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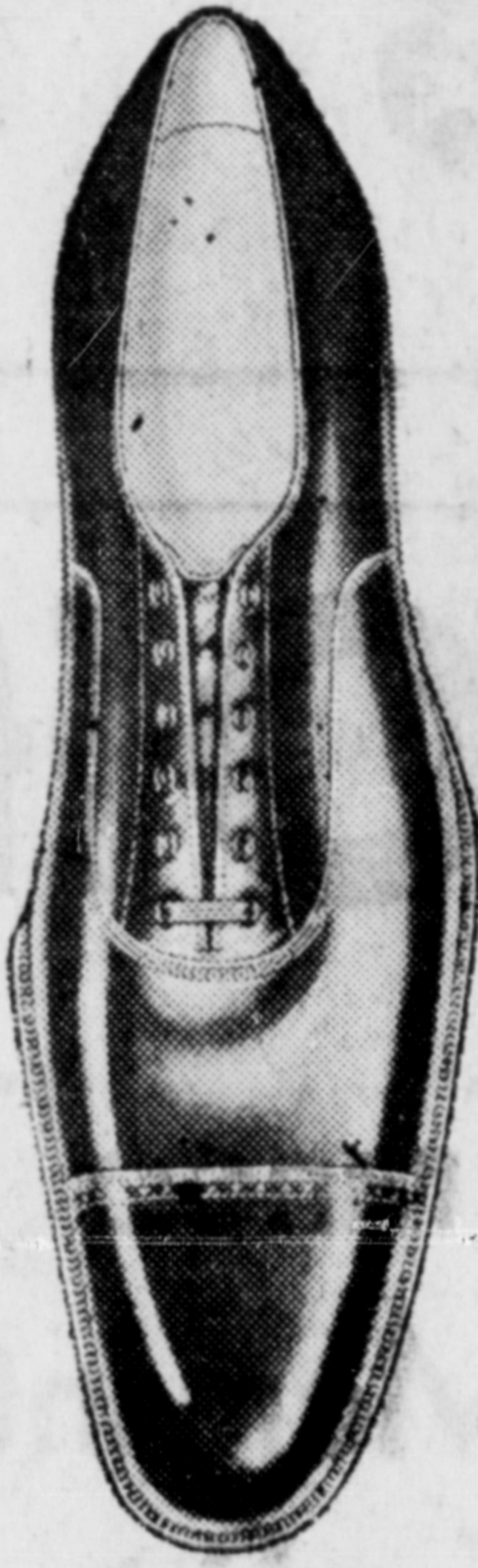
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The Letter Box

Editor, Daily News:
Education Week, which was observed throughout Canada last week, undoubtedly directed a considerable amount of attention on the part of the general public to education and, for a time, a revived interest in education as "the responsibility of the nation" will result. I would like to make a few comments on Education Week from a teacher's point of view.

It might seem strange that as a public meeting last Monday there was no teacher as a speaker on the program. Yet surely teachers are best qualified to talk on the subject which is their life's work. This apparent omission was due to the desire of the teacher to keep in the background. Education Week is in no sense a scheme of propaganda for the teacher. Education was the topic.

Not but what Education Week has some human interest appeal too. What of the boy who came dressed and shone up like a fashion plate and proudly announced to his teacher, "Now I am ready for open day!" This was at 3:50 a.m. Visitors did not arrive till 2 p.m.

At 1:30 as the boys passed me on their way into school I heard one of ten years asking his pals anxiously as he took off his cap "Is my hair all mussed up?" It was!

I do not know the name of the lady who examined with keen interest and manifest admiration the very fine work of the manual training department and announced: "My husband is the dumbest thing on two legs when it comes to doing anything like that."

In reply to some unfair and unjustifiable criticism that indicates a complete ignorance of the situation or a prejudiced state of mind I would like to take issue with the two persons concerned. Neither of them was at "open day." I hope they have an open mind.

To say that education is too conservative cannot be said by anyone conversant with modern education. I know of no profession in which the members are more anxious to keep up to date or make greater financial sacrifices to fit themselves to give the leadership to pupils that they consider necessary. One has only to consider attendance at the annual conventions and the summer Normal and University Schools and the demand for innumerable technical publications to be convinced of this. These are indicative of the desire of the teachers to get of the best that they may pass it on to the children. Naturally there are some who find it difficult to change. So, apparently, are some editors but I do not class all editors as unprogressive and prejudiced because one is.

