

the SPORTS spot

BY JOHN MCNABB

Pressure from the N.H.L. expansion was put upon the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association last May in Saskatoon when they proposed an age change for players in the league. Under the new ruling, commencing for the '68-'69 season age limits would be: Juvenile, players born after Dec. 31, 1950; midget, born after Dec. 31, 1954; bantam, born after Dec. 31, 1958; pee wee, born after Dec. 31, 1962; and novice born after Dec. 31, 1966.

The age limits presently adopted are five months later than those suggested, that being May 31st of the following year. A heated debate erupted between the O.M.H.A. and the C.A.H.A. at the annual O.M.H.A. convention in Toronto last Saturday over the pros and cons of this new ruling by the C.A.H.A. Of the 685 delegates attending the affair, it was reported that a good two-thirds majority were against the C.A.H.A. proposition. The O.M.H.A. argued the cut back was far too severe in that it would drop nearly a whole year of hockey for some of the players next season.

Its plain to see what the N.H.L.'s "backscratching" will either force or foster, that being an increase in the number of Junior hockey clubs or in other words it ups a young player's eligibility for the N.H.L.

Let's take for example the out come of the 'age change' on a juvenile player next season. The player who is eligible for his second year of juvenile hockey only if he was born in May 31 of 1951, will under the new ruling will be dropped from minor hockey, without having consumed

an important if not necessary second year of juvenile training. The only place a player has to go in a smaller town, such as Acton, is to an intermediate league. Acton is only one of a number of smaller centres which has had to make a choice of sponsoring either an intermediate squad or go Junior. Either way, one form of hockey will be abandoned.

There was some talk last season of forming a Jr. club in Acton and dropping out of the intermediate circuit but Acton at that time lacked a team for Junior ranks.

During the heated debate at the convention Gary McLeod, O.M.H.A. secretary, said the delegates had two options, either abide by the new ruling or adopt their own age limit and withdraw from organized hockey. The meeting finally passed a motion submitted by the Chatham association requesting the O.H.A. to seek revision of the C.A.H.A. ruling which would limit the age of juveniles to 19, midget 17, bantam 15, pee wee 13 and novice 11 on the first of January in the season in which to compete.

Another point to ponder would be the money situation in the outcome of this debate. Six new team franchises were given to the Americans and it appears from a distance that it will be them that will milk Canada dry of a lot of good hockey material in the coming years if this ruling is passed. Good players make good drawing cards.

Dan Arbic, Lloyd McIntyre, Don Lindsay, Harold Townsley and John Weldon comprised the six man delegate from Acton at the O.M.H.A. convention on Sat.

Town league Bantams swell to three teams

A new schedule had to be drawn up for the Legion town league bantam hockey which grew from a two to a three team league following swelling registration on the first night of play.

The teams are named for the Hershey Bears, Pittsburgh Hornets and Buffalo Bisons.

