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Recreational This and That

by H. J. N.

HOCKEY: In the old town where hockey is the King of Sports the gossip pot is really boiling over this year. Rumours burst out on the Main Stem faster than water out of an old disused fire hose and travel quicker than a rabbit with the itch. The talk from the stove league has been so wild that the kids are beginning to wonder if they'll ever get a shiny stick in their hands this year. So here's some light for the young puck-chasers under 18 years of age.

Yes, there will be hockey in the Arena this year. Plenty of hockey. Various members of the Parka Board have assured the G.R.C. from time to time that they will do everything possible for the young hopefuls of tomorrow's hockey.

We must all realize that the Arena Fathers are carrying a pretty heavy load this year—artificial ice takes more than chicken feed to keep the generators running, in addition to the initial outlay—and the only way that load can be lifted is to keep the turnstiles clicking. During the past few years the kids have played hockey in the Arena for practically nothing, and the G.R.C. have managed to provide them with most of their equipment—but there has been one important thing missing—Mum and Dad. Week by week during the winter months the games went on—but the crowd never came. Why, the G.R.C. doesn't know! Only YOU mothers and father can answer that one. But this we do know. We can't give the kids much hockey on artificial ice if we don't get more support from the fathers and mothers in Georgetown who want their sons to be able to play hockey.

Put that thought on the back burner to simmer, folks, until the kid's league opens up, and then let's have your support. Back your boy from the stands!

HOCKEY REGISTRATION: Here's some news for the young stickhandlers. Bantam, Midget, and Juvenile registration is still open. Get your form at the Old Town Hall and return it as soon as possible. The age groups are as follows:

BANTAM: 9 to 12 years of age, as of November 1st, 1947.
MIDGET: Under 15 years of age as of November 1st, 1947.
JUVENILE: Under 18 years of age as of Nov. 1, 1947.

Midget players will note that the age limit has been changed for their class. Juvenile players will note the advertisement in this issue which gives an outline of this group for the 1948 season. All juvenile players must register with G.R.C. and obtain a Teen-Age Membership Card.

Next week we will give a listing of all registered players received to date, so get your name in now.

DRAMA: Apprentice Productions are hard at work rehearsing for their next big show. We had hoped to drop another load of comedy into the laps of Georgetown folks last week, but owing to a number of difficulties—namely reconstruction at the Old Town Hall, chairs and casting, it has been decided to hold this laugh morsel until some time in the early New Year.

SKIING: There's plenty of news on the ski front—and we will make an announcement in the next issue of the Herald which should thrill the hearts of local enthusiasts— young and old.

TEEN TOWN HALL: There has been much disappointment amongst the Teen Agers because the Friday night dances have had to be cancelled at short notice. Chins up, gang, we'll really be in there swinging at an early date. Although the work at the Old Town Hall isn't completed as yet, we will try to clear enough space to swing your partner next Friday night, December 12th. Remember your Membership tickets.

Well, that's about winds up the column for this week. S'long folks.

IN THE MAIL BAG
December 6th, 1947

Dear Sir:
I read in last week's Herald where the Lions Club are holding their annual Christmas Tree on December 20th. I think that one of the nicest things of our Christmas season is the arrival of Santa Claus in town. I have often thought of making this suggestion so I am taking this opportunity through the Georgetown paper of doing so.

At the time when Santa arrives is one of the most exciting times for the younger group, but, from then on the regular routine which follows seems to fall badly apart.

I do not see why, after Santa arrives that he can not go to some large building, suitable for the occasion and meet the children there. As one sees every year that it is the older school children that force their way in for their treat and the wee ones who really look forward to Santa's visit can't get near him. One of the parents usually pushes through close enough to get their treat, and the wee ones go away without eyes, saying hello to Santa.

By the time Santa does arrive, which is usually much later than stated, the children are so cold to say nothing of the parents who stick with them to let their child see Santa, that it seems rather discouraging for both.

I feel the same as many parents, that if Santa could carry on from his arrival to some place where it would be warm for him and the children, I know from experience it would be better for the parents and everyone concerned.

I have made this suggestion on behalf of all parents and hope in the near future that the wee ones can at least say hello to Santa.

Yours sincerely,
A. MOTHER

Bowlers Have Chicken Dinner, Euchre at Limehouse

Last Thursday night members of the men's and ladies' lawn bowling clubs held a dinner and euchre party at Limehouse Memorial Hall. The ladies of the Limehouse W.L. catered for a delicious chicken dinner and at the euchre game which followed Mrs. Wilfrid Lavola and Clare Wilson were prize-winners.

