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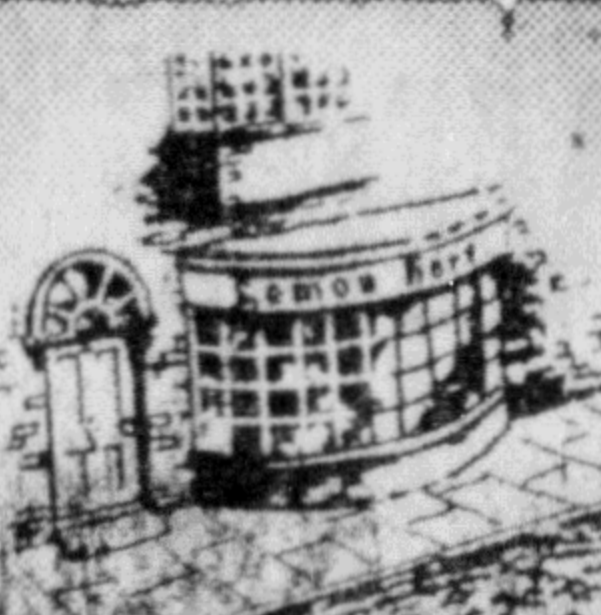
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Bomber Coach Fired

By The Canadian Press
WINNIPEG. — Fiery George Trafton said today he has been fired as coach of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, 1953 Grey Cup finalists.

Karl G. Slocumb, Bomber president, said he had no comment but a meeting of the Winnipeg Rugby Football Club would be held tonight. Trafton, however, made no secret of his dismissal. He said he had been called into Slocumb's office Thursday and informed of the club's decision. The former Chicago Bear centre, who still had one year to go in a three-year contract, said he had been asked to resign but had refused to do so. It is assumed he will receive a full year's salary, estimated at around \$12,000.

Trafton now is the fourth western coach in succession to lose his job after taking his team into the Grey Cup. The others were Frank Larson of Winnipeg in 1950; Harry (Blackjack) Smith of Saskatchewan Roughriders in 1951, and Frankie Filchock of Edmonton Eskimos in 1952.

Bombers lost the 1953 classic 12-6 to Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Toronto Varsity stadium, Nov. 28.

NO DISGRACE
"I did my best with the team and we went to the Grey Cup," said Trafton. "We played our best and it is no disgrace we didn't bring the cup to the West."

Rumors have been prominent for some time that the 57-year-old Trafton would not be back in 1954—win or lose this year. However, in the last few days, the feeling was almost general in football circles that some executive members, who had been against him, had changed their minds and were willing to let Trafton complete his contract.

The sudden turn of events was reported to have been brought about at a closed meeting of the management committee Tuesday afternoon, although club officials reported later that "nothing of importance" had been discussed.

