

Has Never Seen Husband, Children, Is Mother Again



Mother who has never seen husband or children, Mrs. Edward Stevens, 36, Oakville, recently brought home fourth child. Seen with husband, Teddy, seven, Kenneth, four, Lynda, two, and baby Bryan, she lost sight and right hand in percussion cap explosion when six, does all housework, is "best cook in the whole world," says her husband.

Young Hockey Players To be Ruled by Court

BY DOUG McLELLAN

Don't clap too loudly but it looks as though the pro hockey clubs are going to change their present method of signing teen-age kids for future pro delivery.

At the moment, the ripe old age of 16 years is the date on which a youngster can be placed on a negotiation list of a pro club or signed to one of the forms, but according to the proceeding which took place at a recent meeting of the N.H.L., the age limit may be raised one year, or, maybe even two.

Threw A Scare

With this news it is quite probable that Dr. Hall of the University of Toronto is laughing up his sleeve as being a man who threw a scare into the N.H.L. heads.

It was the learned Dr. Hall who first raised a staunch protest to the early signing age and tried, during the past summer, to gain support in his "Anti-National Hockey League Campaign" from the other educational bodies.

At the time Dr. Hall stated that the pros had no legal right to bind a kid to anything signed before the youngster became 21. No one ever denied this fact. But it was never changed, because no one had ever seriously bothered the pro heads.

Campbell Awakens

Clarence Campbell must have started his legal mind rolling when he heard Dr. Hall's charges (some of which were a little exaggerated and which Dr. Hall couldn't prove when asked to do so) and began to think what would happen if some one whose son was ripped up by the pros took the case to court.

The result of such action could be drastic to professional hockey. A court could rule, and would rule, that any paper signed by a 16 youngster cannot stand up as law.

Then things would happen that would make the pro club owners wish they were in Siberia. It would mean that every kid who signed a C form when he was only 16 would be released from the parent club, and that would include most of the more promising material in the country to-day.

Nothing of the such has been ever done in hockey, but it has in baseball. Judge Landis, Commissioner of Baseball, until his death a few years ago,

has more than once given outright releases to entire teams, as their parent clubs didn't live up to regulations.

Detroit Tigers once lost four outstanding prospects in such a manner, and to this day have never forgiven the old Judge.

Hockey

But getting back to hockey, the raising of the age to say 18 would be a real step forward as the two extra years would smarten up a lot of kids who would jump at a "C" Form when they are 16 but shun the same contract when they are 18 simply because they then know more of the ropes.

Police Court

Alec Turcotte, 68 TCAC rink supervisor, was convicted by Magistrate Atkinson of indecent assault on a nine-year-old school girl; he was ordered to sign a \$500 bond and given a two-year suspended sentence. He has been suspended from the TCAC staff.

Jack McDonald, 70, of Timmins, charged with drunkenness, third offense, was sentenced to three months in Monteith jail.

Ken Johnston, 19, and Pete Flainek, 19, charged with being on licensed premises, were fined \$10 and costs.

A Elles, Wm. J. Black and Cliff Risto, owners of International Hotel, charged with having minors on premises, were fined \$25 each, and costs, totalling \$17.

Ralph A. Rodine, alias Ralph C. Campbell, on three false pretences charges in North Bay, Belleville and Timmins — charged with buying cars in each case, and with receiving stolen goods, was sentenced to two years in the Kingston penitentiary. He received two years on each charge; but the sentences are to be run concurrently.

CHAMBER NOTES

The United Nations World, a magazine, is on file in the Chamber office, for use of members interested.

Cabinet May Protest Ousting By Czechs



CPL. J. G. VANIER
One of Two Expelled



SERG. REGINALD DANKO
Accusations Baseless

Cabinet consideration will be given this week to what action Canada should take as a result of the Czechoslovakian government's ousting of two Canadians, members of the staff of the Canadian legation in Prague. No official and full account of the complaints laid by the Czech government and the Canadians' defence of their charges has been received. However, the Canadian embassy in Prague has told the external affairs department that the charges were the same as have been made by Czechoslovakia against minor members of the staff of other western countries. These were charges of espionage.

Special Constable to Be on Alert for Riots

Magistrate S. Atkinson, at a Timmins Police Commission meeting held on Tuesday night at the town hall proposed to Chief Lepic—with regard to the D.P. riot on December 11, 1949—that a special constable be provided to protect life and property against further rioting at the Ukrainian Labour Temple.

The proposal was carried. A delegation from the Labour Defense Committee attended the meeting; Messrs. Kremy, Tester, Houle, McKenzie and Hubli.

