

Maybe this column isn't exactly about sports but

Ever take a close look at the word Christmas? The first six letters commemorate the young man who dedicated his life to helping others. At times they gave him a rough way to go. But he persevered.

He probably received some excellent training from his mother, the one they called Mary. So why isn't more written and told about Mary? Why do men nearly always take the spotlight?

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There are millions of Marys in the world today. Unfortunately all too often they go unnoticed, even though they make tremendous contributions to society. Several Marys helped me along life's roadway. Of course. everyone usually has his mother and his wife.

and for both of these, my eternal gratitude. You hear jokes about mothers-in-law. Not so in my case. Alice, my other mother, deserves credit for steering the ship during portions of the journey. And many of us have sisters worthy of the name Mary. A good sister is worth her weight in gold. So is

a good aunt like Annie. So to all the Marys, whether their name is Louise. Betty, Alice, Margare, or any name, we say thanks.

Cther Marys who come to my own particular mind would be some school teachers. There was a Miss Webb, a Miss Parker, a Miss McCullough, a Miss Pleith, a Miss Ferrier, a Miss Stevenson, a Miss Parks, a Miss Cook, a Miss Robinson, a Miss Code, a Miss Tourgis.

All had that certain beautiful characteristic which enabled them to be Marys. These wonderful women gave and some are still giving their lives to children.

gave and some are still giving their news to children. And none had children of their very own. They took yours, and yours, and mine. One has passed away. Only two are married and they waited until-late in life when their work with children was nearly finished. Let me tell you about one of them one of them.

Her name was Leila. It was love at first sight, if that's possible for a shy boy of 11. This vivacious creature had grace, charm and dedication.

But above all she had love. She was a Mary. We didn't realize it at the time but she loved us all. She was that type of woman. She never became angry.

When she was displeased, which wasn't very often even though we had some hellions, including me, in the class, this patient and understanding soul would simply stand still, remain silent and elevate her gaze out the window towards heaven. In no time, you could hear a pin drop.

When she was pleased, a slight smile was there and she would speak softly, "You've done well." How happy we would be. How we rushed home to tell our parents Miss McCullough liked our work

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This Leila, this Mary, this mother of so many children, will always remain in our hearts and minds. When we hear Silent Night and God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, or Chopin's Fantasy Impromtu, or Beetho-ven's Moonlight Sonata, or the hit tune If There Is Someone Lovlier Than You we think of this wonderful lady

Recently our Mary was married. She waited until the prime of her life. could carry on her work with children. But we are sure she will never forget children. Never. All of her children hope and pray for her eternal happiness. And we all sincerely hope she believes we all loved her, because we did, and always will. Without question, Leila McCullough was a Mary, and God Bless Her.

Olie has good night in Crestview league

Jack Olie had a good night in the Crestview IGA mixed five-pin bowl-ing league. His 300 single and 823 triple were best. He is a no-handicap keg-

ler. Morris Wilcox chased him closely in the triple department with 821. John Huxley has the best average for the season at 242. Brian Ferry sports a 263 average but has only

rolled three nights. Mary Wilcox regained the throne as lady's high single flat with 261. Lil Edge totalled 262 with her handicap. High triple flat and with handicap went to Dot Hore with 671 and 722. Best average belongs to Mary Wilcox with 241.

Rabbit Ears team and Die Hards are tied for top spot with 10 points. Rookies are next with

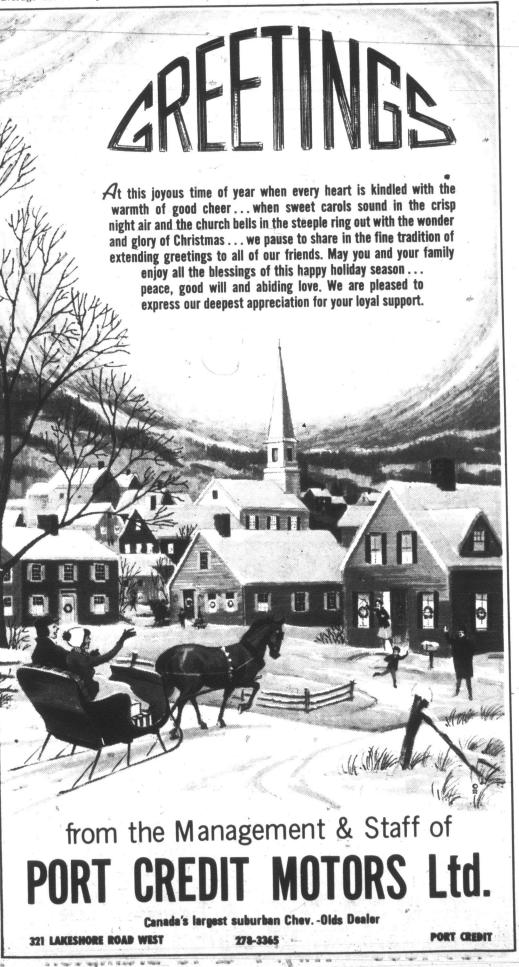
nine, Woody's Peckers 8, de-judges 5, C-Cs 5 and Pinheads 7, Heah-come- Hippies 2.

Help Wanted, Female

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Never let it be said the female is weaker than the male. Some fifteen volunteers have offered their serv-ices to help flood Whiteoaks Park rink. Town of Mississauga officials cannot supply man-power to do this job this year but are supplying everything else. They've put up the boards, too. More help is needed, Ladies with desire to help children call Madeleine Ross 822-1471. And you don't have to belong to a union

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So, here it is almost Christmas time. How many of us will remember all the Marys? How many of us will remember one particular Mary? If we do, do you think there's a chance this old world just might level off someday?

Should we stop the helter-skelter, stop crucifying and looking for the chance to crucify, stop the wars? Maybe that's what 30,000 dead American boys in Vietnam made their last wish.

Let's give the world to the Marys. We might have a chance to survive. Love is a very powerful thing.

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