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Lead to Lily
Lake Next Week

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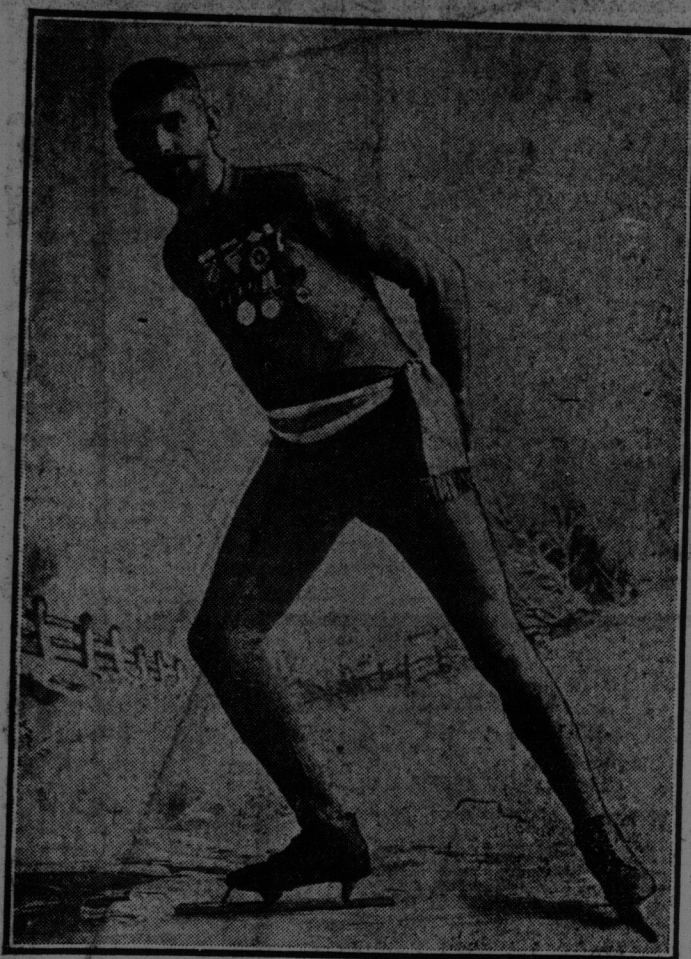
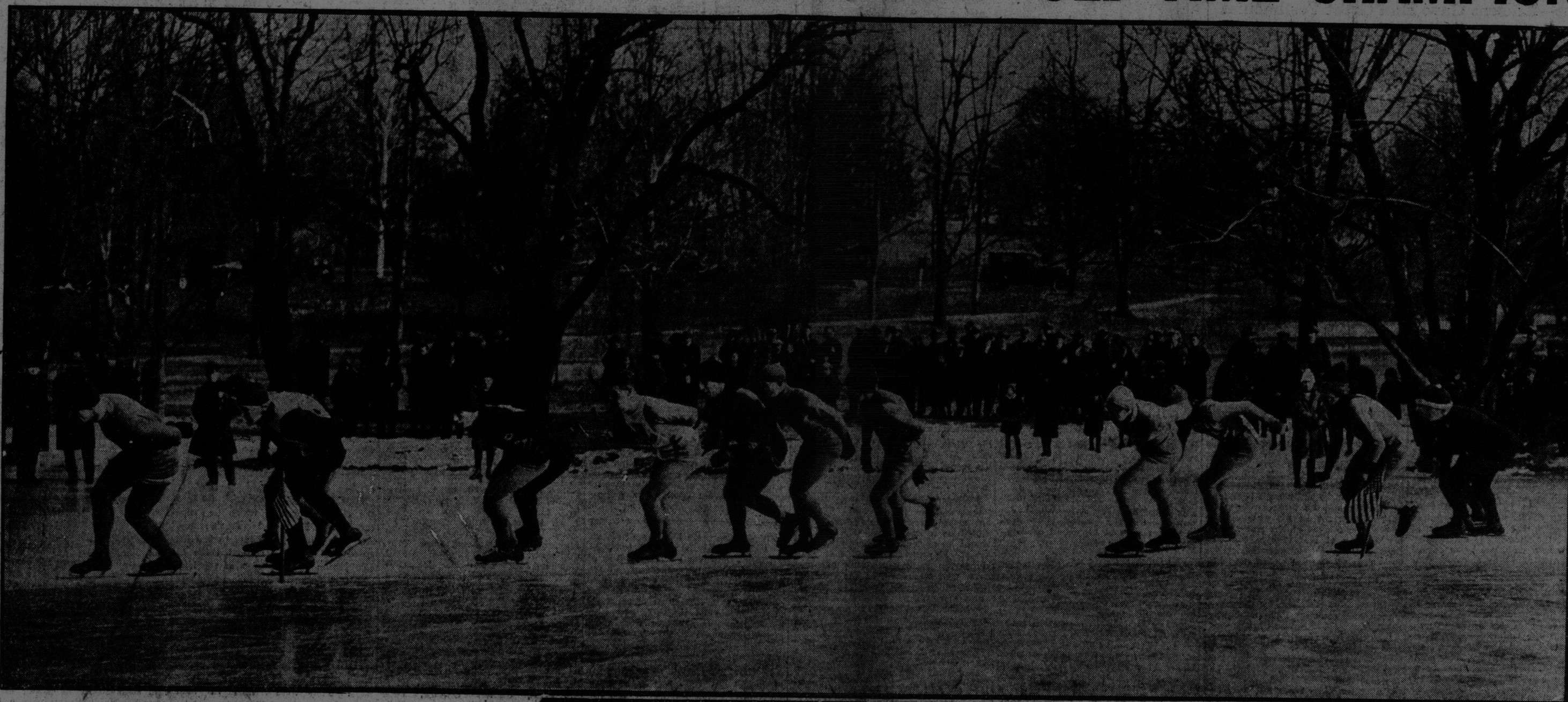