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Fay, Judge Rene Davis.

TCAC Rinks In Good Shape Avers Young

"I think that the TCAC rinks compare favorably with any other rinks I have seen," Ken Young, district representative of the community programs branch of the department of education, said this morning.

"They are in very good shape," he added. "I do not think they could be improved upon. Clean changing rooms. Good ice surfaces. The other rinks further south have not been faced with the snow problem."

Kinsmen Addressed by Dr. Hill; Pipers Play

Kinsmen held a real "Kilties Night" on Monday when they celebrated the beloved Scottish bard, Burns. Members of the Porcupine Pipe Band attended; Scottish airs played by Pipe Major Jock MacLennan and extremely good drumming by Harold Lockie.

"New Members' Night"

The event heralded "new members' night, and several attended. President Erik Lamminen extended a hearty invitation to all visitors. Approximately forty-five members and guests were on hand for the unusual affair.

Dr. Hill Speaks

A talk on "Health and Maintaining Health" was given by Dr. Malcolm Hill, a club member.

He paid tribute to the Kinsmen Club's National project, which is "the consistent drive against cancer," and said that cancer is still the second largest agent of death, with 16,000 deaths last year, while heart disease headed the list with 33,000 fatalities.

Dr. Hill said that the Kinsmen Clubs still maintain a scholarship for young medical men who make a study of cancer. He explained that a great deal of research work is being made throughout Canada. He outlined the three treatments of cancer: (1) Surgery, (2) Radiation, (3) Therapy. He gave facts regarding 30 different types of cancer, brain tumors, bone tumors, and malignant cancerous growths.

Doctor Hill urged medical examinations, at periodic intervals. "To wait, may hasten the spread of disease. Facilities can be prevented by prompt action," he emphasized. The speaker also pointed out that "Health is Wealth," and its protection a fundamental necessity.

He was thanked by President Erik Lamminen.

Ken Gildner, of the Sudbury Club, invited Timmins members to attend the District 8 Convention, which will be held June 16, 17 and 18.

"Auld Acquaintance..."

The entertainment consisted of Scottish airs played by Piper MacLennan and Drummer Harold Lockie. Some of the selections were: "Blue Bonnets over the Border," "Bonnie Dundee," "Cock of the North."

Larry Labor played several violin masterpieces, including "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "Annie Laurie," and "Coming Through the Rye."

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New Arena Built In Port Hope: \$105,000

A new arena was completed last week in Port Hope. The ice surface is exactly the same size as that of the Maple Leaf Gardens. (200 by 85).

There are eight miles of inch and a quarter pipe laid. Through these pipes a mixture of brine, cooled by ammonia vapour, is pumped by a 25 H.P. circulating pump.

There are 48 lights on the ice surface.

Finest in Ontario

The public address system is the finest in Ontario: four speakers, a 25 watt amplifier, a record player, one microphone in the North end, another in the penalty box. Thus general information can be immediately broadcast, as well as music.

There are two canteens, four changing rooms, two ticket offices two shower rooms.

Capacity: 2,912

The cost of the construction of the rink, together with the artificial ice equipment, is approximately \$105,000. There are 1,612 seats in the rink standing room for 1,500.

The rink was given in memory of the late Peter Campbell, by George McCullah, a friend and admirer of Mr. Campbell.

Construction began on July 12, 1949 and finished on January 14, 1950. (Further details on page four).

Hollinger Offers Film To Educate Children

"There is ample evidence to prove that blasting cap accidents, and near accidents, in the Porcupine area are a direct result of the stupidity or carelessness of grown-ups who would know better," said a Hollinger official today, referring to the educational program being conducted in local schools regarding the danger of blasting caps.

To date, ten schools have been covered and a total of 4875 children have viewed the film entitled "Blasting Caps" being presented by Hollinger and also inspected the display cabinet of powder, fuse, and blasting caps prepared by the local sales office of the Canadian Industries Limited.

"The number of boys, and even girls, that volunteer the information that they have handled and played with blasting caps is a matter of grave concern and leads one to wonder that more children have not been crippled for life as a result of such dangerous playthings," went on the official.

"After all, the children are innocent victims of the carelessness of grown-ups. How can young children know of the danger of these seemingly innocent little tubes?"

"When the program was commenced, it was believed that most of these caps were being found in the bush by the children, but questioning the children as to the source of the caps, we found to our dismay that many of them had been brought home by their Dads from the various mines, either inadvertently or purposely."

