

# The Sports Corner

By DOUG McLELLAN

**"GORDIE HOWE CRITICALLY INJURED:** Next 24 Hours to Tell Fate." These were the words heard all over the country the other morning and splashed across all the front pages in the newspapers. To sports fans, Gordie Howe was known as the right-winger on the potent Abel-Lindsay-Howe line but to folks outside the sporting fraternity Gordie Howe was an unknown name. They read the articles wondering whether the kid had been hit by a car or hurt in a mine accident, and were really floored when they scann'd down the shuddering lines and found that the kid had been injured in a hockey game. Every mother in the nation was rocked by the terrible news that such could happen in a hockey game, as nearly every Canadian mother has a son playing in some hockey league, and as all leagues have almost the same rules, accidents in one league can be duplicated in any loop.

**ALARMINGLY COMMON:** Some argue that accidents happen in every sport but accidents in hockey are becoming more and more alarmingly common every day. We could rymne off a half a dozen serious injuries this season, ranging from Howe's near fatality to eyes being lost and one fellow playing junior hockey out in Dryden, Ontario was so badly injured that one half of his body has since been paralyzed.

**WHAT'S WRONG?:** You can readily see that the time has come for changes of some sort to protect the players themselves and the winter sport as a whole. There are three or four or more varying theories on 'what's wrong with modern hockey?' One legion protest that the rules are not made to do away with the rough stuff. If you read over the rule book carefully enough you will find that this idea is wrong. The that the different leagues don't make their referees enforce some of the regulations strongly enough. Deliberate injury to an opponent could result in a match penalty but have you ever seen it enforced. The crowd would tear any ref limb from limb if he made such a call. Sticking to the 'letter' of the rule book do away with many hurts. As for the present day rules, one regulation which could be corrected to avoid many injuries is the present charging rule. 'Charging' is called on a player when he body-checks an opponent after taking more than two steps towards him. The number of strides taken to 'mail' an opponent could be cut down to one or not even allow one step to be taken and thus practically cut out body-checking.

**FAST & CLEAN; IT WAS:** Whatever the solution may be it is time something was done to restore the game to the fast, clean sport that it was 15 years ago. The game now is designed to make the blood-thirsty Americans enjoy it, and as it is the Canadian National Sport let's have it played the way Canadians love it, when brains in a hocked player counts more than muscle.

## Mr. Eyre Points Proudly: Hornets Return To Town

BY DOUG McLELLAN

The Porcupine Combines have received more than their share of sport's page ink this winter but on their trip to Ottawa a few weeks ago

they received the honor of being mentioned in the House of Commons Debates report. The Combines were present at a sitting of the House of Commons and introduced to the political gentlemen by Karl Eyre, M.P. Mr. Eyre proudly pointed out to the House that of the 18 players on the club, 16 were raised in the North Country, a very enviable record.

Doug Houston, who performed in the Eastern Amateur League for the Atlantic City Sea Gulls this winter has returned to his home in South End but not in quite the same shape in which he left for the States last fall. Houston received a broken ankle a couple of weeks ago and as the season was closing thought he would come home.

For the fifth season hand-running the South End Tee Pees are again wearing the N.O.H.A. Juvenile Crown. The South Enders dumped the Soo Canadians from the cup hunt last week-end and now meet the St. Kitts Lions for the All-Ontario title. The games are slated for the South End Arena on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and if you want to take in some high class hockey get over to South End to-night, you won't regret it.

A pair of Pittsburgh Hornets have returned home in the persons of Rey Hannigan and Dusty Blair. Hannigan was one of top rookies in the American League this season, garnering 51 points, 30 goals and 21 assists. Blair divided the season between Los Angeles of the P.C.H.L. and the Hornets of the American loop. In the P.C.H.L. Blair was well on his way to the Rookie of the Year Award when the Hornets put the grab on him.

The Hill-Clark-Francis entry in the Mercantile League are the new champions of the loop. They donned the South End Merchants in the fifth game of a hectic series. The season hasn't been too profitable a one for the league as they failed to draw anything resembling a crowd. As Bob Fulton, the golden-voiced gent on the McIntyre P.A. system put it, there are usually 35 people in the arena for a game, 30 players and five spectators, and they are all referees.

