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The Editor's Corner

INTERESTING HOCKEY PLANS

If plans which are still in the formative stage work out, Georgetown is in for an exciting hockey season this year.

A mooted "all-artificial ice" league which might take in Bridgeport, Walkerton, Elmira, Hespeler and Milverton, with Milton, Fergus and Orangeville, also as possibilities look like a return to the good old days when the Raiders packed them in at the arena game after game.

From a crowd standpoint, Georgetown hockey has been in the doldrums for a couple of years. With their best team in years, the 1950-51 season saw them play to handfulls of spectators in uninspiring games with New Toronto, Weston and Oakville, the games with Milton being the only ones which seemed able to inspire the fans to turn out in any numbers. The league lacked the colour of the old days when Georgetown went en masse to Acton and the Tanners reciprocated in their return matches here. It isn't so many years that special trains could be filled to take fans to games with Fergus, with Port Elgin and Owen Sound.

Last year, for a number of reasons, one of which was the dismal lack of spectators, without whom no team can be a winning one, the hockey season folded when Milton edged Georgetown in the league playoffs. Financially it left the hockey club in strained circumstances, so much so that for the second year in a row they had to resort to a lucky draw to make up some of the missing treasury, which certainly is small thanks for a group of men who devote many hours of their time to the mass of detail which goes into a hockey season.

It is small wonder that there was some conjecture earlier in the year about whether there would be a major hockey team here at all this year.

It is good to see interest reviving and with Elmira sparking the idea of an entirely new grouping in western Ontario, there are interesting possibilities. It is essential that a town which has artificial ice gets into a league where similar competition is offered and it is wise to concentrate on all teams being on an equal footing in this respect. Acton, one of the best hockey towns in Ontario, found that they couldn't compete with teams already seasoned before the Tanners could get on the ice. It is also wise to match towns like Georgetown with towns of similar size outside the Toronto area which can command a good body of staunch fans.

Let's hope the new league comes into being. It will mean the revival of hockey in Georgetown.

WE DIDN'T SEE THE PRINCESS

It will always be our regret that it was not possible to get to Toronto or Hamilton for a glimpse of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip on Saturday. Frankly, the advance publicity of crowds, traffic jams and bans on cars travelling in the downtown areas frightened us off. And then we are eleven years older than the day in May, 1939 when we stood for hours on a London street for a treasured second's look at the King and Queen and the thought of that grueling wait put us out of the mood.

There were dozens of Georgetowners, however, who did make the trip, many to Malton where the royal plane landed Friday night and most of them managed to see what they went to see. Most fortunate of the local citizens we have heard about is Miss Sybil Bennett, K.C., whose impressions of the royal couple appear in the news pages of the paper. Miss Bennett made a special trip to Ottawa and saw the prince and princess close enough and long enough to form some opinions about them. Also fortunate was a former local provincial policeman, Vic Smith, now a mountie in the capital who was one of two guards when Queen Mary's carpet was presented by Elizabeth to the people of Canada.

The visit has certainly shown the strong tie which exists between Canada and Britain. Newspapers and radio have gone all-out for full coverage. In their enthusiasm, they have perhaps gone too far. One local lady complained that at Malton there were so many newspapermen and photographers grouped around the royal plane when it landed that the people who had waited for hours to see them had their vision blocked. Others who had gone to Toronto early Saturday morning and had a good front line position along a street were perturbed at the last minute to be superseded by a line of girl guides who blocked some of the view for their youngsters. Such things are bound to happen, of course, no matter how well-planned the visit may be.

PERHAPS ANOTHER TOUR

Have you thought of the stamina required by a young couple on such a visit. Their every waking moment to date has been carefully timed, reported and photographed, until they must feel that a goldfish has more private life. At a banquet, a radio announcer details what they are eating. At a hockey game Foster Hewitt says when Philip is consulting his program and reports his every move. Their Sunday Morning worship in a Niagara Falls church was broadcast for all Canada to hear.

All of this is necessary and expected. It is part of the ceremony of the visit, which, in spite of being first spoken of as a "holiday" is far from it. We recall that after eating meals on the train and indulging in several banquets at a newspaper convention, there came a time when all we wanted was a meal of bacon and eggs, or a can of pork and beans. And no one noticed if we left one of the fine banquet dishes. Think of eating choice meals day after day, as the royal couple are welcomed in the various capitals, and of the nervous strain on the princess who knows that all eyes are upon her while she eats, plus the fact that at the end of the dinner she must make a suitable speech, and one gets an idea of the physical disturbance which there must be. Then, too, think of having every minute planned for you for a period of weeks, with no chance to do even one little thing that is not in the itinerary, always to look pleasant, constantly greeting strangers, evincing an interest in towns, in history and objects of art, and exchanging small talk with an everchanging sea of faces. That takes some training.

