Ty-[illegible], winner of the $1,000 master all-age bird dog event at the international match at Fort Erie is seen with handler Howard Kirk, Macon, Miss. Dog is owned by H. E. McGonigal, Kokomo, Ind.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Right now, in honor of Princess Elizabeth's forthcoming marriage, people of various Canadian communities are preparing to send over donations of food to the undernourished people of Britain. Then, in just a few months, we propose to ship a whole bunch of hungry athletes and their hangers-on over there, to take part in a set of games which the British—and the rest of the world, for that matter — are about as much in need of as they need a third World War. If that doesn't figure out as a screwball proposition, any way you look at it, at least it should serve till the real thing comes along

Of course it will be argued that the Canadian Olympic athletes will take their own food along with them. To that we reply, O.K.—send that food to be eaten by folks who really need it, and let our athletes stay at home.

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It is our personal opinion that the British authorities have made a great mistake in not calling the whole thing off before this, as it puts them in a false position—especially in the United States—to be stressing their need for Western World assistance and, at the same time, preparing to stage such an unnecessary and foolish affair as the Olympics. But if British pride won't allow them to cancel the show, at least let us stay out of it. Right after a family has come through a combination fire and earthquake isn't the time to go paying them social visits, even if they are close relatives.

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The political orator was working up towards his peroration and, like most of his tribe, using plenty of oldies as though they were new-minted thoughts of his own..."After all, my friends," he said, "nothing in this world is absolutely certain, except death and taxes." He paused to wipe his fevered brow. "Oh, no?" came the voice of a heckler from the rear. "What about hearty applause from a radio studio audience?"

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Gate receipts $6,972; expenses $7,455; net loss $743—that's the result of a football game in Ottawa, played for sweet charity's sake—for the benefit of the crippled children. And it was between two amateur teams, of course for we all know that we haven't any such thing as professional football in Canada.

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That's the way the whole sweet-scented affair stands at this writing; and it should be a warning to all charitable organizations, too many of whom allow their names to be tacked onto promotions put through by gents who believe that Charity not only begins at home, but also ends there. One of the teams involved got something between $4,500 and $5,000 out of it; which, even in these days of high prices, would buy quite a lot of train fares, bandages and liniment All we hope is that the crippled kids won't be asked to kick in to make up the deficit.

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No matter how they try to smooth it over or explain it away, we think that the Ottawa Trojans and Montreal Alouettes have been guilty of a very grave mistake. It isn't so long ago that there was serious talk of taxing football on a professional basis, but the promoters of that sport managed to wiggle through without getting nicked. But now with this happening—and happening right in the taxing authorities own back yard —well, when the inevitable takes place, they can console themselves with the thought that they certainly asked for it!

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To many of those whose entire waking hours seem to be spent within earshot of that great invention, The Radio, news of Mr Petrillo's ban on any future musica recordings came as a ray of sunlight bursting through a dark and forbidding sky. But now comes this awful thought—maybe those much-publicized geniuses, the disk-jockeys, are readying for us entire programs composed of nothing but Singing Commercials!

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According to a recent newspaper report, the Toronto Maple Leaf Hockey Team has a friendly interest in, and lends an occasional helping hand to—among others—such amateur clubs as Toronto Marlboros, Senior and Junior; Winnipeg Monarchs; Oshawa Generals; as well as one or more junior outfits in Northern Ontario.

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This may be all very well if you are one of the many to whom the success or failure of the Maple Leafs is all that really matters in the sport of hockey. But if you were just a sports-lover in a small town, trying to keep the kids of your community interested in playing the game, we very much fear that you wouldn't look at it in exactly the same light. In fact we think that, sooner or later, you'd begin to wonder if it wasn't pretty near time for an entirely new deal for the little fellow not blessed with any such wealthy and generous relatives.

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Into a Toronto restaurant the other day came a man—at least he had the outward appearance of a man—who proceeded to put on an amazing demonstration of sheer gluttony. Mowing down the victuals at record-breaking speed, he got away with four full-size meat orders—each with regular complement of vegetables on the side—and then topped it off with nine separate and distinct desserts! Although trying to appear oblivious of the stares of the astonished specators, he was obviously enjoying the sensation he created. But he didn't linger long after an old gentleman, who had been watching the performance, approached. "If you're thinking of selling yourself any time, Mister," said the old gent, "I'd advise you to do it right away, as I don't think the price of hogs will ever get higher!"

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