

LEAFS MAKE CHANGE

Frank (King) Clancy (left) has had been coach of the National Hockey League team. Mentioned as a possible successor is Howie Meeker (right) former Leaf player and now coach of Pittsburgh Hornets of the American Hockey League. (CP Photo).

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HUNTERS CORNER

I've put my fur cap in my hands so I guess spring is here. April's mellow mood has been re-learned in her children. The cav of the crow has a softer, more spring-like tone and the tempo of spring migration of the wildgeese has accordingly. Up until this week the flight of geese was considerably below par for this date. By mid-month the concentration of geese and black ducks is expected to reach its peak.

The ice on our rivers and mill dams is breaking up fast and making available greater food resources for migrating waterfowl. On Tuesday of this week I counted over 200 geese either swimming or sitting on ice edge on an open tidal estuary. The bulk of the birds were sleeping on the ice. The others were either feeding or settling marital squabbles. They were about 200 yards distant but viewed through field glasses one could almost reach out and touch them.

or so imagined. I spent a full half-hour watching them and during this period I gander, one of the biggest geese I ever saw, standing on one leg and with his head turned sideways never for a moment took his eyes off me. He never moved a muscle, but stood and watched. It was a beautiful afternoon with a sun brightening a panorama of sparkling blue water and snow covered ice. Once a flock of twenty new arrivals dropped in. The welcoming clamour rose to a crescendo as they lowered from the sky with wings up and big black bills extended and braced for the landing. It was a different setting from a few weeks ago when I watched a few gander on a marsh hummock at Orwell standing guard over his charges while, at times, a lone hen would bid his body and swirled like fog vapour around his sentinel neck.

CROW SHOOTING
With regard to the current move of certain sporting circles to have a Crow Shooting Contest commence on April 15th I have been authorized to announce by the Department concerned that no bounty will be paid on crows feet except during the months of June, July and August. This does not deprive anyone of the privilege of shooting crows before June 1st, but anyone doing this will be strictly on their own. Without Departmental sanction this could be a risky pastime if indulged in near the feeding grounds of wildgeese or ducks. For that matter where can one go in this province between mid-April and mid-May without stumbling upon geese, ducks or brant.

In any event June is the top month for crow shooting as the young are hatched and the distress signal of a fledgling crow sounded on a crow call being the parting shot of a bird to his parents. It seems passing strange to this columnist why someone does not organize a crow shoot in October. It's the month for stalking crows. They know that the heat is off and hunters are interested in other quarry. One sees them at every turn of the road sitting on fence posts and trees, half asleep, with the October sun reflecting their ebony plumage. If some enthusiast does take a pot shot at a crow this admission: "Lay off the crows, you'll scare the ducks".

A RESOLUTION
The resolution recommending a short spring season on geese passed recently by the Prince County Branch at Summerside reacted like a bomb shell among sportsmen. I made it my business to look into the why and the whereof of this recommendation. I learned that it was sparked by a confirmed spring shooter and sprung on a meeting with less than 30 in attendance. The speaker had his cohorts lined up... unlike Robinson Crusoe he had more than Friday's then one, and the vote was 17 for and 7 against the resolution with several abstaining.

I talked to the president of the Prince County Branch who is chairman of the meeting in question. He was definitely opposed to such a move but there wasn't anything he could do about it under the circumstances. At the moment there are, according to reliable information, approximately one thousand members in the Prince County Branch Fish and Game Association. I feel safe in saying that fully 85 per cent of those members are fully in accord with their president in regard to his views in regard to spring shooting. It is only fair that the general public should be made acquainted with the true

facts in this instance. Within the past year the Branch Fish and Game Associations in the province... Queens, Prince and Kings... have been bolstered by approximately two thousand new members. Human nature being what it is it is only reasonable to suppose there will be a number joining with a ulterior motive, as witnessed at Summerside recently. With a membership of that magnitude a ruling should be implemented to render it impossible for 17 members to pull such a stunt as was put over recently.

Before such a resolution, or any resolution, is forwarded to the Department of Industry and Natural Resources for approval it has to be okayed by the Provincial Executive. This executive is composed of keen sportsmen and the resolution re: spring shooting season was not even discussed... just relegated to the waste paper basket—the place for it. After the Provincial Executive forwards a resolution to the Department concerned it in turn is closely scrutinized by members of this Department. If any hunter has illusions that his dollar will buy him a slice of spring goose shooting don't bother joining the Fish and Game Association... it just won't happen.

BACK STRETCH

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training on the sametrack with Bay State Pat and most of them have been shipped to Roosevelt. There are a lot of new horses in Quebec for the racing and it looks like it should occur at this year's racing. Last year Richelieu raced 136 heats better than 2.10 and as many more were raced at Blue Bonnets. I expect there will be many more fast milers this year as there were a number of good 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds that should give a good account of themselves this season. I expect to move my stable of 12 horses to Blue Bonnets the 10th of May. Wish you would send me the Back Stretch to that Raceway. Wish you would a bigger and better season than ever racing."

