

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



Candlans pride themselves as being a hardy breed. Folks of other countries think of Canada as a huge mass of ice and snow in winter, peopled by a mixture of races . . . apart by their disdain for the wintry weather.

The national image is of a strong Paul Bunyanish character with a flair for winter sports like hockey, skating, skiing, dog sled races and other contests of that ilk.

It makes you wonder . . .

Sunday, this scribe took advantage of a mirror-like sheet of ice on Fairy Lake to go for a spin on the blades. There was a chilling wind blowing across the lake and a few boys played hockey and several other children skated.

The skates glided like velvet on the smooth ice so we decided to skate up around Sonny Jockey's summer place and sample the ice there. Ahead of us a solitary figure skated strongly. After he had rounded the spot known as "big bridge", a relic of radial car days, I caught up with the lone skater.

Turned out he was Dutch. He wanted to know where all the people were. He couldn't understand how a shimmering sheet of ice like that could have so few on it skating.

"If this was in Holland . . . the ice couldn't hold all the people who would be on it," he said in effect.

My mind went back to younger days when this was true of Fairy Lake. A good sheet of ice on the pond traditionally drew hundreds to play "shimmy" and skate.

Where were all the people Sunday? A few, no doubt, were cautious, would not venture on the six-inch thick ice until it was at least double that thickness. But most skaters and shiny specialists, I'm willing to bet, were snug in their living rooms watching the New York Giants weather a snowstorm or viewing the Sunday movie on T.V.

I admit that's where I would have been if not for two eager children anxious to try their skates for the first time this season.

Maybe there is something to what Prince Philip had to say when he addressed the nation at a meeting in Toronto. Maybe we are a nation of flabby, overweight specimens stowing in our own juice.

We seem to have lost the happy faculty of making fun for ourselves and become a nation of passive spectators. Perhaps we need a national fitness program to toughen us up something in line with what the Russians have.

Can't you picture everyone do-

ing gymnastics before starting work in the morning. Instead of comfortably riding to work walking? A walk down town. It would help relieve the parking problem anyway.

Wonder what Lynn McLaren does in the winter? McLaren, ace righthander with "Dude" Lindsay's baseball Merchants this season, is coaching basketball at Georgetown High School, where he is a teacher.

Only their second year in organized basketball, the Georgetown team dropped its first three exhibition encounters but showed a margin of improvement in each game under Lynn's guidance.

The season opens this month and the Georgetown Herald has this to say about Acton High's chances: "Favored to repeat their march to the title last year are the Acton High School eagles who have in past seasons enjoyed the decided benefit of a YMCA, which is available for that extra practice. However, since the construction of the GHS gym the locals are rapidly making up ground and this could be the year of serious Georgetown contention."

BEAT BITS . . . Milton Merchants hockey club is on the hunt for players to strengthen their roster. Officials have included a four of Toronto senior leagues in their quest . . . Over 20 teams registered for a bantam tournament in Georgetown late this season . . . Guelph Royals are giving their Acton fans plenty to cheer about these days. They're at the top of the Junior "A" circuit with Rod Gilbert leading the league in the scoring department . . . Ice is in at the arena and local hockey teams will have a collective sigh of relief at the news. It will give them a chance to make up for lost playing time . . . Big Frank Mahovlich is really setting an blistering pace for Toronto in the N.H.L. Leaf fans haven't seen the like of the big "M" as he is known is being showered with printer's ink. The filberts say his goal production will slow down now, however, with the best checkers in the league being assigned to his corner. We kind of figured some of the best were on his shoulder in the last few games. Detroit brought enough of his goal scoring prowess to detail all-star Gordie Howe to tail him . . . If Chuck Jewell is playing goal for Eddie Bush's Hamilton club in the Junior "A" circuit he's made a big difference to the Red Wings. They're clobbering everybody in sight at the moment . . . Georgetown Raiders won four, tied one and lost two games up to last weekend in the powerful C.O.H.L.

