

Where Are the Stars of Yesteryear Since They Hung Their Spiked Shoes and Running Togs in the Closet?

FORMER ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Famous Old Track Stars Are Scattered to Four Corners of the Earth.

"YOUNGSTERS" ALMOST ALL ACQUAINTED FOR

By GEORGE B. UNDERWOOD.

Where are the track stars of yesteryear? What has become of the army of old champions since they hung their spiked shoes and athletic togs in the closet and turned to the far world for active participation on track and field? Where have the old boys all drifted to? They are scattered to the four corners of the earth. There isn't a nook or corner of this terrestrial globe where you will not encounter them. Many of course have breathed the tape in the race of life and have gone into the Great Beyond. In the fields of business they have succeeded; others have failed. Fortune has about evenly distributed her smiles and frowns.

In the brief space necessitated the writer will endeavor to tell of the whereabouts of as many of the old time stars as he recalls. The typewriter sings its way along through the brain and memory is not infallible. He may make a few mistakes. Possibly some of the athletic heroes of the past whom the writer has met in the past and whose names may have been mown down by the Grim Reaper since the writer last heard of them. Naturally, many of the Old Boys will have to be out of it. If they mention of themselves, will they please forgive the writer? The fault will be of the memory, not of the heart.

The Old Internationals.

Perhaps as good a way as any to call the roll is to start with the old champions who battled so successfully for Old Glory in the first big international meet between the New York A. C. and the London A. C. back in 1895. Bernie Wefers, as most every one knows, is a member of the New York A. C. and is still the track and field game and promises to become an illustrious a sprinter as the old and new. He is now coaching at the track in the newspaper game in Boston. Charley Kilpatrick is one of Spalding & Co.'s most valued writers.

Tommy Connel, too, old Tommy is sleeping the last sleep in a Government cemetery in the far away Luzon, where he shouldered a carbine for Uncle Sam for many years. The last we heard of George Gray he was in business in Coldwater, Ontario. Jim Mitchell makes his livelihood writing sports and news columns at Yale. Elwood Bloss is also in the same line Down East.

John Owens, the first amateur to step 100 yards in 9.45 seconds, is one of the country's largest automobile manufacturers and is now part of his time here and the rest in Detroit. Harry Jewett, the old sprint king, also is engaged in the automobile industry in Detroit. Eugene Frederick, the old time walking champion, has a jewelry business in Boston. "Cinders" Murray, the "George Goulding of the 80's," has a position in the insurance business in New York. Fred Westing, the sprinter, and Billy Purdy, the walker, both are in business here.

Dieges, a Jeweller.

Charlie Dieges, the old weight thrower, is the owner of one of the biggest jewelry concerns in the country. Jimmy Sullivan, the former midget runner, is in business in New York. Fredrick, the Washington store of Dieges & Clust. Sam Austin, the old walker, manages the publishing house of Richard K. Fox & Co. in New York. Fredrick, the first American miler to invade England, is in business here. Herb Manville, the famous old middle distancer, runs a concern in Elizabeth, N. J.

Judge Hugh Baxter, the famous jumper, sits on a marble bench up State, and Millionaire Hugh Baxter, the former pole vault record holder, and high jumper still lives in New York. He hopes a close eye on his extensive quarry and railroad interests in Vermont.

Bartow S. Weeks, the old Mercury Foot runner, is a Supreme Court Justice here in New York. Jeremiah T. Mahoney is a well known lawyer and also has adorned the Meistrater's bench.

Luther Cary, printer extraordinary, is the publisher of the Boston Herald. Charles T. Sherrill, Yale and New York A. C. sprinter, since he resigned his post as Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, has been busy in literary pursuits here. His book on the trade relations of the United States with South America recently has been frequently quoted in Congress.

Baker Telephone Magnate.

Wendell Baker, one of the greatest sprinters that ever donned a spiked shoe, and Harry Brooks, Yale flyer, who once defeated the great Lon Meyers, both are officials of one of the biggest telephone companies here in the East. Poor Lon Meyers, as is generally known, long since passed into the Great Beyond.

Malcolm Ford, one of the greatest all around men in the annals of sport, and Willie Day, once king of the distance race, both are violent deaths. Malcolm Ford shot both himself and his brother, Paul Leicester Ford, the novelist, author of "Janice Meredith" and other best sellers. Willie Day was hanged by the neck to a tree near the old Bergen Point track, where he many times raced to victory.

