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Cobalt-Haileybury Curlers Ready For Roaring 'Spiel

Think of Northern Ontario and you think of winter. Think of winter and you think of ice. And what is ice used for? A great many things and perhaps only two to a good Scot, but beginning next week-end, there is only one use for it in a true Northern-er's mind and it's curling. On Friday, February 6th the first rock will slip away from an eager expert hand—a hand that is working for a mind with a vision—the coveted Macdonald Briar Trophy—the pinnacle to every curler. This British Consols district event will open activities at the Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club, which will continue through Saturday and then be followed by the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Bonspiel which goes into full swing on Monday, the 9th.

Preliminaries to the British Consols have been under way at Canadian curling centres for the past two weeks. From Haileybury, rinks skipped by Vachon and Dick Fleming will take to the ice in New Liskeard on Saturday and Sunday, January 31st and February 1st to compete in games against two rinks from Liskeard, two from Temagami and one from Belleterre to decide the two top rinks who will represent Zone No. 1 in the British Consols district event, next week-end. Two rinks from four zones comprising this part of Northern Ontario will participate. Of the winners, one rink will represent the T. & N. O. Curling Association in the Northern Ontario final at Kirkland Lake, one the Northern Ontario Curling Association and one the Northwestern Ontario Curling Association.

And the winners of this will continue on to Sudbury, where for the first time in the history of the Briar, the Dominion finals will be held in Northern Ontario. Eleven rinks from provinces across Canada will meet to sweep their way to victory.

Delving back into the history of the roarin' game, we found that one of the most notable developments to take place was the introduction of curling to Northern Ontario and for this the credit goes to Haileybury. Their first rink was situated where the present building now stands and adjacent to the old skating rink. In 1912, what we know as the market building became the home of the curlers. Now, of course, everything is up-to-date in the brandnew Cobalt-Haileybury Curling Club—product of a combined community spirit that would be hard to beat anywhere.

In 1907, New Liskeard curlers were guests of the Haileybury Club. Shortly afterwards they secured curling accommodation of their own and since that time a friendly rivalry has existed between the curlers of the two towns. They participated in the bonspiels of the Northern Ontario Curling Association, which included territory from Mattawa to Sault Ste Marie and inter-town bonspiels were held at Haileybury where a four-sheet



JUST ASK THE EXPERTS—Quiz programs, like crossword puzzles and detective stories, are a popular form of entertainment for a great many people—especially when the listeners, with their questions, can put the experts on the spot and get prizes for doing so. That, broadly, is what happens on "Now I Ask You", heard every Thursday on the Trans-Canada network of the CBC.

Biting Blizzard Buries District Over Week-End

The most severe storm to hit this area since the great snowing under of 1945 struck early Saturday afternoon and continued unabated through the night. A fierce, biting wind whistled through every home and when dawn came, citizens found themselves snugly snowed in and surrounded by sweeping drifts.

Taxis and buses had ceased to function by early evening because of icing conditions and zero visibility. Main street presented its usual scene of a traffic tie-up as cars failed to make the incline and backed down for a second run. Hotels were filled to overflowing with stranded travellers.

At 5.30 p.m. Saturday, there were nine cars and trucks in the ditch between New Liskeard and Cobalt. In town, drivers parked where they could and left their cars for better or for worse.

The town snowplough, manned by Albert Palmer and Joe Leveille, lost no time getting into action and worked all Saturday night until 2.30 in the morning, fighting the elements. At nine o'clock on Sunday, they were on the job again, working right through until midnight.

Monday afternoon they devoted to breaking the way into the town dump for Romeo Dupuis and it was a tough job. Drifts were so deep that snow had to be loosened ahead of the snowboy on the streets before it made an impression. The next job is to get the snow removed from the streets and the worst will be over. According to Town Foreman, Ted Manuel "his seven men have done a wonderful job and we couldn't have asked for any better."

A Canadian Army order prohibits overseas soldiers from mailing "motor vehicles, airplanes and motorcycles" back home. The order is not a joke. During the Second World War some troops actually attempted to ship a vehicle to Canada by individual pieces.

Blue Line Tea Room Closes As Grocery Expands

Mr. J. B. E. Proulx, probably holds the record for the longest stopover between travelling connections. En route to Rouyn in 1925, he stopped in Haileybury to catch a plane—take-off was delayed due to weather conditions. Meantime, Mr. Proulx looked around and thought: "Why go any further" and he didn't.

1925 was a good year—the campaign for a new Hotel had just finished and things generally felt good. "I saw an opportunity for a baker to go ahead" said Mr. Proulx and that is exactly what he did. But this baker knows all about hard work and the ups and downs.

He started in at once to build the bakery on the Lake Shore Road; five years later he built his home there too. Soon he was delivering bread to hungry residents of Haileybury and making daily trips to Cobalt and North Cobalt. In 1937, he began travelling to Temagami once a day, supplying that area with 95% of its daily loaves. Four good months in the summer with tourist trade at its peak, made the overall profit worth while.

