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**Ken Watson On Curling**



Author Ken Watson, centre, with the Richardson rink of Regina, Canadian and International curling champions. Members of Richardson rink will pose for pictures illustrating this series. Left to right, Ernie, skip; Arnold, third; the author; Garnet, second; Wes, lead.

(By Ken Watson)  
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(Canada's "Mr. Curling", Ken Watson of Winnipeg, is covering the Canadian curling scene for "The Liberal". This is the first in a series of 20 articles.)

With the advent of several swanky curling-golf layouts in Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, plus the opening of commercial curling coliseums like the Tam-o-Shanter in Toronto, the Curling Club in Regina and other pay-as-you-play rinks, a new era has dawned for the Royal and Ancient game.  
The enthusiasm of thousands of newcomers is expanding the girth of curling to a point where it threatens to "bust its britches". When countless golfers, who have benefited by the aid of professional instruction, turn their idle hands in winter to the intricacies of a new game on ice with rocks and brooms, they too are anxious to learn the rudiments in ten easy lessons and want none but the best to teach them. Thus "professionalism", a term distasteful to many of the older defenders of the idea that curling is an amateur sport, has raised its unfamiliar head.  
As long as curling was conducted at a quiescent level and practised quietly behind closed doors by the brotherhood, with only a

few new members initiated into the secret rites each year, there was no need for paid instructors. But in the past ten years the tidal wave of curling interest has swept a multitude of new curlers into the 2,000 clubs and there is no sign of the crest being reached yet.  
Whether we like it or not professional instructors are badly needed in curling today to cope with the insatiable demands of new players who do not want the trial-and-error method of learning. If Canada's buoyant economy continues we are going to see a fair sprinkling of "pros" over the country during the next few years.  
Garnet and Don Campbell of the famous Avonlea rink were the first to face the shrieks of anguish that emanated from official brass when they arrived in Toronto two years ago. Now they have been joined by several other young Saskatchewan shot-makers of renown who entered the game through high school curling ranks. Bayne Secord and Stan Larson listened to the beckoning financial fingers of the East, as described by Don Campbell while the three of them were going about the business of winning sparkling new automobiles at Swift Current late last winter, and accepted posts.  
Now to the big question — should these curling pros be allowed to enter district and provincial competitions? The answer is an unequivocal - Yes! Here are the reasons. First, professional-

ism in curling cannot be compared with a similar occupation in golf. Curling is a team game requiring the expert play of four men to win any major competition, and as a club cannot normally afford the luxury of more than one pro, any team representing it will not be playing with a packed rink (or a limit of one pro per team could be imposed). Secondly, the paid instructor or manager is usually so absorbed in his duties that his participation in tournaments will be limited; therefore his effectiveness reduced. For my money a curler who has an occupation that allows him to curl all winter and live on the bonspiel trail has a greater right to be tabbed a professional than a busy curling instructor or rink manager. In addition, a capable coach needs an occasional opportunity to keep his own game in respectable condition if he is to be an effective teacher of the finer points of strategy and play.  
As soon as curling professionals reach the status of the travelling golf pros who play in money tournaments, then the rule-makers will have to act. But that is years away. In the meantime, our ever-increasing new curlers need badly the services of professional instructors to get them off to the right start. Heaven only knows that the mortality rate was among novitiates under the old system of "This is the in-turn and here is the out-turn. Go ahead and shoot!" Hundreds of frustrated newcomers quit after one agonizing season.  
Let's not get too concerned about this handful of paid instructors playing in top-flight competition. Their presence will do curling more good than harm.  
Next: TOSSING THE ROCK  
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**New Bell Work Centre  
At Steele's Completed**

A Bell Telephone work centre to house approximately 80 vehicles and to provide test and repair facilities for a number of north end exchanges is nearing completion in this area, W. C. Barnes, local manager of the Bell announced this week.  
Located on Steeles Ave. just west of Yonge St., the building's ground area measuring 90 by 168 feet, will provide garage facilities as well as areas for vehicle inspections, parts and supplies storage room and an installation and repair office.  
The garage section of 10,300 square feet was opened late in November.  
A second storey, measuring 47 by 145 feet, is expected to open early in February and will house offices for staff as well as a test centre for the dial exchanges serving Don Mills, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Maple. The testing equipment will also be used for the Markham and Unionville exchanges when they convert to dial service in 1962.  
The construction of the new work centre will relieve overcrowded conditions at the Mount Pleasant garage, and the installation of the testing equipment will relieve the test centre now located at 72 Eglinton Ave., East.