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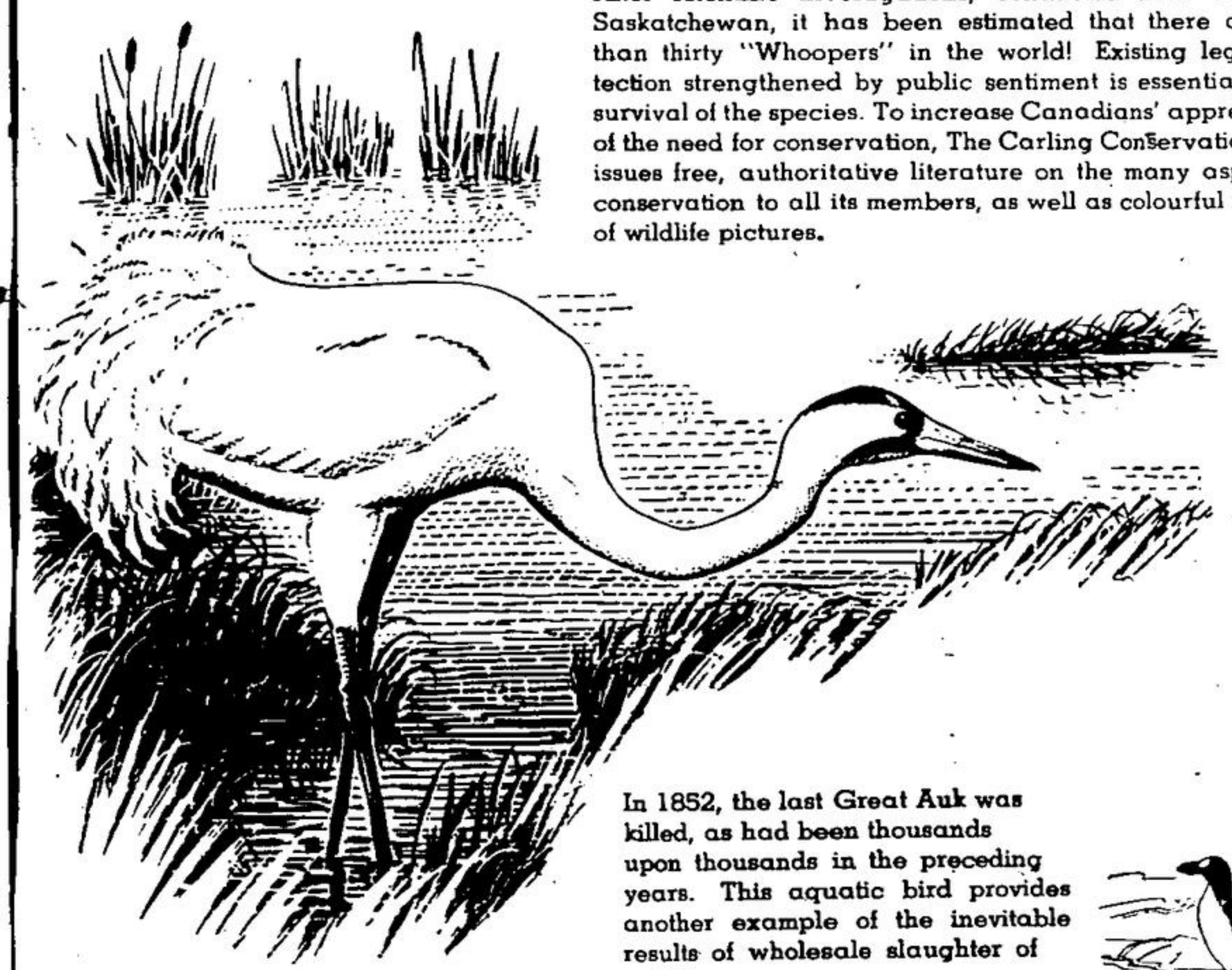
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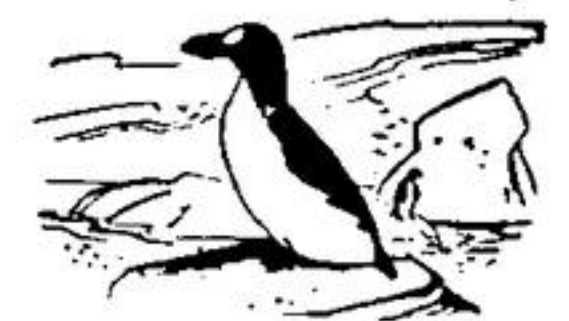
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