



VICTORIOUS MILO curlers are pictured with the trophy after they captured the Alberta high school curling championship in a round-robin series against rinks from Devon and the Peace River block. Milo swept through the southern Alberta final and the championship playoff with an unbeaten record. The curlers are (left to right): skip, Bobby Thomson; third, Murray Phillips; coach, Tommy Clarke; second, Bob McCord; lead, Darwin Phillips.

OUTDOORS With Marty —

By ERIC MARTIN

What weight mono-filament is best suited to fast water fishing for steelheads on spinning tackle? The water in mind is the Cloyah of course, and one of our local anglers has learned the hard way.

When we consider the terrific fight the steelhead will put up, one readily sees that the ultra-light line is not the thing to use, quite true the four- and six-pound stuff will toss lures a country mile, but it snaps just as easily the first time it balls up against the lower guide; goodbye another lure.

Marty considers ten pound about the lowest test for Cloyah. Each individual fish when hooked, stays well away from the angler until he is near-spent, at this stage he is well downstream from the rod and then it is up to the rodder to overstrain tackle bringing a stubborn, open-mouthed fish to the gaff against the rush of the water. Should this fish go to bottom and sulk, or make a pass around one or more rocks, then something is pretty certain to let go; naturally the light lines let go first.

Mono-filaments give only one chance before breaking, for this reason your columnist likes nine-pound braided tournament line, at least it gives some warning, for it will show fraying signs before quitting. This is not so easily obtained locally, but it is expected that demand will create supply; tournament braid is selected because of its high degree of limpness combined with fairly good lasting qualities.

Remember that spinning tackle is successful only against fish which will fight, the four-pound nono is suitable for lake fishing where trout around two or three pounds will be met, but woe betide the angler who tries horsing such fish out of the lily pads! Balance your rod against the line, consider the weight of fish you are going after, and a thought for the general water conditions (still or fast), keep lure weight down to one-quarter ounce and your native common-sense will answer for you.

With everything considered, the good spinner rodder can never beat the good spool reel caster at distance work, and it is still not possible to overcome the difficulty which prevented spinning tackle becoming the vogue forty years ago, namely, the inability of soft action spinning rods to fight back at a sulky fish hugging the bottom.

Word is back from Vancouver that the young fur seal which went to Stanley Park Zoo, died from pneumonia which it was

unable to fight in its weakened condition caused by swallowing oil. There are still at least two ailing in Tuck Inlet, and caution should be used before shooting at what seems to be a strangely friendly hairseal, look for the very noticeable ears which stick out an inch or more before drooping downwards; this is the unmistakable mark of the fur seal, they are plain to see even without telescope sights.

An unusual capture made at the Yacht Club on Sunday at full tide. FRED DUROSE was fishing an unweighted fishstrip looking for an early salmon when he got a strike, a short scrap followed before a three-foot wolf-eel was decked.

These unpleasant-looking well-toothed customers reach a length of eight feet and are not commonly taken on hook-and-line, perhaps it would be a good idea to bottle a specimen in formaldehyde for the Museum here.

Welcome to yet another evidence of growth and advancement in the Interior. Houston now has its own Rod and Gun Club, with FRANK EDMUNDS as president and KEITH CARSON (an overseas forestry buddy of Marty's in the Second War) as secretary-treasurer. Minors are granted associate membership under the guardianship of a regular member, but all interested folk may attend meetings in order to become acquainted with the aims of the club. One of the immediate projects will be the establishment of a rifle range. Splendid work, Houston. We look forward to your challenges and co-operation!

Charles Garcia & Co. of 53 Park Place, New York City 7, will send a pocket size magazine, quarterly, to any spinning tackle enthusiast who cares to request it. This gives lots of interesting items on who caught what, where, and on which lure, together with some clever articles on spinning in general.

Red Cross Membership At New High

VANCOUVER — Membership in the B.C. Division, Canadian Red Cross Society, now stands at 211,624 for the highest total in the division's history.

Delegates attending the annual meeting were told the one-year increase in membership was 41,938, making the total higher than any of the war years. Of the increase, 17,000 is from Vancouver.

Russian Hockey Team Reported Biggest Threat

By ARCH MACKENZIE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON — The world hockey championships at Stockholm which get under way tomorrow include Russia for the first time, and European hockey circles are speculating that the debut may be momentous.

From tales of visiting teams and second hand information a picture has been built up of hard-skating, helmeted Russian players who do a lot of passing and ignore body-checking.

Visits to Russia by Norwegian, Swedish and other national teams including Czechoslovakia invariably have ended in a sound trouncing for the invaders, consoled by lavish hospitality.

Canada, which passed up the 1953 world competition, is represented by Toronto Lyndhursts of Ontario Hockey Association Senior B grouping. The Canadians will square off with Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Russia.

STIFF COMPETITION
The warning is still that the Canadians had better be good. Expatriate Canadians here and some European hockey folk have long felt that Canada deals too lightly with the matter of representation at the world championship.

This year, they're arguing that European hockey has improved a lot—and that nobody knows how good the Russians can be.