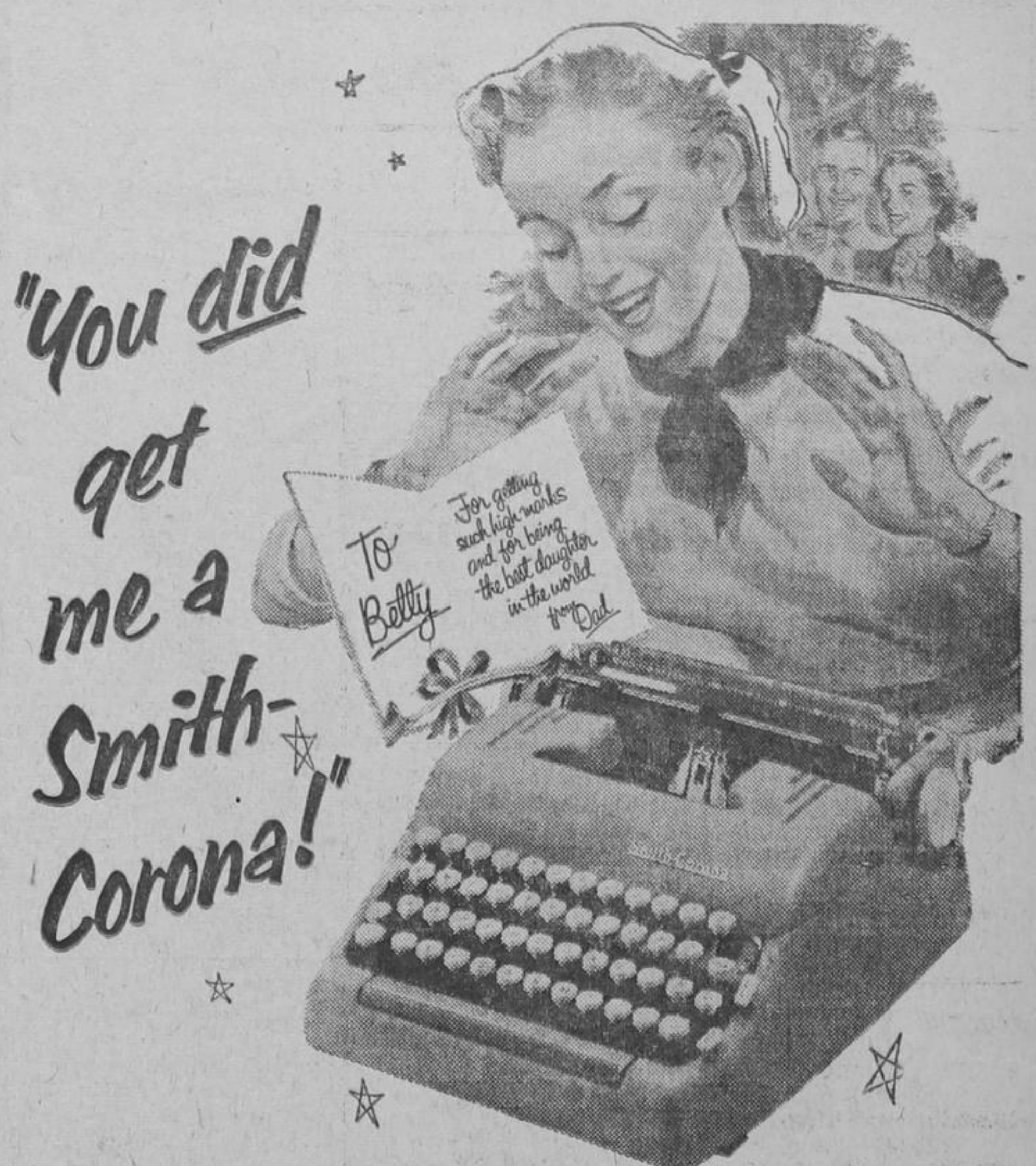
**ELGIN MILLS-JEFFERSON NEWS**

Correspondent: The Evening Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's Anglican Church  
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Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones left this week to spend the winter in Florida.  
Birthday Greetings to Mr. M. Patton who will celebrate his eighty-seventh birthday on December 21st.  
To celebrate Miss Nancy Passmore's sixtieth birthday, the Passmore family drove to Hamilton where they enjoyed a family party with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Passmore.  
Miss Florence Pridham a student at Bible College in Regina Saskatchewan is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. Pridham.  
Birthday Greetings to Glen Hillings whose birthday is December 16, Linda Marshall, December 17, Lorraine Marshall, December 19 and John Duncan, December 21. Rodney Smith celebrates on December 22.  
Community Club News  
The Jefferson School Community Club held their annual Christmas party last Friday evening. In spite of the icy weather conditions about forty people were out to enjoy cards and dancing. Winners of the euchre were: Ladies, Ruth Goulding, Lorna Pettigrew, V. Gamble, Gentlemen, Lorna Kerwin (playing as men) Wm. Bell and Jack Barry. Door Prizes were won by Bob Shelly, Chris Ratchford and Ernest Ensor. The evening closed with the singing of Christmas Carols.  
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