

## IN THIS CORNER

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It seems as if those pessimists who say "Oh, Prince Rupert can't support an ice rink," or "We'll never have an ice rink here, the operating costs are too high and where are you going to get the money from anyhow?" might have a point. As some sage remarked to us yesterday "If the Prince Rupert citizens won't support a hockey game every 35 years, how do you expect them to support a hockey team or skating rink?"

He was referring to the fact that despite the efforts of half-frozen Kinsmen to solicit wads of folding money from what looked a large sized crowd on Sunday, the service club failed to make expenses let alone boost its polio fund. It was a rough go and quite a blow to the Kinsmen. They feel the public let them down after they had gone to considerable expense and as much effort to bring the city and district something unique and exciting in the way of entertainment.

Well, that's true in a sense, but it comes back to the same old fact that unless you stage a sports event in an enclosed area where you can lock the door and club the customer over the head until he forks over the stated price, you're not going to collect from everyone whose enjoying the game. It's the same with baseball and football in open parks all over the country. You'll get your honest-to-goodness fans who wouldn't think of taking in the game for free and you get the free-loaders. Suppose you walk up to a guy on the edge of the rink. He's cheering his head off and having a wonderful time. So you rattle your tin box in his direction and accost him with "Got your polio ticket yet, pal?" He looks at you like you've caught him kissing the grown-up baby sitter and says "I've got mine, I've already got it! Go away bud, you bother me." Now you know that this section of the rink hasn't even been canvassed yet, but are you going to call the guy a liar? Maybe he bought a ticket in town... maybe he didn't. Are you going to ask him to produce it. No, sir, you're not. You're going to pass on to the next person, hoping for better times. So you see it poses quite a problem. One that organizations have been facing for many years. But that still doesn't explain all the free-loaders at Sunday's game, or are the townspeople really that broke? Just got enough money to buy gas to get the new Plymouth out to the lake and back, eh?

However, whether the town can afford enough money to build a rink, and whether the public could keep it in brine if they did, will be one of the topics under discussion when the Civic Centre Association holds its annual meeting Friday night. This should be a live meeting if the adults of the 1900-odd membership turn out. Figures, costs, statistics have all been lined up on one side of the forum and the meeting welcomes anyone with suggestions. If things get dull Civic Centre directors might have a suggestion or two about an indoor swimming pool to drop in the lap of anyone short of a conversational gambit. But neither the Civic Centre nor an unborn hockey arena or swimming pool will flourish if the membership doesn't turn out to attend to its own business. We understand that last year the annual meeting had to grab the badminton players off the floor to collect a quorum. Well if things are really tough on Friday, there'll be a Junior Boys' basketball game going on about meeting time.

Mayor George Hills earned our respect Saturday afternoon when, speaking to the Ketchikan Rockets at a luncheon in their honor, he made a public apology to the Little League Baseball Association for not attending their banquet.

"I was taken to task," His Worship said, "and rightly so. I can think of no better occasion than while speaking to a group of athletes, to apologize. Under the pressure of committee meetings I forgot about the engagement which I had made a week before. I could have made it, had I remembered. It was very remiss of me."

It takes a good man to admit his mistakes.

**POST SCRIPTS**—Congrats to Challengers' coach Don Hartwig on winning the second game of the Ketchikan-Rupert series... In the second round of the Civic Centre hoop shoot Saturday Alister Duffus defeated Mrs. Bob Armstrong and Sev Dominato tossed in more baskets than did Fred Calderone... Ron Foster's Vancouver rink won the B.C. high school curling playoffs over the weekend with a narrow 7-6 victory over Harvey Gee's Vernon rink. The Foster rink will play in the Canadian high school championships in Hamilton, Ont., next month... Two of the glamor clubs of English soccer, Arsenal and Chelsea, are flirting with the idea of a Canadian-United States tour this summer. Spokesman for the two London clubs in the Football league's first division acknowledged that offers have been received from both Canada and the U.S. Both clubs also have offers from Europe and elsewhere. Neither has been to North America.

