

# 700 From 7 to 70 Appear in National Roller Skate Meet

## Bartholomew Of Ice Seeks Speed Title

By JIM HELBERT  
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CLEVELAND, May 6—Thanks to an inventive Hollander, thousands skin their knees every day and have a good time doing it.

The native of The Netherlands missed ice skating so much in the summer that he attached rollers to strips of wood on his shoes... gave the world roller skating.

It long ago became America's most popular sport.

There's vastly more to it than spills, however, especially when kings and queens and stars of rinks gather for the annual United States amateur roller skating championships, held in Cleveland's public auditorium for the second straight year.

No fewer than 700—from Boston to San Francisco—flocked here to speed, figure skate, dance and whirl their way to titles in a trumpet-trombone-tuba background.

Entrants ranged in age from 7 to 70, though the great majority of them were between 18 and 22. A hundred were under 12.

Prof. Charles D. Percira of Cleveland is past 70, but cut all kinds of fancy dicos on skates. He used to be a magician, but it would take more than magic for a beginner to circle-waltz on rollers as does the professor.

**WALTZ AND WHIRL TO VIENNA MUSIC**

Ken Bartholomew of Minneapolis, North American and national speed skating champion on ice, attempted to capture a senior men's national roller skating speed crown.

George Moore of Cincinnati defended the senior men's speed championship.

Senior men's races are quarter mile, half mile, two and five miles.

The track, of course, is much smaller than an outdoor track on ice.

Among tricks in figure skating is to assume a Sonja Henie pose on one skate with one leg struck out behind and arms flying. If you suspect this isn't a chore, well, don't try it without knee pads and a pillow in the right place.

Dance teams of boys and girls waltz and whirl to Vienna music with the ease and grace of ballroom artists, but this isn't for beginners either unless they know how to skate and dance.

Something like 2,000,000 persons visit public rinks in this country annually. The best enter the national championships conducted under the auspices of rink operators.

There are rules and regulations and a lingo peculiar to the pastime.

About 90 per cent of school children own skates or hold part interest in a pair. You'd be surprised, too, to see the number of what clothes advertisements call "stylish stout" persons gliding or sliding, as the case may be, over rinks and sidewalks.

**CHAMPION TAKES UP SPORT FOR HEALTH**

Roller skating has even been mentioned as a preventive for stomach ulcers. Pretty Mary Keating, a Massachusetts state champion from Weymouth, reports a physician advised her to take up skating when she was threatened with that ailment.

Miss Keating did and now she is as healthy an Irish lass as you could hope to see and a dance skater-deluxe.

It costs amateurs about \$50 to prepare for national meets —



Mrs. Lillian Erdman of Cincinnati makes attractive picture in figure skating division of U. S. Roller Skating Championships.

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By WALTON IZAAK  
EAST LAKE, given half a chance, would have been one of the most generous of hosts to the hosts of anglers anxious to sample its hospitality.

At the wrong time, in steps Simon Legree weather and spoils the whole show for our Little Nell, East lake. With one of the toughest weekends at East lake we will probably see this year, there was a record crowd on hand to try their luck.

With all the snow, rain and cold, most of those that fished caught limits or near limits. Bait fishing was the only menu that interested the eastern brooks.

For the most part the average size ran about 10 inches. There is still considerable ice on the lake. The road in is very muddy in spots and should not be attempted without chains. I will not try to use any names as I have a list as long as your arm, and in most cases there were limit catches.

**PAULINA LAKE** was also a number one in the fish parade, but didn't fare so well.

Some big fish have been caught on Ford fenders trolling, but generally fishing is just fair.

This week should show a decided improvement.

Harriman Lodge at Rocky Point and Rocky Point reports only fair fishing as I predicted.

Some nice fish were caught on cluster eggs as bait. For some unknown reason trolling is off. The same held true for the mouth of Wood River and Seven Mile.

Mrs. L. J. Compton and Mrs. Smiley Morris and son Jack hooked four at Rocky Point on Jigger Wabblers—the largest 9 pounds 13 ounces.

The Klamath River, even in the middle of the storm, gave up some nice fish.

For the most part they were taken on flies, large No. 2 and light Caddis Bucktail and the large size Royal Coachman Bucktail.

The DESCHUTES RIVER has been a haven for fly fishermen and to date the best bet on flies is Grey Hackle Yellow Body, Mosquito or Buck Coachman. The fly should be sunk to about two feet, similar to the technique used on the Klamath river.

**SUTTLE LAKE** is something to write home about... Better than half the people who have fished here have had limits. Most any kind of bait seems to work and there is some spinner fishing.

**ODELL LAKE** really produced some nice fish last week. Most of the fish caught have been on trolling and Ford fenders are the most popular.

Some of the folks wound up their motors and headed for the ROGUE RIVER. A good outing was enjoyed by most who made Grants Pass and vicinity their stopping place. The absence of our little friend the salmon, was quite noticeable. Brownie Meyer, not to be outdone, demanded he be put ashore and unlimbering his fly rod caught a limit of 10-inch trout in almost as many minutes. Doctor C. J. Cox, Paul Hens and Forrest Losee found themselves in Gold Beach and

proceeded to make the best of it by catching six that averaged about 20 pounds. Bear Valley No. 6 spinners worked best. Water is murky, but could be a lot worse. The salmon run is coming into the river, but just how soon fishing will be good around Grants Pass is a guess.

M. DeWitt and Frank Robette, just to be a little different, started out for Dairy creek. After several detours and a couple of short cuts they wound up 90 miles from nowhere and Dairy creek in particular. Finally after bringing their Boy Scout training to the front and on the advice of several farmers they located the creek which no longer is a creek but a full sized river. Evidently from the empty creels, there were no fish. On the way home the boys swear they fished long and hard every canal and creek between here and Lakeview and still the creel suffered from emptiness. All in all the speedometer registered 375 miles when they hit the front porch.