Richard Nets Three Goals As Canadiens Down Chicago

Bowling Scores Ladies' League

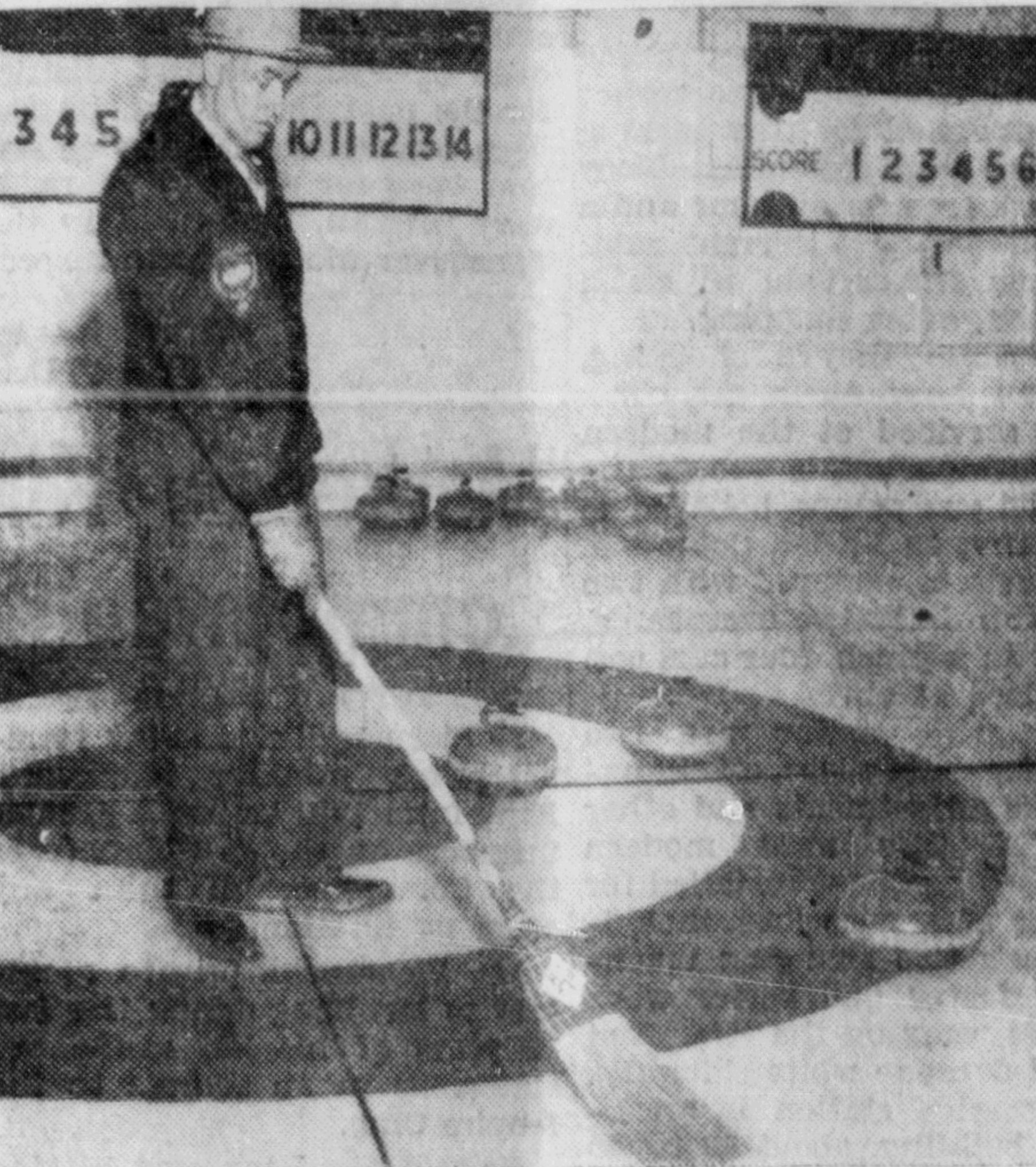
"A" DIVISION
High single—Edna Mosley of Art Murray's 285; high three—Agnes Pierce of Lyons 683. Team high single and high three—Art Murray's 1120 and 2890.
Results: Sunrise 4, G & A 0; Lyons 4, Don's 0; Rupert Radio 3, Annettes 1; Art Murray's 3, Bulgers 1; Cloverleafs 2, Dibbs 2; Stars 2, New Laurels 2.

"B" DIVISION
High single—Irene Muncy of Big Sisters 265; high three—Mary McNeil of Totters 608. Team high single—Skeena Grocery 891; team high three—Co-op 2502.
Results: 75 Taxi 4, Cook's 0; Marson's 4, Hi-Flyers 0; McKay's 4, PR Plumbers 0; Co-op 4, Big Sisters 0; Golden Wave, Meat 1; Skeena 2, Wallace 1.

Celco League
Ladies' high single—Jay Murray 278; ladies' high three—Inez Parker 278; ladies' high three—Inez Parker-Men's high single—George Wick 264; men's high three—Ted Parker 612.
Standings
Residuals 31; Northland Dairy 28; M. B. Wildcats 27; No-Names 26; Euler 25; Pilots 24; Savoy 24; M. B. Lucky Strikes 21; Conboeds 19; Timber-Ties 17; Hi-Ballers 15; Hit & Miss 6.

Men's League
A LEAGUE
High single—Art Olson with 295 twice and W. Brett with 295; high three—George Shenton with 855.
High single team—North Stars with 1190; high three team—Art Murrays 3325.
Results: Local 708 4, Thom Sheet 0; Philippott Evelt 4, North West 0; Moose 3, Family Market 1; Short Circuits 3, 537 Taxi 1; Art Murrays 3, North Star 1; Cooks 3, CNRA 1.
B LEAGUE
High single—F. Moore 288; high three—N. Shenton 686. Team high single—Deuces 1111; team high three—Deuces, 2868.
Results: Rupert Motors 4, Don Juans 0; Savoy's 4, L.C.B. 0; Over-waiters 4, Legion 0; Deuces 3, Nelson Bros. 1; Kalen Ind. 2, Jaycees 2.

Ken Watson's Curling



WHEN TO GUARD

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1. To protect a cluster of two or more of your own rocks in the rings, but only towards the completion of an end.
2. To protect the opposition from striking and rolling off a key rock to a guarded position.
3. To block a possible raise or close a "port."

4. If your opposition lies three or four seconds and it is not possible to draw for a safe second shot.

5. If you have a comfortable lead, guarding second shot is preferable if you cannot draw for shot.

6. Guard a nest or pocket of your own stones if vulnerable to an opposing draw.

7. Sometimes "runs" in the ice necessitate guards where a long guard is as good as a short guard.

8. When the ice is keen in the centre only—a stone in front of the house forces the opposition to try a draw around it on the heavy ice.

9. When tie or one down coming home, without last stone, defensive guards are inevitable.

10. Where ice is "dished" in the centre or where stones drift to centre line, irrespective of the "turn," guard on centre line, then raise your guards into the rings.

Next article...
"Hit? How Hard?"

