Sport Echoes From Prince County

We've seen our first two games of baseball for 1951. The first was a game between the navy boys from Shearwater and the local R. C. A. F. and the second between Harman Field and the Summerside airmen. We went to see the games to size up this year's edition of the local airforce players. They have entered the Summerside Town League and we were anxious to see whether the flyers were better or worse than last year. We've seen them and we'll have to reserve judgment. They appear to be stronger at the plate, but weaker on the pitching mound.

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All their new boys seem able to bash the apple. Hogan at short is definitely a threat with the bludgeon and he plays a steady game in short field. Green, a new outfielder, (We saw him play basketball last winter), got a solid smash on the first day, and free tickets to first every other trip. He was less effective against Harmon Field. Hunter, a Charlottetonian who has been playing baseball a good many summers, also showed power on the attack.

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"Moose" Carson, a charter member of R. C. A. F. basketball and baseball teams, is still one of the main cogs in the machine. If anything, Carson looks better than he has since the year he broke into baseball in Summerside. The same reliable fielder as always, "Moose" is hitting the pill hard and often. Reminds us of the first year when he won the batting championship of the Summerside Town League. They tell us that old soldiers never die, but it looks as if old airmen don't even fade away.

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In the game against Shearwater the R.C. A. F. used Morgan, a Field flinger for four or five innings. In the game against Harmon Jack Murphy, who pitched for the airforce last year and is down on leave, was pressed into service. This seems to indicate that the local station hasn't a wealth of pitching material to draw upon this summer. McCulloch and Button were the only two regulars who pitched. Both pitched very well, but it is doubtful if either can go the distance effectively. Of course, the big first baseman. Barlow, can be relied upon for mound duty.

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The Shearwater boys tied the R. C. A. F. 7 - 7, but chuckle-headed coaching at third base prevented the tars from scoring the winning run in the last inning. A Shearwater runner was on third when a fly went out to Carson in moderately deep left field. Instead of hugging the sack until the catch was made, the runner led off and had to go back after the catch. The play at the plate would have been very close even if Carson's peg was dead centre. If his throw was a bit of target, the runner would have scored easily. As it happened "Moose" didn't have to throw to the plate at all.

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Harmon Field beat the R. C. A. F. 5 - 3 in a very well-played game. Stan Richard, who caught this game, was pegging to second more accurately than he had pegged from second to the plate in the game with the navy boys. The very wild heaves of Stan's allowed two Shearwater runners to score. He caught a Harmon Field boy stealing on a smart peg to the keystone sack in the second game.

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The Kensington girl's softball team served notice that it will have to be considered before the Prince County champions are declared. They beat Lippy Gaudet's Curran and Briggs gals 26 - 22 in Kensington Saturday. We think it's about time the Summerside Royals were beginning to show signs of life. How about that, Marion?

Big League Ball Attendance Down 8 Per Cent

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, June 4—(AP)—Big-league baseball attendance is about eight per cent behind last year on a per game basis, although the total draw is 97,585 ahead of the 1950 figures.

The difference comes from the games played, 297 this year through Sunday as compared to 269 last year. Consequently, the American and National Leagues have drawn 4,315,634 to 4,218,049 in 1950.

Despite the larger ball parks in the American, the National League is showing the way with 2,297,367, well distributed among all eight teams. Figuring an average home attendance, the National for 1951 is 14,822 to 15,338 last year—a decrease of three per cent.

Philadelphia and St. Louis are the weak sisters of the American, both running behind last year's sorry figures. As a result, the American has drawn 2,018,267 paid or 14,213 per home date. The 1950 average at this time was 16,100—a drop of 12 per cent.

The figures show considerable improvement since an early sampling. Sunday's tremendous turnout of 75,163 at Cleveland to watch the Indians take two from the New York Yankees set a season high.

No matter what way you twist the numbers, the Browns and A's still have a sorry showing. In sharp contrast to the Cleveland crowd, the Browns have drawn only 70,381 for 18 dates. As four of those dates were doubleheaders at Sportsman's Park that actually accounts for 22 of their 77 home games. Their 1950 low of 247,131 is in danger.

The A's aren't much better with 87,089 for 13 dates—away off their last year's total.

Cleveland and Chicago have bettered their 1950 records in the American and Brooklyn, Cincinnati, New York and Philadelphia are doing better in the National. Pittsburgh, though behind last year, probably will be ahead when they have evened up in games.

Sport Briefs

NEW YORK, June 5—(AP)—Infielder Artie Wilson, optioned to Ottawa of the International League a week ago, has been transferred to Minneapolis of the American Association, New York Giants announced today. Both club are farms of the Giants.

Yankees Fade As Batters

CHICAGO, June 4—(AP)—New York Yankees, owners of a fearful reputation with the bat, have faded out of the American League's list of hitting leaders.

