

Gordie Howe Still Paces NHL Scorers

MONTREAL (CP)—At least 35 players in the National Hockey League likely have heard all they care to of Jean Beliveau for a while.

Those are the players who all season have failed to put together enough goals and assists to equal the five points big Jean scored in his three games with Montreal Canadiens. Actually, he scored his five goals in two of the three games he played on loan from the Quebec Aces of the Quebec Senior Hockey League.

Notwithstanding the flurry of publicity over "le gros Bill," however, Gordie Howe of Detroit Red Wings continued to lead the NHL individual scoring race. His 17 goals and 18 assists gave him a total of 35 points.

The NHL's official statistics, released Christmas Eve, show little Wally Hergesheimer of New York Rangers still clinging grimly to second place with 33 points. Maurice (Rocket) Richard of Canadiens is third. His 20 assists top the league. His 11 goals give him 31 points.

Behind them came veteran Ted Kennedy of Toronto Maple Leafs with 29, and then, a solid reason why Detroit leads the league standings, Ted Lindsay, 28; Metro Prystai, 26; and Alex Delvecchio, 25, of the Red Wings.

Red Kelly of the Wings was still the highest-scoring defenceman with 22 points.

The Red Wings, with 39 points were in front by four points in the team statistical race. Canadiens were second by a point over the slipping Chicago Black Hawks and two points over Boston Bruins. Leafs were another two points behind. The hapless Rangers brought up the rear with 18 points.

Terry Sawchuk of the Red Wings took a firmer grip on the goalies' average as best goals-against netminder. He had a brilliant 1.97 average. Gerry McNeil of Canadiens, giving up 11 goals in three games, fell back to 2.16. Jim Henry of the Bruins was third with 2.39.

Toronto Leafs were still the league's bad boys, with a total of 443 minutes served in the penalty box.

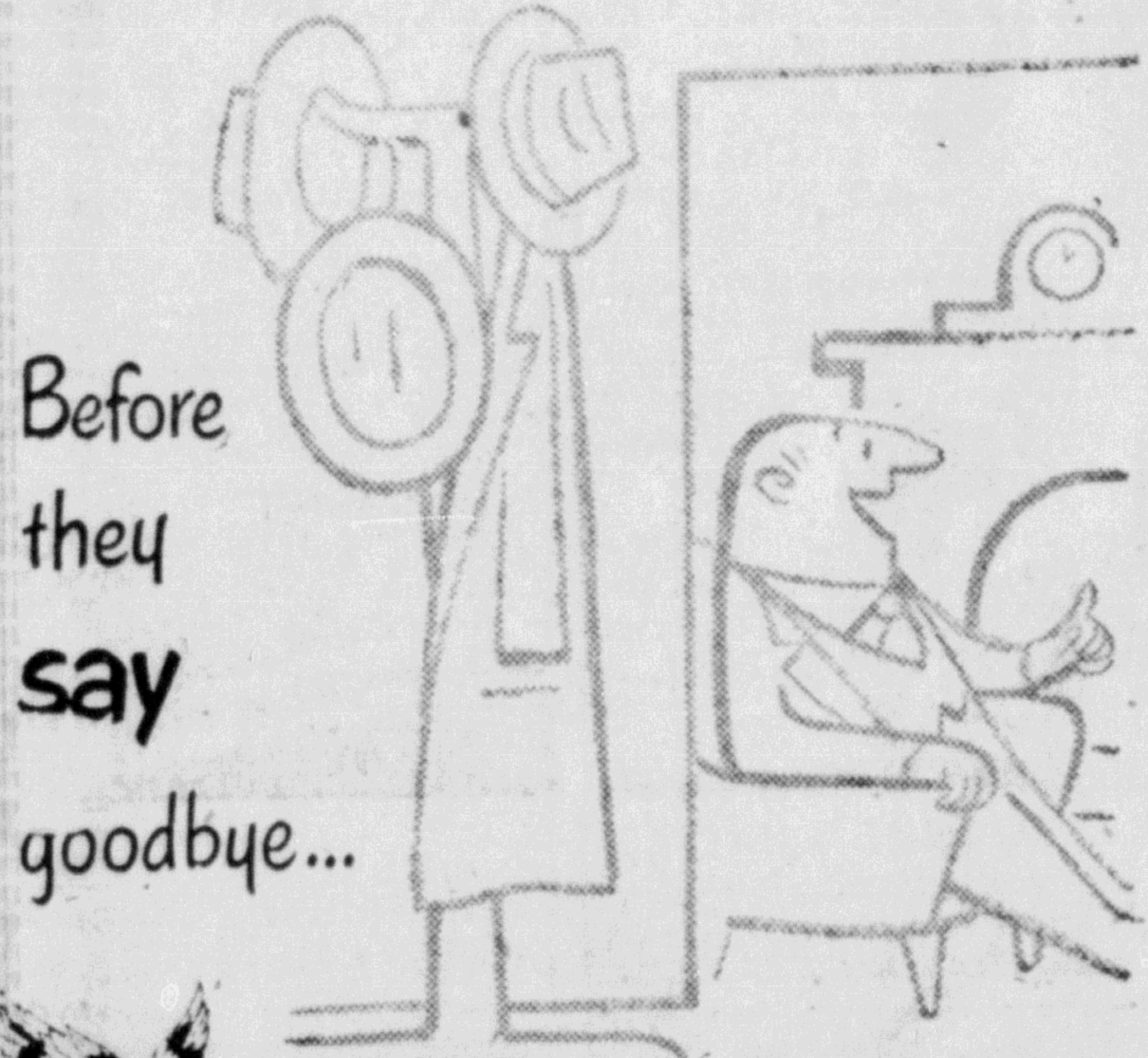
Architects Appointed to Design Sports Stadium for Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP)—Architects for the \$1,250,000 British Empire Games stadium to be constructed here will be Sharp and Thompson, Berwick Pratt of Vancouver.