RETIRED
We notice by the Moncton Transcript that our horseman friend N. A. Renton of 225 Lutz Street, has been retired after 45 years' service with the Canadian National Railways. People who were on his run will remember the kindness and courtesy of Conductor Renton and many will regret to see him leave the railway but will realize that he deserves a nice long holiday after so many years of faithful service. He became a conductor in 1918 and served on passenger trains carrying such notables as Queen Elizabeth, then Princess Elizabeth, in 1951, the Dutchess of Kent, and on the royal train, Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers. There has been tremendous rivalry between these two young men for years with Billy Haughton winning the 1955 Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers. There has been tremendous rivalry between these two young men for years with Billy Haughton winning the 1955 Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers. There has been tremendous rivalry between these two young men for years with Billy Haughton winning the 1955 Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers.

RIVALRY
The harness racing season opened Monday night at Roosevelt Raceway and moved up from Ontario, Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers. There has been tremendous rivalry between these two young men for years with Billy Haughton winning the 1955 Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers. There has been tremendous rivalry between these two young men for years with Billy Haughton winning the 1955 Florida, about ten days previously, those of Billy Haughton and Stanley Dancer, two of the nation's leading drivers.

GRAND OLD MAN
Glancing over the paper we saw two full pages devoted to the Grand Old Man and the following: "Grand Thursday morning, Sept. 4, the entire American public was stricken with horror to read the news featured every day in practically every newspaper in the United States and Canada—that Edward F. Geers had the previous afternoon been thrown from the sulky while driving a race at Wheeling, West Virginia. He was picked up unconscious and died three hours later without ever regaining his senses. The particulars of the awful occurrence are... Wednesday, Sept. 4, was to have been Geers' Day at the West Virginia State Fair. The officials had made elaborate preparations for it, the grand feature of course was to be the appearance of the "Grand Old Man" behind the world's champion trotter, Peter Manning, in an attempt to lower the record for a half mile track—2:02 1/2—which he had established just two weeks before at South Bend, Indiana.

"A crowd estimated at over 20,000 people had assembled to witness the performance of Mr. Geers and had tendered him an ovation when he appeared on the track. In the first heat of 2:14 event Mr. Geers, driving Milady Guy, that he had raced and given a mark of 2:07 3/4 previously and had won at South Bend with, had finished third. In the second heat Milady Guy was trotting immediately behind the two leaders which were almost head and head. As they entered the lower turn the mare was seen to break, stumble and then go down in a tangled fall. Mr. Geers was catapulted out of the sulky through the air and struck the track about 15 feet in front of her and never regained consciousness."

There is also a very splendid poetic tribute entitled "The Passing of the Grand Old Man." There have been many fatal accidents on the turf but never one that caused so much sorrow or brought out so many tributes of affection as the above happening to one of the foremost characters harness racing ever produced.

"ROACH" MACGREGOR
In Edwin Keller's column a pearls the following which gives a very nice tribute to our popular reinsman, James "Roach" MacGregor. "Pres. Paul Bowser and general manager Walter Gibbons of Bay State Raceway will head a big delegation of New England harness officials and fans who will be on hand tomorrow night to welcome the return of another racing season at Roosevelt Raceway. MacGregor, a former Foxboro-trained candidate, Bay State Pat 2:02 3/8, which goes to the post in the opening night's feature, the \$7,500 free-for-all pace. Pat is the 7-year-old gelding which got his start as a trotter in the stable of the Foxboro owner-driver, Chris O'Donnell. Not making the grade with the trotting requirements necessary for a horse to go to the starting post at Bay State Raceway, Pat was sold for almost a song, going up to Prince Edward Island, into the stable of A. Drew Perry of Summerside.

"He was placed in charge of the 26-year-old reinsman, Jimmy MacGregor, who soon saw that the gelding was no shakes as a trotter, and he promptly fitted him out with a pair of hoppers. He took to his new gear like a duck to water, and soon was showing himself to be the makings of a real pacer. In his first start Pat finished 7-8. But he came right back in his very next start to win both heats of the free-for-all before the home folks with a pair of miles in 2:09. He was then on a victory march that saw him racking up 21 triumphs and a half-mile track record of 2:02 3/8. Phil Dussault in years past one of the most popular Canadian teamsters that has raced at Foxboro, will drive Bay State Pat tomorrow night. In the six-hour race the opening race is 2:00, Colonel Gallon 2:01 3/8, Dottie's Pick 1:59 and Queen's Adios 1:58 4/8, so it promises to be quite a horse race."

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Sports Forum

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Sir:—Are 2,000 citizens planning to attend the Minor Hockey Play-offs tonight? The rink should be filled to the rafters, not only for the purpose of encouraging school-boy hockey, but as an expression of tangible appreciation of the effort which has made this winter's program possible. Brigadier Reid and a couple of loyal assistants have quietly and without fan-fare provided more than 1,000 boys with a hockey program, not surpassed, I'm sure in any city in the country. The rink management, too, has gone all out to make this effort possible.

