

BANQUET GIVEN BILLIARD MEN

Trophies Presented by Stanley Newman with Richard Howe Presiding

Various trophies won during the winter billiard season were presented by Stanley Newman, the British professional, at a banquet which was held on Saturday evening in the St. Regis Cafe. Richard Howe, president of the Prince Rupert Billiard League, was in the chair and there were about 40 persons present.

Fred Pyle was presented with the cup and medal, significant of city individual championship, and George Waugh received a medal for being the runner-up and also a pair of cuff links for making the highest break.

The Bulger & Cameron Cup, emblematic of senior team championship, was received on behalf of the Great War Veterans by the captain of the team, Sergeant Jebson. Individual cups were presented to each player of the team and a pair of cuff links was presented to Col. S. P. McMordie who made the highest break during the season.

The Besner Cup, for second division championship, was presented to the Prince Rupert Billiard Parlor and received by Dick Howe. There were also cups for each of the team players and a pair of cuff links for W. J. Nelson who made the highest break during the season.

In the course of the evening, there was a brief impromptu program of music, songs and speeches.

NEWMAN SCORES MORE VICTORIES OVER WEEK END WITH LOCAL MEN

The best score made by any of the local players against Stanley Newman, the British professional billiardist, was that of Sgt. Jebson Saturday night when, after being spotted the usual 400, he made a score of 664 against Newman's 800. Newman's high break was 165 and Jebson's, 23.

Meeting Charles Balagno last evening, Newman played his best game of the series, making an average of 42.10. Besides making breaks of 163, 103 and 100, Newman had three runs of over 90. The time was one hour and 44 minutes and the score: Newman, 800; Balagno, 489. The latter's high break was 14.

Newman is remaining here for a week longer to give exhibitions and lectures.

SPORT CHAT

While naming favorites for the Kentucky Derby to be run at Louisville on May 15, it might be mentioned that Flying Ebony, winner of last year's Derby, has been retired to the stud as has also been Black Gold, the Golden Jubilee winner in 1924. Coventry, which captured the \$52,700 Preakness Stake last year has also been retired. Thus have now disappeared from the "sport of kings" a trio of America's most famous modern horses.

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

WIZARD OF PLANT WORLD DIES AT AGE OF 77 AT HIS HOME IN CALIFORNIA.

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plant breeders and leader in modern creative plant development, the name of Luther Burbank became a household word throughout the civilized world. Virtually his whole life was devoted to scientific plant breeding and many of his more than 100,000 experiments with various forms of vegetation attained such marvellous results that they won him the title of "Plant Wizard."

Early in life Burbank evinced a great love for growing things, selecting plants rather than animals as his pets. His first notable success was achieved at the age of 22, when he happened to find a seed ball of the Early Rose potato, which rarely bears seed. From this he developed the world-famous Burbank potato that has spread to every portion of the globe and which is said to exert a greater influence upon the food supply of humanity than any other single food plant.

Was a Laborer

Soon after breeding this potato, which brought him neither fame nor money at the time, Burbank moved to California, where he obtained employment as a farm hand. He continued as a laborer until able to acquire a small farm in the town of Santa Rosa, some 50 miles north of San Francisco. With this small beginning he undertook the series of experiments which long had been uppermost in his mind. Thereafter his work was continuous and tireless, occupying nearly 14 hours a day on the average.

Was an Englishman

Burbank was born at Lancaster, Mass., March 7, 1839, son of Samuel W. and Olive (Ross) of English and Scotch ancestry. He was the 13th of 15 children born on his father's 200-acre farm. He attended the Lancaster Academy, from which he was an honor graduate.

Received Honors

In addition to the Congressional grant of land, his work was recognized by the Carnegie Foundation in 1905 by a gift of \$10,000 annually for a period of 10 years to insure a continuation of his experiments. In 1921, when the city of Santa Rosa completed a new \$300,000 park, it was named after Luther Burbank. He turned the first shovel of earth in the construction, and later laid out the gardens, which cover a 44-acre tract.

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Patience and Brains

Wonderful as many of Burbank's achievements with vegetable, plant and flower life seem to the layman, the methods by which they were accomplished were not in themselves remarkable. Patience was the chief requisite to his success. Deciding first what he wished to create, re-make or improve upon in the vegetable world, he began by carefully selecting robust specimens, allowing them to go to seed, then experimenting with the seeds under widely different conditions of climate, fertilization and nourishment. The product would in turn be submitted to radical changes from its natural elements and the product of this would undergo further experimentation and so the artificial evolution progressed until the final result either met the wizard's requirements or was abandoned as useless.

Queer Anomalies

When experiments with seeds alone were not entirely satisfactory, grafting upon the seeds or upon fresh young shoots often was employed. It was through a combination of these methods, fortified by his inexhaustible patience, that enabled Burbank to impart delightful odors to naturally ill-smelling flowers; to grow gigantic plants from dwarf varieties, and to produce a perfect calla lily only one inch in diameter when full grown. These are but a few of the queer anomalies resulting from the heretofore unheard-of liberties he took with nature's vegetation.

Burbank's experimental farms at Santa Rosa and Sebastopol, a nearby town, became a Mecca for statesmen, kings, princes, philanthropists, horticulturists, biologists, botanists and humanitarians as the fame of their owner spread. Never of a commercial turn, Burbank permitted an association known as The Luther Burbank Society, chartered by the State of California and endowed by wealthy patrons, to disseminate the knowledge of plants and vegetables which he worked out.

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SMITHERS

Mrs. A. M. Ruddy of Burns Lake is spending a few days in town the guest of Mrs. G. H. Wall.

Miss Muriel Rogers of Prince George is spending the Easter holidays in town the guest of Miss Ruth Miller.

Mrs. W. Moxley and children of Prince Rupert spent the week in town the guest of her sister Mrs. Baabe.

Miss Avis Wall returned from a visit to Hazelton on Thursday, accompanied by Miss Jessie Smith who was her guest the balance of the week.

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local drug store for some time, the younger set held a dance in the Scout Hall on Saturday evening and all report a good time. Mr. Kelloch left for the Okanagan district on Sunday night's train.

Mrs. P. M. Raynor returned to Smithers on Sunday evening after a visit of two weeks with friends and relatives at Savory.

Mrs. Thos. King who just recently returned from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Anger at Seattle, is an inmate of the local hospital, and in a very serious condition the result of a paralytic stroke.

The annual Easter tea of the Anglican Women's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. H. S. Hoskins on Thursday afternoon. The rooms were tastefully decorated with Easter lilies and other spring flowers and the ladies were well rewarded for their efforts. The tea tables and candy and home cooking booths being well patronized.

Miss Marjorie Roberts, teacher at the Driftwood school returned to town on Sunday evening after spending the Easter holidays with her parents at Prince George.

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