

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN MCNABB

All eyes are fixed on the arena these days and high hopes of seeing the ice in this weekend are of a more definite nature after the ice making machinery was put into full operation yesterday. It's quite evident around the town that the younger generation is becoming quite impatient to don the blades for another big hockey season. Various driveways and sometimes even the more less trafficked roads in town are being used for imaginary Maple Leaf Gardens while the players smooth down their sticks and rattle rubber balls off garage doors and automobiles. Besides Christmas and Santa Claus, I think that hockey is the only thing that keeps these kids going during the winter months. Participation of a sense in the sport of hockey has already hit Acton. Gary Masales and Dan Arbie will get some O.H.A. refereeing assignments this year. They attended the O.H.A. clinic along with Murray Harrison, Harold Townsley, and Barry Insoce on Oct. 5th. Gary and Danny re-ared a Jr. "C" game between Milton and Paris last Friday night.

Jan Riddell, Kevin Hall and Gary Taillefer are definitely signed with the Milton Jr. "C" squad for this season and were featured in last Friday night's game with Paris. Milton downed Paris with a 6-3 victory.

Paul Marso has reportedly been out practicing with his former team-mates in the Milton camp during the past week.

Paul Cooper Acton's goaly contribution to hockey, who was stable in the Milton stalls at the beginning of the training season has pulled up stakes and moved over to Georgetown's Jr. "C" team. No definite reason for the switch is known.

Looks like Barry Elliott Juvenile All-Star from Acton, who has been practicing with the Milton Jr. "C" team will be playing another season with Acton's Juveniles.

Barrie's agreement with the Tri-County Hockey Assoc. requires him to stay with the club until the age limit has been reached by himself. Barrie has another year left in juvenile hockey.

The Harlem Diplomats will invade the gym this Thursday, tomorrow night, at 8:00 p.m. Just a reminder to those who haven't purchased tickets yet that they will be on sale at the door. An interesting exhibition of basketball at its best will be on show with a feature game between Acton's own C.W.O.S.S.A. "B" finalists the "Redmen".

Proceeds from the game go to the Girls' and Boys' Athletic Association.

An open meeting for those interested in forming an intermediate hardball club in Acton is to be held this Thursday night in the Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in playing or helping to organize a team will be most welcome.

Acton's Industrial Hockey League should be underway by the last Sunday of this month. A more definite date will appear in this column at a later date.

Going by registration to date a four team league has not been established. Teams will be picked by the squad captains on the first playing night so that squabbles over unbalanced teams will not occur as they did last year.

Anyone wishing to sign up for industrial hockey are asked to contact with myself, Harry Phillips or Jim MacDonald with the understanding that the registration fee for the first half season will be paid before playing.

Gremlins impede ice makers

Attempts to get the ice making machinery at the community centre going by the weekend were foiled by gremlins invading the motor but arena manager Harold Townsley got it going Tues. He expects to have ice by the end of this week.

Harold and his assistant Don Price worked all day Saturday and Sunday with the machinery assisted by Nell Miller and Jim Rolston.

The group had the machinery running for almost an hour when a coil went kaput and an order had to be put in for a new one. Goy Transport picked one up on Monday and Harold is expecting no difficulties from here in.

The closed brine system is completed and all that remains to be done is test the strength of the solution.

Winter works program authorized for '67-68

Following discussions with the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario has announced that a Joint Federal, Provincial, Municipal Winter Works Incentive Program has been authorized for the 1967-68 winter season.

This will be the tenth consecutive year that this co-operative Program has been in operation in Ontario. During this period, the Program has made a contribution in combating the problem of high winter unemployment.

The terms and conditions of the 1967-68 Program will be essentially the same as those of last year's Program, with the following exceptions:

- (a) the period of the Program will be limited to five months, and
- (b) municipal capital undertakings only, will be accepted - for instance, a maintenance activity such as road brushing will not be accepted under the Program.

The rates of reimbursement paid to the municipalities will remain the same as last year.

Donations kept baseball going

A picture on this page last week of Roy Swann holding a baseball trophy had information below which was in error.

The trophy Roy held really belonged to Jim Lee. Roy was merely holding it for inspection.

Custom Cleaners donated the trophy, one of two they gave to minor baseball.

Other donations to minor baseball this season were from Sports Corner, Don McIntyre, Acton Precision Engineering, Acton branch of the Canadian Legion, Acton Lions Club and Nelson's Clothing.

the world of... **OUTDOORS** with ART HAWES

Action was slow at Maple Rock this week with most of the members concentrating on the hunting season. Brad Mainprize got 24, 18 and 17 to claim high score of the week. Last week Brad earned his 50 straight badge. Other good scores were Gord Clow with 22, Art Hawes 22 and 17 and Martin Berry 17.

1967 hunting prospects are good or excellent for most species. However it is noted due to the rapid increase in the number of hunters in the field the average hunter will have to work harder to get his game.

Moose prospects are good in most areas but the number of hunters has almost doubled since 1960 so the percentage of successful hunters will be smaller. Department of Lands and Forests officials note that most hunters stay close to the roads and those that go back in would have a good chance of having a successful hunt.

Deer prospects are also good due to the small kill last year because of adverse weather conditions. There was a good fawn crop also and since last winter wasn't too harsh there was a small winter kill. All these factors add up to good prospects for this fall provided their is good weather for the hunt.