Another unfair criticism was in connection with home economics and manual training. Here again the adverse criticism was due to lack of knowledge. The objectives of both of these subjects was unquestionably sound and desirable and necessary. The methods adopted in arriving at these are equally sound and progressive. These are two of the subjects in which the achievements of the pupils arouse the greatest admiration among the visitors. It is immaterial whether the child ever has or desires to go further in either of these subjects. The training he gets is readily and gainfully transferable to a thousand other activities.

I found in conversation with many of the visitors a ready appreciation of the modern method in education. Lessons in speech training, in physical training, music appreciation, singing, dramatization and a review of the poem "The Lady of the Lake" by pupils of grade eight illustrated by film slides were much praised by those who came and saw. To these Education Week was of great value. But what can be done for those who criticize and who will not accept the invitation to come and see the schools in operation? Perhaps we shall have the pleasure of their attendance next year. Then indeed will Education Week be worth while.

J. S. WILSON.

FALSE ALARM

HALIFAX, Feb. 14: (CP) — "Where there's smoke there's fire," said several Halifax housewives, ringing in alarms because of a smoky cloud which hung over a Halifax corner. They were wrong. The smoke was caused by masons mixing cement for a new building.



SINGLE MEN WIN AGAIN Recreational Social Is Held

Again Demonstrate Superiority at Hockey Over Married Men by Score of 4 to 2

The Single Men, apparently, settled the argument as far as hockey supremacy is concerned by scoring a second straight 4 to 2 victory over the Married Men in a return game on Morse Creek ice yesterday afternoon. The match was replete with fun which was enjoyed by a good-sized crowd of fans as well as by the players themselves. The Single Men scored one in the first period. Each side scored twice in the second period while the single men scored one again in the third. F. A. MacCallum and O. C. Young were referees.

The fans showed their appreciation by giving a \$15 collection which, with the proceeds of the game a week previous, will go to some worthy cause.

SPORTS ARE ORGANIZED

Sons of Kincolith Elects Officers For Year With Jonah Haldane As President

KINCOLITH, Feb. 14: — The Sons of Kincolith, the Naas River Village's principal athletic organization, has elected officers for the year as follows:

Honorary President, Herbert Doolan sr.
President, Jonah Haldane.
Vice-President, Jeffery Benson.
General Managers — Charles Barton and William Barton.
Secretary, Chris Trimble.
Clerk, Ralph Clayton.
Treasurer, Eddie Haines.
Football Manager, Fred Stewart.
Captains — William Stevens and Herbert Doolan jr.

Baseball Manager, Ernest Angus.
Baseball Captains — Herbert Doolan and Herbert Haldane.
Basketball Manager, Ernest Stevens.
Basketball Captains — Chris Trimble, Arthur Gurney, John Stewart and John Moore.
Track Captain, Charles Stewart.
Soccer Manager, Percy Barton.
Softball Captains — Ralph Clayton and Howard Lincoln.
Boxing Manager, James Wilson.
Hall Keepers — Sam Alexander and Abel Stewart.
Building Directors — Arthur Nelson jr. and Samuel Stewart.
Basketball Referee — Charles Barton.
Baseball Umpire, Abel Angus.
Football Referee, Arthur Nelson jr.

Committee — Samuel Lincoln, Matthew Gurney, Arthur Nelson sr., Cecil Barton, George Bolton, Silas Maxwell, William Stevens, Francis Watts, Richard Watts and Charles Morrison.
Social Committee — William Lincoln, Benjamin Clayton, Reuben Morgan, Howard Lincoln, Samuel Stewart, Benjamin Stewart, Arthur Stewart sr., Isaac Angus, Johnny Moore and John Stewart.

Installation Social
The officers were installed at a social gathering held last Monday night when members of the Ladies' Athletic Aid Society were also present. The Kincolith Concert Band was in attendance and played several marches and overtures.

Presentation of a shield for the best all round athlete in the year 1937 was made to Herbert Doolan jr. A cup was awarded to Mrs. Martha Clayton as the best all round woman athlete of the village.

The party kept up with playing of games until midnight. The Sons of Kincolith are completing the building of a new gymnasium which will shortly be opened.