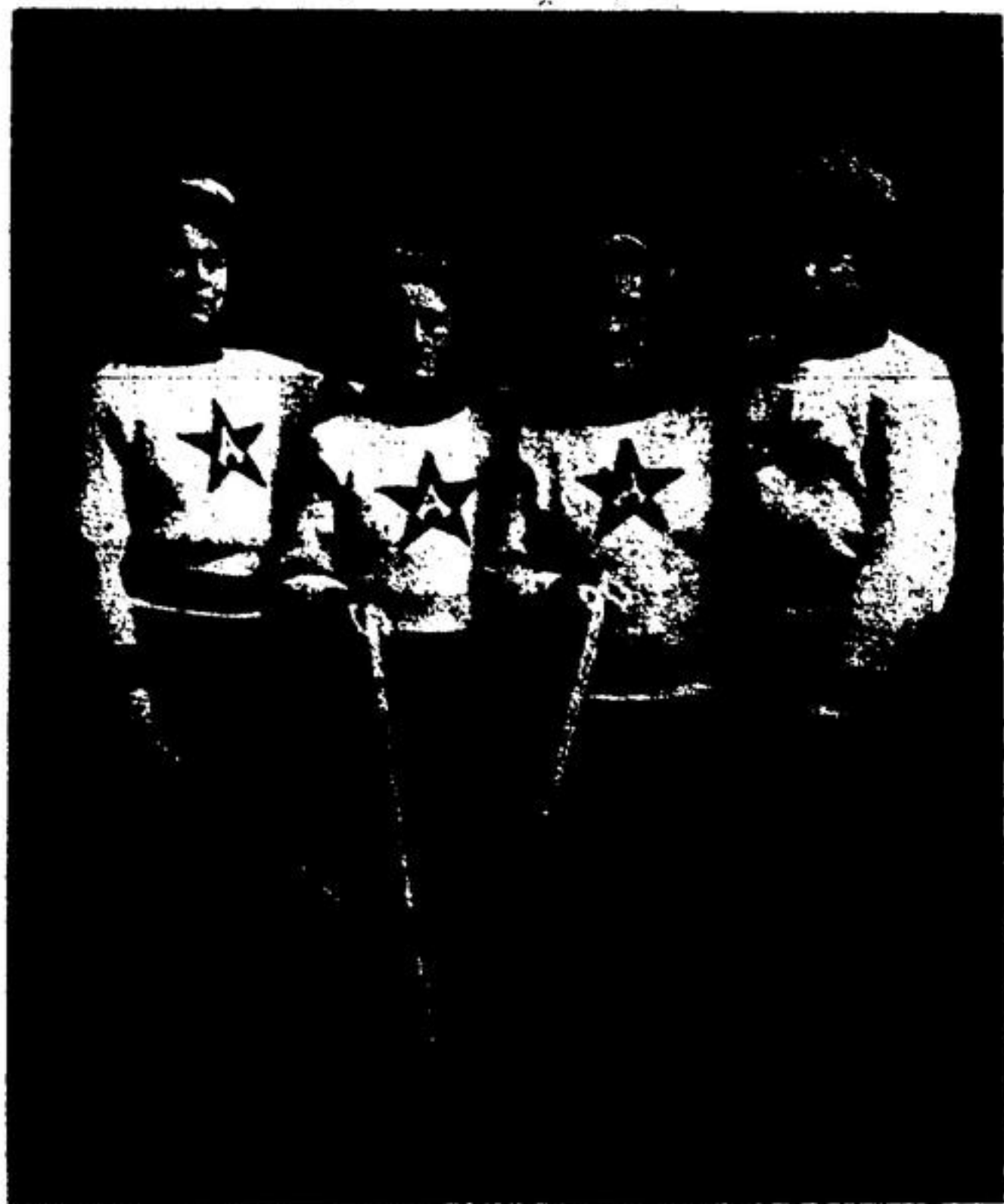
Line-ups are as follows:
Hershey - Jim Mullen, Trevor Swan, Charlie Kuitken, Jackie Holmes, Tom Thomson, Randy Downes, Henry Wissenz, Rowland McCulloch, Randy Marsh, Jim Holmes, Danny Bolton, Rodney Gibbins, Danny McGilloway.

Pittsburg - Tim Coles, John Thatcher, Seth Armstrong, Gary Masters, Ted Muehlbacher, Randy Ferguson, Jeff Cooper, Wayne Frohlich, Steven Connell, Steve Webster, David Hunter, Garth Taylor, Randy Coker.
Buffalo - Bren Irwin, Ron Louttet, Wayne Bannon, Allen Green,

David Pink, Jim Frizzell, Kenny Hurren, Mike Pope, Roger Swan, Gary Turkosz, John Jordan, Shane Crossken, John Fuchs, Gordon Murray.

The complete schedule for the three teams follows. They play every Thursday night from 8 to 9.

Thursday, Nov. 9 - Pittsburg vs. Buffalo.
Nov. 16th - Hershey vs. Pittsburg.
Nov. 23 - Buffalo vs. Hershey.
Nov. 30 - Pittsburgh vs. Buffalo.
Dec. 7 - Hershey vs. Pittsburg.
Dec. 14 - Buffalo vs. Hershey.
Dec. 21 - Pittsburg vs. Buffalo.
Dec. 28 - Hershey vs. Pittsburg.
Jan. 4 - Buffalo vs. Hershey.
Jan. 11 - Pittsburg vs. Buffalo.
Jan. 18 - Hershey vs. Pittsburg.
Jan. 25 - Buffalo vs. Hershey.
Feb. 1 - Pittsburg vs. Buffalo.
Feb. 8 - Hershey vs. Pittsburg.
Feb. 15 - Buffalo vs. Hershey.