At the beginning of the year if anyone told you that the Combines Juniors had a powerhouse of a team that was going to go South and give the O.H.A. winner a run for their money, you would have thought the person talking like this must be off his rocker. The locals didn't look too promising last fall but now they



## THE LEGION COLUMN

BY J. GORDON

We all regret the passing of one of our oldest members, one who was prominent in our midst and also a prominent figure in our local Regiment, D Company, Algonquins, where he held the rank of Company Sergeant Major and was respected by all under him.

The funeral was held on Monday morning from the Church of the Nativity, Father Murry officiating.

Pallbearers from the legion were, O. J. Menard, W. Pennington, Gig Carswell and Les Mason, also two members of the Algonquins were in attendance.

Quite a few members attended the funeral service.

They shall not grow old as We who are left grow old, Age shall not weary them, Nor years condemn.

At the going of the Sun and in the morning We shall remember them.

### WALTAR OSMAR

We had a visitor this week-end from Branch 89 Cochrane, Walter Osmar, Sergeant-at-Arms, we hope he enjoyed his first visit to our Branch.

There was a little change in the procedure of our Saturday night social preference was given to those who preferred square dancing and Ron Purchase and his boys did their best in giving vent to the music that went with it, ably assisted by C. Kennedy and his Old Time Band. Bob Hardy was the caller.

Vocalists were Romeo Fortin and Al Leonard dressed as a Coon, they both did a good job.

The door prize went to Sam Drew, first, and S. Getty, second.

### Eight New Members

Around 70 members attended the general meeting on Monday evening with president Gig Carswell in the chair. Eight new members were initiated into the Branch and given a welcome by the president.

Timmins Citizen Band under commander Fred Wolno rendered the ceremonial music. Zone commander Geo. Whiting attended the meeting and said a few words and hoped that the district meeting to be held here in this hall on April 23rd would be a success.

It was mentioned the Dominion command would hold their convention in Winnipeg on May 18 and one member to be sent from this Branch. Four were nominated; G. Carswell, R. Bryson, W. Greaves and Ron Sweeney. It was decided to send two delegates and Gig Carswell and Ralph Bryson was elected to go.

### VOLLEY BALL

Bob Dumont, chairman of the sports committee reported that the Volley Ball would be tried out on Wednesday evening, so be around.

He also asked for more entries in the Legion Dart Tournament which is to start very soon in the next day or two.

In the past we have had the Scots Pipe Band at our meetings but I must say Bandmaster 'Fred Wolno didn't let them down, he played several Scottish tunes during the evening which was well received.

As you know the Commemoration of the Battle of Vimy, April 9th, 1917, is to be held on Monday, April 10th and if you haven't got your tickets yet you had better pick them up now, they can be had from the secretary or at the Bar.

On the 14th there will be a big Bridge tournament in the Legion Hall, a bumper they say, but that is all I know, you can inquire details from the sports committee or the secretary.

### G. BECK — 809

The Legion Bowling League high scores for the last game go to G. Beck with 809 for the high Triple, and G. Smith with 318 for the high Single.

To our sick members in hospital we send our weekly best wishes for a

really throwing a scare into the Guelph Biltmores.

As this was written before last night's game, we are unable to tell you about the third game of the series, but judging from the first two games, the locals are surprising the experts in not being pushed around like other local entries having done in former years. Don't be at all surprised if the Combines set the Blits back on their pants and win a game or two before the final whistle.

# HIGH Happenings At T. H. & V. S. LOWDOWN

By D. Hindson

Well friends how are the exams? That's a most cheerful way to start a column isn't it? At least it is an interesting way to start a column that is read by fifth formers, of which, I hope there are a few.

### ACTIVITIES

Things are at an all time low around the high school this week with all forms except fifth deeply engrossed in that interesting pastime of writing exams. The absorbing and interesting thing about these exams, is that they occupy your time, before and after, as well as when writing them. Hence the number one reason for all the time low in such an active institution as Timmins High.

That is also the number one reason for having to look to outside sources for information.

