



TROPHY CHANGES HANDS—Junior Soft Ball championship emblem presented by Knights of Columbus is handed to Cliff Gillis captain of the winning Braves by Rev. Clarence Roche, Moderator, Joe Murphy, (left) president of St. Pius X Parish Club, home base of the Braves.

# Braves Honored By Parish Club

Celebrating their first major victory in the field of sport, the members of St. Pius X Parish Club were hosts to the "Braves" their softball team, at a turkey dinner and dance in the parish hall last night.

The trophy was first presented in 1955 and in that year it was won by the Junior Basillea team. In the next two years the championship went to the "Vics".

Head table seating included Rev. Clarence Roche, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Murley. An expression of regret at being absent was received from the Rector, Very Rev. Monsignor R.V. MacKenzie, owing to a slight indisposition. The club president, Joseph Murphy was Master of Ceremonies. Speaking briefly Father Roche expressed pleasure at being present and congratulated the Braves on their victory.

# SPORTS FRONT

By PIUS CALLAGHAN

CHARLOTTETOWN and district hockey league opening is drawing closer and the lid will actually be pried off when Navy Tars take on Parkdale Royals on Tuesday next.

Every night all teams with the exception of St. Dunstan's (they don't play until the New Year) are busy holding workouts at the Sports Arena. Coaches are giving the hopefuls the eagle eye and are hoping to be fairly well settled on their lineups by next week.

WE ARE NOT GOING to say that the league is unbalanced until we see what each coach has to offer. There may be several "dark horses" that we know nothing about. We are hoping that there are because such surprises always do good as far as the success of a league is concerned.

We understand that Prince of Wales College squad could do with some strengthening. We have that right from the "horse's mouth". The City Collegians are mighty anxious to stay with their own scholars as much as possible but they seem to think that they can't possibly get along under their own power.

WE UNDERSTAND that one team in the loop is really formidable. We don't for a moment blame a coach for endeavouring to lineup a good team. However, he must remember that there are other teams in this loop as well and all these teams must be capable of putting on a good show. If one team shows far too much superiority, then they will ruin the league in a real hurry.

If those in charge of teams have the success of the league at heart, they will appreciate this fact and get their heads together in an honest effort to come up with five fairly evenly balanced squads.

Some coaches right now are just a bit disgruntled at what they term "packing". They think it will defeat the purpose of the Charlottetown and district league and we are in full agreement with them.

What this newly-formed league wants is keen competition and you are only going to get that with evenly balanced clubs. This kind of league has to have plenty of give and take, with the emphasis on "give".

SO WE THROW out this word of caution to those at the helm. See to it that the clubs are as evenly matched as possible. Somebody naturally has to emerge victorious but let that somebody reach the goal only after a really tough struggle.

If someone has a team that is four or five goals better than the others in the loop, then, if the league fails, lay the blame right on that someone's doorstep. If that happens, where will such a "packed" team operate?

A little common sense should tell one and all that there must be no team in this loop that is capable of crushing any other team. If such a team seems shaping up, then we say the league is in for lots of trouble.

Just think this over. After you do, we think you'll agree with us 100 per cent.

CONGRATULATIONS to Summerside curlers on winning the Gaboury trophy competition at Charlottetown Curling rink on Wednesday.

The boys from the western capital grabbed the highest points in this provincial event (it's always the first competition of the year) and took home with them the trophy that has been up for annual competition since 1929.

We sat in on part of the competition and were amazed to see the great display of good fellowship. We got to thinking about hockey and wondered why such an attitude couldn't be had between Summerside and Charlottetown. Why can't this fellowship we see in curling "infect" some of our hockey players? Is there no way of making this curling sportsmanship contagious?

Whether you are a curler or not, makes little difference. You sure have to hand it to the boys who throw those rocks. Each year the membership in each of the five clubs on Prince Edward Island shows a big increase and Charlottetown club reached the stage last Tuesday where they had to call it quits as far as this season's membership is concerned.

From a spectator point of view, curling has not the appeal of many other sports, but when you're talking about sports that are really loved by their participants, put curling just about the top.

CHICAGO BASEBALL writers have not forgotten Jimmy Dykes, recently appointed coach with the Pittsburgh Pirates. They have named Jimmy the winner of the J. Louis Comiskey memorial award.

This award is symbols of long and meritorious service to baseball. Dykes will be made the presentation on Sunday January 18.