## Shenton's Move Into First Place; News Continues to Top B Division

Shenton's moved up from second into first place of A division of the Mixed Bowling League Thursday when they swept four points from Whalen's Lucky Six to top the league with 16 points. Jessie Shenton won double honors for the new league leaders when she rolled 283 for women's high single and 713 for women's high three. Bennie Windle of Fashion Footwear took men's high single and high three with scores of 310 and 777. Fashion Footwear topped the teams with a high single of 1296 and Shenton's took team high three with 3595.

In B Division the Daily News continued to set the pace taking four points from Thom Sheet Metal and also getting team high single of 1109 and 3093 for team high three.

Dot Marshall of High Gold collected women's high single and women's high three with

scores of 247 and 690. Martin Erickson of Hill's Shoe Store won men's high single with 291 and Bob Harmer of Thom Sheet Metal with 673 took men's high three.

**Results:**  
A Division—Shenton's 4, Whalen's Lucky Six 0; Fowle & Ruttle 4, Windy "6" 0; Hi-Jackers 4, Orphans 0; Canada Life 3, Fashion Footwear 1; Shamrocks 2, Pushovers 2; Headpinners 2, Northern Glass 2.  
B Division—Hill's Shoe Store 4, Chats 0; Daily News 4, Thom Sheet Metal 0; Harold's 4, Eby & Sons 0; High Gold 4, Mixups 0; Hams 3, High Green 1; Bob Parker Ltd. 3, Esquire Men's Wear 1.

**Standings:**  
A Division—Shenton's 16, Fowle & Ruttle 15, Headpinners 14, Windy "6" 13, Fashion Footwear 12, Shamrocks 12, Canada Life 12, Pushovers 11, Hi-Jackers 11, Northern Glass 10, Orphans 9, Whalen's Lucky Six 0.  
B Division—Daily News 16, Harold's 18, Hill's Shoes 16, Hams 14, Esquires 12, Bob Parker 12, High Gold 11, Eby & Sons 10, Mixups 10, Thom Sheet Metal 9, Chats 8, High Green 6.

## Wakley To Meet Ramsay in Final

Finals of the Columbia Cellulose competition play will be staged at 9 o'clock tonight when Wakley's rink plays Ramsay's for the trophy.

In the playoffs last night Wakley beat Wilkins 9-7; Johnson downed Bateman 10-7 and Ramsay defeated Willson 8-5. Shier's rink got a bye. In the semi-finals Ramsay beat Shier 9-8 and Wakley beat Johnson 8-6.

The trophy will be presented at a later date.

## Marshall TKO's George Boxer At Burns Lake

Andy Marshall, Prince Rupert, light-heavyweight champion of British Columbia, scored a second round technical knockout over Prince George's Eric Tomlinson at Burns Lake Saturday night before a pro-Rupert crowd at the local theatre.

Marshall one of two Prince Rupert boxers on the card had no trouble disposing of his game opponent, who was the Interior Golden Gloves light-heavy champion. Marshall weighed 170 pounds, Tomlinson 178.

Prince Rupert's Billy Tsuchiya, 131, was forced to retire in the second round of a bout with Prince George's rugged Louie Lubowski. The interior fighter was awarded the bout on a TKO.

Marshall, in his customary businesslike manner started belting Tomlinson early in the first round. He caught the Prince George boy with a wicked left hook to the mid-section, following up with right crosses. Half way through the round Marshall nailed Tomlinson with a left hook to the jaw, came through with an overhand right and the interior fighter went down for the nine-count. Getting up Tomlinson managed to finish off the round.

The second round was short and sweet with Marshall again hooking to Tomlinson's jaw and stomach until the latter was helpless and his seconds called off the fight.

Tsuchiya took the first round easily from Lubowski, boxing him and making him miss. Taking part in his second fight, Tsuchiya tried to slug it out with Lubowski in the second round but was caught on the temple by Lubowski's elbow causing him to retire.

Trainer Joe Ward and Martin Saunders who made the trip with the boys, were full of the praise for the hospitality shown them by the Burns Lake people.

There is a possibility of four Prince George fighters being brought here for a fight card in mid-February, Joe Ward said today.