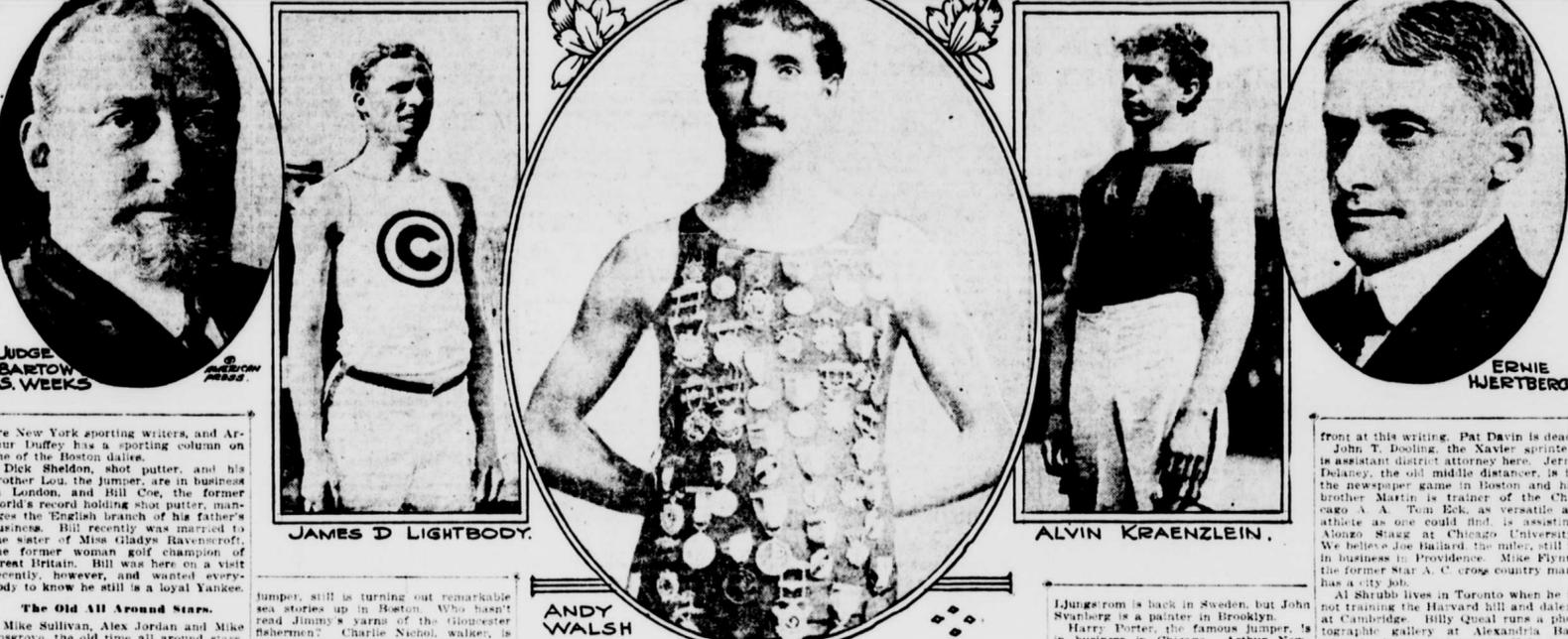
Father Bill Curtis, who launched the athletic game in America, long buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. He met his death in a blizzard on Mount Washington. James E. Sullivan—cherish his memory—who took up Father Bill Curtis's work, also is among those whom the Maker has called home. Harry Buermeier, who with Father Bill Curtis was largely responsible for Uncle Sam capturing the premier honors in the first modern Olympic at Athens in 1896, is one of Baltimore's best known financiers. He is putting the Garrett millions to worthy purposes and greatly is interested in the athletic game in Baltimore. Evert Jansen Wendell, the famous sprinter, also is known for his philanthropy. The former Harvard star has aided the playground movement in New York.

Maxey Long, whose straightforward quarter mile record has defied the assaults of even Ted Meredith, is employed as a local telephone company. Meyer Prinstein, the famous hurdler, is in business here in New York. So are Dan Stern, "Dodie" Sweger, Sam See and Andy Walsh, a Copland and Eddie Carter

Just a Few of the "Young Boys" Whose Fame as Athletes Will Survive Many Generations



MALCOM FORD CHARLES KILPATRICK. EDDIE CARTER, COLLINS, ERNIE HERTBERG AL SHRUBB MAXEY LONG.



JUDGE BARTOW S. WEEKS JAMES D. LIGHTBODY ANDY WALSH ALVIN KRAENZLEIN. ERNIE HERTBERG

are New York sporting writers, and Arthur Duffey has a sporting column on one of the Boston dailies.

