

**DUQUETTE-MACLEOD NUPTIALS** (from Page 7) slight train and edged with a border of fine white sequins which matched her veil of wispy silk illusion caught over a traditional bridal headpiece. She carried a white Prayer Book adorned with a white orchid and streamers of ribbons with orange ice lily of the valley.

Matron of honour, Mrs. Sylvia Duquette, sister-in-law of the bride and junior bridesmaid, Miss Paulette Duquette, niece of the bride wore identical empire style floor length gowns of orange ice peau de soie. Mrs. Duquette wore a wispy illusion veil of orange ice over a wedding ring headpiece, the bridesmaids headpiece featured a tier of three bows of peau de soie caught at the nape of her neck.

Completing their theme were orange ice shoes and white wrist length gloves. They carried bouquets of white miniature carnations interspersed with orange ice tulle.

The bridegroom's cousin, Mr. Colin Nicolson of Port Arthur was best man. Mr. Allen Morancy of Port Arthur and Mr. George Robinson Jr. of Buckingham, Quebec ushered.

The reception was held at Hotel Terrace, Dr. D.J.M. McCausland proposed the toast to the bride and Miss Mary Anne Morancy circulated the guest book, while Mrs. Jean Plummer officiated at the head of the reception line.

The Bride's mother chose a pale lavender brocade two piece outfit with white accessories and corsage of dust gold yellow gladiola tips.

The Bridegroom's mother wore a beige lace sheath with matching shoes, a hat of white and brown chiffon and a corsage of bronze mums.

A touch of Scotland was evident by imported white heather sprays and bows of MacLeod Tartan, used with white bells to top the wedding cake and intertwined in white tulle about the base. This theme was carried through to the bride's orchid and as a background for the boutonnieres.

Mrs. Lois Hopper was dining room hostess and presiding at the tea table were: Mrs. Lorne Morin, Mrs. Parr Robinson and Mrs. Kathy McMillan and Mrs. Ann MacKenzie.

For a wedding trip to Barbados the bride wore a coat of grey brocade over a dress of lilac shantung with matching hat and shoes and bag of grey brocade her corsage was a white orchid.

Entertaining the bride prior to her marriage were: Mrs. Pat Buck, Mrs. C. Cvitkovich, Mrs. Marg.

## THE SPORTS BEAT

By Glen May



While Glen May is off on assignment we are reprinting some of his earlier columns through popular request. This one is on amateur football in this country.

### A glaring weakness

Amateur football across Canada has been blocked at the line of scrimmage for years. But, knowledgeable voices in the wilderness are now crying out.

Two ex-Hamilton Tiger-Cat football stars feel the Canadian Football League is hypocritical in its approach to the development of young Canadian talent for gridiron wars.

Both have sound credentials to back up their remarks.

Bernie Custis was the first Negro quarterback to make the grade in Canada. He was named to the all-star team at that position and then switched to halfback where he again received all-star plaudits.

Dick Brown made the dream team as a defensive back. Brown was noted for his rock-ribbed tackles and tough punt returning.

These two handled the coaching reins of the Oakville Black Knights for five years in the Senior Ontario Rugby Football Union.

A league ruling stipulates a Senior ORFU club can only use 28 players in a game, although they can sign as many as they like until "a cutoff date" comes into effect near the end of the regular campaign. This is basically the same setup across Canada, including high school leagues.

Brown and Custis are positive this arrangement is blocking the development of young Canadian footballers.

As Brown put it: "The pro teams are crying for Canadian talent, but they turn around and handcuff us by only allowing certain players to make the team."

His solution would be to allow any amateur team in Canada to dress as many players as it desired, enabling the coaches to "assess various players under game conditions." In many instances certain players sparkle in practice but fizzle in

games, and vice versa. This makes it an almost impossible task for any coaching staff to correctly evaluate each player.

Custis feels the CFL should "throw open the door and allow amateur teams to dress 100 players for games if the coach wanted to. In this way more youngsters would be given the opportunity of proving themselves one way or the other."

Naturally this cannot be done on a professional level as the pro club's bankroll would be quickly wiped out.

Canada has produced the finest hockey players in the world and the reason is simple — opportunity. Granted, hockey has hundreds of more organized teams than football, but stop to consider why. Due to the popularity of the sport the many leagues expand setting up a horde of classified groupings allowing even the worst to play.

Football almost discourages youngsters who aren't blessed with an abundance of natural ability which shows quickly. Often a boy turns out for a grid squad, and after two or three practices, is released by the coach because he hasn't shown anything. How could he?

Our professional clubs are attempting to skirt this obstacle by sending "rookies" to American colleges via the scholarship route. This is only helping a small minority of budding players.

If the CFL is serious with its development scheme it will correct this glaring weakness.

All that is needed is for the CFL to pass a ruling which would allow any amateur team to use as many players as possible. Then, and only then, will amateur coaches be able to say, in the words of Winston Churchill, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job."