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THESE CHILLY DAYS remind you of baseball? This team was the pride of Acton back in 1905. Recognize anyone? The names of the players are included here upside down for you to recognize. Top row, left to right: S. Dunn, C. F. Hillier, J. J. Clark, E. A. McLaren, and J. D. Foster. Middle row, left to right: S. Thompson, J. J. Williams, and J. J. Williams. Bottom row, left to right: J. J. Williams, J. J. Williams, and J. J. Williams.

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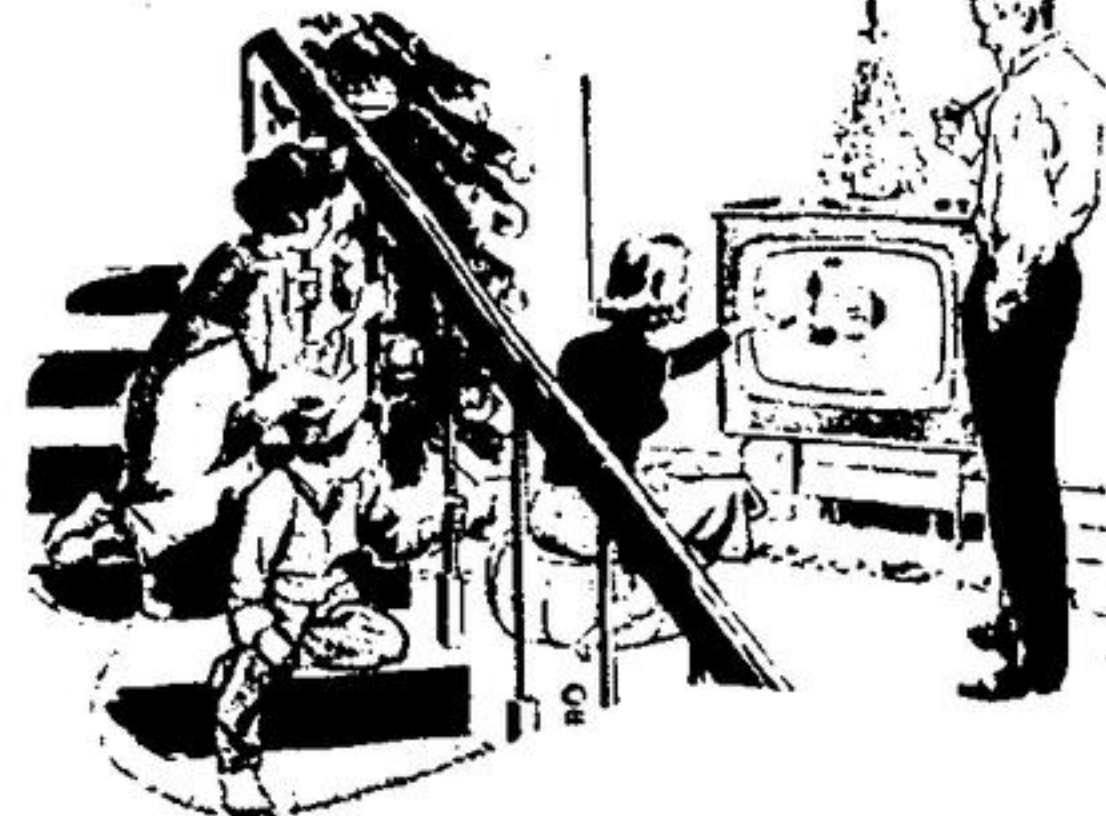
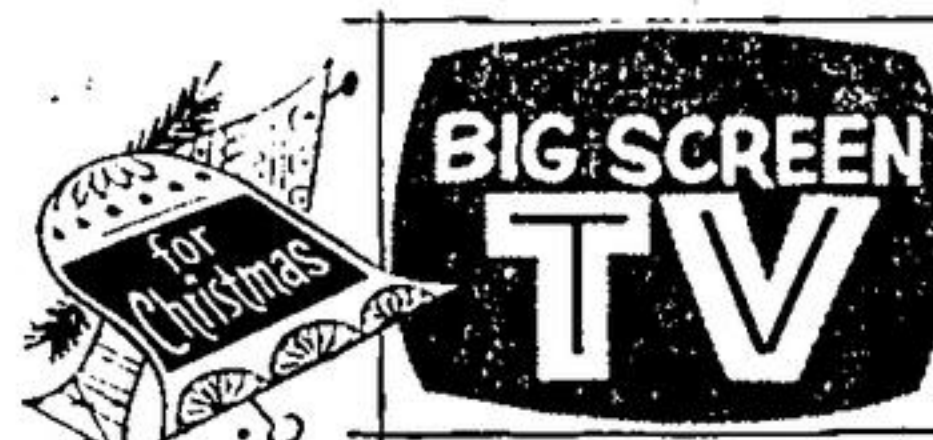
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Palermo Continues To Top Farm League

