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Diesels Take Over No More Steam Locomotives

The familiar steam locomotives on the Canadian National Railway line through town are no more.
The CNR executive sounded the death knell of the fire breathing monsters last week with the final shift in a series of moves which gradually infiltrated diesels into the traffic on this line, including passenger trains.
The last steam locomotive to take a train through the local yards was No. 6219 making a passenger run from Stratford to Toronto Thursday evening at 7.40. The change was complete two and a half hours later when a diesel pulled into the station with a ten car passenger train enroute from London to Toronto.

Most of the diesels now used on this line are ones released from western Canada where steam locomotives converted to oil are being employed. It was pointed out that the change will benefit both the CNR and their passengers in that the new engines are more economical to run and provide a smoother ride. The elimination of stops to take on water is also a time saver.

Though this is one of the last lines to be converted to diesel driven trains, a light duty diesel on the north-south run to Allendale has operated through here for years. The only steam engine traversing the steel ribbons on this line from now on will be "dead-heads" being towed to the graveyard at Stratford.

Sugar and Spice
Discovered by BILL SMILEY of the Winton Echo

For the past couple of weeks, the majority of Canadian women have gone through a harassing, bewildering experience. Night after night, they have wheedled, coaxed and threatened, trying to get small boys and grandfathers to bed at a decent hour.

Night after night, they have received only faraway, uncomprehending stares from their husbands, and received these only when they shoved the nightly TV snack into their hands. Night after night, they have gone to bed, nerves twanging, eardrums still aching from the penetrating, recalcitrant chant of Canada's favourite hockey announcer.

But hold, ladies. Reck naught of the scowls of young Wilbur, the snarls of Grandpa. Don't be fazed by the utter nothingness of your better half. Bear with them. N.H.L. playoff time is to them what Paris is to a middle-aged teacher of French, what Stratford is to the large lady who helped paint the scenery for the Mudville drama festival.

Stanley Cup time is a wonderful spring tonic. It is Alice in Wonderland and Peter Pan for the males of your family, from eight to eighty. Where you see only a lot of large young men rushing at each other, they see a ballet. Where you see only brutality and bloodshed, they see the drama of a bullfight. When you shudder at the bestial roar of the arena mob, they are thrilling to the skill and gallantry of the gladiators.

You see girls, hockey at its best is poetry in motion, music in flight. An N.H.L. goalie has all the grace and delicacy of a torador. Rocket Richard, with the puke on his stick, is like no one more than Captain Ahab, harpoon poised for a bullet-like thrust at Moby Dick.

Maybe we don't think about these comparisons, as we sit on the edge of our chairs, watching

the Leafs and Canadians battle it out, but we're aware of them. It's a national disease, pretty well restricted of the male species, and it makes the so-called "fever" of the World Series or the Grey Cup game look like a mild case of the sniffles, in comparison.

How did we get this way? Well, it's a little embarrassing to explain. But 9 boys out of ten in this country are exposed to hockey early in life. And eight out of ten of them have, at one time or another, had a desperate desire to become a truly great hockey player. The urge might have lasted five years or five minutes, but it was so powerful it hurt while it lasted.

And about 90 per cent of us know perfectly well that it hadn't been for sheer bad luck or bad management, we'd have made the N.H.L. Some of us were too heavy, some too light. Some were a little esow, others couldn't hoist the puck. Some started to smoke, others to go with girls. It was just some lousy break like that that kept us out of the big time.

But even knowing this, we're not envious. We watch the best players in the world with the complacent camaraderie of a movie extra watching the stars at work, with the friendly concern of a prima ballerina. We sit there as they flash about the ice and muse: "There, but for the fact that I always went over on my ankles, go I".

When I was a kid, my Dad used to tell me his hockey career. As a young man he was secretary of the Shawville Pontiacs. One of his jobs was lining up teams and sleighs for out of town games. About twenty years after he left, the great Frankie Finnigan, and another 10 years after that, the mighty Murph Chamberlain, both top pros, came out of Shawville. To hear Dad tell it, the three of them used to ride the same sleigh to games in Renfrew, 40 years before.

