



SOURIS CURLERS

Pictured above are eight enthusiastic sportsmen from Souris who were the guests of the Montague Curling Club last week. Left to right - Wm. Acorn, Mack MacLean, Roy White, John Jarvis, Bill Pierce, Art Peters, John Mullally and Paul Gallant.

Glimpse Of Underworld Bared By Montreal Police

MONTREAL (CP)—A glimpse of far-ranging underworld operations was bared by Montreal police Thursday as they announced the first break in a \$1,800,000 bond theft, one of the city's largest. Recovery of \$72,000 worth of the negotiable bonds was made Tuesday night in a city apartment house raid which also netted more than \$500,000 worth of illegal heroin. Coincidentally, a Montreal man was detained in Quebec City for allegedly trying to cash another \$10,000 in bonds stolen last January during the systematic weekend looting of a bank. A warrant was issued here for the arrest of Jean Paul Emile Pelletier, who was to be returned here by detectives. Police also announced that a

city police sergeant and officials of the robbed firm had visited Zurich, Switzerland, where some of the stolen bonds have appeared. The mission was a success and the party was returning. They said they believe the Zurich bonds are part of \$40,000 worth traced to New York. Other attempts to turn bonds in had been reported at Los Angeles and Toronto and police were checking up in the latter city. The widely spread system of bond cashing conformed with the methodical burglary itself Jan. 23-26. A gang laden with an arsenal of tools and prepared down to its own alarm system apparently spent the weekend in the steel and concrete vaults of La Societe Nationale de Fiducie, a trust company, and its banking subsidiary, Caisse d'Economie. PARTICULAR WORKERS Spurred were piles of non-negotiable papers. A little cash was taken but the main items were bearer bonds, listed with the issuer by a number only and bearing no name. All were owned by the banking subsidiary and lists of the numbers were promptly circulated to all chartered banks and international financial houses. The heroin, about 7 1/2 pounds, was found with the stolen bonds in one of the apartment house basement storage cribs, police said. It was next to that of a theft suspect, who was detained briefly, then released. Police said they pulled the raid on a tip. RCMP moved in with the discovery of the heroin.

Chamber Of Commerce Week Is Being Celebrated

This week, Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce throughout the Atlantic Provinces will join with others through-out Canada in conducting special activities in observance of "Chamber of Commerce Week". Endorsed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Provincial Premiers, Mayors and Reeves of Municipalities this National "Week" is designed to focus attention on the Board and Chamber movement in general but, in particular, to create an awareness among citizens of the valuable work undertaken by local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce for the welfare of their communities and to arouse a more active interest in, and support of, Board and Chambers throughout the Atlantic Provinces during "Chamber of Commerce Week", which will enable them to tell their story to the public, include special meetings such as "Civic Nights", at which municipal councils will be honored; "Ladies' Nights"; "International Nights"; when Canadian groups will play hosts to U.S. Chambers located in Maine and the provision of guest speakers for Service Club meetings. Feature articles in newspapers, panel shows and talks on radio and television will also be utilized. A list of projects completed over the years by the community groups in the Atlantic Region would include many valuable contributions to the welfare and economy of the towns and cities in which they are located. Some have provided hospital and fire fighting equipment, skating and curling rinks, tennis courts, playgrounds and other recreational facilities. Annual fairs, regattas, art displays, stage shows, libraries, music festivals, scholarships and awards to students are further projects and activities that Board and Chambers sponsor to add to the cultural life of the community. Among the day to day activities to which attention is given in the interest of business and commerce are industrial and tourist development, retail merchant activities, parking and traffic problems, civic services and many others of a like nature. REGIONAL The Maritime Provinces Board of Trade and the Regional Federation of the more than 100 Boards and Chambers in the Atlantic Provinces, concerns itself with affairs that are Provincial or Regional in scope. Each year, approaches to the Provincial Governments are made to present the views and recommendations of the Boards and Chambers on matters affecting the welfare of the Atlantic Region. The establishment of an Atlantic House overseas was an M.P.B.T. recommendation. The M.P.B.T. initiated the action that brought about the establishment of the Maritime Transportation Commission which has saved many thousands of dollars for Atlantic Provinces shippers over the years and the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council was brought into being through the recommendation and energies of the M.P.B.T., also, Highway Safety Campaigns; Producer - Consumer Conferences, in the interests of increased production and markets for agricultural products by arranging for displays of promoting Atlantic-made products by arranging for displays of such items in communities throughout the Region are other ways in which the M.P.B.T. serves. Boards and Chambers in the Atlantic Region are represented nationally through their affiliation with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce which has a regional office in Moncton to service the individual organizations.



DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stead of this city, accompanied by Dr. Frank Burge, returned home last Friday after a very pleasant trip by auto to Boston and vicinity. While there, they paid a visit to Elliot Saunders and were most hospitably received. Elliot was delighted to see them, and they motored down to Rockingham Park, Rockingham, New Hampshire, where a new half-mile track was built last fall and now stabling to accommodate upwards of 250 horses. Many years ago, a harness racing program was put on at Rockingham by Al Wilson of Boston, who was a native of Cardigan, and it was successful. Since then, the runners have been in command, but promoters got interested and decided that a half-mile harness track, with night racing, could be a big success. The new track is known as an "all-weather track" and that feature got a good test last Friday night. Before going into that, we may remark that one of the best trotters at present there is "Sectionman" 3, 2.03 2-5, that Elliot Saunders bought at the Harrisburg Sale last fall and placed in the hands of Len O'Mearner, who handled Mr. Saunders' horses for the past year or more. Sectionman is a very large horse, takes tremendous strides, and this was thought to be a handicap for racing over a half-mile track. Last year, in the Hambletonian Stake, purse \$108,903, Sectionman was the second division and finished 2-2 to Hoop Song, time 2:02 1-5 and 2:02. So there is no question about his being a real horse over the once-around, and before the summer is over, we will know whether Len can pilot him successfully over the twice-around.

Now, getting back to the Rockingham plant, it is described as "magnificent". The grandstand cost \$750,000 and it can comfortably hold 15,000 people. Everything for comfort and convenience has been set up, and a very fine pari-mutuel system gives the spectators every opportunity to place their wagers. AT ROCKINGHAM PARK The opening meeting at Rockingham Park was last Friday night, and despite the snow, sleet and cold rain, 1,800 people who came from as far away as Boston and vicinity, watched the entire program. They came by cars from Bangor, Burlington and Rochester; by train from Boston, and they put \$83,116 through the mutuels!!! Jimmy Jordan won with Prudence's Boy, who nosed out the favorite, Candy Scott, driven by Stanley Dancer, in the feature event, the Inaugural Pace, purse \$4,000. The time was 2:13 4-5, which is the track record. But it will be erased very easily the next night when conditions are favorable. George A. Callbeck, Summerside, one of our best supporters of harness racing in the province, and who, as a rule, drives his own horses, is getting ready a splendid stable for campaigning this season. One of his closest friends is William MacDonald, Summerside, and both he and George were delighted a few mornings ago when the favorite race mare of the late 1940's and early 1950's Vella La Vella, 2:06 1-5, dropped a foal sired by Ableway, 2:09 3-5. Ableway is extremely well bred being by King's Council, 1:58, that has been the top sire of winners in recent years, and the dam of Ableway was the noted race mare and brood mare, Edna Brewer, 4:20. She is the dame of 15 in the list, five of them with records of 2:05 or better, including Valiant Way, 2:01 2-5. Edna Brewer's dam was Margaret Spangler, 2:02 1-4, dam of three in 2:00. We remember when the first \$50,000 purse for pacers was put up at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Margaret Spangler was the winner. The above item is only a small reference to the harness horse activities of our friend, George Callbeck. POPULAR DRIVER The Smith's of Hunter River have been among the most popular drivers on our own and other Maritime tracks, and we had the curiosity to look up and see how they were finishing in the races of last season. "Poppa Cyril" had 26 wins, 30 seconds, and 38 thirds. Elmer L. Smith had 26 wins, 28 seconds, and 15 thirds. Clarkie Smith had 24 wins, 26 seconds, and 35 thirds. So, we think you will agree with us that the Smith family got a fair share of the harness horse