Most areas report a good bear population and quite a few will likely be shot by moose hunters. Deer hunters should get some if the weather stays fairly warm. A cold spell could make the bear hibernate before the deer season. Duck hunters should also have a good year. The ducks are more widely dispersed this year because of the heavy rainfall this summer which kept many small ponds and marshes full of water all summer. The large marshes will likely have fewer ducks this year because of this. The small ponds are the best bet early in the season until the northern flocks arrive.

Partridge are plentiful throughout most of the province. In

this area however the crop is below that of last year but most of the rest of the province, especially in the north, report a large population.

Thasasins are plentiful in southwestern Ontario and in the Niagara Peninsula. The winters in this area are too harsh to support a large population unless annual stocking takes place.

Rabbits are plentiful this year and snowshoe rabbits are more plentiful than last year. Snowshoe prospects look even better next year since the snowshoe has not yet reached the peak of their nine year cycle.

An unconfirmed report heard this week indicates an elderly man was killed by a moose in the north. Apparently he wounded the moose which attacked and trampled him.

—Mohawk Raceway reopens for a third racing season on October 30.

She is a suicide blonde. Yes, dyed by her own hand.

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JR. "C" HOCKEY action is shown as the Milton Merchants opened their exhibition schedule Friday night with a win over the Paris Mounties. Among the Milton squad this year are a number of Acton-recruits, namely Jan Riddell, Kevin Hall and Gary Taillefer. The Merchants will again see action when they meet Dundas in Milton this Friday night. (Staff Photo)

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Esqueasing duties

Georgetown asks township for grant to arena

A delegation from Georgetown council appeared at Monday's regular meeting of Esqueving township council to ask the township to contribute towards support of Georgetown arena.

Spokesman Deputy-Reeve Art Speight, was accompanied by Reeve Bill Hunter and Councillor W. Emmerson and Roy Ballentine.

The deputy-reeve's plea for financial support for the Georgetown arena received a mixed reception from Esqueving councillors ranging from hostility to receptivity.

Mr. Speight said he couldn't find an olive branch to bring with him but would have brought one if he could have. "What are the possibilities of your council assisting our arena?" he asked.

"When I say 'our' arena I mean the Georgetown arena." He said the arena drew from all over the township.

"The arena requires more money than the corporation can afford to put in to give proper service. We're asking to see if you can see your way clear to make a grant towards the operation since your community benefits from it," continued Mr. Speight.

"What was your budget this year?" asked Esqueving councillor Jim Goodlet.

Georgetown councillor W. Emmerson said of a total budget of \$48,000 for parks and recreation — \$15,000 went towards the arena. He mentioned the issue had been brought up several times at Georgetown council meetings since Esqueving residents were using the arena.

"I don't like the word 'using', retorted Councillor Tom Hill. "They pay!"

Mr. Emmerson agreed Esqueving residents pay the same as everyone else but he compared arena use to the library where patrons from outside Georgetown were obliged to pay, one dollar for use of facilities. On top of this, he said Esqueving contributed to the Georgetown high school debt because of a bit which set a precedent.

"How many Esqueving residents use the arena?" asked Deputy Reeve George Currie. Only a small area around Georgetown

use the arena. I've never heard of anyone around Ashgrove or Hornby using Georgetown arena." Rising expenses, including \$3,000 for cleaning ice, have contributed to the need for additional revenue, the delegation claimed. Georgetown councillor Roy Ballentine said the same reasoning applied to baseball. "We can't erect a fence around Georgetown," he said, "and don't want to set up a barrier."

"It's a good job you didn't do it years ago," said Councillor Hill. "You wouldn't have had any hockey or ball players, would you?"

More argument ensued until Esqueving reeve George Leslie said, "Give us some figures of the township children using the arena, or the grant you might want!"

"I'll be honest," said Mr. Speight. "Consider a grant of \$1,000. There were no figures available for the number of children involved but Councillor Ballentine estimated 500 boys played 'kid' hockey, a portion of them from the township."

"Anything you can do to help us will be appreciated," said the Georgetown deputy-reeve. "Mutual good will between the town and township will depend on your picking up some share of the tab and do a lot to cement better relationships."

Reeve George Leslie told the delegation there wasn't a full council since Councillor Pat Pat-

erson was absent. "We can't agree tonight. There's nothing in the budget. We'll consider the request. We're not speaking for next year's council."

Councillor Emmerson explained difficulties in Georgetown between Legion sponsored hockey and the arena board which precipitated the emergency.

"Would we have a member on the arena board?" asked Mr. Hill.

Legion Industrial Cribbage

The Legion industrial cribbage league started off another season Friday night with the Firefighters vaulting into a three point lead over Station Hotel and Goy's.

Top hand of the night's play was held by Bill Spielvogel with a 28.

- Standing:
- Firefighters.....11
 - Goy's.....8
 - Legion "B".....8
 - Legion "C".....7
 - Legion "A".....6
 - Mason Knit.....6
 - Tyler's.....3

Two voices in unison answered, "If your grant was sufficient." "What do you mean?" thundered Tom Hill. "Everything is on the top of the table in this council."

Mr. Speight said Georgetown would be satisfied with a token grant this year while Esqueving laid plans for next year.

The delegation was dismissed.

A customs roulette game is speeding the flow of airline passengers arriving at Montreal International Airport. Each passenger is given a card numbered from one to nine. Those holding "the number of the day", which can change at a moment's notice, have their luggage checked closely by customs officers. Others receive a cursory examination. This spot-check system has resulted in a 25-percent speed-up in the processing of travelers through the terminal.

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