

CATHOLIC GIRLS MEET (continued)

attendance due to interest in the charming gowns worn by the members,

A social evening was planned for April 28.

Aline Ross and Jewell Paradis agreed to work in the Parish library during April.

Giselle announced there will be a Youth Conference in Fort Frances during the Easter holidays and she hoped that several members would attend it.

Leader Mrs. Harry Shack, spoke on Femininity.

Marilyn Cook read a letter of appreciation from the Scarboro Missions for a recent donation.

C.W.L. MEETING HELD

The March meeting of C.W.L. was held on the 19th in the Parish Centre with Mrs. Nora McGrath presiding.

Standing convenors reports stated members had helped with the March of Dimes collection, sending used clothing and Christmas cards to missions.

Guide enrollment will be held in the Guild Hall, Tuesday April 4 at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Seven Brownie leaders attended a Brownie Workshop in Marathon March 18.

C.W.L. and U.C.W. will play broomball on April 2 during carnival festivities.

All convenors were asked to have annual reports in by April 15.

Mrs. F. Helmink, Diocesan President, wrote covering the outline of the C.W.L. Diocesan Convention being held in Terrace Bay May 9, 10 and 11th. Mrs. Rita McGrath, Mrs. Irene Borutski and Mrs. Teresa Stortini were named as nominating committee to secure new officers for the C.W.L. for this year.

A donation was made to the Sacred Heart program. A Penny Auction evening is planned April 14 in the Guild Hall.

Following the meeting, Mrs. H. Fleming showed films of her tour in The Holy Land.

A coffee hour was enjoyed.

ROSSPORT NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Page and children are holidaying in Elliott Lake and Sudbury also, Montreal and Lac Maguantic, Quebec.

Mrs. Ethel Rubidge of Dauphin, Manitoba and Mrs. Edna Stepler of Miami, Manitoba are visiting their sister and husband Mr. & Mrs. Jack Spillett.

Mrs. H. Schroeder and infant daughter have returned from Terrace Bay Hospital.

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By Glen May**The year of the hawk**

As in the poem "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner," the albatross has been removed from around the necks of the Chicago Black Hawks.

The albatross nestled around the Black Hawks' neck, so the story goes, back in 1926, the first year the Windy City entered a team in the National Hockey League. A chap by the name of Pete Muldoon was the first Chicago coach and was fired by the late Frederick McLaughlin, the Hawks' owner, after one season.

After being told he was sacked, so history has it, Muldoon told Major McLaughlin the Black Hawks would never win the NHL league championship.

And for the next 40 years the "Muldoon Curse" hexed the Hawks so completely that they finished second eight times, twice by a single point. It seemed as though destiny had turned its back on Chicago — the Black Hawks would never have their name inscribed on the Prince of Wales Trophy.

Players, executive and fans around the NHL circuit began to believe Muldoon did have powers of clairvoyance paralleled to those of an eastern swami.

It was indeed a lengthy drought from November 17, 1926, to March 12, 1967. Forty years of frustration for some of the greatest names in hockey who have been connected with the Chicago organization.

But at 11:54 of the first period in front of 20,000 delirious Black Hawk faithful at the Chicago Forum March 12 a big, tough, raw-boned member of coach Billy Reay's new breed wristed a high hard one past Terry Sawchuck in the Toronto Maple Leaf net. The red light flashed and the albatross was hurled away as a roar went up from the rabid throng which caused West Madison st. to quiver. Just over three minutes later Hodge clubbed another shot past Sawchuck, and baby, you'd have thought the White

Sox and Cubs had each won the pennant while the Bears had captured the football title, such was the noise. To describe it as bedlam wouldn't be correct as there just isn't any word in Webster's Dictionary to properly spell out the crescendo of noise which crashed down onto the ice.

The Hawks went on to tally another three goals to complete their 5-0 rout of the Maple Leafs.

As the game drew to a close the mob began chanting "We're Number One," while the ever alert Chicago organist picked up the beat. This game was on National TV in the States.

A touch of irony was involved here as back in '26 the Hawks were defeated 4-1 in their first NHL test by the Toronto St. Pats, forerunners of the Leafs. And Billy Reay was the coach Toronto dumped a few years ago to pave the grand entrance for Punch Imlach. It must have been sweet revenge for Reay as his charges mercilessly pulverized Imlach's troops throughout.

Pandemonium reigned supreme in the Chicago dressing room after the conquest. There were the customary bottles of bubbly and the well-worn cliches like "the kids have matured, we've got a good solid club, everything jelled, the stars kept shining," and so on.

Naturally many will now say this is the greatest Black Hawk team ever to be formed. Undeniably Chicago has an excellent club with the balance needed to become the professional hockey champions of the world. In years gone by they have collapsed in the playoffs, but this year they realize, for the first time, they are the best team over 70 games of rigorous NHL competition.

Unquestionably this will give them a psychological spurt when the battle for Lord Stanley's battered basin opens early in April.