Comiskey was Jimmy's boss for part of the 14 seasons he served with the White Sox. Comiskey paid \$150,000 to the Philadelphia Athletics in 1932 for him, Al Simmons and Mule Haas. Dykes subsequently managed the White Sox from 1934 to 1946. After that he had pilot jobs at Hollywood, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Two years ago he became a coach at Cincinnati and also served as stand-in skipper of the Redlegs after Tebbetts resigned last August.

This fellow surely deserves the recognition he is receiving.

THE TALK of a third major league has pretty well died down. There doesn't appear much chance that there'll be such a thing in the very near future.

Los Angeles Dodgers Buzz Bavasi has this comment to make: "The only people who would make money out of a third major league would be the men who build the stadiums. And when Mayor Wagner's committee (New York) talks about having a sponsor with \$4,000,000 for one player. Do you think the Giants would part with Willie Mays for a million."

## HUNTERS CORNER

### Columnist Is Satisfied To Rest On His Laurels

From the vantage point of a hilltop at Avondale school, I watched a cold, snow flecked dawn break on Sunday morning, November 23rd. As you well may guess I was on a goose patrol. My partner was on a similar mission in the general Orwell area. At intervals a bitter nor-wester spattered snow flakes against the car windows and visibility was almost zero. I had turned the car so the wind was quartering against the back and Keeffe's Lake was on my left. The misty depression that held Wisener's Dam lay about a mile and a half to my right but slightly north of my position. Even with glasses spotting geese was quite a chore. I kept Keeffe's and Wisener's under observation until 8:00 a.m. with nothing to show for my work.

STOPPED FOR CHAT  
Homebound found I stopped to have a chat with Joe McKinnon. Joe was at the barn attending to his milking chore so I grabbed myself a spare stool and sat with my back against the wall and had a regular "chin-fest". We have known each other for a long time and conversation didn't lag. Joe reported geese weren't moving any too brisk but he did see a flock of about 20 alight in Allan Hughes field

back by the race track the evening before. Allan is Joe's over the line fence neighbor. It doesn't pay to hurry when looking for wildgeese. I must have been there close to a half hour and Joe had straightened up from milking the last cow. Tossing the stool in a corner he remarked: "Let's go to the house" when the clear honk of a wildgoose came to my ears. The door faces east, and as I stepped outside 18 or 20 geese were bucking the nor-wester within gunshot of where we stood in the doorway.

It was easy to figure out. With a strong wind on their tails on their flight from Wisener's to Allan's field and had overshot their mark and were bucking their way back. They intended to fly over the barn but changed their minds when they saw us. They didn't flurry but tacked off slightly to the north-east and alighted in stubble within 150 yards from where we were standing. They fed there for about 20 minutes until a car roared by on the highway and they took off back to Wisener's. They made a beautiful picture when I stepped out the barn door with their trim, greyish breasts turned up.

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# Red Wings Blank Bruins; Leafs Tie Canadiens 2-2

DETROIT (AP)—Gordie Howe got his 399th National Hockey League goal and Terry Sawchuk turned in some brilliant goal tending as Detroit Red Wings blanked Boston Bruins 4-0 Thursday night at Olympia Stadium.

Sawchuk turned back 26 shots in getting his third shutout of the season, and this was the second time he has whitewashed his ex-teammates.

Howe's goal came in the middle period when the big veteran skated the length of the ice and turned loose a blazing 18-footer that Bruin goalie Don Simmons never saw.

Seco 4 period: 2 Detroit, McIntyre (Dellecchio) 4:45; 3 Detroit, Howe (Kelly) 8:07. Penalties: Labine 4:07, Wilson 8:28, Ullman 19:56.

Third period: 4 Detroit, McNeill (McCarthy, Holmes) 7:51. Penalties: Topazzini 7:02, Kennedy 11:46, Morrison 14:00, Morton, Mackell, Howe 19:03.

Stops: Simmons 3 10 11-24 Sawchuk 8 12 6 26

MONTREAL (CP)—Defence man Tim Horton and Frank Mahovlich fired unassisted goals in the second period Thursday night to give tail-end Toronto, Maple Leafs a 2-2 National Hockey League tie with the front-running Montreal Canadiens before 13,758 fans. Rookie Ralph Backstrom scored both Montreal goals in the opening period.