Palermo Junior Farmers won yet another game Tuesday night in the Halton County Junior Farmer hockey league, to stay on top in the league standings.

They defeated Acton 6-5 in a real thriller in the first game of the night played at Milton arena. In the second game Novak edged the Milton club 7-5, winning the game by scoring two goals in the last 70 seconds of play.

Murray Fires Four

Dave Murray fired four goals in the Palermo win while team mates Bob Marshall and Dave McKewan came through with singles.

Ross Shortall fired a hat trick for the losers, and George Robinson and Keith Fitch got singles.

Doug Black missed on a break away effort with less than a minute and a half to go in the game.

Richardson has Trio

Ken Richardson led the Novak pack with a hat trick with Bill Richardson and Jim Richardson getting one each. Duke Robinson got one also. Norm Flemington fired four goals for the losing Milton team with Graham Gillies adding one.

NOTES: Bill Marshall was cut for six stitches over the eye in the first game when he ran into the puck . . . Ten penalties were called in the first game by referee Chips Sanvedo of Guelph, with six going to Acton . . . This Tuesday Palermo meets Novak in the first game while in the second game Milton and Acton do battle.

Canada consumes almost as much paperboard as paper.

Roses for Ladies At Firemen's Party

A full turnout of firemen, wives and friends enjoyed the Firefighters' annual Christmas dinner party in the Legion auditorium Friday evening.

About 58 were present to enjoy a turkey dinner served by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, followed by dancing and cards. Ladies present received roses from the department. Music for dancing was supplied by Merv Tolton's orchestra.

MILTON ARENA

Thursday, Dec. 15
FIGURE SKATING
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE HOCKEY
Starting 8 p.m.

Gerrys vs Burlington Rams vs P. L. Robertson

Friday, Dec. 16
INT. "A" HOCKEY DUNDAS

MILTON MERCHANTS
8:45 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17
PUBLIC SKATING
2 to 4 p.m.
8 to 10 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 19
Minor Hockey Night

Tuesday, Dec. 20
FIGURE SKATING
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

JUNIOR FARMER HOCKEY
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Wednesday, Dec. 21
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Pee Wees, Squirts Lose Pair to Georgetown Clubs

Acton Business Men's Pee Wee and Squirt teams, suffered a double set back last Sunday at Georgetown Arena. The Squirts lost a close, well played contest, 3-1, while the Pee Wees were dumped 6-1. Ronny Johnson, averted a shutout by scoring for the squirts while Dave Garrett did likewise for the Pee Wees.

The Acton coaches were very pleased with the results, considering the fact the Georgetown star studded teams, had ice facilities at least two months ahead of the local boys. With ice now available at the arena for practice the boys, will be able to hold their own against all comers, the coaches say.

A and B Supermarket donated apples to refresh the gang, while Custom Cleaners donated the material for the stars.

Y's Men Tree Sale Boosts Club Funds

Again this Christmas Y's Men are selling trees behind the Y.M.C.A. as a fund raising project. The trees come from Mansell Nellis, one of the members. Sales are fairly good so far, with a rush for greenery this weekend.

The seasonal salesmen started Friday.

Various woods make paper.

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