This was announced at city hall when Mayor Fred Hume appointed three aldermen to represent the city on a joint committee to oversee construction.

The Pacific National Exhibition and Empire Games committee will also appoint members.

The games will be held in Vancouver in 1954. The 35,000-seat oval, to be the largest in Canada, will be financed partly on the city's borrowing power and partly by donations. It will be operated by the PNE.



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PADDY STONE, Winnipeg ballet dancer, and **Belita**, British star, best-known previously for ice-skating, have featured roles in the new Gene Kelly non-dialogue musical "Invitation to Dance," made in England. Stone's chance came when Kelly saw him in a Paris cabaret number and signed him for the ballet film. Stone is signed for another London appearance before going to New York. He expects to visit Canada in February.

Canada Outdoors

Alberta Sets Pace With No Hunting Fatalities

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EDMONTON (CP)—Alberta and Saskatchewan have closed the books on one of their biggest hunting seasons. A highlight of the Alberta season was that there were no hunting fatalities for the first time in years.

Hoyt Wilhelm Sets New Mark For Rookies

NEW YORK (AP)—Hoyt Wilhelm, New York Giants' freshman relief hurler, and Philadelphia's Robin Roberts captured most of the National League pitching honors, according to official statistics released today.

Wilhelm became the first rookie in NL history to lead both in earned runs and won-and-lost percentage the same year.

The 29-year-old knuckballer gave up 43 earned runs in 139 innings for a 2.43 ERA to finish ahead of the 2.58 mark produced by Chicago's Warren Hacker.

Associated Press compilations released last October also listed Wilhelm on top with 2.43 and Hacker the runner up with 2.53.

The Giants' righthander won 15 games and lost 3 for a league-leading .833 percentage. Roberts, who finished third in the earned run race at 2.51, won the most games, 28, the first time a National Leaguer had come up with that many victories since Dizzy Dean of St. Louis balked up 28 triumphs in 1935.

The hard-working Philadelphia hurler also set the pace in most games started, 37, most complete games, 30, and most innings pitched, 330.

Behind Roberts in the earned-run derby came Bob Rush of Chicago and Carl Erskine and Billy Loes of Brooklyn, each with 2.70, and Karl Drews of Philadelphia, 2.71.

Joe Black, the league's rookie of the year, had a 2.03 earned-run mark but the Brooklyn moundsman hurled 142 innings, 12 short of the minimum.