In these days of rapid transportation, we can hope that royal visits will become more frequent and that it may be possible to make a tour more elastic. It would be nice to think that if Elizabeth and Philip should return to Canada in two or three years time that they could have some semblance of a holiday, now that officialdom has met them and given them a suitable welcome.

Would it be too much to envisage them having a trip in which they were free to change their schedule if they so desired, even as you and I. To do some of the things that you and I can do on vacation—have a swim at the beach, a picnic supper in the park, a movie if they felt like it, a glimpse of some of Ontario's points of interest like the Elora rocks, a boat cruise through the Thousand Islands, a drive through Algonquin Park. And a guarantee that every move would not be trailed by city reporters and photographers.

That would perhaps be a more kindly welcome than all the pomp and ceremony.

BOWLING LEAGUE

BOWLING SEASON OPENS CLOSE GROUPING AS

Sorry there was no bowling news in the Herald last week. There was just no room in the Herald because of the holiday week-end. Now on with the scores and to find out who is who in bowling this year.

GROUP A

As a whole (with the exception of one team which will soon start WE HOPE!) the group scoring is just about as close as possible. Heading the list is MacCormack's (J. Brandford) with 10 points. Tied for second position are McClure's and Anderson's teams, each with 9. That other team (Bailey's) have ZERO.

Star team of the night was Anderson with 1167-1177-1128 for 3472. We don't know what the reason was but for the first game Walt Cook had a score of 150. He's the man who bowled 354 last week.

There was some very nice scoring for the night in triples and singles with Nip Shipway leading both high single 314 and triple 803. Jim Boyle had 782 (245-275-262). Al Norton 722 (302-212-208).

Last week Jim Brandford had 358 high single and Walt Cook 828 high triple.

GROUP B

Moving into top position were the Misfits with 12 points with Legion No. 1 close on their heels with 10. Occupying third spot is Provincial Paper with 6 and last are the lawn bowlers with 2 points.

High Single of the night went to Bob Anderson with an ever 300 score. The Misfits rolled the high team score of the night, 3130. The three leading bowlers of group B are Frank Anderson, 239 average, Bob Anderson 222 and Doug Herrington 200.

GROUP C

Just edging out Legion No. 2 are Imperials with 11 points. The Legion No. 2 have 9, Kay's Grocery have 8 and Lorne Scots Band a Zero.

High team score of 3066 was rolled by the Legion. High single score of the night was B. Muir's 290. At the present time top bowlers of C Group are B. Muir 223, Terry Bludd 221, and Joe McBain 207.

—Ace Bailey.

—A mandrill is a large baboon with a light blue nose, orange and yellow beard and a forehead crest of greenish hair.

—During 1950 a total of sixty million dollars was paid out by the Workmen's Compensation Boards in industrial cases.

FARM NEWS

Jersey Breeders Win Honours at Simcoe

The Western Ontario Championship show sponsored by the Ontario Jersey Club was held at Simcoe, on Wednesday of last week.

Notwithstanding the fact that Halton breeders did not send down their usual number of entries, they nevertheless were prominent throughout, and in the County Herd class took the top award.

In addition, Gerald R. Graham won the Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand Championships for males on his three year old herd sire, Golden Meadow Butterfly. The same exhibitor also had the winning two year old heifer dry, in Blonde's Tiny Basil Lass. Mr Graham also had the 7th prize Senior Bull Calf; the 8th and 13th prizes in the Junior Heifer calves; 4th and 8th in the Senior Heifer calves; and 7th prize Junior Yearling.

M. C. Beaty who normally takes down a full string, had not intended to exhibit but in order to make up the required number for the County Herd sent down one animal, which placed 3rd in a strong class of Junior Yearlings.

Featherstone Bros. constituted the only other Halton exhibitor, and they had the 4th prize Junior Bull calf; 5th and 6th prize Senior Yearlings; 2nd and 5th prize two year old heifers in milk; in addition to some other awards. This does not by any means constitute a full report of the winnings by the three Halton exhibitors, but nevertheless is an indication that they can hold their own in any company, and the winning of the Inter-County herd class was a real honour to bring back to the County of Halton.

NAME DR. H. LICATA TO MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Harry R. Licata, formerly of Hamilton and now of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has been appointed to the staff of the department of anatomy, of the University of Michigan medical school.

For some years Dr. Licata has been engaged in research on the human heart, and has written several papers on the subject. He received his doctorate and master of science degrees in anatomy from the University of Michigan medical school after taking his B.A. at the University of Toronto.

A nephew of Dick Licata of town, he has many friends here.

—Soon will be Christmas Shopping time again.

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