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

American League Wash 001 000 000-1 5 0 Baltimore 021 120 000-6 12 0 Pascual, Clevenger (3) Wiesler (5) Hyde (8) and Berberet; Johnson, O'Dell (5) and Triandos; O'Dell, L-Pascual, HR: Bl-Triandos. Detroit 010 011 100-4 14 1 Chicago 003 000 000-3 7 1 Bunning and Hegan; Pierce, Moore (7) and Lollar, L-Pierce, HR: Det-Boone, Kuenn; Chi-Lollar. New York 000 000 300-3 5 0 Boston 000 000 000-0 4 1 Larsen and Berra; Nixon, Foyles (9) and Daley, White (9), L-Nixon, HR: NY-Berra. Kansas Cy 102 001 100-5 11 0 Cleveland 000 000 000-0 7 1 Garver and Chiti; Score, Riz-zit (4) McLish (6) Churn (8) and Nixon, L-Score. National League Phila 001 101 110-5 13 0 Cincinnati 000 004 000-4 8 0 Roberts, Farrell (6) Semproch (7) and Lopata; Lawrence, Wright (7) Kelly (8) and Bailey, W-Semproch, L-Wright. Pih 100 000 010 001-4 16 0 Mil 101 000 010 000-0 3 12 0 Friend, Gross (7) Face (8) Blackburn (11) Raydon (14) and Conley; Spahn, McMahon (1) Foxley (12) and Crandall, W-Blackburn, L-Conley, HR: Mil-Matthews 2. Los Angeles 000 000 000-0 6 1 San Fr 002 410 010-8 11 0 Drysdale, Bessent (4) Negray (7) and Walker, Roseboro (7); Gomez and Thomas, L-Drysdale, HR: SF-Spencer, Cepeda.

RIFLE SCORES

The following scores were made at the Charlottetown Miniature Rifle Shoot - April 10th. Next shoot April 17th at R.C.M.P. Barracks. Roy Coles 97 L. MacDonald 96 A. Mutch 96 G.G. McLennan 96 P.J. Landrigan 96 A.M. Johnston 94 T. Smith 94 W. Rogerson 92 P.T. Hooper 92 H.T. Vessey 92 E. Carter 88 A. Gillis 88 H. Jones 87 B. Bruce 83 W. Ives 83

TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS

At the April sale of the Hudson's Bay Company in New York early this month, 50,000 Great Lakes Mink Association and independently - shipped standard ranch mink pelts was almost 95 per cent sold, with prices very firm compared to February. The results were a welcome surprise to a market that had been predicting slight easing for the past several weeks. The official report states: "That the collection of darks was a very commercial one. Price levels were very firm compared to February, and there was a very good attendance. An offering of 17,000 demi-buffs drew widespread competition, and about 97 per cent were sold. The trend of the sales room showed that better males were drawing the most interest, particularly from Italian buyers." SURPRISE STRENGTH The above good report spreading around breathed new life into a market that had been somewhat down in the dumps. Most buyers had expected darks to hold fairly well, but few anticipated the strength manifested at the above sale. Another encouraging factor was that most of the merchandise offered was destined for coats, capes, jackets and stoles, and not for trimmings. Now for prices. According to several sources, better lots of males brought from \$35 to \$39. Medium types brought \$28 to \$31. Poorer goods - \$22 to \$25. Best females were \$17 to \$19; medium and poorer goods - \$12 to \$13. Some mink went from \$19 to \$21, but such merchandise was small-sized or damaged. Continuing our report of the H.B.C. sale in New York, we find that a collection of 35,571 raw EMBA mutation mink was 61 per cent sold. Prices were reported firm, where sold, compared to the firm's February EMBA offerings. An auction company spokesman said that high shippers' limits prevented a larger percentage from selling. SALES UP Despite the talk of a recession in the United States, it does not appear to have affected fur sales too much. Four federal reserve districts in the U.S.A reported large increases in the January department store fur sales, ranging from plus 21 per cent in Dallas, Texas to 40 per cent increase in Boston and Philadelphia, and 39 per cent in Cleveland. Small increases were reported in Atlanta and St. Louis, Cities that reported decreases were: New York - minus three; Richmond - minus seven; Chicago - minus eighteen; Kansas City - minus twenty-eight; and San Francisco - minus one. The Toronto Fur Workers' Union has threatened to strike May 1 unless a new contract is signed. The Union wants a 35-hour week, wage increases, and pension improvements. The last time they carried out a strike was in 1946, a nd then it was because they demanded vacations with pay. The business manager of the Union said they would do their utmost to make a peaceful settlement of the present negotiations. The Montreal Fur Workers' Union has promised its support to the Toronto organization; it has about 1,500 members. Collective agreements are up for renewal on April 30th at Montreal. SOUND OF OPTIMISM Ed Gold, the shrewdest observer of fur trends that we have known in our long connection with the ups and downs of the industry, states that trade observers no longer have the habit of wearing rose-colored glasses. The industry is beginning to perk up and "fly right" in meeting today's issues and facing tomorrow's challenges. Ed says the evidence is not all in, but the clues are there for everyone to see. He goes on with convincing evidence to prove that his optimism is established on sound thinking and facts. A representative of the Scandinavian Board of Fur Farm Organizations has charged that a "half truths and mis-information" were used as a part of a recent plea for "tariff relief" by United States mink farmers. The charges were made in a statement dated April 3 and submitted to the House Committee on Ways and Means by James R. Sharpe, attorney representing the Scandinavian board. Another new mutation mink made a successful debut at Hudson's Bay Company, New York City, on April 1, where the Mu-

