimpse of the horses and their silk-clad riders galloping by. They then wait for the results to go up on a big board.

Three Enclosures

Ascot is divided into three enclosures. On one side is the Royal Enclosure - - most exclusive piece of turf in the world and opened to the public for the first time - - and the general enclosure. Admittance to the Royal Enclosure was 28 shillings, half that for men and women of the forces, while the general admission was eight shillings.

On the other side of the course is the free section. It's open to the public but isn't banked like the paying side and only those nearest the rail get a glimpse of the racers.

And in the Royal Enclosure men in cloth caps and women in slacks mingle with the members of the forces ranging from privates to generals. In pre-war days it was reserved for members and was the setting for Britain's most brilliant fashion parade.

Enemy Reports

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Nazis killed or wounded, the Russians said.

The Moscow radio said "large forces" or Soviet long-range bombers blasted German airports Monday night, successfully bombing "a large number" of German planes, ammunition and fuel dumps, with "especially heavy explosions registered on the airfield north of Bryanak."

The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press, said German planes again attempted to raid Gorki, big industrial centre 250 miles east of Moscow, with bombs striking dwellings and with seven enemy bombers shot down.

The Germans claimed aerial reconnaissance showed that the big "Molotoff" tank factory at Gorki had been "almost completely destroyed," with Nazi bombers completing the destruction Monday night.

Concerning the Caucasus—where the Russians have not announced any offensives since the winter drive—the German radio claimed that 25 Russian infantry and 12 tank divisions totalling about 550,000 men had been "annihilated" in four battles.

The tank units first were described as brigades but later were said to be divisions.

A transocean dispatch, recorded by the Associated Press, quoted an unidentified "military spokesman" as asserting that the Russians had battered vainly at the Kuban bridgehead around Novorossiak in four offensives since April 4. Two lasting four days were said to have started April 4 and 11. A 12-day battle was said to have begun April 29 and the fourth drive "which now has ended" opened May 26.

Jimmy Bivins Retains Title

CLEVELAND, June 8 (AP)—Jimmy Bivins, hard hitting Cleveland Negro successfully defended his duration light heavy-weight title by knocking out Lloyd Marshall of California in the 13th round of their fight at Cleveland Stadium tonight. Bivins at 174 had a 10-pound advantage over Marshall, also a Negro.

A. W. Booth of London, who has been a voluntary part-time warden for four years, arrived home from duty at his post to find a letter from the Labor Ministry ordering him to enrol at the local A.R.P. offices as part time warden.

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ANN SHERIDAN
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Montreal 5; Newark 8.
Montreal 2; Newark 8.
Toronto 1; Jersey City 4.
Buffalo 2; Syracuse 1.
Buffalo 2; Syracuse 1.
Rochester 4; Baltimore 2.

Tigers' Protest Is Disallowed

DETROIT, June 8 —(AP)— Detroit Tigers learned today that a protest lodged by manager Steve O'Neill against alleged use of the so-called dead ball in the second game of a double-header May 31 at Philadelphia had been disallowed by American league president William Harridge.

Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

Lawson Little, winner of the Canadian open in 1936, shot a great two-under par 70 score on a muddy Cleveland course, three years ago today, to defeat Gene Sarazen for the United States Open Golf championship, after finishing in a tie for 72 holes. Ed Oliver, also tied with the leaders, was disqualified for starting the final round before the allotted time.

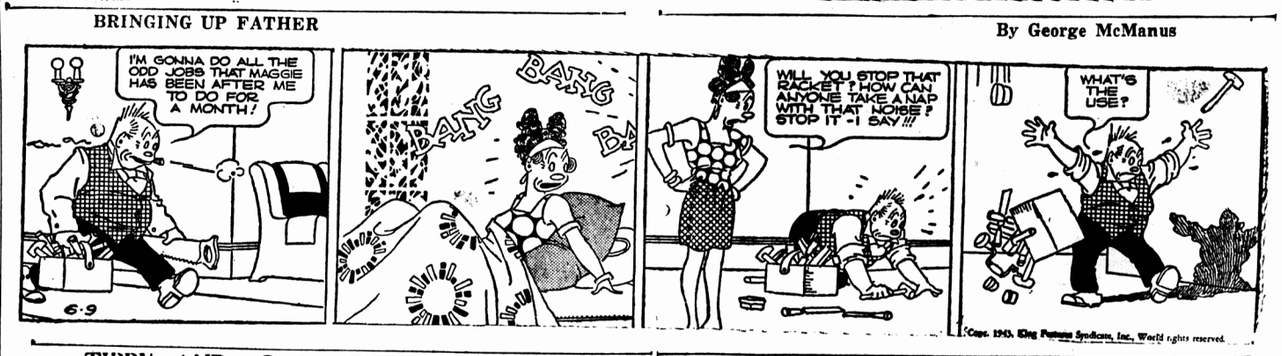
CONFERENCE ENDS

SACKVILLE, N. B., June 8 (CP) —The Maritime Conference of the United Church concluded its annual sessions today with a brief meeting of routine nature. It had been in session since last Thursday night. The 1944 meeting will open on the first Thursday in June.

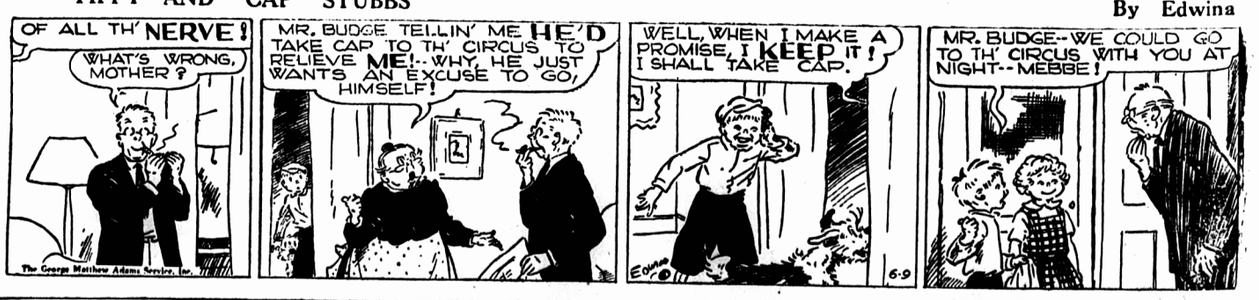
Out Our Way By J. R. Williams

Our Boarding House With Major Hoople

BRINGING UP FATHER By George McManus



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS By Edwina



TILLIE THE TOILER — MAC GIVES FAIR WARNING! By WEBSTER