Dick Sheldon, shot putter, and his brother Lou, the jumper, are in business in London, and Bill Cox, the former world's record holder in shot put, manages the English branch of his father's business. Bill recently was married to the sister of Miss Gladys Haverscroft, the old distance king, and John Taylor, the old distance king, has three large saloons here.

Of the other all around champions Arthur Gunn still lives in Buffalo, Doc White is a Brooklyn dentist, and John Brademin is physical instructor at the Horace Mann School. Gene Goff, famed for his versatility, and especially known for his jumping ability in the past, has departed. John R. Taylor, the wonderful negro quarter miler, also passed away, as did Mike Cross, the first athlete who gained fame for the New York Police Department.

John Cregan, former half mile and one mile champion, is a Jersey financier. Al Williams is an editor and lecturer, and his hobby still is the study of snakes. The two walking Liebroods, Sam and Louis, both are inspectors for the State Athletic Commission, and Sam has charge of the State Athletic Commission ground. Eddie Carr is in the construction business in Brooklyn.

Tutor to Crown Prince's Children.

Jimmy Lightbody until recently was American tutor for the children of the Crown Prince of Germany, but since the war has been in business in Chicago. Billy Burkhardt has charge of a settlement house here. Jimmy Hector is a lawyer in St. Louis. Charlie Seitz has an extensive legal practice here and also is interested in a Brooklyn brewery.

John Rose is dead, and Nickerson, the former high jump champion, is in business in Brooklyn.

Guy Haskins, the former middle distancer, is in business in Zealand. George Burt and Pete Silliman, both are in California, and Jim Teehan has a store in Montana. Sandy McLeod is in the real estate business in San Francisco, and also is said that Frank Riley is in Frisco too.

Many of the old champions are noted trainers. Ernie Hertberg is the Swedish Olympic coach. Alvin Kraenzlein held a like position in Germany and Al Copland in Austria until the war broke out. Kraenzlein and Copland both are back in this country.

Many Famous Trainers.

Johnny Mack is at Yale, Steve Farrell at Michigan, Dick Grant at Minnesota, Harry Hillman at Dartmouth, Louis Mang at Annapolis, Frank Castleman at Ohio State, George Bonhag at Hamilton University, Archie Hahn at Brown, Mike Ryan at Bates, Frank Kanally at M. I. T., Claude Allen at Niagara, Bar Sullivan at Holy Cross, Pounce Donovan at Harvard, Tom Keane at Syracuse and Dod Moulton, Walter Christie and Forrest Smithson are coaching college teams in the far West.

When September rolls around Lawson Robertson will be found training the University of Pennsylvania athletes and Harvey John will be holding a like position at Indiana State. There are few of us who do not know that Mike Murphy is among the departed, as also is H. M. Johnston, wonderful foot sprinter and coach.

Alexander Grant, former two mile record holder, the last we heard, was a professor at Hill School. By George Orton, the old cross-country king, is a member of the University of Pennsylvania faculty. Billy Kramer, former cross-country king, is manufacturing mugs in Brooklyn, and his old rival, Fred Bellars, is carpentering in New Jersey. Johnny Joyce is the owner of two saloons in New Rochelle.

James B. Connolly, the old broad

Melvor's Famous Vineyard.

Charley Melvor, the old 100 yard title holder and a winner of a Sheffield Handicap, is the owner of the Buena Vista vineyards in California. Tom and Tim O'Connor are in the New York Fire Department. Former Fire Commissioner Frank Lantry, a great runner in his day, is in the wholesale meat business. Ralph Craig is employed in Detroit. George Gilbert, the old miler, is in the commission business here, and Joe Mason, the hurdler, deals in silverware. The last we heard of poor "Pup" Welgand, the old hurdler, he was an inmate of the Kings County Insane Asylum. We believe he passed away recently, how-

ever, George Sands, the old middle distancer, is an inmate of a California sanitarium.

Charley Stage, the former 100 and 220 yard champion, and later an umpire in the National League, is a lawyer in Cleveland. Ray Evers, the greatest all around standing jumper in the history of sport, is a prominent engineer. The last we heard of Dan Kelly, the former speed miler, he was in business in Portland. One J. W. Tewksbury, the sprinter, is in business in New Jersey. Billy Hill is training and coaching at Sixty-six, Hoboken, the one which jumps, is in the wholesale coat business here. Freddie Herr, Cornell runner, has a hardware store in Brooklyn.

