OUTDOORS . . .
with MARTY

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Daily News Outdoors Columnist

The announcement of the formation of a Ministry of Recreation and Conservation is the finest thing that has ever happened to the sportsmen of this province.

This long sought prize will place a great responsibility upon us all; we must protect and enhance the treasures of fish and game which are within our borders in numbers unequalled elsewhere on this continent, and offer welcome to those good people who come from distant places to share of our outdoor joys.

The expected additional funds to be provided may make us dig a little deeper for licenses, but we must do so willingly, for said licenses give a greater potential return than may be had anywhere else around. More money must be spent for enforcement, for administration, for equipment and travel and advertising, yet these expended dollars will multiply themselves many times with the mighty revenues that the tourist dollars must surely bring.

Our very young province is learning fast, and is fortunate to have the opportunity to profit by errors made in other places, and to be possessed of such unspoiled recreational possibilities at the inception of the new Ministry.

The Smithers and Bulkley Valley Clubsters come in for plaudits again. They have pushed hard for the building of a wharf on **Babine Lake** where the road from Smithers enters, there are signs that these efforts meet reward this year.

Also these foresighted fellows are working for a longer season on cow moose, because these animals are thriving immensely in the district and must not be allowed to eat themselves out of a good thing. This increase in the moose herd in the Valley is largely the result of the logging operations, which open up the forests and promote the growth of willow and brush, before the reseeded trees are large enough to form a cover which deprives the smaller types of the necessary sunshine.

Another suggested change in regulations would start the goat season in mid-August, for the snows at higher altitudes usually arrive so early in the Fall that many hunters lose out in the curtailed period open for hunting.

The Terrace steelhead Derbyites have already taken fish ample for entry in the Field and Stream contest, **Walt McConnell's** 23-pounder stands a good chance of bringing in both glory and cash. Nice fish.

Saturday is the big night and a few cheerful volunteers are urgently needed to be at the Armory at 9:30 in the morning to move tables, chairs and things in preparation for the **Rod and Gun Banquet.** If at all able, get there on time, for the truck will be waiting.

This time Commissioner Butler is to be guest speaker, and it is hoped that Inspector Gill can make it too. Two very capable speakers, so do not miss them. The feed itself is to be better than ever, all the way from cocktails, through shrimp and fish to a choice of several wild meats, strawberries and pickles.

Because of the potency of various of the potables to be served, it is much regretted that some of the younger and valued members of the club will not be permitted to attend, but next year is another year. Those who are not stuck awaiting payday should pick up their tickets at once, facilities at the door are not adequate to care for a rush of last minute arrivals.

Terrace is attending, 2 dozen strong, at least three from **Queen Charlotte City,** the rest of the Islands still to be heard from; ten from **Kitimat** for sure, and maybe **Ketchikan** and **Kemano** will show up. Ketchikan is particularly eagerly awaited, for plans are in the offing for trapshoots with the international touch, and the orchestra is fully primed for the down beat on the biggest and best dinner-dance-get-together that the whole north country has to offer; BE THERE!

Remember the shoot at the **Oliver Lake** grounds booked for **Sunday,** bring the kids too, there is fun and interest for all.

Hats off to **Norman Rae** who, last week presented a .22 rifle to the junior rifle clubs, this excellent acquisition requires target sights and these will be forthcoming just as soon as the kitty has the necessary lucre; feel like tossing in a mite?

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Swaps Recovered ?

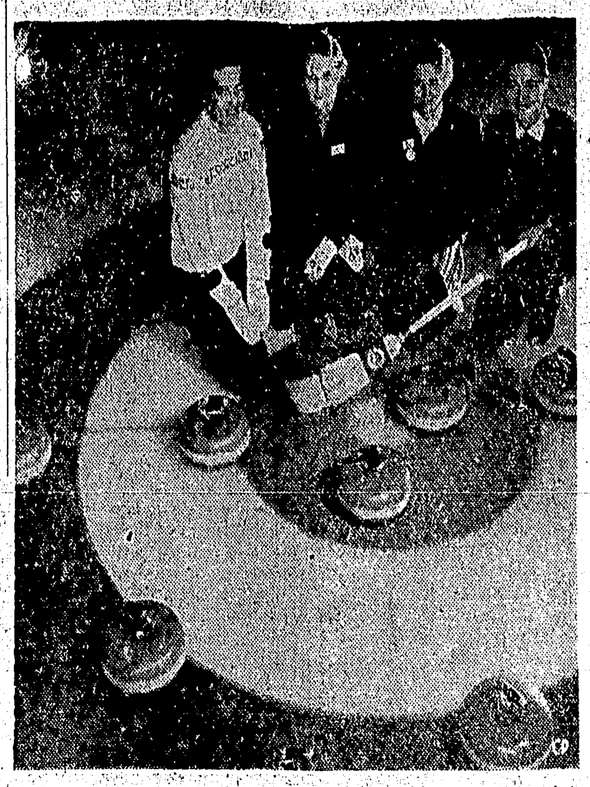
ARCADIA, Calif. (AP)—The racing fraternity buzzed today with word that Swaps has recovered so well from a leg fracture that he has begun his stud duties.

