

# Hockey memories revived by chance meeting

Everytime I see the children's show Elephant with the popular Lois, Sharon and Bram, I think of Bucko. Bucko was a lot like Elephant, big floppy ears, huge feet and lovable.

You see Bucko was and still is a very popular guy in the north, Sundridge and old Georgetown.

Bucko was born in Fergus, Ontario in 1911 and became a great lacrosse star.

Around here we really started to get to know him when Bob Goldham and he became teammates with the Detroit Red Wings in the N.H.L. Bob's every shift was followed with great interest by all of us here in town and of course we gradually felt Bucko was a soulmate.

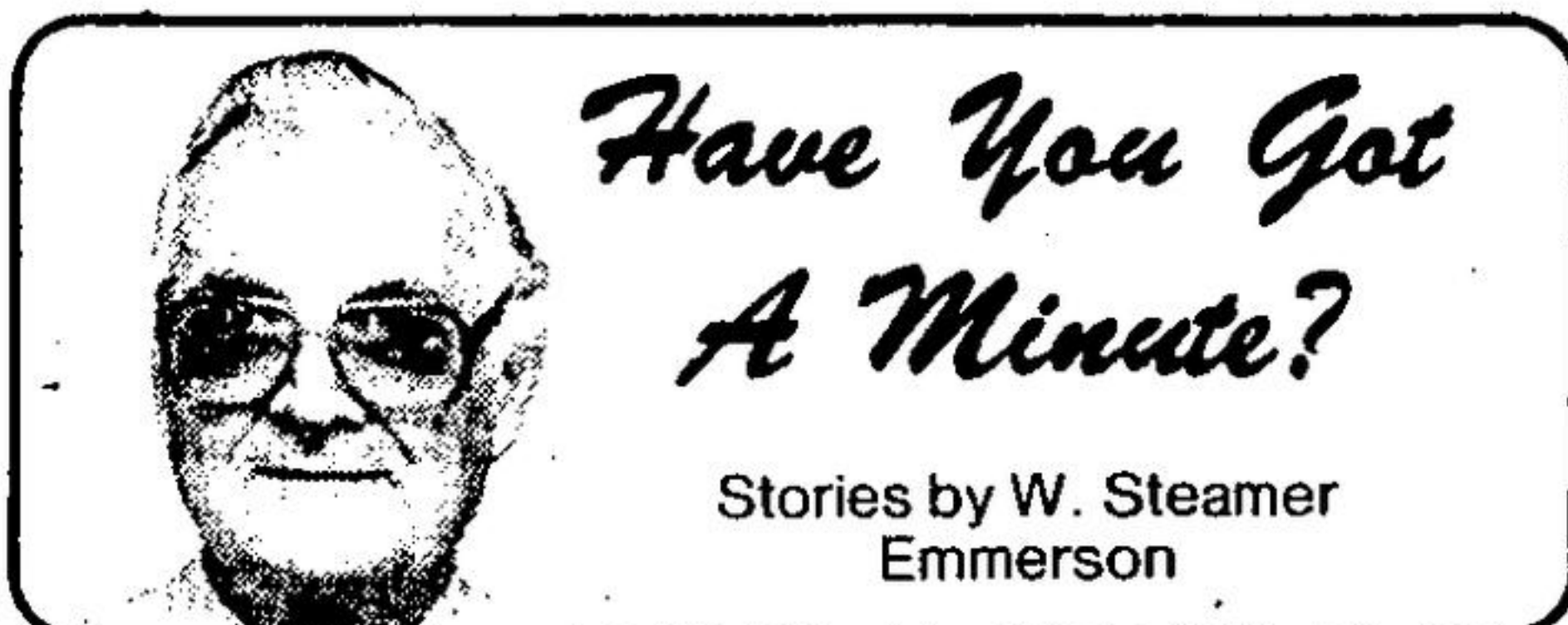
The fans loved Bucko. He was a huge barrel chested type, strong as an ox and not exactly a Fred Astaire on ice, but he was a gamer and showman. He was colorful.

So when his professional career ended, he kept on playing at the amateur level.

You know we might never have played and won over Bucko's Sundridge Beavers for the 1947/48 Int. A. Championship if it hadn't been for Coach Doug Runions sharp eye. Doug was from Hamilton and coaching the Georgetown Club when we lost to Milton.

Milton had brought a lad in from Hamilton who certainly played a prominent part in Milton's win Runions spotted the illegal import, protested to the O.H.A. and the protest was upheld.

The O.H.A. ordered a sudden



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death play-off game which Georgetown won and we finally met Bucko and his Sundridge Beavers for the Ontario Int. A. Championship.

It was standing room only and Bucko won the star attraction.

Georgetown was a hot-bed of hockey and the fans couldn't wait to pit Dolly Beaumont, Kenny Nash, Nick Ferri, Rabbit Rhodes, Scotty Patterson, Jack Bertwhistle, Eddie Binsell, Hal Gibson, Ken Storey, Max and Lee Bradbury, Rene Martin, Art Murdoch and Emo against Bucko.

Percy Blackburn was the manager and as I said Doug Runions was the coach.

Bucko was no slouch at picking talent and he had the high scoring line of Bo Wheeler at rightwing, Mac Lang at centre and Harold Knobby Hill at leftwing.

Bo Wheeler had played a few games with the Boston Bruins but on being sent down decided to return to his railway job and maybe play a little amateur hockey on the side.

Bo told me when he returned from the States to Sundridge he curled up in the railway bunkhouse for a few hours rest and when he opened his eyes who was staring him right in the eye but Bucko. Bucko never missed a bet when it came to hockey talent.

That night he had Bo in the lineup and he rewarded Bucko with a goal.

Bo went on to be the leading scorer in the Northern O.H.A. for two consecutive years so when he and Bucko and crew lined up against Georgetown the fans knew they were in for some great hockey.

Mrs. Kemshead and Theresa Harrison were rabid fans and always sat by the penalty box and could they yell and shout and apply the needle to opposing players entering the penalty box.

What with them, Bucko, Bo, Dolly, Nick and Noel the crowd knew it was going to be better than Wrestlemania.

## Ballinafad bazaar

Ballinafad United Church will be holding a bazaar featuring quilts and crafts as well as a tea room this coming Saturday (Oct. 13) from 1-4 p.m.

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The Forge Studio Gallery, located in Terra Cotta is in the midst of its 'Autumn Celebration '90' exhibition. Pictured above, is Thelma Likuski, an artist who specializes in watercolours, standing by one of her paintings. Other artists whose works will be exhibited include: Susan Rankin - Blown Glass; Susie Lee - Hand and Wheel Formed Porcelains and Agnes Olive - Raku Fired Clay. On hand last Sunday to entertain guests at the Forge Studio Gallery was Valerie Nichol who performed Robert Daigneault keyboard compositions. The 'Autumn Celebration '90' exhibit runs through Oct. 28 at regular gallery hours. (Herald photo)

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the conductor told him they had a head count on the train of 790.

Bucko long retired from hockey and duties as the local MP holds court at 78 years young in the coffee shop of the Bernard Hotel in Sundridge every morning to talk hockey, politics and even corsets.

Best wishes to you Bucko and Bo.

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