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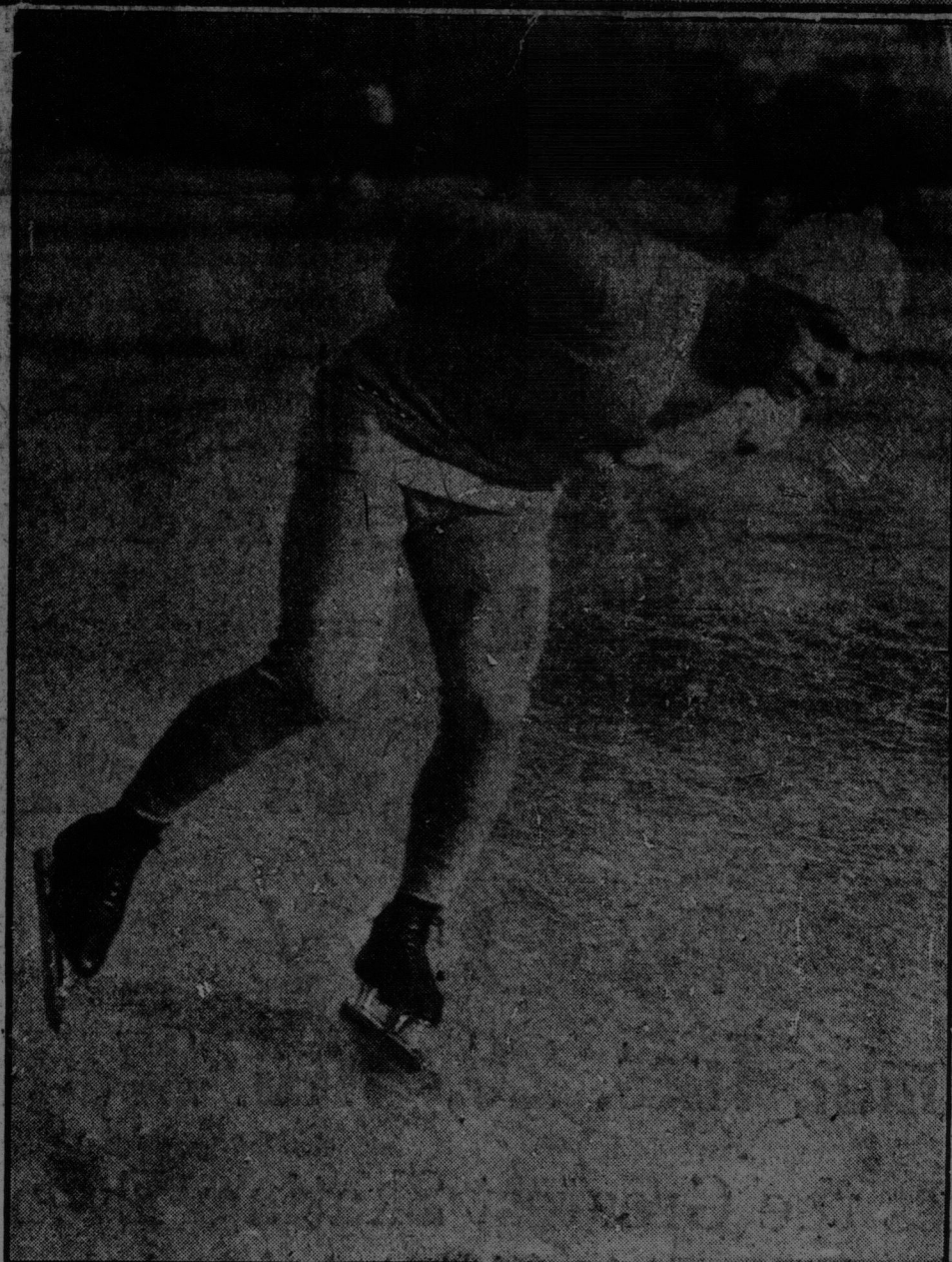
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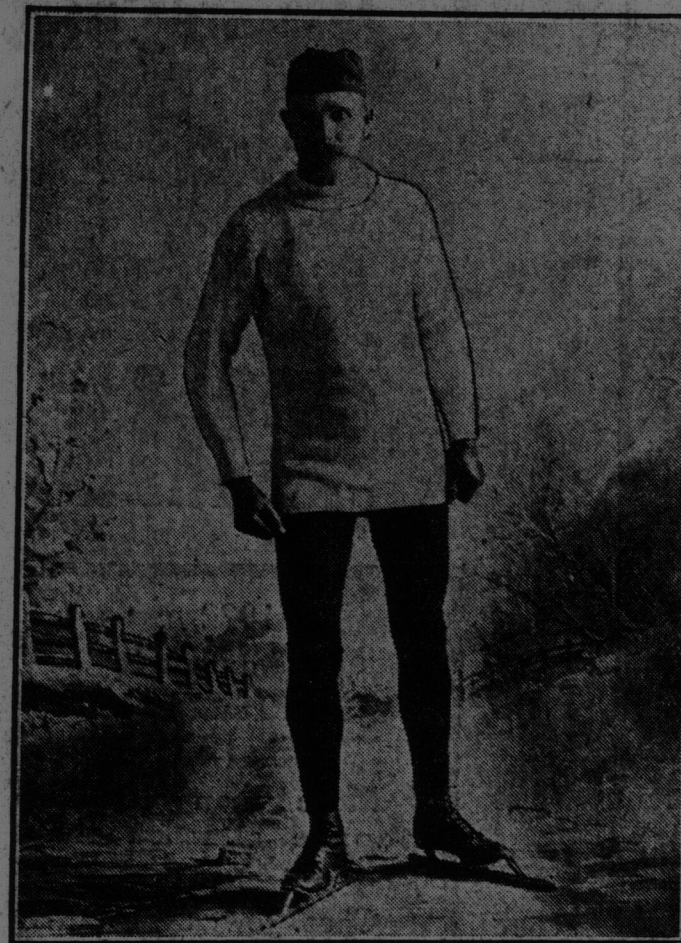
RIVALS FOR THE WORLD'S TITLE AND OLD-TIME CHAMPIONS