"No attempt was made to secure the names of the boys and girls volunteering such information, since we do not believe such a course would be fair to the children or the parents, but we do wish to draw to the attention of all miners in this district that by making blasting caps accessible to children, they are running the risk of being personally responsible for blinding or seriously crippling a child. Where the law might not do anything, their conscience would. I wouldn't want to be in the shoes of the man whose child was blinded as a result of his removing caps illegally from a mining property."

When it became obvious that some miners in the area were guilty of this practice, prompt action was taken by the Assistant Mine Superintendent at Hollinger, and the following notice was posted on the bulletin boards, addressed to all employees of the underground division at Hollinger:

During the current educational program on the danger of blasting caps now being conducted among children in the local schools, numerous cases have come to light where boys and girls have seen and handled blasting caps that had been taken into the homes by men who work at the various mines.

It should not be necessary to draw to everyone's attention of the serious danger to which children are being exposed due to such carelessness and thoughtlessness.

Blasting Caps must not be taken Off this property

While the safety of children is the most important point, I would also point out that removal of blasting caps from the property is a violation of the Mining Act and offenders can be held criminally responsible.

(Signed) E. P. Thompson, Asst. Mine Superintendent.

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THE NEEDIEST

CASE ONE Drunken Loafer

Mr. Y. is lazy. He drinks heavily. He is constantly in trouble for theft. Mrs. Y. is on relief. They have four children. John, the oldest, stole magazines, a bicycle, \$60 cash. He has been sent to training school. Mr. and Mrs. Y. are not divorced. They are separated. He is in jail. She is working and looking after the other three children.

CASE TWO Flour Bag Smocks

Mrs. D. could not hear any sounds or voices. She could not speak. She had two boys, Pete and Quirk, aged five and three. She was unmarried. She lived in a shack in the bush. She lived with this man and that man and, once in a while, with another man. Pete and Quirk had never seen a car, a toilet, a bottle of coke or running water. They wore flour bags. Each flour bag had three holes in the bottom, one for the neck and two for the arms. Whenever Pete and Quirk were in a room each covered in a separate corner. Quirk is now on adoption-probation and will be admitted within the next year. Pete has been tried out in two homes. He did not work out very well. He has been to a psychiatrist. He has been placed in a third home whose founders are particularly patient and kind to him. He is being watched closely. Mrs. D., deaf and dumb, her health now broken, has been sent to a hospital for incurables.

CASE THREE Good-Bye Baby

Mrs. K. died, leaving Mr. K. and seven children. The oldest was 15. She had to manage the other six, and the father, also difficult, for he drank and worked irregularly. She could not manage them all. The children had to be removed from the home. Miss K., at 16, secured work, and boarded out herself. Six months later she found she was six months pregnant. She had only seen Bill twice. She wanted money. Bill was found. He denied being the father of the impending child. The child was born. Henceforth Miss K. received money from the town of Timmins. She would not part with the child. She would, she said, get a job and keep the baby her-

self. The mother and child were placed in a boarding home. She got a job. After three months she was laid off. Not fired. Laid off. She could find no other job. She could do nothing for the baby. The baby is now on adoption-probation. Miss K., with help, did recently secure another job. Considering the future of the child, she believes it will be better off with a family. She will never see the child again.

CASE FOUR Illegitimate Woes

Miss C. left school at 14. Her parents would not keep her. She had to work. She got a job as a waitress in a Third Avenue restaurant. Joe was a customer. He hung around, took her out. She became pregnant. She quit her job and returned to her home in the bush. When she went into labour she entered the local hospital. The baby was born. Miss M's mother told her she would have to get out. Miss M. advertised in help wanted columns for housework. She received no replies. She had no money, no clothes but those she stood in, and no job, and one baby. She was 16. Joe was found. The baby was placed in a boarding home. Joe was asked to pay \$15 a month. He did, and still does. The girl wants the baby. She will get it when she can support it.

CASE FIVE Variety Seekers

Miss M. met M. in Timmins. One month later they got married. He went overseas. She became pregnant. It was complained about her that she was spending army allowance money on parties with other men. The Army asked the Society to supervise the spending. It did so. He returned. For a while, things went well. They had two children. Then he went out with other women, she with other men. She moved out of the house. The Court awarded her \$40 a month, which the Society was asked to supervise. Mrs. M. is now looking after the children, the Society supervising the \$40 monthly, and Mr. M. contributing an additional amount.

(These five cases are attested by the District of Cochrane Children's Aid Society, Timmins).

Hands Across the Line