Meantime, the Blue Line Tea Room opened in the Hutt building in 1936. Seven years later the building at the corner of Brea'way and Ferguson was purchased by Mr. Proulx and the centrally located tea room became a popular gathering place in the downtown area.

In 1947, the bakery was sold to Zanin's, but a year away from baking was not to Mr. Proulx's liking and "he got itching to get back to it." Building a good

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Excellent Reports Mayor Concerned Heard by Members With Attitude of United Church Bucke Township

Over one hundred members enjoyed the congregational dinner in the United Church on Monday evening. Following dinner, members of the congregation reviewed the work of 1952 through a lengthy series of reports presented by boards and organizations. The minister, Rev. A. T. Denholm, presided.

The minutes of the last meeting in January, 1952, were read by Mr. M. MacDonald, who was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Mrs. W. C. Arnold, superintendent of the Sunday School, reported that there were 125 children on this Sunday School roll. This figure has never been higher. The children are taught by a staff of 18 officers and teachers.

Mrs. A. H. Cooke reviewed the yearly activities of the Women's Association which included a congregational dinner, Presbyterian meals, a spring tea, rummage sale and a bazaar. The association also had joined with other groups to raise funds for the Training School.

The afternoon auxiliary of the W.M.S. heard their last report from Mrs. H. Pickard as they are disbanding and joining with the evening auxiliary.

Miss Muriel Rice reported a membership of 32 in the Carrie Gray and spoke of the missionary work.

"The allocation for Missions and Maintenance will be raised 25% for 1953" said Mr. Runnalls, and he asked members to give more to meet the challenge.

Mr. Denholm gave the annual report of the Session. Mr. H. Brown gives up his office this year; Mr. J. Hughes becomes an honorary elder and Mr. E. Olson and Mr. J. D. Rodgers will be the two new elders for 1953.

The Board of Stewards' report was given by Judge J. B. Robinson. He particularly thanked the W.A. for their unstinting efforts in raising the large sum of \$500.00 to assist in the decorating of the church. Mrs. P. V. McAulay and Mr. L. Childs retire from the Board this year and Mr. V. F. Daughney and Mr. John Hope will be the new members.

The new chimes committee will have Mr. A. T. Denholm, A. W. Sanderson and Mr. T. Beasley for its members.

MINISTER APPROVES COUNCIL'S MOVE

The Hon. G. H. Dunbar has approved Council's resolution in which they requested release of Departmental jurisdiction. The Ontario Municipal Board is being notified to this effect.

A meeting of the Temiskaming Health Unit last week in New Liskeard heard Mayor A. H. Cooke register alarm at the attitude of the Township of Bucke regarding the Health Unit, Mr. Cooke let his opinion be known when it was announced at the meeting that the contract between the Unit and the Township would terminate on June 30th, 1953.

The kettle began to boil in North Cobalt municipal affairs in October when the Reeve and a majority of council members decided that they were paying too much for not enough service. The issue was carried into the municipal elections at the year's end and Chester Hopkins, Bucke's champion for the Unit, who believes the people are making a foolish move, went down to defeat. A plebiscite on the matter resulted in favor of doing away with the Health Unit by a slight majority.

Mr. Cooke stated that "any council that would retreat into the dark ages is cause for concern." Haileybury's mayor feels that his town is situated in the centre of the Township of Bucke and that to have them withdraw from such an outstanding service is a potential health menace. "We have full protection for our town", said Mr. Cooke, "but the people of the Township naturally use our restaurants our theatre and so on". Further more, I do not understand how they think they can replace the service."

Mr. Cooke stated that this is not the first time that he has been disappointed with the Township's attitude. They have no fire brigade and although arrangements have been made with Cobalt to come so far, after that it is in the lap of the Gods. Mr. Cooke explained that if a fire were to break out in the vicinity of Vanier's store, the surrounding area in Haileybury would be left totally unprotected. "This attitude", he said, "is just one more indication that they are not very far-sighted."

A "dash" is equal in quantity to one-third of a teaspoon of liquid.

Canadians smoked less than 1,100 cigarettes per capita last year; in the same year Americans smoked more than 2,500 cigarettes.

The Canadian papermaking industry has developed into four main branches each making a variety of papers under the general heading of Newsprint, Fine Papers, Wrapping Papers and Boards.

Calendar of Events

Churches:

Carrie Gray meeting on Monday evening.

Women's Association, United Church, Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. Bond.

C.W.L. Meeting on Tuesday evening in the Church.

Sports:

Haileybury Figure Skating Club Tea at Mrs. C. Camsell's home on Saturday, Jan. 31st from 3.30 to 6.00 pm.

Ski Club Dance and Tobogganing Jan. 30th at 8.30 p.m.

Midget Hockey, Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th—Cobalt at Haileybury; Sunday, Feb. 1st—Exhibition game, Haileybury vs. Matachewan.

British Consols, Friday, February 6th, at Co-Hail Rink.

T. & N. O. Bonspiel at Haileybury February 9th to 15th.

Activities:

Girl Guide local Association meeting at Hotel, Thursday, Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock

Legion annual meeting—Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st

2.30 p.m. All Members Invited

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