HAROLD HAGEN.



Top picture shows Charles I. Gorman, of Saint John, leading in half mile race at Newburgh, N. Y., recently, when he captured the Middle Atlantic title. Immediately below is Clas Thunberg, of Finland, Olympic amateur champion, now in Saint John for the world meet at Lily Lake. At the left is Harold Hagen, Norwegian, who was professional champion of the world years ago, and at the right Hugh J. McCormick, of Saint John, who wore the crown of world's professional champion until defeated by Hagen, in Norway, in 1915.



HUGH J. MCCORMICK.

ON THE EVE of the first world skating championship meet on Lily Lake next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Saint John, the home of champions, bids hearty welcome to the sturdy contenders for the world title who are already here or will arrive over the week-end. They come to match stamina and speed and skill in competition on the glassy surface of Lily Lake.

This city welcomes Clas Thunberg, doughty Finnish athlete of the ice, on his first appearance in Canada. It gives him whole-hearted greeting in acknowledgement of the position his prowess has won him in the skating world. It is equally hearty in its welcome to the speedy skaters of New York, the Adirondacks, Chicago, Toronto, Moncton and other places in the United States and

Canada who will seek to outrival Thunberg at the big meet of next week.

Saint John presents for their consideration, in working out the possible outcome of the points competition for the honor of being the world's premier amateur skater, one Charles Gorman, a son of this city who has spread the name of Saint John across the sport pages of many an edition at home and abroad by his outstanding performances against the best that travel on skates.

This section of today's paper is designed also to present to the visiting athletes and to recall to our own people some of the big men of other years in skating competition who carried the name of Saint John far afield by their achievements on the ice.

And so there will be found in the succeeding pages stories of McCormick, the Breens, Whelpley, Parker, Logan, Duffy, Belyea and others who gave the best of the men of their day a hustling time for honors and among whose names are to be found those of several champions of the world.

It was a revelation, to the visiting skaters and officials who came here in 1922, when the Y. M. C. I. carried out the first National skating championships ever skated in Saint John and in the following year, when a joint committee of the Rotary Club and the Y. M. C. I. conducted the International meet on Lily Lake to see 20,000 people banked on the shores of the lake. They marvelled at the sight. Julian T. Fitzgerald of Chicago, then president of the International Skating Union, said that he had never

seen the like in all his years of following the skating game—and so did other big men of the United States and Canada. But they did not know that this city and province has been, in years gone by, providing scores of skaters of championship calibre and that the people were out-door folk who took readily to the blades themselves and delighted to see the speedy ones in contest for honors.

The crowds at Lily Lake and the sturdy work of the Saint John skaters against the best that the whole continent could put against them established the reputation of this city as one of the greatest, if not the greatest skating centre in all America. And this may be credited with giving Saint John the first world championship meet.

This Is YOUR Championship Meet, So Get Behind It