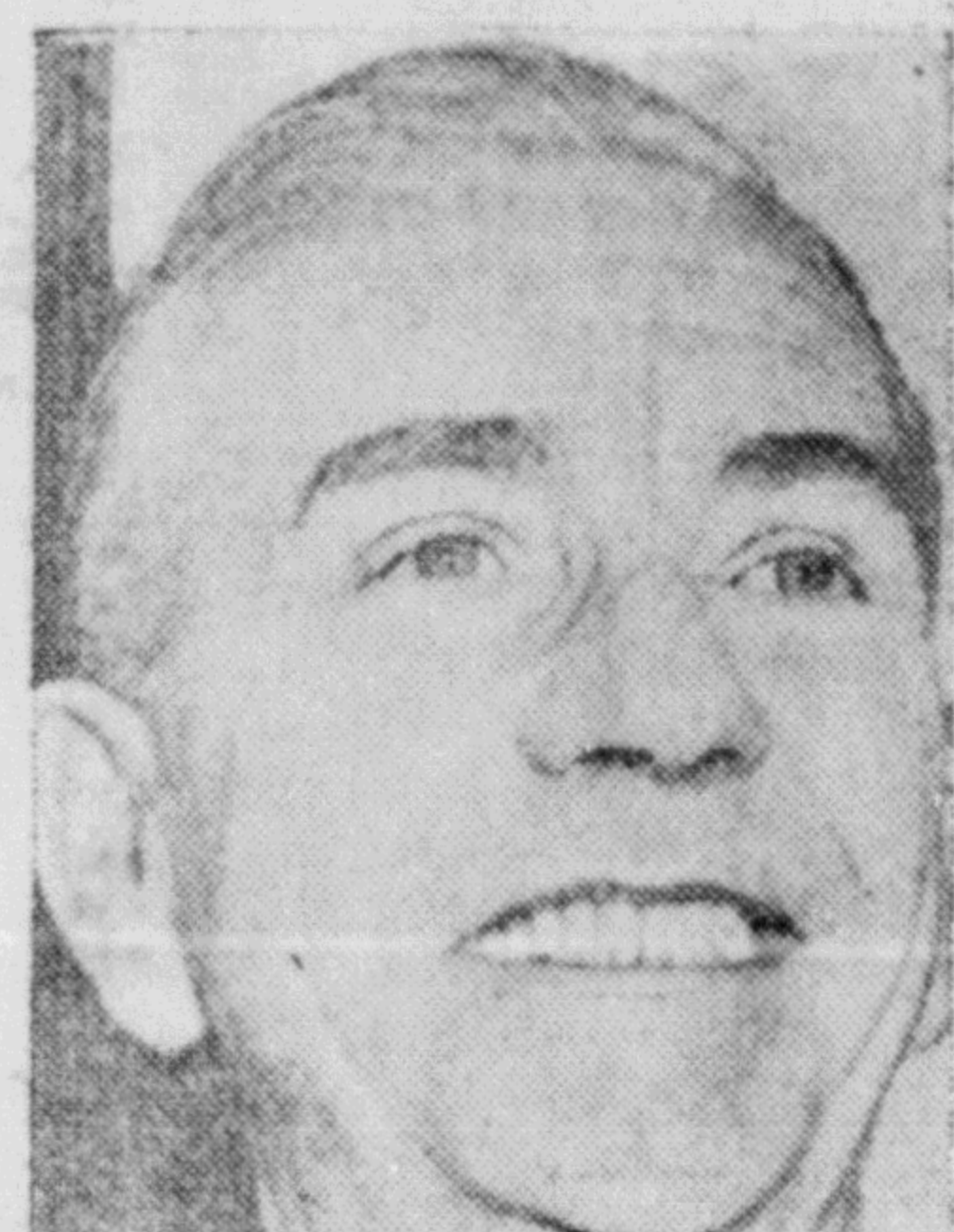


Basketball Playoffs to Start Here Thursday Against Kamloops Merchants



BLAIR M. CLERK, 62-year-old director of British Columbia's DVA veterans' welfare services, has been named manager of the 1954 British Empire Games in Vancouver. He was born in Montreal, educated in Toronto and has lived in Vancouver since 1932. He was prominent in Canadian athletics before being wounded in the First World War.

