

Sport Echoes
From
Prince County

fly ball that looked good for a couple of bases, the always grim battle of wits between the pitcher and the boy with the bludgeon standing at home plate: are all these things going down the drain in this little Canadian, twentieth-century town called Summerside? Well, thanks for the memories anyway.

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We won all the Island championships last year, but this did not prevent the catastrophe. Money talks, and all it could manage at the baseball box office last summer was a hoarse whisper. One reason for the lack of interest was the unfortunate dif-

ferences in ability of the teams competing in our house league. The Airforce, which had fielded some fine ball teams since coming to Summerside, put together one of the weakest outfits seen in these parts for last summer's league. Some of their established stars stood aloof from the team which didn't help matters. Our Juniors seemed as much better than our Intermediates as the Intermediates were superior to the Airforce. Scores of 15-1, 18-2, etc., resulted, and even dyed-in-the-wool fans can't stomach that kind of competition for long.

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We can't quite buy the argument that when the Little Leaguers, Bantams and Midgets get

old enough to play Junior ball, the crowds will throw away their h balls, stop cruising around in their cars and come rushing back to the ball field. It wasn't a lack of talent we needed so much as a lack of fans willing to pay the shot to keep the baseball picture in a clear financial focus. The crowds at our softball games has proved that the fans, like the Scotchman and his high ball, will take any given quantity of sports entertainment. It's when you peek out at them through the box office window that they lose all interest. Some of the members of our ambitious youth program are already too old for

Midget competition. What are they supposed to do now? They are all coached up and no place to play.

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This is not to say that the program hasn't been, and is not continuing to be well worthwhile, if for nothing else than the fact that we have a fine leader for the youngsters, and they cannot but benefit from his instruction and example. But it is unfortunate that the baseball goal for which they strive is being removed as far as Summerside is concerned. We're a little afraid that absence of baseball in this vicinity won't make the hearts grow

fonder, or the purses more willing to open up at the gate.

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Don't forget the bike race put on by Victory Cleaners from Kensington to Summerside on May 23. Gord and Russ Kelly have decided to make the course exactly ten miles this year so that the record established with count for more.

FAMOUS NAMESAKE
ST. CATHARINES, Ont. (CP)—St. Catharines' newest elementary school will be named in honor of Sir Winston Churchill, if Sir Winston agrees. A letter requesting permission has been forwarded to the former British prime minister.

Shortage Of Engineers

HALIFAX (CP)—The president of the Maritimes' premier engineering school said Thursday there is a shortage of engineers in Canada that will not be overcome "for a long time."

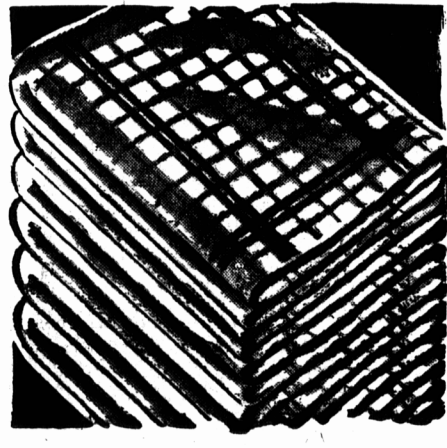
Dr. A. E. Cameron said in his presidential address at the 46th convocation of Nova Scotia Technical College that Canadian engineering schools are getting many students who drop out after the

first year because they find they are not equipped for the profession.

"The casualty lists of the first year engineering courses seem to be increasing percentage-wise year by year but I refuse to accept the inference that this is due to a falling-off in inherent ability," Dr. Cameron said. "The high dropout at the end of the first year can only indicate insufficient preparation."

He said there was a need for more emphasis on mathematics and science at the pre-university level.

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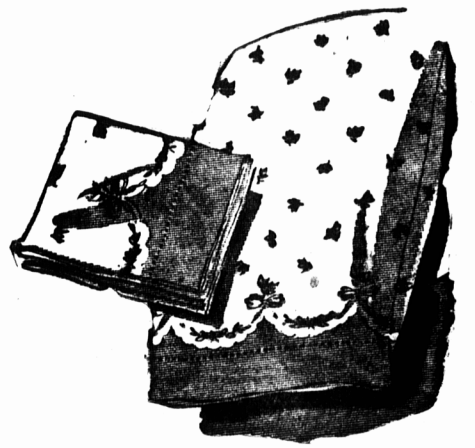
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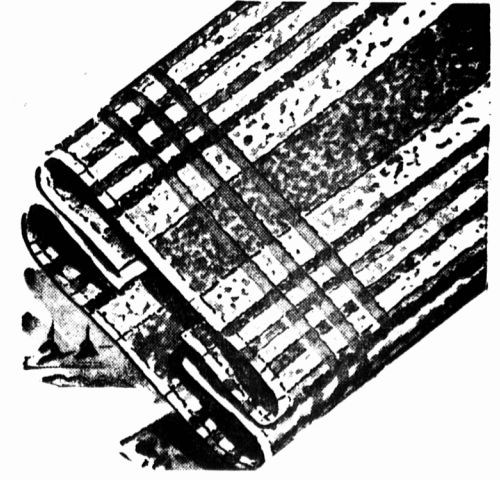
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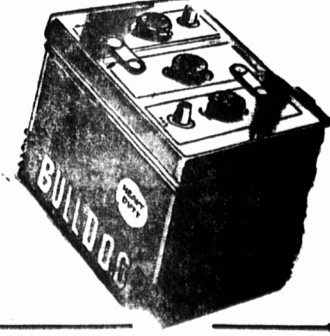
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