Parents and friends of youth in Charlottetown and suburbs are greatly in debt for the services so effectively rendered. Tonight is the opportunity to show our appreciation. Give the eight teams the thrill of strutting their stuff before a packed house.
And it is not too early to form a Citizen's Committee to ensure that the rink, next year, will be represented in the national Pee-Wee Tournament, presently being staged at Goodrich, Ontario. If Newfoundland can do it, surely we can. Here is one who will volunteer his services.
Yours faithfully,
KENNETH PARKER

Final Game Of N. River League Stated Tonight

The final game in the closely-contested series between Nine Mile Creek Bulldogs and Milton Hornets for the North River League title and the S.R. Johnston trophy will be played tonight at North River rink.
The series thus far has been a thriller. All four games have been decided only after bitter struggles and there is no reason to believe that tonight's contest will be any different.
Following the game the various trophies will be presented to the teams and players who have won them and the following players who represent the three highest scorers on each of the league's 5 teams, are asked to be on hand to receive their spoons: R. Frizzell, S. Campbell, G. MacSwain, F. Taylor, C. MacDougall, D. MacEachern, H. Hughes, Willis Mills, Les MacPhail, D. Murray, B. Johnston, G. Watts, H. Pineau, L. Dolron, I. Vessey.

Ex. Farm Wins "Y" Bowling Title
The Experimental Farm won the Y.M.C.A. 5-pin league at the "Y" on Thursday by defeating Milton 4-1. The Experimental Farm, team went in to the three-game match needing 375 points to take the title and after dropping the first game to Milton came back to win the last two games, taking high pin-fall, the high single and high three. Ralph MacDonald of the Experimental Farm rolled a 3-8 game for high single and his three game score of 821 was tops in three game totals.

Baseball Results
By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Jockey Johnny Adams rode six consecutive winners at Bay Meadows track in California 18 years ago today. He rode in seven races that day, finishing third in the first event and then sweeping the board. His winners paid a total of \$82.20 on \$2 tickets. Adams was leading jockey on the American turf in 1937, 1942 and 1943.

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SOUTH SHORE LEAGUE RUNNER-UP

The Albany St. Pats (above) lost their South Shore League Championship at Bedeque rink on Wednesday when they dropped a 5-3 decision to the Freetown Royals.

Front row (l-r): Doug MacLeod, Fred DesRoches, David MacLeod, Eric Taylor, Allison Walsh, Delbert Dawson, Charlie Thompson. Standing (l-r): Bert Thompson, Marshall reed, Leonard Noonan, Lloyd Waddell, Phillip Noonan, Gordon Cutcliffe, Ronnie Cameron, Don Cameron, Wallace Muttart, Pat Noonan. Photo by Wotton.

Rifle Scores

Following are the scores for April 4, at the York Rifle Club:

Class 1:
H.L. Vesey 100
George Andrews 99
Harold Taylor 98
Jack Andrews 97
Raymond Vesey 96
W.L. Crockett 95
Ultry Birt 94

Class 2:
Dewar Swan 94
Edison Watts 93
Fred Proud 92
Myron Ling 91
Cecil Watts 90
Peter Proud 89
Irene Hardy 88
Lloyd Vesey 87
Arthur Brown 86
A.J. Clunie 85
Stuart Vesey 84
Leigh Vesey 83
Carol Hardy 82
Betty Andrews 81
Christine "roud 80
Joyce Ling 79
Leonard Ford 78
Robert Cooper 77
Everett Wylie 76
Hazel Vesey 75

Class 3:
Lloyd Vesey 89
Arthur Brown 88
A.J. Clunie 87
Stuart Vesey 86
Leigh Vesey 85
Carol Hardy 84
Betty Andrews 83
Christine "roud 82
Joyce Ling 81
Leonard Ford 80
Robert Cooper 79
Everett Wylie 78
Hazel Vesey 77

Class 4:
Frank Vesey 89
Alan Brown 88
Marion Vesey 87
Elizabeth Watts 86
Willard Murray 85
Aden Clow 84
Marjorie Lewis 83
Bonnie Bell 82
Donald Crockett 81
Roddie Munn 80
Laken Lewis 79
Alex Robertson 78
Earl Taylor 77
Erma Watts 76
John Munn 75

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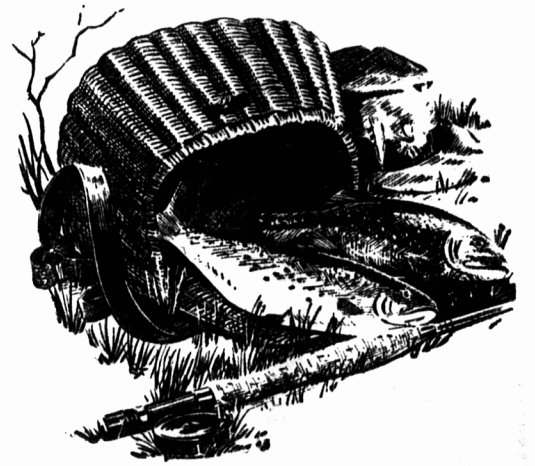
The RCAC Travelling Team from Camp Borden, Ont., will give a series of lectures and demonstration in RCAC subjects on Sunday, 8 April '56.

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