## Canada's Earl Walls Favored To Take Contender From L.A.

TORONTO, (CP)—Earl Walls of Toronto, Canadian heavy-weight boxing champion, is a 2-to-1 favorite to beat Tommy Harrison of Los Angeles tonight before what is expected to be the largest Canadian crowd to see a heavyweight match.

Ticket sales at Maple Leaf Gardens indicate a turnout of at least 14,000.



EARL WALLS  
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The encounter between two of the most promising heavyweights in world contention is scheduled for 10 rounds. Victory will improve either fighter's chances of an eventual crack at world champion Rocky Marciano.

Walls, 25, has won all his 15 fights during the last two years, 14 of them by knockouts. He knocked out Bernie Reynolds in 33 seconds with a left hook and a right to the jaw Dec. 4 in Edmonton in his most recent fight.

His two famous knockouts last year were over Rex Layne of Salt Lake City.

Harrison, 23, who stepped down last summer as California lightweight champion, has won 21 of his 31 fights. He lost on a ninth-round technical knockout last year to heavyweight Ezzard Charles after his left eye closed.



SIX MEMBERS of the Canadian Alpine ski team pose with team mascot Margo Irving before leaving Montreal by air for Are, Sweden, where they will compete in the world ski championships in February. Some team-members already are in Europe. Shown here left to right are: Art Tommy, Ottawa; William Stevens, Rossland, B.C.; Mrs. Pat Ramage, team manager, Brantford, Ont.; Margo; Ann Heggveit, Ottawa; team-captain Ernie McCulloch, Trois-Rivers, Que., and Peter Kirby, St. Jovite, Que.

## Stamps Still Leading League Despite Blanking by Cougars

By The Canadian Press

As suggested earlier, the weather seems to be affecting results in the Western Hockey League, the coast division especially.

It rained in Victoria Monday night, and Victoria Cougars proceeded to down Calgary Stampede 2-0 in the only league action.

Stampede started off their coast tour while snowstorms whirled outside and, being somewhat used to snow, won two and tied one of the snowed-in games.

The 2-0 loss marked the fourth game in four nights for the road-weary Stampede who nonetheless head home today with the league lead safely tucked away. They took it away from Vancouver Canucks in the first coast game and were three points up on Vancouver as they boarded the train for home.

Cougars checked Calgary into the ice all the way to walk off with the match.

They started fast but could

not break through until late in the first period when Alex Kuzma took a pass from Ross Lowe, stickhandled his way in close and faked Calgary's Bill Brennan out of his net.

Ed Dorohoy got an assist on the play, and then deflected a pass from Sam Bettio past Brennan for Victoria's second goal, scored in the second period.

Dorohoy's two points gave him a two-point edge on Edmonton Flyers' Enio Sellsizzi on top of the league scoring race. Sellsizzi and Dorohoy were tied for the lead before the game.

Victoria was content to sit back and protect the lead through the third period.

Edmonton starts a coast tour at Vancouver tonight in the only scheduled game.

## Bromwich Wins

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—John Bromwich, the two-flisted swat-ter who won the Australian tennis title in 1939 when Tony Trabert was an eight-year-old, upset the American Davis Cup ace today in the second round of the current championships 1-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

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## Mayor Praises Goodwill Among Cagers

Praise for the goodwill brought about by visiting athletes was voiced by Mayor George E. Hills, when he extended a warm welcome to the Ketchikan Rockets basketball team at a luncheon held in their honor at the Club 27.

The mayor told the visiting cagers that Prince Rupert and Ketchikan with their economies based on fishing, had a great deal in common. The economies of both cities, he said, was supplemented by forest products but he believed the railroad gave Prince Rupert a slight advantage.

"I can see nothing better than athletes from the two centres getting together in competition and good fellowship," the mayor said. "While the United States and Canada are cemented together as allies, the friendships between the sportsmen of two countries often accomplish more than work done by our diplomats."

He invited the Ketchikan team to "come down and see us again."

Ralph Peters, manager of the Rockets said that since some "of the boys had been coming to Prince Rupert for nine years" it was obvious that the city's hospitality was appreciated. He praised the Prince Rupert Challengers and said that "the score didn't show the strength of the team."

