## NORTH NORWICH TOWNSHIP COUNCIL



Town- Norwich. NORTH NORWICH ship Council held their first are: meetiny of 1971 recently in the reeve; Leslie Dickson, township hall in the village of and Robert

Seated from left treasurer. Standing from Darwen Scott, Watkins,

deputy are: Albert Freeman, reeve; superintendent; Roger clerk- Ronald Brackenbury and

Mr. Orth left Mingle, councillors. road and Mr. Brackenbury are new Orth, members of council. Cecil



## Curling

with Bev Tyrrell

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If someone ever invents a 25-hour day, Marcel De Witte will still demand more time to keep the keen edge on his ice at the 16-sheet Ivanhoe Curling Club.

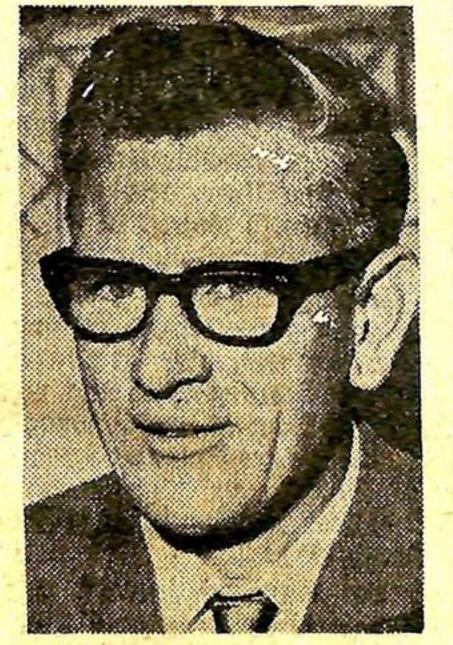
For De Witte, the jaunty icemaker with the flair of curly hair, it is a matter of pride, coupled with hard work and common sense. That, in a nutshell, is the reason the Ivanhoe ice is said to be the keenest in Western Ontario.

Often, Marcel works around the clock to make ice, hon-

ing it with the skill of a surgeon performing a delicate operation. He is in a battle with the clock at times so he sometimes sleeps at the club.

Today, he is used as a consultant to some curling clubs which are experiencing trouble with their ice. When the Canadian Curling Championship was held at Oshawa in 1969, several members of the host committee, enlisted Marcel's help.

De Witte did such a good job with the ice for the Ontario championship at Ivanhoe a month before, that the Oshawa group felt that they might learn something from



MARCEL DE WITTE - - - 24-hour job

Marcel's tactics. The job he did with the Ivanhoe ice went without a hitch because De Witte had three uninterrupted days to work with it.

It has been a long climb for Marcel, a former Air Force radar expert in his native Belgium, who knew little about icemaking when he accepted his first job with the Simcoe Curling Club.

That was in 1958 and De Witte was working in the tobacco fields. "I remember one of the members of the Simcoe club rode around with me on a tractor all day while I was cultivating trying to persuade me to take the job," Marcel recollects.

He joined a two-man crew at Simcoe. After his stint there, he went to the Sarnia Curling Club. He has been at Ivanhoe for eight years.

De Witte is looking forward to London being the venue for a future Brier, if and when the championship is held in the city. He says the London Gardens has the best ventilation system of any previous Brier site he has seen. "I am confident and if I stay healthy I think I can do something with the ice," he says.

Even if Marcel does not realize his Brier dream, he still has the keenest ice in the West (Western Ontario, that is) to next door neighbor fall back on.