

CURTAIN GOES UP ON WINTER SPORTS



Winter sports at McIntyre arena get into full swing within the next few days and already signs of activity were apparent when the Advance visited the community building early this week. At left Ed Chernesky tosses a practise stone in preparation for the opening of the curling club this weekend. In centre, Mildred Verhik, pretty figure-skating instructor, prepares to try the brand-new ice in the small instruction rink. At right is the well-known "Bummer" Doran, who returns to the line-up of Hollinger hockey club this year. When the first practise of the season was held on Monday at McIntyre, more than 40 pucksters donned skates to try out with the Bombers.

In addition to the branches of sport pictured here, McIntyre will be the scene of many other activities, including bowling, basketball, badminton and gym classes. More than two thousand people will participate in organized sport in the big building this coming winter.



McIntyre Is Mecca For 2,000

With the first Lions Cup hockey game tomorrow night, the curtain goes up on the 1947-48 Winter sports season in North Ontario and, despite the fact that hockey mentors are gloomy over prospects in their branch of sport, the all-around picture of activity at McIntyre is very bright indeed.

In fact, from now till Spring, there will scarcely be a moment of the day, or night when sporting doings of one kind or another are not taking place in the North's plush big sports centre. Somewhere in the building someone will be playing hockey or figure skating, bowling, curling, playing badminton or basketball or tumbling about the floor of the gym.

As an indication of the amount of activity which will take place, it is a remarkable fact that more than 2,000 persons will take part in organized sport within the walls of the building.

Sounds like an exaggeration, doesn't it? But break down the numbers of the various groups who will participate and you'll see it's true.

First there is hockey. With five senior teams and five juvenile teams of 14 players each, we find 140 players in all. Then there are 170 senior figure skaters and 280 junior. Curlers number 430, while badminton players, total 105 and perhaps more. An estimated 300 persons participate in organized bowling. There are four basketball teams of ten players each. A gym class of 80 youngsters meet regularly. To top it off there are 500 members to the public skating club.

Add it all up and it says that the people of the Porcupine are sports-minded in a big way.

Not In Doldrums Yet; Big Jump In North In Power Consumption

Northern Ontario is far from in the doldrums, if the recent report of the Hydro Electric Power Commission is any criterion of the way things are going.

Actual power loads in the North showed a 14.1 per cent increase in September, 1947, over the same month a year ago. Number of kilowatts in a 20-minute peak during September of this year showed a record consumption of 183,011 kilowatts, compared to 160,332 last year.

Meanwhile, actual output of the Northern Ontario system also showed an increase. Total output this year reached 210,551 kilowatts compared to 207,732 a year ago.

16 Miles Of Pipe Beneath 3 Rinks

First ice of the winter season was laid at McIntyre arena last Saturday afternoon, when workmen removed the boards from the floor of the rink, levelled the six inches of sand in which the freezing pipes are embedded, froze the sand to a depth of two inches and then applied the first coating of ice.

It was an all-day job for half a dozen men, under the supervision of Bob Crosby, manager of the North's largest winter sports centre.

With three different rinks in operation during the season, McIntyre has perhaps the greatest mileage of freezing pipe of all the artificial ice plants in the Province. A total of 16 miles of pipe, with lines spaced four-and-one-half inches apart, is in the building. There are eight miles of pipe beneath the hockey surface, seven beneath the curling rink, and one in the small instruction rink for figure skaters.

McIntyre's ice plant is a big affair located in the heart of the building. Valued at \$25,000 it comprises three compressors, giant tanks of brine, huge cylinders of ammonia and other paraphernalia necessary for the manufacture of ice.

McIntyre does not use the direct ammonia method of making ice, as is the case at South Porcupine arena. At McIntyre brine circulates in the miles of piping and it is cooled by passing through baths of ammonia located in the ice plant itself. This method of operation is more economical and it also eliminates the danger of ammonia escaping should a pipe leak.

While laying the initial coat of ice was a lengthy job last Saturday, normally the ice at McIntyre can be resurfaced in twelve and one half minutes with the use of the arena's mopping machine. This permits resurfacing between periods of a hockey game.

Ice is generally maintained throughout the season at a depth of one and one half inches.

Morbid Evidence In Local Courtroom

After some of the most monstrous evidence ever heard in a Canadian court, Bernard Laurin, former Timmins taxi-driver, a greasy-skinned, sallow, black-haired man of 21, was sentenced to 18 months in reformatory by Magistrate S. Atkinson Tuesday afternoon on a charge of contributing to juvenile delinquency.

