

Sporting News From The Little Store

by Tony DeMonte

The Hollinger Baseball club will certainly not be short on pitching Friday night, when they play hosts to the McIntyre club. There is no less than nine hopefuls trying out for hurling positions. Chervaty, Avery Talbot, Gordon, Baker, McKay and Levandoski can be counted on for a fair chucking chore along with two newcomers, Roy Smith of Toronto and Oscar Bussiere from Ottawa. Roy Smith has shown a lot of class in pre-season workouts although claims to be a little rusty, not having pitched in quite some time, and packing about thirty pounds of excess baggage on his big frame. Ball fans, especially Combine fans who tend to favour Rolly Bussiere, will have a problem on their hands this year, when Rolly and Oscar Bussiere face each other on the diamond. They pitch so much alike that fans will be wondering why Rolly deserted Combines in favor of the Hollinger squad.

There is no bigger thrill in baseball, than hitting or watching a ball being hit out of the park. That's what the fans pay to see in big time ball, as has been proven in cases like Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, DiMaggio, and other long ball hitters performing in big league ball, and that's what the fans will pay to see, in our own little world of baseball.

We have asked numerous fans and ball players and in seven cases out of ten they all agree with me that the 325 foot fence in right and left field is too far away for amateur ball. In the two years that the fences have been up, in the spacious Hollinger park, there have only been eleven round trippers hit, and out of the eleven homers hit, there have only been three players to do it twice, namely Levandoski, Cooper, and yours truly. That only leaves five homers divided among the rest of the players in four teams for two years. Very small percentage we think.

Most big league parks are made to accommodate their current long ball hitters, as in the case of Pittsburgh Pirates. They have shortened their left field fence forty odd feet to accommodate big Hank Greenberg, since they bought him from the Detroit Tigers.

There are a lot of ball players in our league who are capable of hitting a ball 325 feet, but unless it is hit on the foul lines, it is just another easy out. Even if you are a long ball pull hitter, pitchers are going to make sure they are not going to feed you inside balls, thus making it doubly difficult to hit a homer.

As long as it makes for better baseball, better attendance, and better gate receipts, we think, along with a lot more fans, that the fences in the Hollinger Park should be brought in to 300 feet or less, in right and left fields, and to 340 feet in centre.

With the fences where they are at present, fans don't know what they are missing, by having their favorite player on their favorite team, bang one out of the lot in the last inning, with perhaps a mate or two on board and trailing by one or two runs, thereby turning an otherwise loss into a glorious victory. It's that sort of thing that makes ball fans go home talking to themselves.

The cost of having the fences brought in would not be too great, in our opinion, and even if it was, the fact that more people would become ball conscious would more than compensate the big mine. Sudbury, in past years have boasted a ten thousand attendance, and there is absolutely no reason why we can't have as many people and more watching ball games locally, with the better ball field, and better seating accommodation.

We invite your views and comments on this subject, and with enough support in a form of a letter addressed to this corner, we can approach the Grounds Committee of the Hollinger, and request that the fences be moved to make baseball more interesting in the Porcupine Camp. So come on you red hot ball fans, and let's hear from you.

FISHING — To anyone who had the misfortune of not being able to get out fishing for the weekend, we want to say that you really missed something.

The weather was excellent, outside of a little shower in the forenoon, and the main thing was that the fish were biting. Everyone we spoke to caught their limit. Prize catches were reported from Night Hawk Lake. Fish ranging from five to sixteen pounds were not uncommon.

Hugh Pearce caught a pike that weighed 16½ lbs., and he saw another that weighed more than his.

Tom MacElwee and Jimmy Eckford came out with perhaps the best trout catch of the year. They had eight speckled beauties, and the smallest fish weighed just under three pounds. This is no fish story, because we were there and saw them being pulled out of the water. Tom hooked one trout and it was a battle right from the start. For fully fifteen minutes, we watched the battle, with our mouths drooling and eyes popping, before Tom finally brought him into the canoe. Name of the lake did you ask? Sorry fishermen, fishitary secret. Too hard to get into anyway.