"The Russians showed themselves capable of playing really great hockey," the captain of a Swedish team reported on returning from a 13-1 lacing in Russia.

Spain Wants Church Land

MADRID — The Spanish government Tuesday sent to Parliament for approval a bill to acquire all property in Spain belonging to the Roman Catholic bishops of Ireland at a cost of 2,000,000 pesetas (about \$50,000).

Some of the property has belonged to the Irish church since the 16th Century, when Irish priests began training in Spain because of religious persecutions in their homeland.

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BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Should Have Forced Lead From Opponent

"The trouble with you, Abel, is that you try to do everything yourself," said Mr. Champion after his partner had gone down one at four hearts.

"But every card was wrong," defended Mr. Abel.

"Not so," Mr. Champion replied. "All you needed was to find Dale with as many as four diamonds and he had four diamonds."

This somewhat cryptic remark was lost on Mr. Abel for the moment, but let's start at the beginning and find out what was meant.

OPENS TRUMP

Mr. Dale opened a trump and the nine in the closed hand won. Now Mr. Abel saw that he had two possible losers in both spades and clubs. It occurred to him that if Mr. Dale had the queen of spades he would have to play it on the lead of a low spade toward dummy's jack.

If that happened, then the jack of spades would later knock out the ace and on the king of spades, a club could be discarded from the board. But when a low spade was led at trick two Mr. Dale played low. The jack was put up and Mr. Masters won with the queen and returned the jack of clubs. After this, there was no way to avoid the loss of two clubs and two spades.

RUFF DIAMOND

Mr. Champion's suggested line of play was based on the obvious fact that it would be highly desirable to get a spade or club lead from Mr. Dale.

He would have played as follows. After winning the opening lead, cash the ace and king of diamonds and ruff a diamond. Enter dummy with a trump and lead a fourth diamond. When Mr. Masters failed to follow suit, discard the six of clubs from the closed hand.

Mr. Dale would have to win and would have only spades and clubs left. Any return would lose a trick for the defenders and let Mr. Abel make his contract.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.			
North (Mr. Champion)			
S-J 6			
H-K Q 8 7			
D-A K 6 2			
C-8 7 5			
West			
(Mr. Dale)			
S-A 9 7 5			
H-4 3			
D-J 10 5 4			
C-K 9 2			
East			
(Mr. Masters)			
S-Q 10 4 3			
H-5 2			
D-Q 9 3			
C-J 10 4 3			
South (Mr. Abel)			
S-K 8 2			
H-A J 10 9 6			
D-8 7			
C-A Q 6			
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 H	Pass	3 H	Pass
4 H	All Pass		

Action Sought On Unemployment

VANCOUVER — Vancouver city council has asked the federal government for immediate action on the growing unemployment problem here.

Aldermen approved action to request aid from federal authorities after hearing delegations from labor groups.

"We have to face it," said Ald. Anna Spratt. "There are 60,000 workers idle in British Columbia and half of them are in Vancouver."

The council sent a telegram to Ottawa after representations from the Trade Union Congress of B.C. (CCL) and the Marine Workers and Boilermakers Union (CCL).

Native Proportion

Native Maoris number about 115,000 among New Zealand's total population of 2,000,000.

CCL Calls For Substantial Reduction In Interest Rate For Home Builders

OTTAWA — The Canadian Congress of Labor said today lenders will get a high rate on mortgage loans and suffer no risk under the government's new housing legislation.

The 375,000-member labor group said in a brief prepared for submission to the Commons banking committee that if the government is to insure mortgage-lenders it should cut the interest rate "substantially."

"To give them a rate of 5½ per cent or more and almost complete immunity against loss... is foolproof and completely protected enterprise. A high interest rate is supposed to compensate the lender for risk. The lending institutions, under the bill, would get the high rate, without the risk."

The bill would allow the government to insure 90 per cent of housing loans by banks.

The brief said that if Parliament wants to bring home ownership within reach of lower-paid workers it must provide for a much lower interest rate.

It urged a lower interest to allow more persons in the low-income groups to meet income requirements of the National Housing Act. Under the act, a prospective home owner would be limited to 23 per cent of his annual income to pay back a mortgage and the carrying charges.

By dropping the interest rate to two per cent from 5½ per cent on a 25-year mortgage for a \$10,000 home, it added, income requirements would be cut by \$855.

Half urban wage and salary earners received incomes of less than \$3,000 a year, the brief added. It quoted figures purporting to show that was not

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enough to buy a \$9,000 house, the cheapest available under the act, with a 25-year mortgage at 5½ or 5½ per cent.

The CCL estimated Canada's backlog of houses at 500,000 units. The replacement figure for sub-standard and slum dwellings was about 140,000.

CONSTANT BACKLOG

Canada's record 105,000 housing starts in 1953 was "just about enough housing to keep pace with the current need, and making little or no impression on the backlog."

The current need of 100,000 homes was made up of 90,000 federal - provincial - slum clearance plan.

more for the number of destroyed each year. The 500,000-unit backlog CCL said, could be eliminated about 20 years if the housing industry operated at an annual rate of 125,000 to 135,000 units. That schedule would give enough to between 60,000 and 70,000 units.

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