

Community Getting Ready For Water Ski Ch'ships

By PAUL SUFRIN
MINNEDEGA, Man. (CP)—With all the hustle and bustle of a family preparing for the upcoming dinner, this Manitowish community is getting ready for the annual water ski championships.

The excitement is undiminished since for the first time in its 90 years, Minnedega, a town of 2,200 population, 130 miles from Winnipeg, is playing host to an event of national scope.

The two-day meet will be held late in the evening. Minnedega, Aug. 45 on the nearby Minnedega Lake is sponsored by the Mallard Ski Club and is expected to attract a large number of spectators.

There'll watch 100 to 150 Canadian competitors in lumbering water skis, slalom and trick skiing.

The judges, all from Eastern Canada, employ a system that is something of a cross between figure-skating and ski judging. Distance and style will be the test in the jumping events. In the trick events the skier has a choice of stunts and performs them in two runs of 20 seconds each. Difficulty of the stunts will be graded.

KITE-FLYING DISPLAY
The slalom event will be judged on the basis of style, speed and accuracy rounding buoy.

Cliff Ward, Canadian jumping champion from Hudson Bay, and Yella Hogan, 15-year-old Brandon, Man., girl who won the overall women's championship at the National Water Ski Championships at Picton, Ont., last year will be among the competitors.

There will be an exhibition of kite-flying and the program will also include RCAF fly-pasts, aerobics, a flying farmers ski parade, water ballerinas on the beach and the crowning of a queen of the meet.

Minnedega's water skiing experience dates back to 1875 when several local men saw a newsreel on skiing at Cypress Gardens, Fla., and decided to try it.

"At that time I owned a 20-horsepower motor," says mechanic Len Collins. "The boys made their own skis of spruce boards and round cheese boxes caught on right away with the youngsters. I well remember seeing as many as 150 kids skiing on the lake on a summer day."

TOOK TO AIR
The Aqua Club was formed in 1950 with Jerry Stone as its first president. In 1955 the Manitoba Water Skiing Association was formed and the Aqua Club was renamed the Manitowish Mallard Ski Club and joined the provincial body. Today it has more than 50 members from Minnedega, Brandon, Shilo and Winnipeg.

"We were willing to try anything," Collins says. "So when another newsreel showed us

Frank Lary Is Sidelined
DETROIT (AP)—Right-hander Frank Lary, a 23-game winner with Detroit Tigers last season, was placed on the disabled list Tuesday because his ailing pitching shoulder failed to respond to treatment and he has a 2-4 win and lost record for 1962.

The Tigers called up Howie Kuciflik, a 24-year-old right-hander, from their Denver farm club of the American Association to replace Lary.

The 31-year-old Lary's ailment has been diagnosed as tendonitis, inflammation of the tendon in his right shoulder. He must remain on the disabled list for at least 30 days.

West, Gilliam Dropped By Lions
VANCOUVER (CP)—Half-back Dave West, probably the most travelled old pro in Canadian football, and import end Frank Gilliam were released Tuesday night by British Columbia Lions of the Western Football Conference.

Release of the pair cut the Lion roster to 44 players, including 31 United States imports. Two of the latter, however, end Jerry James and tackle Emory Barnes, will become Canadian citizens during the next few weeks.

The club must cut to 34 players by Aug. 9, when they play their first league game.

West, at 34, seeking a berth with Lions for the second time in his 14-year career, has played with every Canadian football league club except Montreal.

kite-flying in 1952. Denny Busted had to build an aluminum kite frame and silk chute. Pulled into a stiff breeze, the kite is still at the bottom."

The aim of the club is to teach the sport and at the same time promote safety. During the summer members travel around the Prairies putting on the Canadian championships here is Ross Taylor, current president of the club. A staff sergeant with the dental corps, he has been skiing since 1956 and has been Manitoba men's champion slalom champion since 1957.

The Mets called up infielder-outfielder Sammy Drake, a switch hitter batting .259 for Syracuse in the International League.

Starlings Said Crash Cause
WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. government experts say that perhaps as few as 15 starlings—sucked into the jet engines—caused an airliner to lose power, dive into Boston harbor and take 82 lives.

A civil Aeronautics Board report Tuesday said months of sleuthing has shown that only a few of the birds from a flock that flew across a runway as an Eastern Air Lines propeller-jet Electra was making its takeoff run actually were ingested into the engines.

But these few caused loss of power and control, and the big plane nose-dived into Boston harbor about 7,000 feet from Logan International Airport on Oct. 4, 1960. The plane was enroute from Atlanta, Ga. Eight passengers and two crew members survived.

The great four-day storm of November, 1913, on the Great Lakes wrecked 34 ships and drowned 309 sailors.

Church Is Asked For Observers
ATHENS (Reuters)—The Greek Orthodox Church has received an invitation from the Vatican to send observers to the ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church in October, it was officially announced Tuesday.

An interchurch relations committee appointed by the Church of Greece recently discussed whether the church should accept the invitation to the council, which will consider church unity.

It was understood there was a difference of views in the committee. The primate of Greece, Archbishop Chrysostomos, will refer the matter to the Holy Synod (supreme administration) of the Church of Greece or to the hierarchy, which includes all the metropolitan of the country.

The final decision will be sent to Archbishop Athenagoras, ecumenical patriarch of Constantinople.

RESCINDS DECISION
LONDON (AP)—Home Secretary Henry Brooke Wednesday ordered the release from a Birmingham jail of Miss Rose Butler, 28, a Jamaican sentenced for shoplifting, and rescinded the court's recommendation to deport her. Miss Butler was held pending deportation after being fined £5 for stealing goods worth about 10 shillings from a Birmingham store July 20. A new immigration law came into force July 1. It provides for deportation for criminal offences committed in the United Kingdom.

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