Don't forget, take a boy fishing.

## Sport Briefs

By EDDIE BRIETZ  
NEW YORK, May 6 (The Special News Service)—Texas will have four or five native sons (all top-flighters) in next month's national open at Fort Worth and every dime the cowboys can raise will be riding on 'em. So if you like Sam Snead, or some other alien, there's your chance, plungers... Bob Pastor will be ready to go next month and a coast shot with Turkey Thompson is in the making... Larry MacPhail is a cutie in more ways than one. He called Galahadion in last year's derby and had a century note riding Whirlaway Saturday... All Bob Feller has to do to get an extra \$1,000 on the Eddie Cantor air show tomorrow night a week is toss a no-hitter between now and then... Ken Overlin has taken \$500 worth of those 8-5 odds on Billy Soose Friday night.

**NOVIKOFF? WHO'S HE?**  
O. Chicago's mad, mad Russian is a mighty sad, sad Russian. And his plight gives hearts a wrench.

Though a terror in the winters, He is now collecting splinters Sliding up and down the bench.

**SHORT, SHORT STORIES**  
Denver is getting back into organized baseball in the class D Western league, has a larger population than four cities in the American association, five in the Coast league and seven in the Texas loop. How does that add up, Watson?... Freddie Fitzsimmons says the Dodgers are a better club than the 1933 Giants, who won the pennant... and the series. (And good old Freddie ain't a popoff)... Tee-totaler Clark Griffith won't permit beer to be sold in his Washington park, but he doesn't object to liquor ads on the fences — if the price is right.

## Extension Unit News

**SPRAGUE RIVER** — A group of Sprague River women gathered Thursday, May 1, in the school house to hear Mrs. Winnifred Gillen, county home demonstration agent, lead the discussion on "Weight Control."

The chief point brought out was the necessity of the selection of careful diet plus a generous amount of exercise. Various reducing drugs and nostrums were exposed and information was read from government bulletins showing that some of the most expensive and highly advertised reducing remedies were nothing more than ground rhubarb and worthless herbs. Various charts and pamphlets were displayed showing the proper procedure of correct reducing.

The women were then weighed and each learned if they met the specifications set forth on the health chart. If not, each was given a prescribed diet that would fit the individual case.

The following women were present for the meeting, Mrs. Mildred Riley, Mrs. I. W. Hare, Mrs. S. J. Custer, Mrs. Edna Book, Mrs. Rollo Moore, Mrs. Gene Merritt, Mrs. June Leeper, Mrs. Joe Young, Mrs. Ivan Pankey, Mrs. Plowman and Mrs. Winnifred Gillen.

Members enjoyed potluck dinner during the noon hour after which an election of officers placed the following in charge of the group for the coming year, president or chairman, Mrs. I. W. Hare; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. June Leeper. Mrs. Rollo Moore and Mrs. I. W. Hare were elected to represent the local group in the program planning day to be held May 28 in Klamath Falls.

During the summer months the organization will work as a better yard and garden club.

**GOOD AND BAD**  
On the same day came a letter VISTA, Calif., May 6 (P) — and a cablegram to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McGinnis. The letter was from their son, James, describing his marriage to an English girl. The cable was from the air ministry, announcing the young lieutenant's death in action.

The province Sze-Chuan, China, does not have a railroad.

## Authorities Search For 'Other Woman' In McNary Case

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 6 (UP)—Working cautiously in a fashionable center of California society, investigators Monday hunted the "other woman" over whose affections Capt. John Holmes, 37, shot and killed Wilson D. McNary, Portland, second cousin of U. S. Senator Charles McNary of Oregon.

District Attorney Gilbert Farrell said he was attempting to reach a woman, whom he declined to identify, for questioning.

"I know she was acquainted with both McNary and Holmes, and I believe she has information that will clear up several angles. I also intend to question any persons who visited Holmes' room the night before the tragedy."

"If witnesses fail to co-operate with me in my investigation, I may take the matter up with the grand jury," said Farrell.

Before he killed McNary at the Benjamin Franklin hotel and shot himself in an unsuccessful suicide attempt, Holmes wrote a note reading: "McNary stole my girl." Physicians said Holmes faces permanent blindness as a result of the self-inflicted bullet wound if he recovers.

In Holmes' room at the Burlingame Country club, scene of many blue-ribbon San Francisco peninsula society affairs, authorities found a note torn to fragments and an initialed cigarette case which were regarded as clues to the woman Holmes called "my girl."

Among McNary's personal effects the authorities said they found a woman's initialed cigarette case.

The torn note read in part: "In case I may not be able to explain, I should like to know why you would not let me take you home last night (Friday). I don't mind honest competition, but I resent my inability to get an explanation from you concerning the sudden switching of your affections."

Holmes, a popular tennis player.

## Senator Misses Talk on Convoy

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP) Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) burst into the senate chamber, hat in hand, today to make a speech on the convoy question but the senate wasn't there.

Its business transacted, the chamber had recessed several minutes earlier.

Somewhat out of breath, Pepper told reporters that he had been detained on business for the state of Florida at one of the executive departments. He said he would make his speech later.

Friends said he would advocate the conveying of munitions to Britain.

## RENO, NEV., MAY 6 (UP) — Marriage licenses: Arthur Werner, 23, and Rose Marie Miller, 18, both Bonanza, Ore.; Orville Elbert, 24, and Alma Gehlke, 24, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.

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