A LADIES' HOCKEY TEAM in Acton isn't a new thing by any means. This picture lent by Joe Hurst shows four members of a ladies team of many years ago. From the left they are identified as Margaret Brown, twin sisters Hazel and Lottie Mason and Eni Pearson. Jake Bauer, noted Acton photographer, took the picture. Apparently the ladies did not play hockey in those long skirts. They donned bloomers.

No Int. hockey?

Executive of Tanners steps down leaves room for new executive

Is anyone interested in running a hockey team this winter? Because they feel it is not practical to operate intermediate hockey under the set-up proposed by the O.H.A., the entire executive of the Tanners is willing to step down so someone else can take a crack at it.

Contacted by telephone last night (Tuesday) O.H.A.'s intermediate hockey organizer "Pat" Patterson of Guelph said Acton would be included in a group with Hespeler, Elora, Cheltenham, Durham, Seaford and Port Elgin if they entered a team. A meeting to set up a schedule has been arranged for Harrison Tuesday night.

The present executive of the Tanners felt some of the distances proposed for travel, especially Port Elgin and Seaford, were impractical for an amateur hockey club to travel. Port Elgin is approximately 110 miles from Acton which would necessitate a round trip of 220 miles.

There is a possibility, however, the group picture could change at the meeting in Harrison if eastern teams object to

the distances. However, that's a chance a new executive would have to take.

Tanner president Ray Mason said there is a bond in at the O.H.A. for \$100 now and \$20 in the bank for a new executive to start on. The team is fully equipped with only a few minor items to buy.

The present executive feels the team has a good strong base for a new executive to build on. There is no debt and the community centre is still open Friday nights for home dates. There is also a feeling that it's time someone else had a chance to operate the team.

The executive feel they have done their part in starting and operating the team the last few years. They are willing to assist a new executive in any way they can.

Anyone interested in keeping intermediate hockey going in Acton is urged to call George L. Hagggett at 853-2905 for further information.

Players, executive needed for team

Anyone interested in playing intermediate hockey or serving on the executive of a team is asked to be at the arena Friday night at 8 p.m.

Arena manager Harold Townsley has taken the bull by the horns and called a practice for Friday night in the hopes of keeping intermediate hockey alive in Acton.

This was precipitated by a decision by the present executive of the Acton Tanners last night (Tuesday) not to continue

this season. It is also hoped a practice can be held Sunday morning at 11 p.m. Hopes are that a "home brew" team with three or four "imports" can be shaped into a contending O.H.A. team.

The O.H.A. has called a meeting for Tuesday in Harrison to arrange teams and schedule so the practices and meeting Friday night are vital if O.H.A. hockey is to stay alive in Acton.

News of the district

ERIN

The polling divisions in Erin Township have been revised recently and are now as follows: 1. Leslie's School; 2. Ballinafad; 3. Hayyard; 4. Brisbane; 5. Ospringe; 6. Mimosa; 7. Upper Centre; 8. North area; 9. Village of Hillsburgh.

FERGUS

Acton and Rockwood are not the only places having trouble with the C.N.R. Recently the railroad closed a level crossing in Fergus and it took a hearing with the Board of Transport Commissioners before it could be reopened. At a special meeting of council Fergus town fathers learned they had won the battle with the C.N.R. over the crossing. A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners said that the decision had been made to open the crossing to the public although certain safety measures will have to be taken. The board has the final say in all railway matters. Automatic signals will have to be installed at a cost of around \$20,000. The town will probably have to pay around \$1,500 towards the cost of these with the railway and the government-operated grade crossing fund the pay the rest. The town will share the cost of regular maintenance with the railway and will also be responsible for their share of the cost of any improvements made to the crossing itself.

GEORGETOWN

Baby sitters, like everyone else, are feeling the cost of living pinch and like everyone else they're combating it by upping their prices. At least that's what one of them told the Georgetown Herald this week. The sitter, a Grade 10 high school student, who asked her name be withheld, said parents can expect to pay a minimum of 50 cents an hour before midnight and 75¢ an hour after midnight from now on. Admitting she couldn't speak for all Georgetown babysitters, she nevertheless claimed that classmates and many other high schoolers had agreed on the minimum rate.

