TEEN-TOWN TOPICS

By BARRY MURKAR

We are now well into the second week of December and Christmas is just around the corner. Seems like a month ago that we were counting up the sheckles and dividing them among the family; only it was a year ago and now Christmas is back again. This year the sheckles wont go as far, and it means that all of us will have to spend our money wisely to come out on top of the pile. However, there are two gifts we can think of that haven't gone up in price—and they are gifts that most people, young and old, appreciate. The old reliables are books and records, and we can add to that—theatre tickets. If you have been lucky enough to have a Saturday job at the local store, you are all set. Farther down the column, you will find a list of records that we think will make welcome gifts for the whole family and will probably meet your budget. Well, so much for Christmas.

What's the Beef?

There are two very proud young farmers in Ontario today. Why are they so proud? Well, because the steers they raised won top honors over all other beef cattle at the Royal Winter Fair.

The Grand Champion Aberdeen Angus steer, judged "The Best in the Show" of any breed in market classes, was raised and exhibited by Lloyd Mack of Maple Grove Farms, Rockwood, Ontario. The animal is really a beauty. Weighing 920 pounds of solid hamburgers, he was bought by the T. Eaton Co., and donated to the Christie Street Hospital.

The other young chap, who received the King's Guineas for his winning Junior Champion Steer, was 18-year-old Ken McKinnon of Hillsburg, Ontario. Nice going, fellows, and we hope your interest in Ontario farming will continue.

SUGGESTION ON WAX

Records that Mom will like—Ave Maria, Concerto in A minor with Arthur Rubenstien; Just For Today, sung by John Charles Thomas and the Warsaw Concerto, with Leo Litwin at the piano with the Boston "Pops" Orch.

Dad will appreciate—Concerto in E Minor featuring the eminent violinist, Yehudi Menuhin; Death and Transfiguration by Stokowski and the New York City Orch.; Symphony No. 6 in B Minor with Stokowski and the Hollywood Bowl Orch.

That sister of yours will listen to—Bluebird of Happiness, Because as sung by Jan Peerce; The Donkey Serenade by Alan Jones; and Hungarian Dance No. 1.

Junior will bend an ear to—Finians Rainbow by Russe Case and his Orch; Whiffenpoof Song by Todd Galloway; The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi by Robert Merrill and Grand Canyon Suite by Toscanini and the NBC Symphony Orchestra.

The kiddies will enjoy—the albums of The Night Before Christmas, Dumbo, Peter and the Wolf, Pinnocchio, Little Black Sambo and Cinderella.

On Christmas Day

Next week will see our last column before Christmas. On that day, when the dinner is over and things have quieted down a little, you can turn to your radio for the best day's listening pleasure of the whole year. We will try to give you the latest next week on the programs for that day.

Side-Saddle Bike—Tullio Lo Monaco, of Milan, Italy, believes that a fellow should have his girl at his side, even when bicycling. So he invented this side-saddle bike, on which both riders pedal but only one steers.

Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Old-time gamblers used to have a variety of picturesque expressions to describe a man who was exceptionally favoured by fortune. One of the few printable ones was "He's so lucky that if he fell in a sewer he'd come up with his pockets full of goldfish." Up to the last Saturday in November we had never considered ourself as belonging to the class of those so favoured by Fortune. But now — well, we're not so certain.

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There we were, right after lunch that Saturday, all set for an afternoon spent in our favourite pastime — thinking of all the chores we should be attending to, and not doing a single one of them. The East-West football final? What's the sense of going out in that crisp November air just to watch the Argonauts go through the motions of giving the Winnipeg Bombers a football lesson. To Heck with it! Argos are as good as wheat in the bin, and we're not going to stir a single foot. And then, it must have been Lady Luck herself who whispered in our ear and persuaded us to go.

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If we hadn't — Oh, brother, what a grand succession of thrills we would have missed! Whenever a youthful sports fan waxes enthusiastic over some game he's seen some veteran is always around to ice-water the ardor by saying, rather patronizingly, "Yes — but you should have been there back in the old days when dear old Whoozis tangled with Whatsitsname." We have done more than our share of that sort of thing ourselves. But now we freely and publically take it all back. For sustained drama and excitement there never was anything to touch that Argo - Bombers affair before, go as far back as you like. We doubt very much if there will be again. If you were one of the 20-thousand or so at Varsity Stadium on Nov. 29th, you'll be able to tell your great-grandsons that "they ain't seed nothin!" in a football way.

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As to the rights and wrongs of the proposed partitioning of Palestine we have no opinion — not knowing enough about such complications to express one. But we will hazard just one guess. After taking a look at the map showing the way they figure to carve up the territory between the Jews and the Arabs, we'd risk a small wager that — at some time in his career — the man responsible worked for a manufacturer of jig-saw puzzles of the more complicated variety.

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A lady came all the way from British Columbia to Toronto to accept a "world's championship" for growing wheat, which she thought was worth $2000.00. Turned out that the Trophy, which is "hers" for one year only, is quite valuable — but that, the actual, cash, she, won amounted to only twenty dollars. A lot of people seem to think that the lady was rather harshly used. We think she was very lucky — at least they didn't, so far as we know, ask her to pay her own admission ticket to the show.

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Are hockey players more susceptible to friendly atmosphere and 'home-town' enthusiasm than other professional athletes? That is a rather interesting question, and you can supply your own answer. Players on other National Hockey League teams say that the Toronto Maple Leafs are far harder to beat on a Saturday night — when they know that the ears of all the great coast-to-coast radio audience are following their actions — than they are, even on home ice, in a mid-week game. But some of that sort of comment may be put down to professional jealousy.

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But here's a rather peculiar angle. Last year the Maple Leafs were the best team in the loop — if not over a whole season's play, at least when the chips were down at the finish. This year, on what they've shown they look good enough to take the League title and repeat for the Stanley Cup. And yet — and yet — in their last 13 games in the city of Boston, covering quite a long stretch of time, they haven't been able to come away with even a single victory. Must be that salt Boston air or something!

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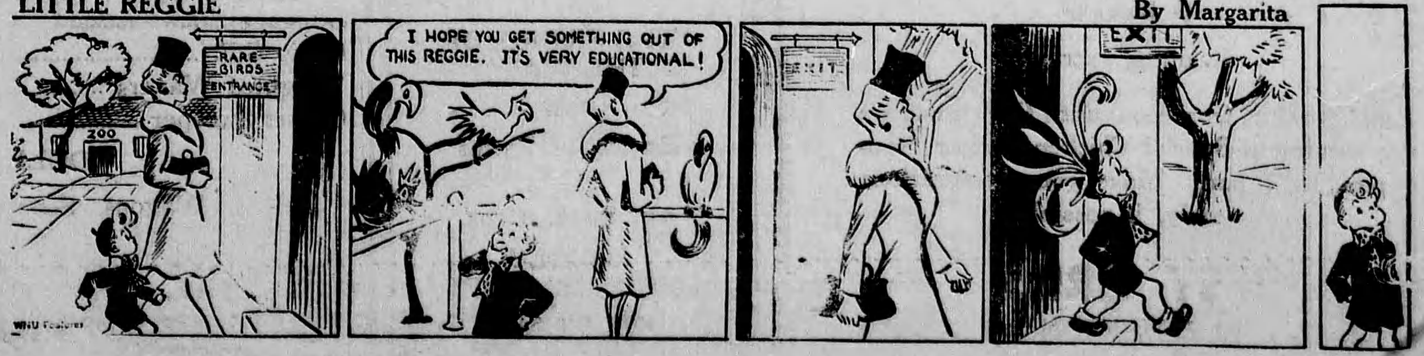
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