Due to the foul nature of the evidence, the case was heard in closed court. Only observers were Timmins police constables, (every one off duty was there) a handful of witnesses and two newspaper reporters.

As the disgustingly foul acts Laurin had committed unravelled from the lips of three small children, sobs of loathing wreathed the brows of even policemen present, accustomed as they were to the most sordid type of evidence. For, compared to what was presented in Laurin's case, the evidence heard at the recent murder trial in Farry Sound in which a woman was freed after shooting her husband, when he committed abnormal acts before children, was tepid.

Evidence was presented by a neighbor in addition to the children. It was brought out that Laurin had been living off and on with Mrs. Marie Anne Lefebvre, 16 Elm street N., and that the acts involving the children of Mrs. Lefebvre had been taking place over the period of one year.

Each of the youngsters who testified told their stories in an earnest, quiet manner, as the accused man alternately looked at the floor or glanced up to smile a twisted, peculiar smile. Mrs. Lefebvre sat at the far end of the bench twisting her hands nervously as officials of the Childrens Aid Society brought one child in after the other to testify.

When called to the stand, Laurin flatly denied everything in a loud voice. But he was cowed by Crown Attorney, Sam Caldwell, when the latter recalled one of the small boys to contradict directly the accused's evidence.

When Mrs. Lefebvre pleaded guilty on a similar charge of contributing to juvenile delinquency, she was given an indefinite term of not less than one year at Mercer reformatory.

Laurin had been booked on a second charge of gross indecency. This charge was dropped by the crown, although it appeared that it might have to be proceeded with when Mrs. Lefebvre unexpectedly pleaded guilty. What further noxious evidence would have transpired had she been placed on the stand, is difficult to predict.

If Laurin had been convicted of gross indecency he would have been subject to up to ten years in prison and lashes, Magistrate Atkinson pointed out.

Hollinger Inaugurates School For New Miners

It was announced this week by Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited that a new training program for underground workers has been instituted at the mine. The need for such a program has been recognized by the company for some time, and several suggestions along this line have been made in recent months by both employees and supervisors. Operating detail are still being worked out, but the plan promises to become one of the outstanding features of operations at Hollinger.

Following meetings with all mine captain, J. M. Douglas, mine superintendent, announced that the 3500' foot level would be taken over by a mine training staff for the purpose of instructing all new employees in the various phases of mining.

The new training program will be under the direction of mine captain William McDermott, with H. R. Shuttleworth acting as assistant captain for the training level. All mine captains will assist Mr. McDermott in advisory capacities.



J. M. Douglas

Barn Dance Tune Is Foul Language To Local Gendarmes?

When he appeared in local police court here this week, Joseph MacNamara, Timmins youth, said that he was merely singing a barn dance tune and not cursing, shouting, swearing and making a general nuisance of himself when he was picked up on Cedar street by local police.

And he had two witnesses to testify that it was a hill-billy song which rent the air, and not loud imprecations as the result of being excluded from the Royal Hotel. But "Home on the Range" or not, police maintained that it was the common, garden variety of foul language, inspired when given the "bim's rish" from the local beer emporium.

In this Magistrate S. Atkinson concurred. MacNamara was fined \$10 and costs or 15 days.

300 Fires This Year

While the total reckoning of losses due to forest fires has not yet been made, the season just concluded ranks with the worst years in the North, according to B. A. MacDonald, of the public relations branch of the Department of Lands and Forests.

Mr. MacDonald, who covers the Kapuskasing and Cochrane districts, of which Timmins is a subdivision, said that more than 300 fires had broken out during the year and that he believed that not since 1922 had such a number of fires occurred in one season.

"Fourteen fires broke out in the Timmins division alone since October 15," he said. "All these fires took place after the official season was supposed to be over."

Black spots of the year were June, August and October. In June a series of grave fires broke out near Hearst, while in August the trouble centre was at Swastika. Recently it has been Timmins which has kept fire-fighters occupied day and night.

"In the vast majority of cases, the causes of these fires have been simple carelessness," Mr. MacDonald said. This, combined with long dry periods, has made it one of the worst seasons in many years."

He attributed the recent wave of fires to the neglect of hunters, stating that on recent tours of inspection by air, it was evident that most fires had begun on the shores of lakes where camps had been made.