Anglers are reminded not to forget to weigh in their big ones, for the different prizes being given by the Rod & Gun Club for the biggest fish caught, you can do this by bringing your fish to the little store, where they will be measured, weighed and recorded. We are one of the official weighing centres, and can fix you up with memberships, maps, and bits of information to make your fishing trips easier and more enjoyable.

ROLLER SKATING — Larry Leavens, local roller skating bug, and Porcupine Advance writer, reports that large crowds are currently attending the summer roller skating sessions at the McIntyre arena.

The floor is in perfect condition, the music swell, and the boards are not too hard, or wont splinter in case the little man who wasn't there trips you when you aren't looking.

If you are a beginner, especially of the fairer sex, Larry begs you not to be shy, and don't hesitate to get him to show you the latest steps on roller skates. You can locate Larry very easily: He's the good looking chap with the large, permanent grin on his map, strutting his stuff on the middle of the floor.

Municipalities

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tion with the rest of the Porcupine could plan a progressive future, rather than a continuous repetition of the uncontrolled building that had taken place during the short life of this gold belt.

In order to plan successfully it would be necessary for all the communities to get together, each represented by its own advisory committee under one chairmanship, and by thus combining their power and representation they would be in much stronger position to make demands upon both the provincial and the Dominion governments. It would also prevent either of these communities from devaluing any section of the other by the introduction in an uncontrolled manner of factories, or industries, which would be detrimental to a residential area.

One of the first duties of such a planning board would be to carefully lay out districts, each suited to business, factory, or residential sections. They could together plan for power, highways, streets, sewage, and by the latter prevent unnecessary pollution to the rivers and creeks.

A well planned town would also control the business section and the introduction of businesses. To strengthen this point he emphasized that in order to maintain a successful living, a grocer must be able to depend upon the custom of one hundred and twenty families. If the grocer trade was allowed to open up in an uncontrolled manner, during trade recessions, instead of being able to keep the public supplied with goods and services many of them would be forced out of business, while the others due to curtailed income would not be able to maintain proper establishments. At the present time in Timmins itself, there is an excess of business frontage and his could lead to a deterioration during employment set backs.

There are many people who would like to see the gold mining area, but unless the people themselves, through a planning board, were prepared to sell the district to the public at large as one suitable for, and able to cater to the needs of the tourist, this added income and business opportunity would be lost. Well planned, carefully selected sites, where travellers could be assured of comfort during their vacation would bring many thousands of dollars into this region, and would offer an alternative form of employment to many of the residents.

The Doctor also said "I have known of small communities becoming derelict, but I have never heard of a district such as you have here, with a population of 40,000 people, becoming a 'ghost'. The people themselves would create a new form of employment if the world ceased to purchase gold your present main form of livelihood. It is not right that the communities of this area should wait until the production of gold ceases to offer employment, but should plan alternatives now, taking advantage of the raw materials that are easily available."

HOW TO PLAN THE FUTURE

A belt of three to five miles should be designated around the outskirts of the main centres, namely Timmins, Schumacher, South Porcupine and Golden City, and this area should be known as the Porcupine planning zone.

To represent the people a board should be set up representing all phases of life and the minority of its members should be council representatives who are subject to change every year, thus leaving a majority of laymen who could plan without interruption, and thus avoid the present yearly change-over. Each community would have its own subsidiary planning commission, who would draw up suggestions for their own district. It would be then necessary to call in the various organizations such as women's groups, service clubs, board of trade, merchants association, and other parties before submitting their plan to the joint committees representing the Porcupine. In this way money by-laws would not be suddenly thrust upon the population, and as has happened so often in the past, turned down in order to reduce the rates. A suggested number for a Porcupine planning board would be nine, and women because of their multiple interests that are outside the general field covered by men, should be represented on the board to main-

Combines Take Macs 5-0 In T.B.L. Opener

Bill Tennant, new coach of the Combine team elected himself to pitch the opening ball game of the new season and came up with a 5-0 shutout. Big Bill went the route for the Combines, striking out eleven Macmen with a blazing fast ball and a tantalizing change of pace knuckler, despite the fact that the day was very cold and windy.