Hockey Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
International Division	
W	D L F A Pts
Toronto	17 8 10 108 92 42
Canadiens	14 8 13 95 94 36
Americans	11 8 13 63 70 30
Maroons	10 6 20 68 112 26
American Division	
Boston	22 4 9 96 66 48
Rangers	21 5 9 111 63 47
Chicago	10 8 19 67 103 28
Detroit	8 9 20 72 100 25

About Forty Persons in Attendance At Jolly Affair Saturday Night

Members of the women's classes at the physical education and recreation centre here were responsible Saturday for an enjoyable social at which the members of other classes were entertained. There was a demonstration of girls' tumbling and boys' high bar work and community singing, games and dancing were also enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served to about forty persons. Mrs. Robert Cameron played the piano for the evening.

SUCCESS ON TOUR

Smithers Hockey Team Won Four Games and Lost Three

SMITHERS, Feb. 14: — The Smithers hockey team arrived home Friday evening from its successful tour of several towns to the east and south and reported having had a very enjoyable trip despite the handicaps suffered from severe colds by many members of the team. During the trip the team played seven games in all and scored 33 goals against their opponents. They had 19 goals scored against them. They won four games and lost three during the trip.

The Smithers team won two games and lost none at Vanderhoof, won two and lost two to Prince George and lost the only game played in Quesnel by a margin of one goal, the winning goal being scored by Ernie Dawson, formerly of Smithers but now resident in Quesnel. It was also a coincidence that the goal keeper at Prince George, young Strobick, and the goal keeper at Quesnel, Bobby Chisholm, were both former Smithers boys, the latter having left Smithers only a few months ago.

Letters have been received from the hotel managers in both Prince George and Quesnel lauding the general conduct and good sportsmanship of the Smithers boys so that they have won for themselves a very enviable reputation in that respect which is more to be desired than the winning of hockey games.

A banquet will be given in Smithers tonight for the hockey players and for other players of the three teams in the town hockey league. It promises to be a very largely attended affair.

ROYAL IN LEAD NOW

Deadlock For Leadership of City Bowling League Broken as Result of Yesterday's Play

Royal Hotel scored a clean sweep three game to nil victory over Moose last night to take over exclusive leadership of the City Ten Pin Bowling League. Previously there had been a three-way tie between the Royal Hotel, Moose and Grotto for the leadership. Grotto defeated Three Five Taxi two games to one in the second fixture last night and is now in second place. High average scorer was Stan Morin of Grotto with 187.

Individual scoring was as follows:

GROTTO	1	2	3
Bury	162	129	131
Comadina	158	141	135
Zieman	157	146	143
Irving	161	126	201
Morin	170	220	172
Totals	808	762	782

35 TAXI

Ciccone	201	187	162
Kinslor	145	178	163
Comadina	161	156	154
Houston	138	157	149
Paul	132	181	137
Totals	775	859	765

ROYAL HOTEL

Schriaberg	134	149	192
Comadina	146	139	199
Donald	161	145	141
Todd	115	204	163
Smith	172	160	152
Totals	728	847	823

MOOSE

Gunderson	157	172	163
Russell	123	163	128
Stiles	98	194	171
Royer	146	141	96
Assemissen	173	177	165
Totals	697	844	725

The league standings to date:

Team	Won	Lost	Pts
Royal Hotel	11	7	11
Grotto	10	8	10
Moose	8	10	8
Three Five Taxi	7	11	7

Curlers Playing This Afternoon

Enthusiasts of Roarin' Game Staging Match at Canadian National Park

With the long drawn out cold spell continuing, local curlers are swinging into action this afternoon. A match has been arranged to take place this afternoon at the Canadian National Railways Park.

WHIFFLETS

From the Waterfront

Taking the place of the Cardena which has been withdrawn for service for two weeks to undergo annual overhaul at Vancouver, the steamer Cardena, Capt. J. Findlay, arrived in port on Monday at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and sailed at 8 p.m. for Anyox and other points tomorrow morning when she will return to Cardena has just had her annual overhaul.

The fisheries patrol steamer Aspina, in the course of one of her patrol cruises, was in port yesterday afternoon, having arrived at sea at 1 p.m.

Finishing touches are now being put on the annual overhaul of the steamer Prince Rupert at the dry dock and the vessel will be up to the Canadian National on Wednesday preparatory to being recommissioned in service Thursday night when she will depart for Vancouver in place of the Prince George which will be withdrawing her annual overhaul here.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. William Palmer, is due here at 3:30 this afternoon from Seattle and other Alaska points and will sail at 5 p.m. for Vancouver.

Since last fall it is estimated that not more than two million bushels of wheat has been shipped from the ports of Vancouver, New Westminster and the mainland; this has been in part cargo.

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