Curt Simmons of Philadelphia and Cincinnati's Ken Raffensberger recorded the most shutouts, six apiece. Boston's Warren Spahn, for the fourth straight year, was high in strikeouts with 183.

Bids for Negro Pitcher Pass \$50,000 Mark

NEW YORK (AP)—The world champion New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox have passed the \$50,000 mark in an effort to outbid each other for Bill Greason, highly-touted Negro pitcher with Oklahoma City.

The Red Sox are reported set to go as high as \$100,000 for the right-hander who won nine games and lost one in the Texas League last year.

The Yankees and Red Sox are two of the dozen major league teams that have no Negro players on their squads.

SCREEN FLASHES

"Operation Secret," the dramatic story of a U.S. Marine on a dangerous mission, comes to the Totem Theatre on Monday. Cornel Wilde plays the lead role in the Warner Bros. film which headlines Academy Award winning Karl Malden, Steve Cochran and petite Phyllis Thaxter in central roles.

Wilde, one of Hollywood's premier stars, is the Marine who because of his knowledge of languages, is handed the desperate assignment.

Risking his life daily as he moves about in disguise, the Marine meets with Phyllis Thaxter, a lovely lady engaged in the same sort of work. Together they skirt danger, leap from trains and fight combat agents, until the climax uncovers their true identities.

Based upon experiences as suggested by Peter Ortiz, a Californian who spent most of his life roaming about the world in half a dozen different armies before coming home to join the Marines, "Operation Secret" has been reported in advance as one of the season's thrilling film stories.

LONDON (Reuters)—Sixty years ago last Sunday, the curtain rose on the first London performance of the now world-famous farce, "Charley's Aunt."

Twenty theatres throughout Britain this Christmas staged diamond jubilee performances of "Charley's Aunt." And early next year London's west end will have a special Coronation production.

The first night performance of "Charley's Aunt" in 1892 took only 12 shillings then \$3 at the box office. But the dividends in laughter took it to London's Royalty Theatre for a run of 1,466 performances. It has since been translated into 24 languages.

The story of the university study who impersonated his wealthy aunt from Brazil has been played all over the world. Author Walter Brandon Thomas' children now hold the copyright and insist that all productions must conform to the original script. Thus, aunt still wears her original wig, black lace bonnet, and dress of stiff black satin.

There have been five film versions of the play.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (CP)—A plane loaded with Hollywood actors and actresses landed at Kodiak, Alaska, and gave its passengers a surprise. They thought they were heading for Honolulu.

The C-54 was bound from Los Angeles to Korea and the 36 members of the Hollywood troupe had been told they would stop over at sunny Honolulu.

However, because of high winds on the central route the pilot exercised his right to change his plan and headed instead along the northern route.

The group, which later took off for the rest of its trip, included Caroline Cotton, Paul Douglas, Jan Sterling, Walter Pidgeon, Keenan Wynn and Rory Calhoun. They plan to do shows for the troops in Korea.

They were dressed for a much milder climate when the plane landed in Alaska, and they scrambled to change into winter attire.

Hockey Scores

WHL—Tacoma 6, Victoria 1; Saskatoon 7, Calgary 2; Seattle 6, Vancouver 3.

OSHL—Penticton 1, Kelowna 2; Kamloops 5, Vernon 6.

WHL—Kimberley 3, Trail 2.

NHL (Christmas Eve)—Toronto 2, Montreal 0.

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Canada May Improve Recreational Facilities for Troops in Europe

OTTAWA (CP)—Improvement of recreational facilities for Canadian troops in Europe may result from the visits of Defence Minister Claxton.

Before leaving for North Atlantic treaty meetings, Mr. Claxton said he planned to go into the whole question of welfare of the Army's 27th Brigade and the Canadian airmen at North Luffenham, England, and Gros Tenquin, France.

Previously Col. John Wallis, director of administration for the army and head of its welfare services, visited the brigade twice. He plans to establish some Canadian counterpart to the U.K.'s NAAFI organization.

Col. Wallis will visit the brigade again in January of February.

It was recalled that the Maple Leaf Club for Canadians in Tokyo was established on Mr. Claxton's recommendation following his visit to the 25th Brigade in Korea, along with other amenities.

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