Owner Rex Ellsworth Tuesday said Swaps, the 1956 Horse of the Year in the United States, has been mated with Ynys, a seven-year-old Irish mare, one of 41 Ellsworth purchased from the Aga Khan last September.

Swaps was hurt at Garden State Park in New Jersey last fall and at one time it was feared the accident might cost his life.

TOP RECORD

LONDON (AP) — First phonograph record to top the million sales mark in Britain is Rock Around the Clock by Bill Haley and his Comets.



DREAM END — This rink from Ottawa's Rideau Curling Club, skipped by Mrs. H. R. Holmes (second from left) scored the curler's equivalent of a hole-in-one during the Ottawa ladies invitational bonspiel. The foursome, shown in the house with the eight rocks, came through with the big end on the third and easily defeated, 19-8, Mrs. R. K. McKenzie and her Ottawa Glebe rink. Left to right: Miss Marjorie Holmes, her mother, Mrs. H. R. Holmes, skip; Mrs. J. E. Hutchison and Mrs. I. McIntyre. (CP Photo).

YOUNG TOPS SCORING

F & P Trounce McRae's In Final-Frame Rally

Breaking away from a third period deadlock after trailing for the first half of a Senior Men's Basketball League game in the Civic Centre last night, Fraser and Payne staged a high pressure final quarter in which Mike Young sank eight baskets to trounce McRae Motors 70-53.

The game, one of the more thrilling of the men's loop so far this season was well played with heavy checking throughout the four frames.

The decision gives Fraser and Payne their third consecutive win.

Top marksmen for the dry goods squad were Young who racked up 21 points and John Newton who notched 14.

For McRae Motors, Jim Johnson snared 13 points and Alan Laird 10.

McRae's Johnson and John Lambie kept Fraser and Payne's scoremaker Newton in check to eke out a first quarter 10-8 lead.

Heavy checking in the second frame saw the garage squad emerge from the hotly contested stanza still ahead 22-20.

After some fast scoring from both sides in the early stages of the third frame, Fraser and Payne tied the game at the 26-26 mark and broke away seconds later on a basket from Newton.

With Newton plunging in nine points after five basketless minutes, Fraser and Payne took the quarter at 38-30.

A fast and furious final quarter saw the dry goods squad pull out of the doldrums and paced by Young, rack up almost half of their total points.

For McRae's, Johnson retaliated with 10 points but the F and P's consistent breakthroughs proved too much.

Lineups:

McRae Motors: Lambie 6, Rensvold, Laird 10, Johnson 22, Smith 8, Haudenschild 1, Grey 4, Dumas, Stewart 2. Total 53.

Fraser and Payne: Hartwig 2, Shenton 14, Young 21, Gurney, Sankey 6, Newton 17, McAfee 10. Total 70.

Last Night's Fights

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON, Tex.—Paul Jorgensen, 128, Port Arthur, Tex., outpointed Bobby Bell, 127, Youngstown, Ohio.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Charlie Salas, 150, Los Angeles, knocked out Bobby Wright, 153, Philadelphia, (3.)

Figure Skating Championships Open Thursday

WINNIPEG (CP)— Top ranking figure skaters from east and west—many fresh from the North American and Western Canada championships — will compete in the three-day Canadian classic opening at the Winnipeg Winter Club Thursday.

After two days at the spacious Winter Club, the competitions wind up Saturday at Winnipeg Arena.

Five of the 10 titles will be defended, including the senior women's and men's—won last year by Carole Jane Pachl of Montreal and Charles Snelling of Toronto. Both Miss Pachl and Snelling were runners-up at the North American singles championships last weekend in Rochester, N.Y.