He said that the winter operations of the Department had been considerably delayed. Forestry work as scalars in bush camps during the winter months and they should have been on the job some time ago. The two aircraft used in this district should also have been in for overhaul, preparatory to winter operations.

Firer Of Shot Not Clear

Exactly who fired the shot which injured Alec Kalyniuk, veteran Porcupine miner who was struck by a .22 calibre bullet last Sunday afternoon on George Boychuk's farm three miles from Timmins, is not exactly clear, according to chief of police Leo Gagnon of Mountjoy township.

"Both Alec Jr. and his wife Yvonne were firing at a target on a fence when the older man strayed within the target area," the chief said. "It is not clear just who fired the shot."

Chief Gagnon emphasized that the shooting was purely an unfortunate accident.

"Mr. Kalyniuk disappeared into the bush with his friend Peter Wozniuk in an entirely different direction than that in which the young couple were firing. They expected him to return from the direction in which he left, but instead he and his friend circled through the bush directly into the line of fire."

He said that the injured man was a distance of 600 feet past the target when he was struck with the bullet in the stomach.

"In spite of the fact that the rifle was only of .22 calibre the bullet made a gaping wound," he declared. "A .22 is just as much a death-dealing weapon as a gun of larger calibre."

Alex Kalyniuk, 55, had intended spending the Sunday afternoon in the bush with his son and daughter-in-law and his friend. When struck with the bullet, at first he did not realize what had happened and he walked several hundred yards out to where his automobile was parked, before being rushed to St. Mary's hospital.

Here blood transfusions were given and an emergency operation which lasted fully two hours was performed by Dr. E. A. Dobson. The slug had entered the victim's stomach, passed through the liver and halted in the pelvic region.

Born in Austria of Ukrainian parents, Mr. Kalyniuk has been an employee of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines for the past 26 years without an accident.

Behind This Story Is Another Story

The prisoner was by far the handsomest man in the crowded courtroom. Erect, square-jawed and perfectly groomed, he could have passed for the model of an Arrow Tie advertisement. His business suit was a conservative grey and cut in a fashionable drape which emphasized wide shoulders. He wore a black and white tie which was tied in a small, neat knot. The tuft of a white handkerchief projected from his breast pocket. He looked the part of an aristocrat.

He was kept standing in the prisoners' box for a long time. For in a precise, methodical way, Magistrate S. Atkinson read charge after charge against him, enquiring whether he wished to be tried by him or sent to a higher court, whether he wished to plead guilty or not guilty. Always, with the ghost of a friendly smile, the man replied "By you, sir" and "Guilty."

After six charges had been read, involving forgery, uttering and fraud, and as the Magistrate reached for more to read, a subdued rustling sounded among spectators in the courtroom. The rustling increased in volume with each succeeding charge. It finally twelve had been read. This was a spectacular case, the rustling said.

Christmas Mails For Overseas

Gift parcels of foodstuffs and comforts will do much to brighten the Christmas this year of those overseas who are living under "austerity" conditions.

The Canadian Post Office, however, again urges the public not to delay, but to mail for Christmas overseas just as early as possible.

For the guidance of the public it announces that the following closing dates have been set for the overseas Christmas mails:

November 8th—The Continent—letters and parcels.
November 15th—The United Kingdom—parcels.
November 29th—The United Kingdom—letters.

Mailers are reminded that gift parcels, if long size and unweighted, may be mailed up to 20 lb. weight to individuals in the United Kingdom, but must be plainly marked, "Gift Parcel."

Parcels containing food cannot be insured.

To expedite the delivery in the United Kingdom of gift parcels, containing food only, a yellow label (No. 61) obtainable at Post Offices, should be attached. The usual Customs Declaration Form (91B) fully completed, must be affixed to all parcels addressed abroad. Care should be taken to see that the non-adhesive Customs Declaration Form (15B) and Despatch Note (15B) are completed and forwarded with the parcel where necessary.

The total value of the contents of parcels sent to the United Kingdom or other countries without an export permit must not exceed \$25.00.

Mailers are urged to pack all parcels firmly and securely in strong corrugated containers, wrapped tightly in several folds of thick wrapping paper, and securely tied with strong twine.

Do not pack parcels in shoe boxes, or use tissue paper for outer wrapper, or ribbon to tie the outside of the parcel.

Enclose only articles suitable for mailing. Be certain that all mail is fully prepaid, correctly and clearly addressed, and that a return address is given on the outside of the paper. Enclose a slip with the contents of the parcel giving the names and complete addresses of sender and addressee.