Larry Doby of Cleveland put together a .317 average through games of Sunday and took over 10th place among the batting leaders from Gerry Coleman, who held down that position a week ago. It was the first time since April 29 that the Yankees were not represented.

Ferris Fain of Philadelphia continued in the No. 1 spot with a .366 but was being pressed by Nelly Fox of the league-leading Chicago White Sox. Fox had .362 and was followed in third place by a teammate Orestes Minoso with .359.

Others in the select circle were Vern Stephens, Boston, .357; Eddie Robinson, Chicago, .345; Dom DiMaggio, Boston .344; Jim Busby, Chicago, .333; and Ray Coleman of St. Louis and Gil Coan of Washington, tied for ninth place with .331.

In the special departments, Minoso and Boston's Ted Williams each occupied two firsts. Minoso had the most runs, 39, and the most triples, 7. Williams had the most homers, 11, and the most runs batted in, 42.

Dom DiMaggio had the most hits, 63; Fain the most doubles, 15, and Busby the most stolen bases, 10.

Ed Lopat of the Yankees stayed in the pitching leadership, his eight victories and no defeats unchanged from a week ago. Maurice McDermott of Boston led in strikeouts with 50.

Proximity Is Retired From Active Racing

GOSHEN, N.Y., June 4 — (AP) — Proximity, the great queen of the trotters, was retired today one year after becoming the greatest money-winning harness horse in history.

Ralph Verhurst of Victory, N. Y., who with his son, Gordon, own the nine-year-old mare, announced the retirement at Historic Track where they hoped Proximity would return to the races during the Grand Circuit meeting starting July 2.

Proximity, holder of nine world and 10 track records, went lame late last year, and hasn't trained as well as the Verhursts hoped.

"I want everyone to remember her as a great champion," said the elder Verhurst in making the announcement. "She has a long rest coming, and we don't want to disgrace her."

The world's money - winning mark for a harness horse stood for 73 years, until after the retirement of Goldsmith Maid in 1877 with $206,462.

Proximity was voted the "Harness Horse of the Year" in 1950 in a poll conducted by the Trotting Horse Club of America.

Proximity earned $87,175 last year, a record for any harness horse in 1950, and boosted her total to $252,929 as she raced to four world's records.

Her 1950 world marks were 2:06 4/5 for a mile and one sixteenth, 2:14 3/5 for a mile and an eighth, and 2:31 2/5 for a mile and one quarter, all on a one-mile track, and 2:01 1/5 for the mile on a half-mile track.

Will Attend Adult Education Conference

HALIFAX, June 2 —(CP)— All fields of adult education work will be reviewed at the first Maritime-Newfoundland conference on adult education at Amherst, N. S, June 11-13, chairman Guy Henson of the planning committee said today.

More than 70 delegates are expected to attend the conference, sponsored by the Canadian Association for adult education.

Representatives of government departments, home and school groups, farm, labor, film, radio and other branches will attend.

One purpose of the conference is to enable education workers in the four provinces to exchange ideas and study each other's programs.

On the opening day eight branches of work—from folk schools to music—will be studied. Dr. F. E. MacDiarmid, deputy education minister of New Brunswick, will preside at the evening sessions. Agriculture Minister A. W. Mackenzie of Nova Scotia and Dr E. A. Corbett, recently retired director of the Canadian Association for adult education, will be guest speakers.

H. B. Chandler, director of

Former Baseball Player Dies At 68

MOBERLY, Mo., June 5—(AP) — Brook Gordon, who wrote a courageous chapter in Texas League baseball history, died Wednesday at Callao, Mo.

Despite loss of part of his right foot in a railroad accident in his youth, Gordon played with and managed Texas League clubs at Galveston, Austin, Houston and Waco.

Gordon, who was 68, died of cancer.

During a career that saw him recognized as one of the top catchers in the circuit, Gordon played on four pennant winners, catching a total of 602 games.

HOME-MADE GLIDER

ROSETOWN, Sask.—(CP) — Ralph Wiseman has completed and successfully tested a glider which he built in six years at a cost of $800.

COLORFUL EQUIPMENT

Epaulets, the fringed shoulder decoration formerly worn by high naval and military officers, stemmed from medieval suits of armor.

TORONTO, June 4-(CP)-Richard Merrick, 19-year-old commercial artist, now owns a $16,000 limousine that once belonged to Ned Sparks, Canadian-born movie comedian, who left it here in 1940. Merrick paid $685 at a public auction Saturday for the maroon and chrome job which sports a woman's vanity set in the back seat, plus a microphone to speak to the chauffeur.

Libraries and adult education for Prince Edward Island, will preside over Tuesday sessions, devoted mainly to study groups on work methods.