During my own hockey career, in the days when we wore Eaton's catalogue for one shin-pad, Simpson's for the other, I played in the same kid's league as Les Douglas. Ten years later he was a pro, leading scorer several times in the A.H.L., up to Detroit Red Wings. I still think it was only the fact that he could skate six or eight times faster than I could, that made him outdistance me in our hockey careers.

Go through my family and you'll find they have some great hockey traditions like this. That fat fellow watching TV once scored the winning goal with eight seconds to go, if they haddena called it back for offsides. That old gentleman in the rocker remembers the time Howie Morenz came to town, when he was still an amateur, and he'd have seen him in play, if he haddena been working in the bush that winter. That youngster gnawing his nails in front of the set, why he was the third highest scorer on the third best team in the Squirts league this very winter.

Oh, it may all seem childish to you women. But it's part of the simple, strong, poetic heritage of the Canadian male. Have patience. And you'll get your own back, and your innings at the TV set, when the Royal Visit starts.

SCOUT CORNER
WE'VE FROM GEORGETOWN DISTRICT

FIRST C PACK
On Thursday night the 2nd of April, 1st Georgetown "C" Pack held a film showing of two films, "Spruce Bog", and "Tross Conservation", these were followed by a bun feed. Some of the cub mothers supplied cookies so the boys had cookies and chocolate milk.
Dave Hastings, Akela and Frank Bryant wish to thank the mothers for their donations of cookies.

BOTTLE DRIVE
On Saturday, April 4th, Cubs and Scouts of 3rd Georgetown group turned out to assist their group committee in the pop bottle drive. The money realized will be used to help swell our camping fund. A special thanks goes to the men who donate their time and trucks to help us.

3rd GEORGETOWN PACK
The 3rd Georgetown pack were the hosts to the 1st Georgetown "C" Pack this week, the occasion being Wild Life Week in Canada.

CHAMPS DECLARED AT KID HOCKEY FINALS

The curtain came down on the 1958-1959 hockey term for many local youngsters recently as the remaining teams in each league donned uniforms and skates for the last time this season to decide the divisional champions.

All of the leagues with the exception of Senior A played two games goals to count series, logging the first half Friday night and winding it up on Saturday.
St. Catharines threw a scare into Marlies before falling just short of the Junior A title. The Teepees came on strong to humble their rivals 3-1 on Saturday after taking a 4-0 shellacking the previous night. J. Quackenbush paced the Marlies' snipers in the shutout with three goals and an assist while Ronnie Richardson scored once and assisted on another and A. Studdard collected an assist.

Jackie Kemshead was the firebrand for St. Kitts Saturday netting all three goals on passes from Frank King and T. Bradley. J. Quackenbush tallied the lone Marlboro marker.
Springfield went undefeated in their two game shuffle with Buffalo but claimed the American league crown by only one goal. They squeaked by the Bisons 3-2 in the opener and held them to a 1-all tie Saturday in the tight finish. Phil Lavell notched a pair and Paul Robinson scored once for Springfield Friday, Billy Chard and Bill Dwyer picking up assists, while Gary Briggs was the triggerman for Buffalo scoring both goals on passes from Kent Robinson and Terry Hancock.

Springfield's Paul Robinson and Buffalo's Gary Briggs were the marksmen in Saturday's deadlock. Kent Robinson assisting Briggs on the Buffalo tally.
Boston won both their games to sweep New York from their path enroute to the NHL championship. They outlasted the Rangers 5 to 3 Friday and then blanked them 2-0 Saturday to take the round and the title. Alistair Blair showed the way for Boston in the 5-3 clash with a pair of goals and one assist. Rod Presswood collected a goal and two assists, Mike Cummins 1-0, Marty Wheeler 1-0, Wayne Davison 0-1 and Don Norton 0-1. Paul Hale scored once and assisted on another for New York and had company in the scoring column from H. Vandervoort and J. Bowman who also counted once. Assists were credited to L. Cofehl, Terry Dunning and L. Hill.
Ronnie Lane was the Boston sniper Saturday accounting for both of the winner's tallies on passes from Mike Cummins and Marty Wheeler.