Acknowledged favorites in the senior airs are the smooth-skating team of Barbara Alleen Wagner and Robert Paul of Toronto, who won the event in the North American at Rochester. They will defend their Canadian title against Marie and Otto Jelinke of Oakville, Ont., and Barbara Bourne and Thomas Monypenny of Toronto.

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Seattle, Flyers Tangle Tonight But Game Won't Budge Standings

By The Canadian Press

The two top teams from both Prairie and Coast divisions of the Western Hockey League meet tonight in a pair of intersectional games. But, unlike the pictures only a short while ago, the result won't budge the standings.

Seattle plays host to Edmonton Flyers while Brandon is at home to New Westminster Royals. The Americans are five points ahead of New Westminster in the Coast section while the Regals have a similar margin over Edmonton in the Prairie division.

Only last week New Westminster missed a chance to tie Seattle for first place and it doesn't take much of a memory to recall when the Flyers were beating off Brandon's attempts at the Prairie leadership.

Neither second-place team won Tuesday night.

WINNIPEG WINS

Edmonton had Jerry Melnyk's goal in the dying minutes of regular play to thank for salvaging a 2-2 overtime tie with Vancouver Canucks. The Royals dropped a 4-2 decision to Winnipeg Warriors.

The lone point for Vancouver was enough to send the Canucks one point ahead of Victoria Cougars into third place in the Coast section. Winnipeg is a woeful 11 points back of third-place Calgary Stampeders.

At Winnipeg, the visitors scraped up a 2-1 lead in the first period on goals by Pete Durham and Arlo Goodwin. Earl Ingarfield, who got the first Warrior goal, evened the score in the second frame and Richie van Impe provided the winner half-way through the last period. Billy Moskenko put the game out of New Westminster's reach on a goal-mouth pass from Skippy Burchell.

JOHNSTON SHINES

Winnipeg goal-tender Ed Johnston stopped 27 shots. Bev Bentley made only 17 for the Royals.

Vancouver took the lead in the other game at 6:49 of the first period on Jack McLeod's goal, only to have Don Poile even it less than three minutes later. Dick Lamoureux again put the Canucks ahead early in the third, but Melnyk's picture goal at 18:25, after a 30-foot pass from from Bill MacFarland, sent the game into scoreless extra time.

A wrenched right knee was suffered by Tony Leswick. It may keep the Edmonton forward out of tonight's contest. He was boarded by Hugh Currie and helped off the ice. Currie got a minor penalty.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

Consider Opening Lead And Plan Accordingly

Many a safety play has to be made at the very beginning of a hand, which only points up the old (but good) advice that you should not play the first card from dummy until you have carefully considered the significance of the opening lead and formulated some kind of a definite plan to make your contract.

In today's deal Mr. Heinsite could hardly be blamed for not coming in at the five level, vulnerable, with a bid of five diamonds. The fact that he could have made five diamonds detracts nothing from his decision to pass.

What a mess he would have been in, for example, if Mr. Champion's and Mr. Dale's hands had been reversed. And in that case, what a mess Mr. Muzzy would have been in at four spades.

As the cards were divided, the four spade contract was makable, but as usual Mr. Muzzy muffed it. Mr. Heinsite led the king of diamonds and, without a thought, Mr. Muzzy ruffed.

He led a heart and finessed the queen. Mr. Dale won with the king and pushed clubs through the king. Three club tricks and a heart defeated the contract.

"Do you think there is some special bonus for playing the hand as dangerously as possible?" asked Mr. Champion.

"I can't make the hand," Mr. Muzzy argued. "Every key card was wrong."

"Not if you played it right," replied Mr. Champion testily. "All you had to do was to discard a heart on the first trick instead of ruffing. That way you could be sure Dale would never get in to lead through your king of clubs. Heinsite's best shift at trick two would be a heart and you should go up with the ace and lead back the queen. If Dale covers, you ruff, go to dummy with a trump and get rid of two club losers on the good hearts. If Dale doesn't cover, you discard a club. You're bound to take ten or eleven tricks."

East dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
Mr. Champion
♠ K 10 7 6 3
♥ A Q J 10
♦ Q
♣ 9 8 2

WEST
Mr. Heinsite
♠ None
♥ 9 7 6 2
♦ A K 8 5 4 3
♣ A 6 5

EAST
Mr. Dale
♠ None
♥ K 4 3
♦ J 10 9 7 6 2
♣ Q J 10 4

SOUTH
Mr. Muzzy
♠ A Q J 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 8 5
♦ None
♣ K 7 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	4 ♠	All Pass	

"That's a double-dummy analysis," said Mr. Muzzy desperately. "What if Heinsite has the king of hearts?"

Mr. Champion had the answer. "Then you're still all right," he said. "If Heinsite wins with the king of hearts, what can he return? If he returns a club, you lose only one trick in that suit. If he leads a diamond, you can ruff in dummy while you discard a second club from your hand. Then you could pitch your last club on dummy's good jack of hearts."

Canadian Sales up 40% in Record Year for Sun Life

New insurance during 1956 largest amount ever sold by a Canadian company in any year; policy dividends again increased; $7 billion insurance in force.

New life insurance sold by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1956 amounted to $854 million, an increase of $93 million over the previous year and once again the greatest amount of life insurance ever sold by any company in one year. In Canada, a 40% increase was reported. Sun Life's 86th Annual Report to Policyholders, just released, also discloses that life insurance in force has now passed the $7 billion mark, an all-time record. The Company is again adopting new and increased dividend scales which will further reduce the cost of insurance to policyholders. As a result of those increased scales, Sun Life will pay out $31 million in dividends to policyholders during 1957, or $2,700,000 more than in the previous year, and more than twice the amount paid out only nine years ago. During 1956, the Company paid a total of $137 million in benefits to policyholders, largest amount ever distributed by the Sun Life in any year. Living policyholders and annuitants received $94 million of this amount. Benefit payments since 1871, when the first Sun Life policy was issued, have now exceeded $3,140 million.

George W. Bourke, Sun Life President, in reviewing Company results for the 12-month period, stated that full advantage had been taken of favourable conditions for a record volume of life insurance by the Sun Life. By mobilizing the savings of millions of policyholders, life insurance is playing a vital part in providing the funds needed for the tremendous capital expansion that is taking place today.

GROUP BUSINESS NOW OVER $2½ BILLION

Included in new business during the year was $250 million of group insurance, or 30% of the total, bringing group insurance in force to more than $2½ billion. Sun Life's worldwide total of insurance in force now has reached $7,030,000,000, an all-time high. Annuities payable currently and in future under group pension plans and individual contracts totalled $162 million per annum at the end of 1956. Life insurance and annuities combined, are the equivalent of $9,175,000,000 of life insurance. The division of this figure among the major territories in which the Company operates is: Canada, 49%; United States, 36%; Great Britain and other Commonwealth countries, 13%; elsewhere, 2%.

$89 MILLION IN NEW MORTGAGE LOANS

An increase in assets of $99 million took place in 1956, and Sun Life assets now stand at slightly over $2 billion. "During the year 1956, even though tighter credit conditions existed in Canada and the United States, the Sun Life advanced $89 million in new mortgage loans throughout the two countries," Mr. Bourke said. "Our mortgage loan account now stands at $400 million."

Sun Life's Report revealed that the success of the year's investment operations was reflected in the gross interest rate earned on the Company's assets, which increased from 4.17% in 1955 to 4.32% in 1956.

CONTINUED GROWTH

Mr. Bourke concluded by saying that with the prospect of continued expansion, the volume of new life insurance will continue to grow. "In the highly competitive atmosphere in which we operate," he declared, "the Sun Life will continue to be responsive to public needs and anxious at all times to improve the service we have to offer.

A copy of Sun Life's complete 1956 Annual Report, including the President's review of the year, is being sent to each policyholder. Further details may be obtained from H. S. King, local representative.

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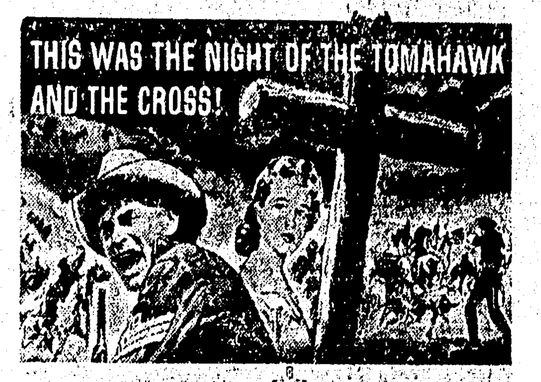
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