

### PLAN BOXING, TRACK MEETS THIS SPRING

Big things are afoot for boxing and track sport this spring and summer, according to plans being developed by the Canadian Legion Athletic Club. Opening of the Civic Centre boxing room has inspired plans for an

international competition between a team of local boxers and young fighters from Ketchikan.

James Nicoll, president of the Legion Athletic Club, tells of a recent talk with Harold Blanton, Ketchikan sports promoter, from which arose the idea of a group of young Ketchikan boxers meeting a local team here probably in March.

The track project is one that is being developed by the Athletic Club in the hope of de-

veloping a Northern B.C. championship competition which will include school athletes from Prince Rupert, Smithers, Terrace, Ketchikan, and the native villages along the coast. Suggested date is July 1.

To get both projects under way, two meetings will be held at the Civic Centre Friday evening. The first has been called to interest young boxers in training to qualify for the team which will meet the Ketchikan lads. The second will be between the Athletic Club officers and principals of the various city schools to lay plans for the field and track meet.

The boxing teams will be trained by Len Hitchens and Bill Thornton, all three of whom know plenty about the game. In addition, A. Van Meer, who is a competent wrestler, plans to seek recruits for a wrestling class which will provide preliminary performers for a professional wrestling bout which is planned for March. Van Meer is looking for about a half-dozen wrestling trainees.

So far, it is not known what the reaction will be to a field and track meet on July 1 but the Legion athletic officials think the idea a good one and will present it to the school principals tomorrow night.

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Commissioner K. M. Landis eight years ago yesterday declared five major leaguers and 88 minor baseball players free agents as a result of investigations of the farm operations of Detroit Tigers of the American League. Detroit lost an estimated \$500,000 in player-material by this decision.

Governors of the National Hockey League decided seven years ago today to impose automatic fines of \$25 each on players taking part in fights they did not originate. The rule was intended to discourage free-for-all brawls similar to those which had broken out in New York, Chicago and Montreal during the 1940-41 season.

### SHORT SPORT

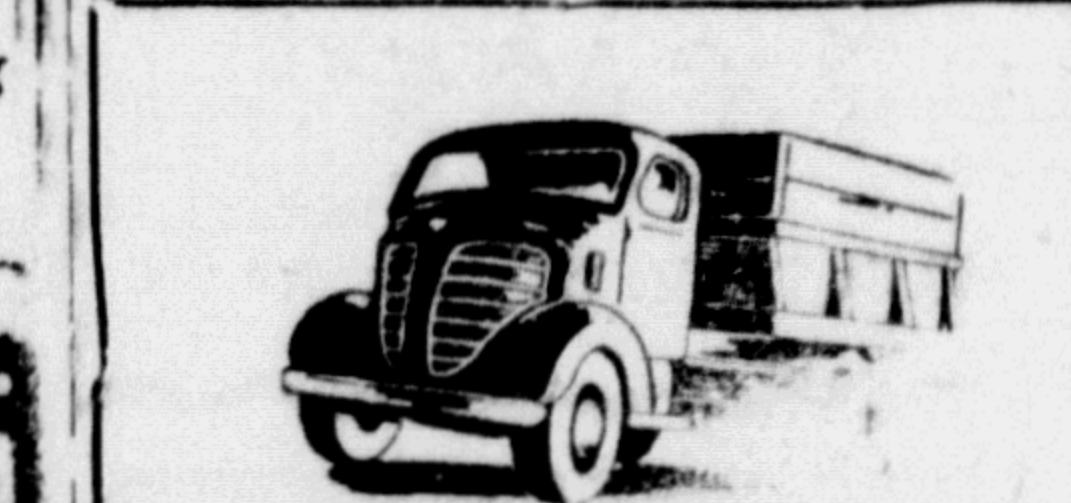
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### MEN'S FIVE PIN "B" LEAGUE

January 16—Stones vs. Grotto, Leafs vs. Fish Dock, Thorncliffes vs. Thom Sheet Metal, Co-op vs. Scotians, Army vs. Moose, Muts vs. Canisco.  
January 23—Army vs. Muts, Co-op vs. Thom Sheet Metal, Leafs vs. Canisco, Fish Dock vs. Stones, Grotto vs. Scotians, Thorncliffes vs. Moose.  
January 30—Co-op vs. Moose, Stones vs. Leafs, Thorncliffes vs. Scotians, Army vs. Canisco, Muts vs. Fish Dock, Grotto vs. Thom Sheet Metal.  
February 6—Leafs vs. Scotians, Grotto vs. Moose, Army vs. Fish Dock, Muts vs. Thom Sheet Metal, Co-op vs. Canisco, Stones vs. Thorncliffes.  
February 13—Stones vs. Thom Sheet Metal, Co-op vs. Fish Dock, Muts vs. Scotians, Thorncliffes vs. Canisco, Leafs vs. Moose, Army vs. Grotto.  
February 20—Muts vs. Moose, Army vs. Thorncliffes, Co-op vs. Grotto, Fish Dock vs. Scotians, Stones vs. Canisco, Leafs vs. Thom Sheet Metal.