The Senior A loop was decided in an elimination tourney with Whitby's power proving too much for the rest of the circuit. They downed Belleville 5-2 in the final after bouncing Windsor Bulldogs 12-1 while the MacFarlands were handing Kitchener - Waterloo a 7-2 setback. Scoring for the Dummies in the final were Kent Robinson, and D. Ballingal counting two apiece. S. Bottomley added the single and an assist and C. Baker also picked up one assist. Belleville's goals were both triggered by Bill Campbell with Terry Lane on the assisting end.

Mrs. Townsend, who is a member of the Audubon Society, spoke to the boys on "Birds in the Georgetown area." Mrs. Townsend showed a number of hand painted pictures and a few carved images of the birds. A table display enabled the boys to see "nest structures" of some of the birds, also the contents of the pellets an owl will regurgitate. To close her instructive talk, Mrs. Townsend played a record of bird calls.
Cub Kevin Sandifer was presented with his first year star at the closing Grand Howl. Akela Dave Hastings accompanied his group on the visit.

On Tuesday evening, April 14th, the regular meeting of the Georgetown Scouters Club was held in the United Church at Norval where final details of the annual district church parade were discussed. Each leader will be contacted regarding the meeting place, etc.
As requested, Robert Gardiner, the field commissioner from Guelph, attended the meeting. Mr. Gardiner informed the leaders on the plans for forming a local association. An open question and answer session followed his talk and many and varied were the questions asked. A representative of every group in Georgetown attended.

The next meeting will be on May 7th and will be held in cooperation with the North Halton Scouters Club. The meeting was closed and coffee and donuts were served.

What two local scoutmasters forgot the first rule in hiking. "Always take a dry pair of socks" when they went hiking last weekend.

On Tuesday evening, April 14th, two boys, Robert Barber and Albert Connelly were invested into the 3rd Georgetown pack. Cubs Tom Bradley and Bill Ewins were presented with their First Stars in a "First Star Ceremony."

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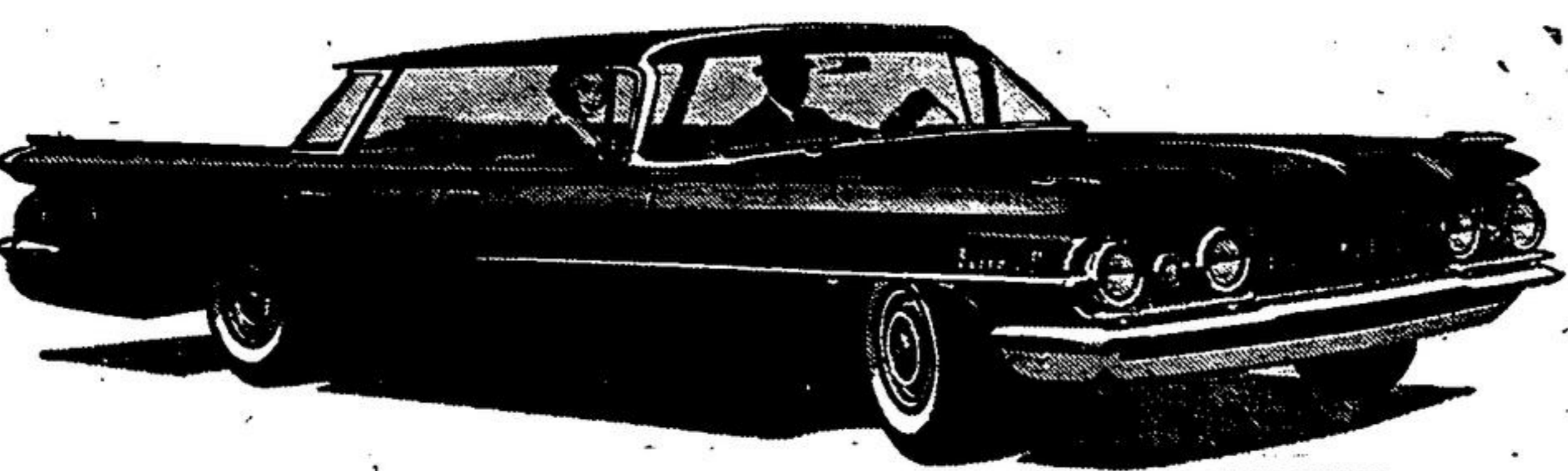
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