Alex Laidlaw, assistant director of the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N. S., will be chairman Wednesday when three more group study sessions will be held.

Msgr. M. M. Coady of St. F. X. will give the closing address. Mr. Henson said delegates still are registering for the conference, expected to be repeated at intervals in the future.

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SPRINGFIELD W. I.

The May meeting of Springfield W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Ernest Haslam with an attendance of sixteen members and one visitor.

Meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode and repeating the Creed in unison. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Bills amounting to $7.49 were ordered paid. School committee reported the globe had been repaired and placed in school.

One pair socks was passed in to Red Cross committee. Treasurer reported $45.73 proceeds from concert held in hall. A hearty vote of thanks was extended all who had helped in any way to make the concert a success.

New committee :Lunch — Mrs. George Hickox, Mrs. Curley and Mrs. William Haslam. Programme—Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. John Hickox. Mrs. Norris Sinclair invited members to her home for June meeting. Roll call to be, Sing, Say, or Pay.

Correspondence was then read and collectors appointed for the Salvation Army Red Shield Drive Programme consisted of two interesting contests put on by Mrs Keith Maynard and Miss Marion Ramsay. Prizes won by Mrs. Robert Howard and Mrs. C. Sinclair and Mrs. Ernest Haslam and Mrs Reginald Haslam. Meeting closed with National Anthem. Lunch was then served by hostess and committee in charge.

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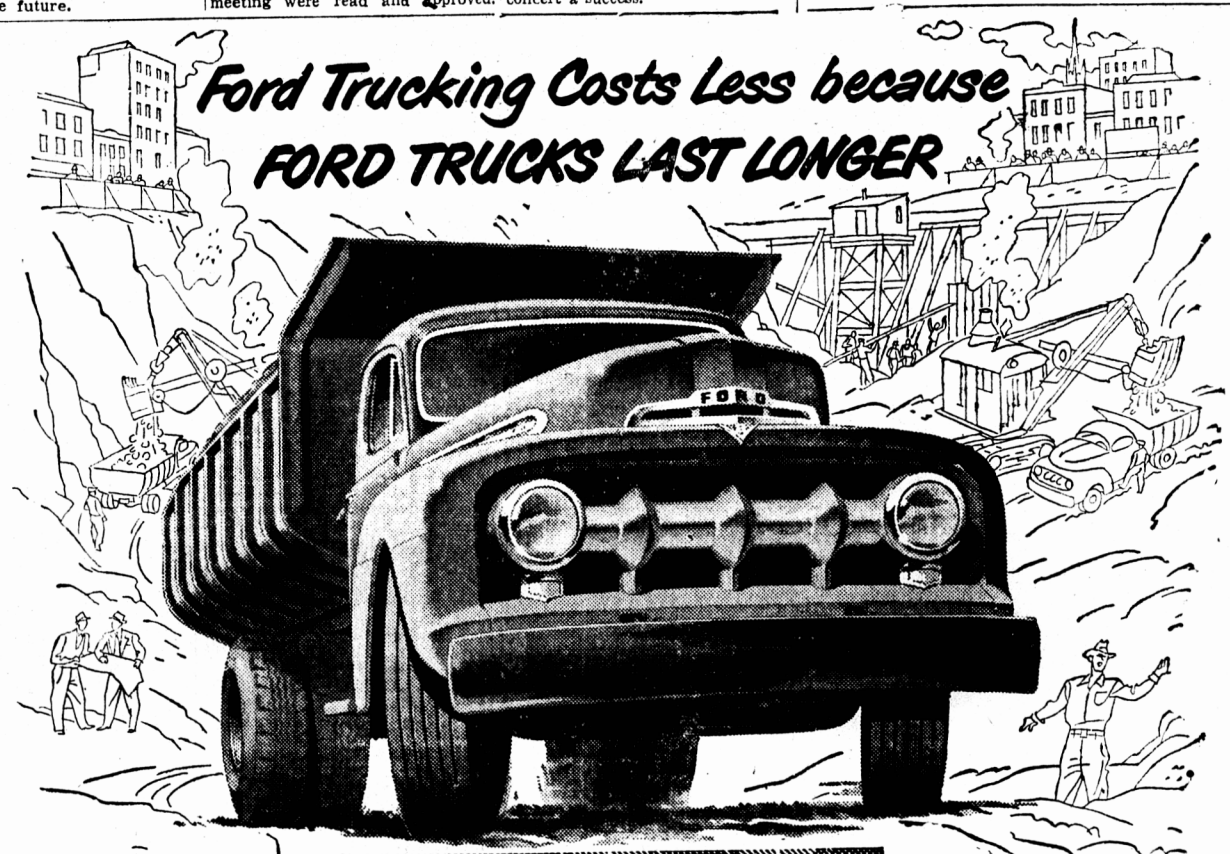

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