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## Today in Sports

### BASKETBALL AT TERRACE

**Skeena Mercantiles Win Over Kinsmen in Close Contest**  
**TERRACE**—Mel Peeke-Vout's Skeena Mercantiles defeated Joe Schultze's Kinsmen in a league basketball game here on Monday. It was a closely contested affair in which keen interest was taken.

The players were: Mercantiles — Bud Kirkaldy, Charles De Kergommeaux, Kenneth Earl, David Gillanders, Don Gillanders.  
Kinsmen — Parker Mills, Charles Cote, Jimmy Proctor, Lawrence Pratt, Gerald Toop and Pat Johnson.

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### OMINECA SKI MEET SET FOR FEBRUARY 22

**BURNS LAKE**—The annual meet of the Omineca Ski Club will be held here on February 22 and 23 and members are laying groundwork to make it the best in the club's history. This season has seen a great amount of activity on the slopes in the district.

The giant downhill run from the lookout on Boer Mountain to Kegler Lake has been completed after a considerable amount of volunteer work and now the club has a course a mile and a half long which has an elevation drop of 1,225 feet.

Club members also have been busy repairing the ski tow and slalom hill and every Sunday afternoon preliminary tournaments are held to select skiers to represent the club at outside meets.

A small jump has also been erected and the Sunday afternoons are high points of interest during which ski enthusiasts can watch or take part in races and exhibition jumps. The club provides coffee for spectators and participants.

**EXPENSIVE BEASTIES**  
The housefly is estimated to cause \$65,000,000 damage annually and the clothes moth, \$23,000,000.

### SCHEDULE OF BASKETBALL

League basketball schedule for the remainder of the season is as follows:  
January 17—Savoy vs. Co-op, Port Edward vs. Bo Me Hi, Fashion vs. Merchants, Gyros vs. Stones.  
January 24—Savoy vs. Brownwoods, Bo Me Hi vs. Fashion, Port Edward vs. Merchants, Stones vs. High School.  
January 27—Co-op vs. Savoy, Bo Me Hi vs. Morgans, 65 Taxi vs. Stone, Sweet Sixteen vs. High School.  
January 31—Brownwoods vs. Co-op, Fashion vs. Port Edward, Merchants vs. Bo Me Hi, High School vs. Gyros.  
Feb. 3—Brownwoods vs. Savoy, Morgans vs. Fashion, 65 Taxi vs. High School, Sweet Sixteen vs. Peoples.  
Feb. 7—Savoy vs. Co-op, Morgans vs. Merchants, Bo Me Hi vs. Port Edward, Stones vs. Gyros.  
Feb. 10—Co-op vs. Brownwoods, Fashion vs. Merchants, Gyros vs. 65 Taxi, Peoples vs. High School.  
Feb. 14—Savoy vs. Brownwoods, Port Edward vs. Morgans, Fashion vs. Bo Me Hi, High School vs. Stones.  
Feb. 17—Co-op vs. Savoy, Merchants vs. Port Edward, Stone vs. 65 Taxi, High School vs. Sweet Sixteen.  
Feb. 21—Brownwoods vs. Co-op, Morgans vs. Bo Me Hi, Port Edward vs. Fashion, 65 Taxi vs. Savoy.  
Feb. 24—Brownwoods vs. Savoy, Fashion, Gyros vs. High School, Bo Me Hi vs. Merchants, High School vs. Stones, Peoples vs. Co-op, Fashion vs. Morgans, Port Edward vs. Bo Me Hi, Stones vs. 65 Taxi.  
Mar. 2—Co-op vs. Brownwoods, Merchants vs. Morgans, Gyros vs. High School, High School vs. Peoples.  
Mar. 6—Savoy vs. Brownwoods, Fashion vs. Merchants, Morgans vs. Port Edward, Gyros vs. 65 Taxi.  
Mar. 9—Co-op vs. Savoy, Bo Me Hi vs. Fashion, Stones vs. Gyros, Sweet Sixteen vs. High School.  
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Butter was used in quantities before Christ as a skin and anointment bath.  
The great horned owl nests in mid-winter but ages to keep the eggs warm in sub-zero weather.