The future of the \$680,000 addition to Georgetown's centennial school may be in doubt. Town solicitor Fred Helson notified council the Ontario Municipal Board is loath to approve the amount since it would put Georgetown above their capital expenditure quota. Councillor Steamer Emmerson, finance chairman of council, claimed however that no one had ever given him a quota for the town. Before any further action was taken Mr. Emmerson said he wanted to talk to the O.M.B.

Hockey school on Wednesdays

Manager Harold Townsley and the arena staff will conduct a hockey school for budding players every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the community centre. The arena staff is taking over the school from the referees' association which has run the school for the past few years. Registration fees have not yet been set for the school but other seasons the charge has been \$1.00.

Again this season there'll be skating for pre-school children and mothers from 2-3 p.m. every

Thursday afternoon at the community centre.

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LEGION TOWN LEAGUE hockey started last week at the community centre but games were called exhibitions until team rosters were settled. All divisions get down to the regular schedule this Thursday and Saturday, league officials say if more players of midget age register, there could possibly be a midget section. (Staff Photo)

New appointment posting to RMC



Flight Lieutenant S.R. "Mac" Sinclair of Guelph, has recently taken up the appointment of lecturer in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston. Flight Lieutenant Sinclair, the

son of Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Sinclair of R.R. 4, Guelph, formerly of Acton, attended Guelph Collegiate and Vocation Institute and the University of Toronto, receiving a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in 1962. He studied further at the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies, graduating with a Master of Applied Science degree. "Mac" Sinclair has served at Canadian Forces Base Centralia, and Canadian Forces Base Gimli, prior to his posting to RMC. He and his wife Helen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landsborough, 97 Lake Ave., Acton, and their daughter Gina now reside in Kingston.

Helping H.O.P.E.

Georgetown Lions Club will be holding a drive in Georgetown to collect aluminum lawn chairs to be repaired and re-webbed at the HOPE Adult Workshop in Hornby. Pickups are scheduled for November 11.

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Top scores at Maple Rock Shooting range this week were Ed Hawes 22 and 30, Len Jones 21, Brad Mainprize 21 and John Cordes 17. Steve Goy was a visiting shooter this week.

to hang up a winter supply of meat, partly due to some not-so-accurate shooting by some members of the party.

One thing we did notice however was the abundance of partridge in this district. Rabbits and foxes are also plentiful.

The deer hunt is now in its final day. The first two days few deer were shot. Many hunters report there are few fresh tracks. The deer that seemed to be plentiful a few weeks ago have disappeared. Some parties are having some success. Dave Cleland and party report two deer shot so far. A party from Rockwood and area also got one. This scribe's party has yet

Choraliers have weekend dates

The Legion Choralliers sang Sunday evening at the well-attended service marking the 127th anniversary of Erin United Church. They sang in the afternoon at the Remembrance service for Nassagaweya.

This Sunday evening they're scheduled to sing in Tilsonburg.

ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6-7 p.m. — Hockey School
7-8 p.m. — Pee Wee (Tri-City)
8-9 p.m. — Bantam (Tri-City)
9-10 p.m. — Midget (Tri-City)
10-11 p.m. — Ind. Hockey

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

2-3 p.m. — Pre-School Skating
6-8 p.m. — Figure Skating
8-9 p.m. — Legion Hockey
9-10 p.m. — Juvenile (Tri-City)
10-12 p.m. — Ind. Hockey

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30-7:30 p.m. — Novice (Tri-City)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:45-9:45 a.m. — Girls' Hockey
9:45-10:45 a.m. — Bantams (Tri-City)
10:45-12:45 — Figure Skating
1-6 p.m. — Legion Hockey
6:15 to 7:45 p.m. — Figure Skating lessons
8-10 p.m. — Public Skating

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8-11 a.m. — Industrial Hockey
1-2 p.m. — Novice (Tri-City)
2:15-4:15 p.m. — Public Skating
4:30-7 p.m. — Minor Hockey
7:15-10:15 p.m. — Industrial Hockey

BOLD JUMP

A brush and likely move for sports coat enthusiasts involves our newest importation of plaid jackets, checkered boldly for the autumn season. It is playing the game, now and again, to be forthright. Jump to it!

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