Down the basement, someone is putting fuel on the fire. Downstairs, two radios are blasting away, one emitting the rampaging tones of Walter Winchel, the other the blasting away something on stage fifty. Upstairs I am sitting in front of a type writer, which in turn is sitting in front of a type writer, which in turn is sitting in front of a pile of letters that should be answered. My glance sneaks a look at the side of the table where my school books are piled. Here I have one consolation. — My homework is done.

In my pocket, my wallet lies limply. Suddenly I felt the need for inspiration but quick, Easter is coming, and with Easter come added expenses, for added enjoyments. Ah yes, being just a mercenary old soul, that desired inspiration is beginning to rise. I suppose even an inspiration wants to have a good time during the holidays.

There's the radio again, this time announcing the skating carnival. I need a haircut too. I guess I had better get cracking.

### MINSTRELS

The Kiwanis Minstrels seemed to be the only weekend activity for most students. Several we noticed in the audience were: Joy Majury, Rob Canie, Gerald Spooner, Mary Huckerby, Merle Marsh, Walter Kembell, Ed Day, Janis Staveley, Bob Kemball, Dianne Lloyd, Marguerite Lochrie, Nellie Jamsa, Norm Lillie, Bud Johnston and many others.

I don't suppose that it is coincidence that several of these people seemed to be in couples! Spring as far as I know is not doing its stuff in its accustomed style. Still it's early in the season I guess! Among those representing the High School (recently and soon to be included) were Hugh Smith, Diane Shook, Albert Landry, Teddy Sparrow, Jack Bourdon, Jo-Anne Andrews, Rayette Brochu, Doreen Brunette, Mary Ruth Burke, Doreen Lytle, Jackie Lytle, Sally Sturgeon.

Congratulations go to all Dne Shook, Albert Landry, and Hugh Smith, who in this writer's opinion, did considerable to live up to the show. Way to go guys and gals of Timmins High.

The teachers were also represented in Mr. Bartlette, who as usual brought the house down, and also in some painted up old fellow that suspiciously resembled Mr. Jury, our Physics teacher. In fact I believe he was our Physics teacher, for when we yelled such at him, he dived for the exit like a scared rabbit. Congratulations go to both these teachers who did a grand job.

As Mr. Jury explains it, black is the absence of light. Despite this fact, it was a pretty bright show all and all, even with blackened faces.

### NOEL CAPTURES JUNIOR SCORING CROWN

Noel was the junior player of Tim-

speedy recovery. They are: Bert Richards in Beck Memorial Hospital, London; A. Dunn and R. Dungey in St. Michael's, Toronto; Barney Quinn, A. Knott, A. Larouche, E. Dupuis, J. Currie, Max DeGruchy and T. McKenzie in St. Mary's, Timmins.

At home: Les Nicholson, H. Groulx, D. Cotcher, J. Dingley, T. McGavin, W. Crispin and Paddy Williamson; to them we also send best wishes and hope to see them around soon again.

Harvey Wheaton has a roofing job to do and he wants to know how many roofing caps he needs, he has a jar of them here but he guesses there is not enough so he wants your guess, so look it over when you come in.

Remember the District meeting, keep that date open, the Branch would like to see this convention a successful event.

### WELCOME McDOWELL

We welcome back Frank McDowell who is looking well after his sojourn in Britain and Europe with the Canadian Curlers, he is to talk of his visit there at a later date.

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up his or her copy at the studio any day this week. People interested will be able to see the original picture of the forty eight, forty nine graduating class in the window of Dessanes', new studio, next to Cheniers funeral parlor — same block as the A&P.

Things are certainly quiet when Brillinger, Lillie and Kemball do not go skiing over the weekend. Too much Friday night fellows?

I leave you with the announcement that the fifth form confidentials on May the eighth! Pleasant thought, 'rest-ee pas?' Good night.