Games Set Ahead To Allow Visitors Time To Get Home

The climactic finish of this year's basketball season gets underway here Thursday with the first of two games to decide the B.C. senior "B" hoop champions when the Prince Rupert Challengers meet the semi-finalists from Kamloops.

Originally scheduled to open here Friday, the games were set ahead a day because of lack of air transportation out of here on Sunday.

Kamloops Merchants, who defeated Cloverdale 118-110 in a two-game series last week-end, will drive to Prince George by private car, then fly by CPA to Terrace and come here by the airline's limousine.

Several of the players on the Kamloops team are teachers who have to return in time for

Monday's school opening, coach Sandy Barton said in a telephone conversation.

The Basketball Association said advance tickets purchased for Friday's game will be good on Friday; those for Saturday's game will be exchanged for Thursday tickets.

The visiting team will bring eight players and coach Barton. The Kamloops squad was narrowly beaten here four years ago in the senior B finals.

Meanwhile, coach Alex Bill, assisted by Don Hartwig, is whipping his Challenger lineup into shape to meet an expected tough opposition.

"Between the two of us, we're getting our team ready in half the usual time," said Bill. "Besides, we are able this way to develop a few new techniques by pooling our efforts."

"The whole team is enthusiastic with our arrangement," explained the veteran coach of several senior "B" victories.

Following is the lineup chosen to represent the Challengers in the finals: Jim Platen, Joe Davis, Rupe Holkestad, Ray Spring, Don and Sid Scherk, Mickey Webster, Art Olson, Ted Arney and Ron Webber.

A strong defenceman and capable centre Bill would have liked to see on his lineup is Glen Carlson, whose injured right hand prevents active participation in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, the third inter "A" playoff game scheduled for tonight will either bring the championship to North Stars or, if they lose to Fraser & Payne, tie up the series 2-2. Stars broke the 1-1 tie Saturday night by edging the clothiers 43-42 in a closely-fought contest.

Both teams are made up of Booth Memorial High School students and present a fast brand of ball. Stars are coached by Jack Evans, F-PS by Don Hartwig. Both coaches are high school teachers.

Emile Francis On First All-Star Team

SEATTLE — Edmonton and Saskatoon each landed two players on the Western Hockey League all-star team and Vancouver and Calgary the other positions, league president Al Leader announced.

Vancouver's winner was goalie Emile Francis, who drew 118 of the possible 120 points in the voting to lead the all-star nominees. He was followed by Vic Stasiuk, Edmonton right wing, with 116.

Each member of the first squad receives \$100 from the league. A second squad, consisting of two players each from Victoria and Saskatoon and one each from Edmonton and New Westminster, also was named. These players get \$50 each from the league.

First Team—Goal, Emile Francis, Vancouver; defence, Art Michaluk, Calgary, Jack Evans, Saskatoon; centre, Dutch Reibel, Edmonton; left wing, George Senick, Saskatoon; right wing, Vic Stasiuk, Edmonton.

Second Team—Goal, Glen Hall, Edmonton; defence, Bob Bergeron, New Westminster, Ivan Irwin, Victoria; centre, Alex Kaleta, Saskatoon; left wing, Colin Kilburn, Victoria; right wing, Jack McLeod, Saskatoon.

Remember When

Lester Patrick, manager of New York Rangers and then 44 years old, replaced the injured Lorne Chabot in goal in the second period of their Stanley Cup game against Maroons at Montreal 25 years ago tonight. Lester allowed only one goal as Rangers won 2-1 in overtime. Rangers captured the cup that year by three games to two.



SEVEN MEMBERS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S OLYMPIC rowing team (above) have arrived in Canada to start a new life. Landing at Halifax, they said emigration to Canada was not a quick decision. "We had been thinking about it a long time." The seven are engineers and will live in Toronto. The eighth member of the team became ill before they sailed from Germany but will join them later.

Top Canadian Football Club Promised to Annis Stukus

VANCOUVER — Annis Stukus, new manager-coach of the British Columbia Lions, got right down to business after his arrival from the East.

He has opened a downtown office as headquarters for Vancouver's entry in the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

Stukus knows he has carved himself a man-sized job in molding a new club. Work, not worry, he explained, is his specialty.

"Sure, I know it'll be tough, but you just wait, we'll have the best football club in Canada. We'll find players if we have to dig 'em up. The other clubs are getting desperate. They know there is lots of talent here and are trying to grab our junior players before we get started."

