



Photo by Inez McCuaig.

Third Annual Bonspiel of the Knights of Columbus vs. Masons was held with K of C taking the trophy. This is a 'fun' event with rinks somewhat confused in membership but spirit of the occasion always the same. Pictured are Front - R. Gavin, J. Stitt, E. Kennedy. Back - S. Chicoine (head of K of C), Edgar LeBlanc, J. Wellings and R. Macadam (head of Masons).



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New Library Board appointed by Town Council - l. to r. - Mrs. Norah McGuire, Miss Gwen Hadley secretary treasurer, H.M. Ermel Chairman of Board, Mrs. Inez McCuaig, Mrs. Doreen Wilkes.



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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Himes who are leaving for a new home in Port Arthur were given a farewell party in the Legion when Mr. Himes was presented by Jack Winters, with an ashtray and tie, bearing Legion insignia, and Mrs. Himes, by Earline Johnson, with a Legion auxiliary pin in mother of pearl. Mrs. Himes also was presented with a gift by the St. John Ambulance Division in Schreiber. Pictured in photo above are: Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Himes, Mrs. Himes and Mr. Jack Winters.

## THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May



### Bon chance, Nats

Canada's national hockey team has just embarked on what many people feel is a hopeless cause, with no chance of victory in the 1967 World Hockey Championships at Vienna.

In fact, one might be tempted to refer to the team's sojourn into the European realm of hockey prejudice as: Mission Impossible.

Yet there are growing numbers of loyalists who persist in extolling the virtues of the Nats. This minority band of die-hards spread the gospel far across this big land of ours, explaining to anyone who would wriggle an earlobe, that the colosseum floor at Vienna won't be littered with the remnants of Canada's national hockey team.

And you know what? It's working. More and more people are jumping on the National's bandwagon. The disease is spreading faster than the Black Plague of the 16th Century. Even some of the detractors are crossing the line, unhurriedly, but they're still crossing. The small band of loyalists will have become an army by the time the first puck is dropped March 15.

This army will have privates from Victoria to St. John and generals from Inuvik to Baffin Island, and they'll all be cheering for the wearers of the maple leaf. Undoubtedly, this will be Canada's top mass participation centennial project.

They will be straining their lungs for a band of young men who have created an ideal. Canada has taken to this team of scholarly (most of the players attend university) types, and the Nats have responded by winning 33 games during their exhibition stay at home against both strong and weak opposi-

tion. They tied four others and lost twice.

The Nationals are no longer awed by the Russians and Czechs. They defeated both during exhibition games in Canada with the greatest coup being at Winnipeg. Canada won the Centennial Tournament in fine fashion dumping the United States, Czechoslovakia and Russia. Sweden was the lone major hockey threat which didn't participate, and therefore, the Swedes are an unknown quantity this year to the Canucks.

The superb showing the Nats put on for the homefront fans will not be sufficient for them to win at Vienna. To capture the world title they must improve 40 per cent., at least. The defense has to tighten and the forwards mustn't panic when shorthanded. Goal is no problem with Wayne Stephenson and Seth Martin ready for duty.

In Vienna they will face the cream of European hockey. No skim or two per cent. this time. Both the Russians and Czechs left key players at home when they headed for a test with the best in the west. According to reports the Czechs will strengthen their national squad with six players for the world tourney.

No matter who wins or loses at Vienna the 1967 clash of the top amateur hockey powers in world promises to be the most evenly matched of all time. No one team can be declared the outstanding power. Any one of four teams, Russia, Canada, Czechoslovakia or Sweden, could wear the regal robe.

So, to Father Bauer, Jackie McLeod, Carl Brewer, Fran Huck, Morris Mott, Roger Bourbonnais, Ray Cadieux, Gary Begg, Terry O'Malley, Jean Cusson, et al. bon voyage, et bon chance.