## Skinny men, women gain 5, 10, 15 lbs.

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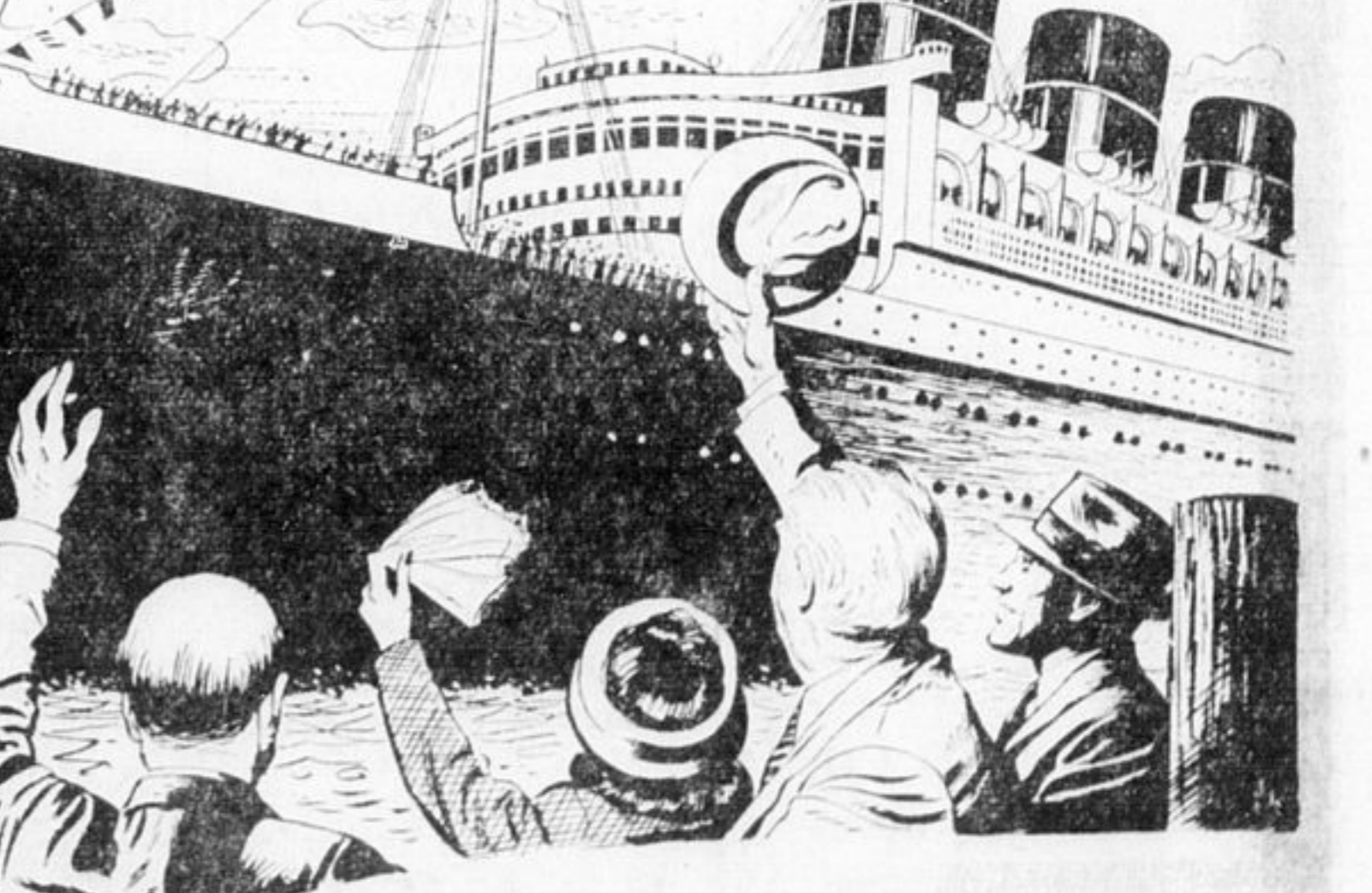
## DON'T BE A MUD SLINGER!

This is a season of changing weather. It's grey and cold one day—warm and bright the next, with snow melting into grimy slush on the roads. As a motorist, it's nice to drive through the puddles without a care—but it's tough on pedestrians when it means an icy bath and soiled clothing. Don't be a mud slinger—slow down when you near a slush patch. Passers-by will appreciate your courtesy—and courtesy of this kind is proof of "Good Citizenship".



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