The Lions won't field a team until 1954, but Stukus hopes to bring in a few American imports this year to help coach junior and intermediate teams.

Juniors Race For Derby Awards

Race for the biggest fish in the Rupert Rod & Gun Club open salt water derby is getting more competitive each day in the junior division with 10 fish entered headed by a 10-pound, 4-ounce grey cod.

The top entry by Billy Wal-mough is followed by another one of his weighing 10 pounds even. Third spot is a tie between Johnny Clausen and Gordon Stenest, each having weighed in a 9-pound, 14-ounce cod. In fourth place is Lynn Galbraith, with an 8-pound, 8-ounce entry.

The derby closes April 25, after which prizes will be awarded for the first three heaviest fish. Weighing in station is at John Clausen & Son, Cow Bay. Entry forms are available there, too.

In the adult division, (for entrants 16 and over), a 7-pound cod leads the field.

Meanwhile, a 12-pound, 9-ounce entry by Joe Latoski is the only competitor so far in the Rod & Gun Club steelhead derby which opened last Friday. The derby extends to May 3.

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Chess Federation Grants Tournament Status to Six-Move-a-Minute Game

By ARCH MacKENZIE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—The austere British Chess Federation is granting tournament status next May to the six-moves-a-minute brand of the classical game.

The occasion is the annual Whitsun chess congress at Ilford, Essex, where individuals and teams for the first time will participate in the Lightning Chess Championship.

The hopped-up version calls for a move in 10 seconds, compared with the usual world tournament pace of a minimum of 16 moves an hour.

Eileen Tranmer, former British champion, seems to sum up the reaction of leading players. She called it "enormous fun and a relaxation from slow chess."

Miss Tranmer added that the game, described by a chess authority as being old as the hills, "is particularly interesting because a certain slickness can take a mediocre player a long way against an expert used to deep analysis."

"The trick of lightning chess is to be slick without making obvious blunders. This helps your serious game, particularly when you tend to overshoot your 10-minute game limit."

The time element in chess came in about a century ago, says Brian Reilly, editor of the British Chess Magazine. Before that, big-time chess boiled down to a war of attrition with the winner the player hanging on the longest physically.

Reilly says some moves—not games—lasted 24 hours.

Nowadays, aside from world tournaments, London league

matches have a time limit of 20 moves an hour and ordinary league matches 15 to 24 moves an hour.

The Whitsun congress, which will have the standard chess championships as usual, of course, expects 100 players in the individual bracket of the lightning tournament. It can take 65 games. The

begin in 1950, runs inclusive. Winnipeg's Abe Yan because of studies for examinations at Oxford he is a law student. He congress premier: see year.