Wardon Scott, the former Cornell distance king, is in business in Europe. John Paul Jones, the wonderful 1500 meter runner, is working in Chicago. Spencer T. Walsh is a lawyer. "Shave Hollender, the old one yard king, is a well known Brooklyn painter and decorator, but at present is in command of a company in the 14th Regiment on the border with the colored soldiers, and Bob Lovell, the hurdler, also are officers in the 14th. Phil is in the construction business and is in the wholesale paint business.

Liddle, Bank Secretaries.

Joe Liddle, the first track captain of the old Williamsburg A. C., we believe still is secretary of the Jersey Savings Bank, and Billy Knox also is with the same bank, we believe. Sparrow Robertson, the distance champion of the early 80s, is at the same old stand at 1 Beekman street.

Henneman's Adventurous Life.

Jack Henneman, the old walker and skater, has his photo studio on Broadway street. Few of the old time athletes have led a more adventurous life than Henneman, who acted as a war correspondent and photographer in the Philippine and Boxer rebellions and also in the Japanese-Russian war. It was Henneman who filmed the moving picture of the Fathey hunt in South Africa, and Jack spends much of his time now lecturing in connection with the pictures.

Fred Saportas, the old sprint king, is kept busy racing his stable of thoroughbreds. Joe Donahue, the skater, is an official of the Metropolitan Railroad. Paul Pilgrim owns and manages a restaurant. Tom Cassidy has a confidential position with the Rock Island Railroad. Andy Walsh, the old distance star, still lives here and puts in his spare time coaching the athletes of Visitation Lyceum. Arthur Waldron is in the dry goods business.

Fogler Has a Garage.

One Hayden, the 13th Regiment cyclist, is a bicycle racer. Joe Fogler, who in his amateur days rode for the 13th Regiment and later on was a professional six day bike king, has a garage and a taxicab business in Brooklyn. Owen Irvine also is in business in Brooklyn.

Jack Bohan, the former New West Side A. C. sprinter, still lives here and only a week ago the grand old speed merchant, died in 1913. Billy Ferry, the star, died in 1913. Billy Ferry, the star, died in 1913. Billy Ferry, the star, died in 1913.

Longboat at the Front.

Billy Frank, the famous long distancer and marathoner, is a chauffeur in Longboat. Phil is working in a cigar store in Toronto. Billy Shortland, another famous Canadian narator, also is at the front. In peace he is in business in Hamilton, Ontario. Like Billy Frank, Pete Tholpe, the famous old ped, is a chauffeur. Tholpe, the marathoner, is employed in a wire mill in Worcester, Mass. Gustafson, the sprinter, is in the construction business, and Billy Beacher, the famous old 11th Regiment athlete, is a mounted cop and recently captured the Brooklyn team in the polo match at the police carnival at Sheepshead Bay. Bill Coulton, the first track American hammer thrower, still lives in Baltimore. Air Ing, another old hammer champion, is a piano adjuster. Pete Hagelman, the old ped, is a watchmaker in Brooklyn.

Sanford, Insurance Man.

Eoster Sanford, Yale quarter miler and gridiron star, is in the insurance business. Dick Sanford, the half miler, is in business in Brooklyn. Harry Selley, the former Yale star, is in business in the Verona B. C. in the class of Judge Tiche, is with the Pinkertons. Bob Hallam, the sprinter, is employed in the post office, as also is Emil Von Eilling, the old Monack Indian.

Davenport Has Ranch in N. M.

Ira Davenport, the famous middle distancer, has a big ranch in New Mexico and spends most of his time there. Fred Delaney, the old Xavier sprinter, is in the military business here. George Campbell, still is racing professionally, and acts as a chauffeur on the side. Harry Gill, one of the greatest all around men in the history of sport, is touring the track team at the University of Illinois. Gilbert, the former Yale and New York A. C. pole vaulter, manufactures mechanical novelties in New Haven.

Tom Tunney Police Captain.

Tom Tunney, the famous old sprinter, is a New York police captain and at present is head of the 60th Precinct. He is considered to be one of the cleverest detectives in America. Sidney Hatch, the Marathoner, still is in business in Chicago, and the last we heard of Al Corey, the Marathoner, was that he was in Chicago too, though recent reports credited him with being in the French army. Billy Baskman, runner, hurdler, jumper, boxer and wrestler, is in the Fire Department.

Jack Wright, the former national half mile and mile champion, is the head of a large pattern manufacturing concern. Bob Dixon, the old middle distancer, was working in his home town Worcester, Mass., the last we heard of him. Since then, he turned professional. Harry Smith has opened a sporting goods store in the Bronx and Abel Kiviat is working as a salesman for Dieges & Clust, jewellers. Lewis Scott, the distancer, is employed in a department store in New York.