Sam Pollock Is Happy

TORONTO (CP) - Coach Sam Pollock of Ottawa-Hull Canadiens was happy on two counts Tuesday as his team prepared for the third game of their eastern Canada junior hockey final series against Toronto Marlboros. First, the Baby Habs led Marlboros 2-0 in the best-of-seven series, having turned in impressive 6-0 and 6-3 victories. Second, the Ontario Hockey Association senior A group Monday night accepted Canadiens as a league member. This year Ottawa played only exhibition games against OHA senior and junior teams before entering the playoffs. The senior invitation is considered a coup by Pollock. The OHA junior group decided against having anything to do with what Marlboro coach Walter (Turk) Broda labels "a Quebec all-star team". Pollock did not definitely accept but said it was likely Ottawa would join the senior group. The Habs would be allowed six senior players to augment their lineup. Eight members of this year's team become ineligible next season, including Ralph Backstrom and Bill Carter. sea Athletic had already piled up 16 points. Balmy Beach was completely out-hooked and was not able to take the ball away from the Seaside backs. The visitors started the second half with more fire and when O'Brien made a brief return their attack gained steam. Yet the scoring still went to Swanes, whose faster backs were able to dodge through a rather slow defence.

Souris Bowling

After three weeks of play in the Souris mixed league the Dodgerettes held a slim 1/4 pt. lead over the Satellites. Kenny O'Hanley has moved into the top bowling slot for the men, while Bernadette Mahar is still holding first place for the women. P W L Dodgerettes 5 2 1/4 8/4 Satellites 5 2 1 9 Eastern Hicks 4 1 5/2 8/4 Ramblers No. 1 4 1 3/2 10/4 Sputniks 3 1 1 7/4 Old Timers 3 8 10 Ramblers No. 2 1 5 1/2 1/4 Amazing Six 4 4 4 19/4 Old Pros. 4 4 4 19/4 Tessie's Trios 3 3 1 5 Diefenbakers 0 0 0

Swansea Beats Balmy Beach

SWANSEA, Wales (Reuters)—Toronto Balmy Beach rugby union club lost 34-8 to Swansea Athletic Tuesday in its third and last match before leaving for Ireland. For almost half the match, the Canadians played without their second row forward, Frank O'Brien, who went off with a rib injury, but by the interval Swan-

Tigers Make Another Shift

DETROIT (AP)—Detroit Tigers dropped one player and added another Tuesday in reaching the American League's 28 - player limit for the opening in the baseball season. Tigers moved George Spencer, a 28 - year - old right - handed pitcher from their Charleston, W. Va., farm club roster to the parent club and shifted shortstop

Probable Pitchers

NEW YORK (AP) - Probable pitchers for Wednesday's major league's games (last year's won-loss records in brackets): American League Detroit at Chicago - Lary (11-16) vs Donova (N) (16-6) Kansas City at Cleveland - Terry (5-12) vs Narleski (11-5) New York at Boston - Sturdivant (16-6) vs Sisler (7-8) National League Los Angeles at San Francisco (N) - Podres (12-9) vs Monzant (3-2) (Only game scheduled).

Denounce Batista

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Five Cuban political exiles seized the Cuban Embassy Monday while embassy officials were absent. The five summoned reporters to a conference, denounced the "tyranny of the dictator Fulgenzio Batista" in their homeland and eulogized rebel leader Fidel Castro. They left quietly when the ambassador returned.

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Sex Education Responsibility Of Home, Is View

TORONTO (CP) - Sex education is the responsibility of the home, not the school, Education Minister Dunlop of Ontario said Tuesday. Mr. Dunlop said in an interview he intends to remove "frills of progressive education" from Ontario's classrooms and get back to the three Rs - reading, writing and arithmetic. "We are going to improve our educational system until the last shreds of this so-called progressive education are gone." In the interview, he said safe driving and drama courses are all right as long as they are taught outside school hours.

ESCAPE SNOWY GRAVE

AALESUND, Norway (AP)—Eighteen persons, buried by a snow avalanche while watching ski jumping competition near this western Norwegian town, were found alive Monday by 250 men who kept digging for more than seven hours. None was seriously injured.

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