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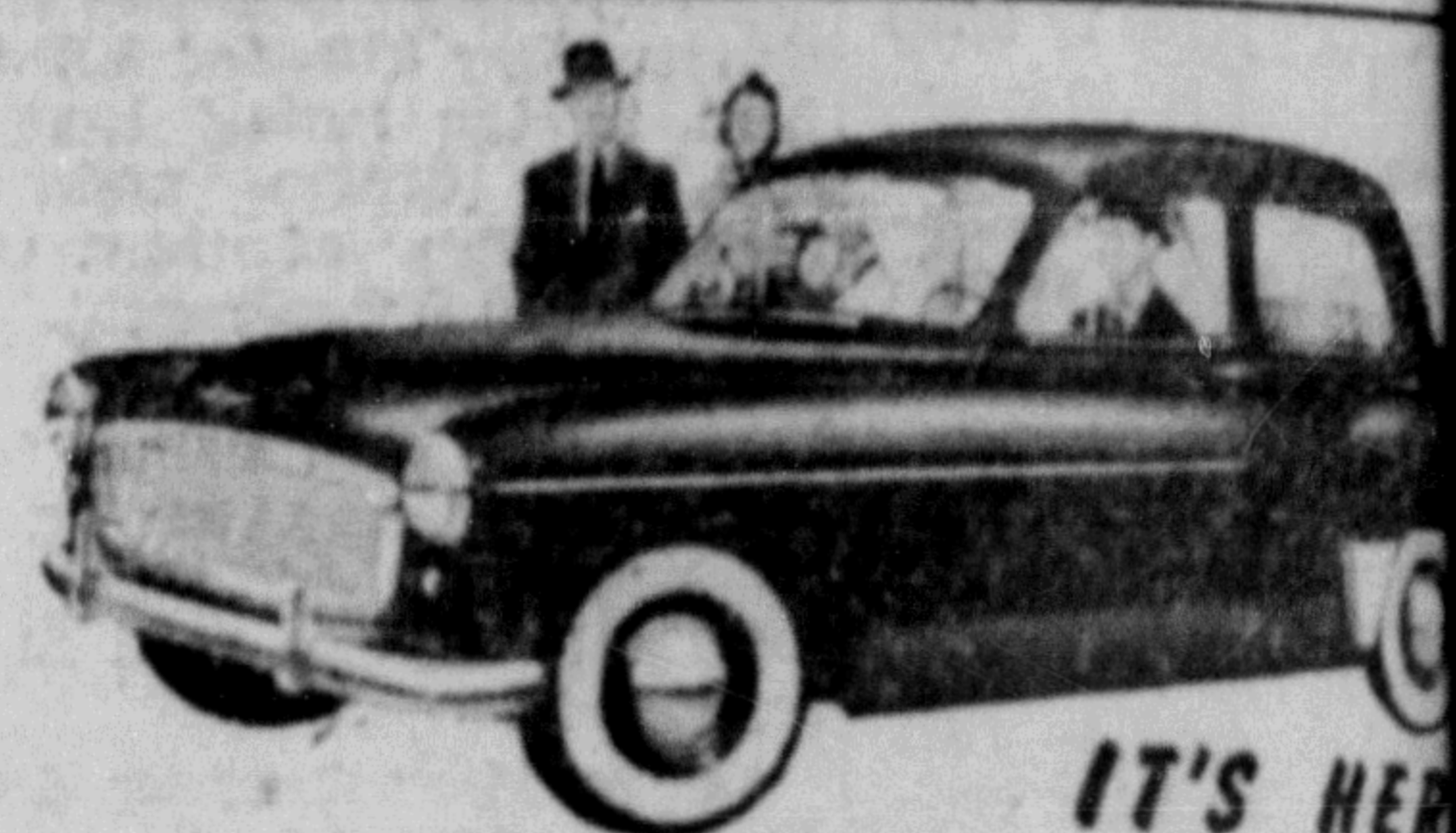
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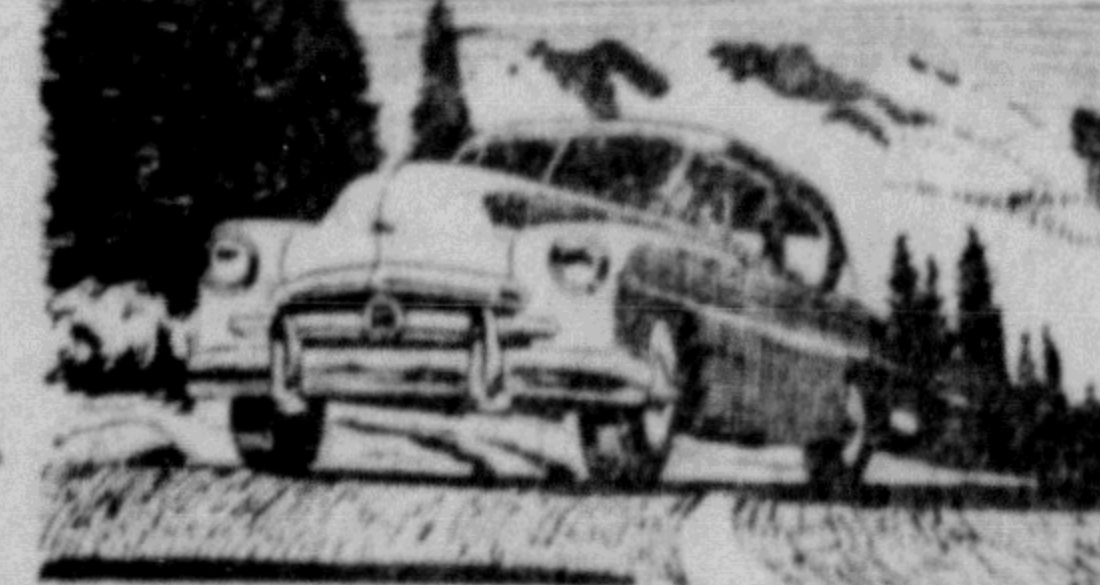
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