Dr. Jake Harratt, the hurdling champion, is a New York dentist, and Dr. Dave Henning, the hammer thrower, still resides here. Dan Frank, the broad jumper, is in the dry goods business here. Billy, Jack and Jim McLaughlin still are working in little old New York.

TRACK ATHLETICS ARE NOT INJURIOUS

Properly Conducted, Competitive Sports Do More Good Than Harm.

SO SAY MEDICAL EXPERTS

A recent issue of the *Medical Times* contains a symposium on the question, "Are track athletics harmful to young men?" and the query is answered by physicians who have had an opportunity to study this problem from close quarters for many years. Those who discuss the matter and give their opinions are Dr. John W. Bowler, professor of physical education and hygiene and director of the gymnasium at Dartmouth College; Dr. George L. Meylan, professor of physical education at Columbia University; Dr. D. A. Sargent, president of the Sargent School for Physical Education; Dr. Albert W. Loomis, professor of physical education at Cornell University; Dr. C. Ward Crampton, director of physical training in the New York city schools, and secretary of the New York A. C.; Dr. W. G. Lambeth, director of physical education in the University of Virginia; and Dr. William G. Anderson, director of Yale University's gymnasium.

These authorities are practically unanimous in asserting that the question is to be answered in the negative if athletics are carried on with the proper precautions. Those who favor participation from similar causes and that comparison based on the statistics of insurance companies is favorable to the athlete. Dr. Anderson, however, says that although the average athlete is not short-lived, there is no adequate proof that he owes his longevity to athletics.

Sharpe Favors Athletics.

Dr. Sharpe, better known as "Al" Sharpe, the football coach who brought about such an improvement in the Cornell eleven last season, is emphatically outspoken in favor of track athletics. He not only says that they are not harmful, but he asserts they are decidedly beneficial. He gives several instances in favor of the favorable results in serious sicknesses of a strong heart action developed by members of the Cornell track team under the care of Dr. Sharpe. He also gives rational criticism of those who have advanced against collegiate athletics, according to Dr. Sharpe, is that the environment of a college athlete after he graduates from college generally afford him an opportunity to carry on his usual physical activities, and no other form is substituted.

Dr. Ward Crampton Says that Athletics Conducted in a Manner that Satisfies the Competitive Spirit of the Participants and under competent supervision is distinctly beneficial in serving the ends of physical education.

Dr. Crampton enumerates the safeguards that the P. S. A. L. uses in protecting the health of school athletes in elementary and high school athletics. He says that in the last ten years no competitor has suffered any ill effects from the athletic games held by the school organization. He says that in his own experience, there is no adequate proof that he owes his longevity to athletics.

There is Little Danger.

Dr. Lambeth of the University of Virginia says that there is little danger in modern athletics, conducted under proper supervision, as there is in going to church or digging potatoes. He says that the danger of feeble-minded boys often build up their constitution through athletics.

Individual excess is the main objection to track athletics, according to Dr. Sargent. This excess occurs in two ways from over exertion on the part of the athlete. It is to take part in track events, and from not being able to stand the strain incident to competition. When an intelligent administrative supervision is put in, the danger from competitive athletics is reduced to a minimum.

Dr. George L. Meylan of Columbia takes issue with those who condemn athletic training and competition on the ground that it produces cardiac hypertrophy.

He distinguishes between cardiac hypertrophy, which is the result of normal exertion, and pathological hypertrophy, which is present in certain cardiac diseases.

Heart Not Affected.

The latest authoritative published study on this question was that made by Harvard outmen in 1915, and it shows that those who had trained for rowing and competitive sports were from one to ten years were all in splendid condition, with not a single case of cardiac hypertrophy among them. Dr. Meylan says that there is no ground that athletic competition ever produces pathological or injurious hypertrophy.

With regard to the allegation that many athletes die from cardiac disease, athletic competition has produced permanent organic injury, Dr. Meylan says that he investigated a number of these cases, and failed to discover a single one where the attending physician believed that participation in athletics had been a factor in causing the patient's death.

Dr. John W. Bowler of Dartmouth holds that there are dangers to guard against in track athletics, especially among the middle-aged and older men.

He says that the greatest danger is that of cardiac hypertrophy, which is a condition of the heart which is caused by excessive exertion. He says that the danger is not so great as is generally supposed, and that the benefits of participation in athletics far outweigh the risks.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

The Cleveland papers recently described an attempt to discover a single ball game as "disappointing" last year when more than a thousand men turned out for the series around the management of most of the boys.

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