Gordon Trophy Semis Tonight

Bonspiel excitement took over last night at the Prince Rupert curling rink as the knockout competition for the Gordon's Hardware trophy competition got underway. Ten rinks played off and four remain.

Results: 7 p.m.—Aston 17, Ruderham 2; Ford 17, Petersen 2; Ostertag 13, Parker 3, 9 p.m.—McKenzie 11, Laurie 9; Miller 9, Berg 7; Ford 10, Aston 8.
Tonight, Ford plays Ostertag and McKenzie plays Miller in the semi-finals. Winners will go into the finals at 9 p.m. for the trophy.

REMEMBER WHEN
Bill Cook was playing for Saskatoon in the old Western Canada Hockey League 29 years ago tonight when he scored three goals as Saskatoon beat Victoria Cougars. Bill turned professional two years later in 1926 to become one of the great rightwingers of all time on the formidable forward line of New York Rangers that had Frank Boucher at centre and brother Bun Cook at left wing.

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Calgary Regains Top Spot In Western Hockey League

By The Canadian Press
Calgary's high-scoring Stampeders have regained their early season position atop the Western Hockey League.

The rollicking cowboys took over sole position of the top rung Thursday night by a 3-2 victory over Vancouver Canucks, who are in the throes of a five-game losing streak.

Canucks get a chance to move back into a tie with the Calgary Stampeders tonight when they move to Edmonton, while the Calgary Stampeders will play the Vancouver Canucks.

schedule contest sends Seattle Bombers to Victoria.

Stampeders served notice from the opening whistle they had no intention of sharing the loop leadership any longer. They scored in the first two minutes of play and were never headed, stretching the lead to 3-1 at the end of the second.

Canucks, weakened by the loss through injuries of three top players, Allen Stanley, Gordie Kerr and George Homenuke, put up a game struggle but couldn't quite catch the Cowboys.

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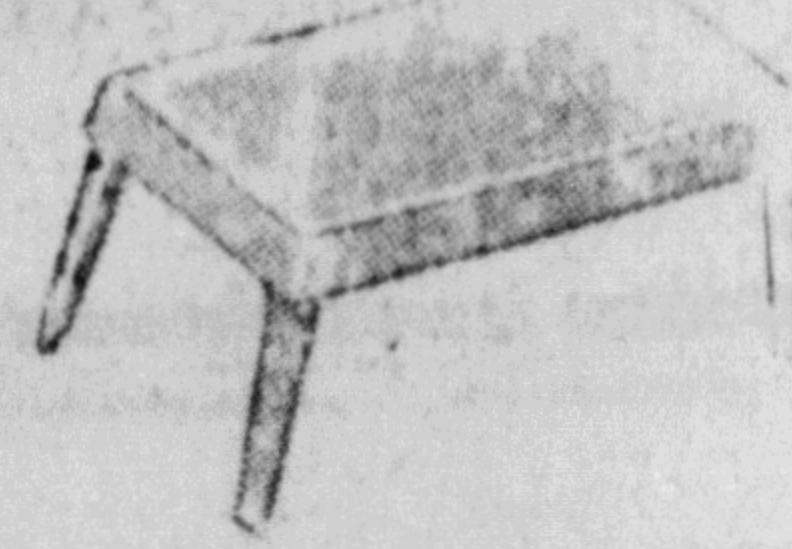
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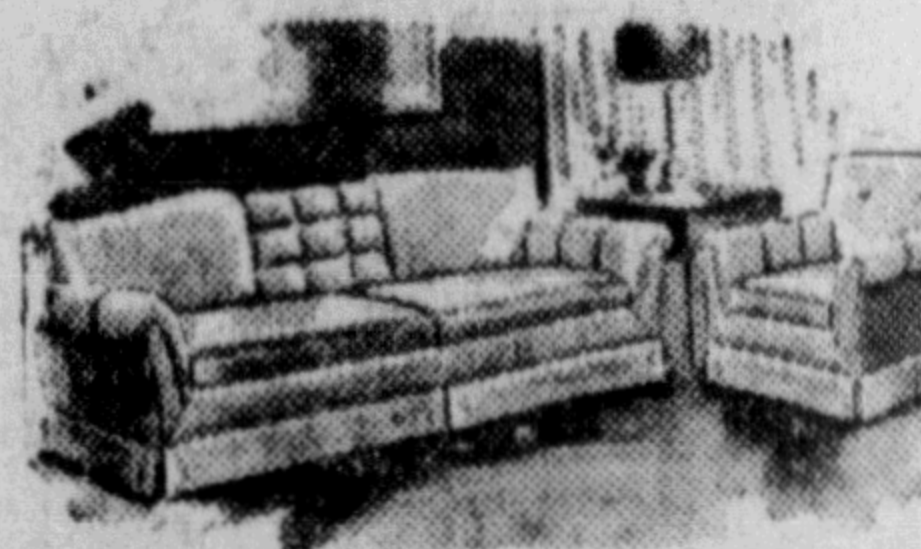
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