The split increased Montreal's point-total to 30, three ahead of the second-place Detroit Red Wings, and left the Maple Leafs 14 points off the pace, six behind the fifth-place Chicago Black Hawks.

Mahovlich's tying goal came at 9:05 of the second period after he stole the puck from Montreal goalie Jean Guy Tabbot in the Canadiens zone. He drilled a 10-footer by goalie Jacques Plante.

Stops: Backstrom (McDonald, M. Richard) 2:20; 2 Montreal, Goulet 13:12. Penalties: M. Richard 3:33; 4 Toronto, Mahovlich 9:05. Penalties: Horton 16:29

Third period: No scoring. Penalties: Omsstead 0:26, Armstrong 6:42, Pufford, Brien, Marshall 10:56, Johnson 18:56, Johnson 18:56.

Stops: Bower Plante

## Minor Hockey Schedule Sat.

Charlottetown's various minor league teams will put in a busy day Saturday at Sports Arena as they go through their second workout of the season preparatory to lining up next week for their first league games.

A goodly number of the boys registered and paid their fees last week and officials in charge are hoping that all those who have not registered will do so tomorrow.

Following is this Saturday's practice schedule.

7:45 to 8:30 — Birchwood Bantams

8:30 to 9:00 — Birchwood Pee-wees

9:00 to 9:45 — PSS Pee-wees

9:45 to 10:30 — PSS Paperweights

10:30 to 11:00 — WKS Pee-wees

11:00 to 11:30 — WKS and Sp Pk Paperweights.

11:30 to 12:15 — QCHS and Sp Pk Pee-wees.

12:15 to 12:45 — QCHS "A" Bantams

12:45 to 1:15 — QCHS "B" Bantams

1:15 to 1:45 — QSS Paperweights

5:00 to 5:30 — QSS Pee-wees

5:30 to 6:00 — Central Royalty, Southport, Parkdale, Model paperweights.

6:00 to 6:30 — Central Royalty, Southport, Parkdale, Model Pee-wees

6:30 to 7:15 — Central Royalty, Southport, Model Bantams

7:15 to 8:00 — Cen. Roy., S'port, Pkdale, Model Midgets

8:00 to 8:45 — QCHS Midgets gets

8:45 to 9:30 — Birchwood Midgets

9:30 to 10:15 — Abbie Juveniles.

10:15 — 11:00 — SDU Juveniles.

## CURLING SCHEDULE

The following is the draw for Friday night in the "chicken bonspiel.—Skips please notify teams.

7 p. m.

Ice 1—W. MacLaine, G. Dillon, C. Whitenect, an MacLeod vs. Dr. Gallant, Dr. Hooper, B. MacGregor, D. Jardine.

Ice 2—Doug Hill, F. Cox, Kip Ready, A. Ballen vs. C. Macdonald, T. Whitlock, B. Fischl, D. Ginley.

Ice 3—F. Acorn, C. Whitlock, L. Campbell, F. Bradley vs. J. Squarebriggs, A. Burke, Don Fraser, M. Coutour.

Ice 4—Dr. Giddings, W. Beer, Don Langille, Dr. Higgins vs. F. Hansen, P. O'Rourke, L. Windsor, G. Ives.

Ice 5—J. Burden, A. Llewellyn, D. Smith, N. Kelly vs. W. R. MacNeill, R. Boyne, G. Kays, D. Le Fontaine.

8:30 p. m.

Ice 1—F. W. Curtis, Al Saunders, L. Steeves, L. Stone vs. Dr. Macdonald, J. Sear, C. Asprey, Dr. Drysdale.

Ice 2—W. R. Burnett, Dick Bell, R. Vessey H. Doucette vs. Dr. SHR CMEWYU HDLUWV W. R. Jenkins, G. Anderson, B. Rogerson, R. MacLeod.

Ice 3—C. J. MacLean, F. Cannon, G. Wright, H. Rector vs. R. Jones, R. Ewing, S. W. Willis, T. Thomson.

Ice 4—R. W. Manning, J. E. Burnett, G. Burge, E. Douglas vs. J. Cameron, J. Gorrill, C. Praught, N. MacLeod.

Ice 5—K. Macdonald, M. Hagen, L. Doyle, W. MacKinnon vs. A. A. MacLeod, A. H. Anderson, T. White, Ross Smith.

## FUR RANCHER

Charles Dalton, lieutenant-governor of Prince Edward Island, who died in 1983, was a pioneer silver fox breeder.

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