Bill was master all the way and didn't have to exert himself very much. He also helped his own cause by banging out three solid base blows.

The best the Macmen could do was get three hits off Tennant's offerings, and never threatened after Combines went into the lead in the fourth inning.

Martin a newcomer to the Porcupine, started for the McIntyre, and lasted five innings before being taken out in favor of Craig another newcomer.

Martin, a southpaw, showed plenty of mound savvy in the first three innings, with a nice curve ball, but the Combine right hand hitters got to him as lack of condition and cold weather began to tell on the southpaw.

He did however show enough in the first game, to assure the fans that he will win his share of games and more before the season is over.

Craig took over in the fifth inning, and he has a smooth, easy delivery, and certainly is not an exciting person on the mound.

With the two newcomers, along with George McShane, and Sparky Vell, the Macmen have a well rounded pitching staff. They also played without the services of Gordie MacDonald, classy left fielder for last years Combines, and Wink Wilson regular first sacker. Joe Iannarelli, of hockey fame played on first base, and showed up well at that spot, despite the fact that he has been out of ball for the last number of years.

The most desirable recreational set up would be to have a park, or playing fields, not more than half a mile from any home within the community.

After the master plan had been drawn up, and the machinery geared to a properly balanced programme, for action, it would then be submitted to the Minister of Planning and Development for approval, and then become law.

The object of town planning was not to deprive any member of the community from freely engaging in private enterprise, but was a means whereby the majority would be protected against being exploited by the few, provide improvements without added taxes, and protection against slums encroaching upon his home.

The McIntyre did threaten in the sixth inning when Cooke and Craig singled, but Cooke was out on a fielders choice, and Richardson hit into a double play, Romualdi to Everett to Mallott.

The Combines got one run in the fourth inning when Catarello walked and scored on a hit and run play with Ernie Mallott. They chalked up two more runs in the fifth inning and two in the sixth to complete the scoring.

There was a good turnout of fans considering the cold weather, and they were treated to a good game of ball. The new loudspeakers recently installed helped the fans to understand the game more thoroughly with their review of the plays, at the end of each inning. They also introduce each player as they take their turn at bat.

Cy Cops and his co-workers are to be complimented on the excellent jobs they made of the new programs. The idea of the programs are to aid junior ball in the Porcupine, from the proceeds of the advertisements, and the program sale at the gate.

The contents of the program is a simplified form of aiding the average ball fan how to score a ball game, different rules of baseball, an article on coaching, how to figure out baseball averages, an article on umpires, the correct distances between bases, and a lot of other interesting information.

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Cost of Living Can

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chasers, one and a half billion dollars a year according to the former Minister of Finance, the Hon. Mr. Ilsley.

The Housewives Consumers Association contend that if the excess profits tax was reimposed the government would again be able to subsidize the necessities of life, and provide a means of averting the present upward trend which could only lead to a national catastrophe.

Other highlights were the rise in profits made in 1946 by Canadian Food companies, which showed an increase of 62% over 1945 or a total of \$24,000,000. Other manufacturers especially in the Pulp and Paper in-

dustry showed as much as 200% in their 1946 increased profits.

Councillor Bartleman was the only member of the council to raise a point and he did so following the speakers mention of the Army's action of taking away windows, lights and heating from a hospital that families had taken over in Montreal. The councillor agreed that the need for homes was great and no effort should be spared in the fight to provide proper accommodation but he did not agree with "squattling".

Another point raised by the councillor was the need for older people to obtain a fair return on their investments and added that many of these people who should have had enough to provide comfort were among those hardest hit today.

Mr. Doucett stresses the need for motorists and non-motorists to observe every precaution on our urban and rural roadways. "There is no substitute," he states, "for care, courtesy and common sense on the part of our drivers and pedestrians."