Host for the luncheon was the Prince Rupert basketball Association.

Following the luncheon, members of the Rockets and Challengers were taken on a tour of the city. Cellulose products were shown by Helge Holstad.



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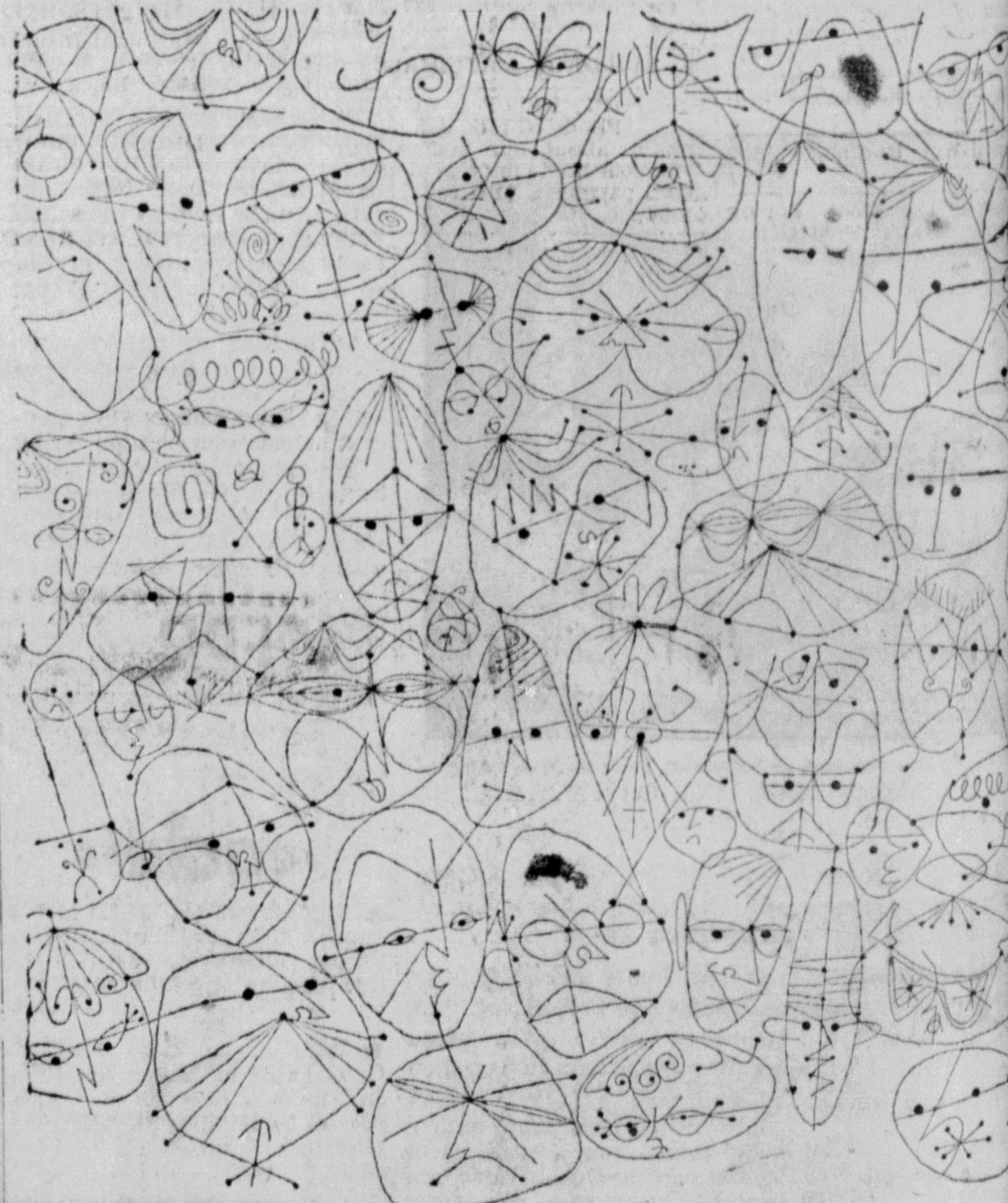
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