NOTICE

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Of The

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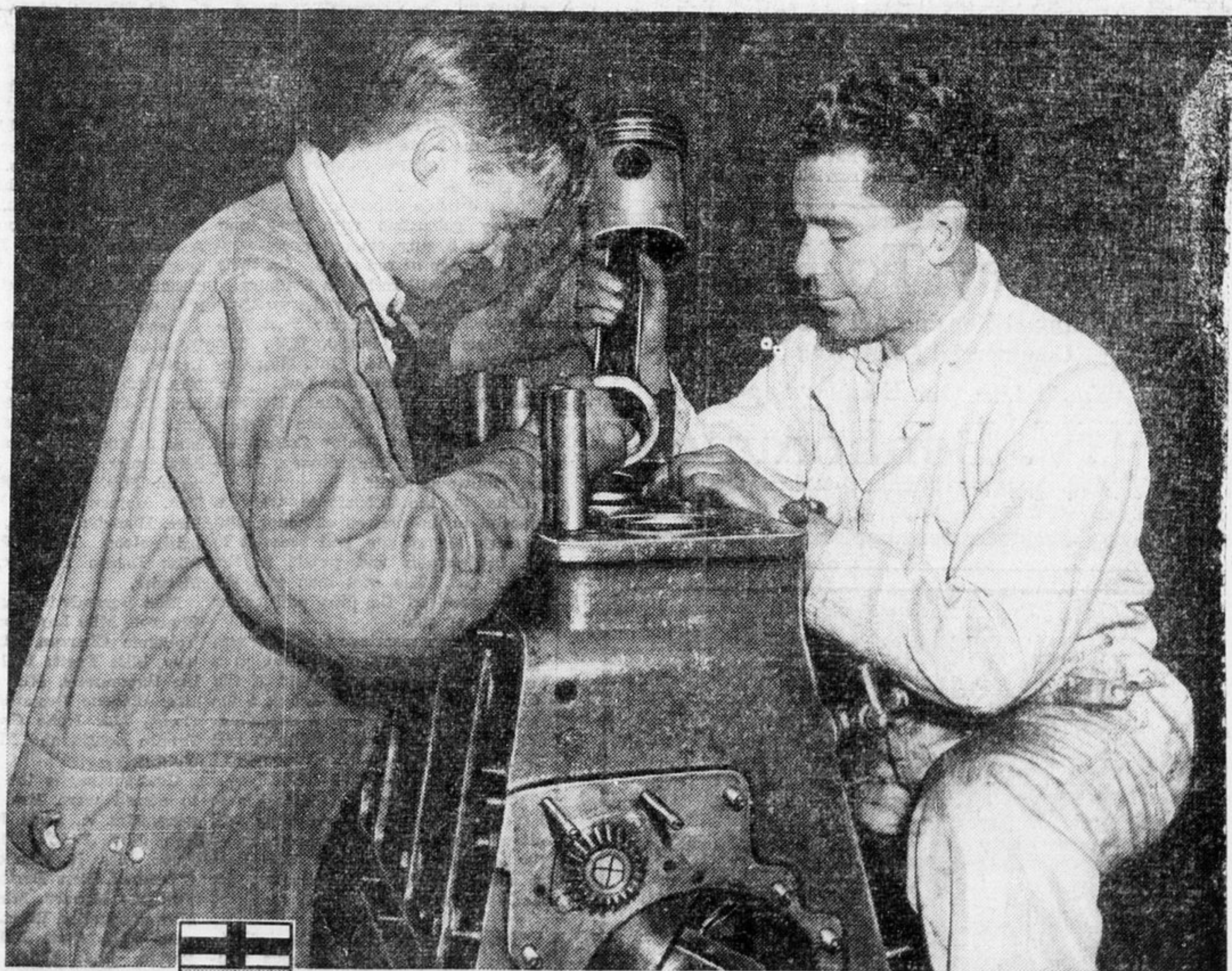
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SOUTH PORCUPINE Death of Former Resident

Mrs. Sara Lindberg of Barbers Bay died very suddenly on June 5th, aged 40.

She is survived by her husband Victor Lindberg, a former resident of S. Porcupine. Mrs. Lindberg had many friends in the district, her kindly nature endearing her to many neighbours and acquaintances.

The couple moved to Barbers Bay only two weeks ago.

Funeral services were conducted on June 7th, from the Finnish Lutheran Church on William Ave., by Revd. Koski.

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