

Kid Hockey First Started in 1936 By Gordon Alcott

We hope you will bring the young people to the Branch 120 Children's Christmas Party on Thursday, December 18th when members' small fry will receive a gift from old Santa.

Card King tells us the books that were sent out to the members several weeks ago are being returned better than expected. But there are still a number to come in. He hopes they will all be in by the 18th.

We were at the arena on Saturday to have a look at the future NHL stars. We should see more often for a person can see some really exciting hockey displayed by the 200 youngsters sponsored by Branch 120.

Jim Yates, Chairman of Saturday morning hockey, told us the ice is busy from 6:45 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. every Saturday. Someone on his committee has to be there at 6:00 a.m. to open the arena and hand out equipment to the youngsters.

There is a lot of time and effort put in by a few unselfish men that keep this thing going year after year.

We were quizzing Herb Arnold, Jim Yates and Bud James regarding how and when Saturday morning hockey started. Here are a few items of information we gathered.

LEGION CANADIANS

In 1908, Gordon Alcott organized midget hockey in Georgetown. There were several teams which were sponsored by local industries, Lions Club and the Legion. Competition was keen and each team was well supported by those sponsoring it. The Legion team was the Canadian who won the League Championship in 1937.

At the end of 1938, the midget hockey fell through and there was no organized hockey for the young people until 1948 when the Georgetown Recreation Committee started up again. This committee ran things for two years.

1951 DECISION

In 1951, acting on a decision made at the October General Meeting, it was decided that Branch 120 would sponsor all the hockey in town. Al Sykes was the first chairman.

In 1952, Legion Saturday morning hockey broke away from the Little N.I.L.L. organization and became independent.

About this time the four town tournament was organized, a day of hockey competition between four towns — Acton, Milton, Brampton, and Georgetown. Later, Brampton stopped sending teams and Orangeville took their place. After a couple of seasons, Vergus replaced Orangeville.

Georgetown will be host this year to Acton, Milton and Vergus.

Saturday morning hockey membership has been on the increase since 1951. There are 27 teams that go into action every Saturday morning while four teams, midget age, play on Tuesday nights.

TOY SHORTAGE

Vice President, Myrtle Reid, and Service Officer, Dave Bowman, attended a meeting with the three Service Clubs and the town representative to complete arrangements for the distribution of the Christmas Hampers around town. We understand there is a shortage of toys this year. If any member has toys he would care to donate, leave them at the Branch.

Don't forget to bring that potential member with you on Friday night for the membership drive night. See you there.

LEGION FLOYD

In spite of the weather, Santa had a good parade. The Legion was represented with a float entered by a joint effort from the Imperial Section and the Legion.

Medal Cars were the words on the side of the float. It looked like a scene from a combination of TV shows — Ben Casey, Nurses, Doctors and what have you.

A couple of blood thirsty characters in white seemed to be hacking away with axe and cleaver at some poor soul lying on an "operating table" while other people in white threw hundreds of suckers (not those that can be fooled easily) to the children. There were weiners flying around also.

The float was truly a laugh maker and was well received by the watching crowd.

WEATHER HURRY

The weather kept lots of

members away from the Turkey Shoot at the Branch on Saturday but those that were there had a good time. We understand Scotty was lucky again.

Scotty CREE had his work cut out to arrive on time at St. Andrews Church Auditorium on Sunday. He just made it. Up to 40 children received gifts from the kindly gentlemen on the occasion of the Imperial Christmas Party.

Our Ladies Auxiliary sent two teams to Port Credit, the occasion being a bowling tournament. The Branch girls were runners up, second to Brampton.

It had been expected that more teams would represent the Branch. However, our girls had a good afternoon and enjoyed lunch put on by the Port Credit Branch.

Robert Lawson New Masonic Lodge Master

Robert Lawson will serve next year as master of Credit Lodge No. 214, A.P.A.M. He was elected to office last Wednesday by his fellow lodge members. He succeeded W. L. Bert Fiddler in 1968.

Other officers elected at the annual meeting were:

Sam Penner, senior warden; Wm. B. Hamilton, junior warden; Graham Farrell, treasurer; Thomas Niven, secretary; Wallace Foster, assistant secretary; Douglas Labiner, senior deacon; Robert McMaster, junior deacon; Ed Wilson, director of ceremonies; Paul Armstrong, senior steward; Dennis Brown, junior steward; John T. Armstrong, I.G.; David Godden, tyler; Murray Stenley, chaplain; James Bennett, organist; James F. Evans and John D. Kelly, auditors.

New officers will be installed at a ceremony in January.

Beat Ice Storm With Novel Transportation

Neither ice nor fog kept two Glen Williams residents from attending a party Saturday night. One of them drove the farm tractor while his father, on skates, was towed behind.

Neither wishes to be identified as they suspect they are guilty of some infraction of the Highway Traffic Act.



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Cinderella Happy Holiday Show by Little Theatre

Seven hundred and fifty customers, most of them children, thrilled to an old recipe served in a new manner when the Georgetown Little Theatre presented Eric Ming's version of Cinderella in the Georgetown high school auditorium Friday night, Saturday morning and evening.

Audience of about 300 attended the Friday evening and Saturday morning shows, but freezing rain kept numbers down for the final presentation. Had the weather been suitable, it's likely the total audience would have been in the neighbourhood of 900.

Many of the children at the show attended in groups. One such group was a Sunday school class from Hallinford United Church accompanied by their teacher Mrs. L. Jamieson. Their age ranged from 9 to 11.

"They all enjoyed it very much," Mrs. Jamieson commented later. "I wondered about the older boys, but they were just enthralled," she said. "It was all so well done."

Mrs. Jamieson said she spoke to many of the youngsters' parents and recommended the show to them.

Mr. Ming, who re-wrote and directed Cinderella said he tried to combine a straight play with a traditional pantomime. "The Georgetown Little Theatre is a legitimate theatre group which implies the performance of straight plays rather than musical comedies, but I have many happy childhood memories of pantomime during the Christmas season in England," he said in explaining his reason for blending the two. He said he would like to see the art

Nichols, Chris Fisher, Betty Fisher, Ross McClusky, Pat Barkhouse, Ron Hill, Madeline Buresh, Mary Gobel, Gordon Hunt, Peter Ming, Leslie Buresh, Beverley Coaling, and Patricia Bligh.

Mike Peleschak was production manager, Lynne Hyde designed the sets, Stan Barkhouse was assistant stage manager, Bert Edie, Gary McCrea, and Don Costley made up the stage crew, Bert Edie, Stan Barkhouse, Gary McCrea, Gordon Hunt and Fred Roberts the set constructors, Tom Massena and

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Fred Roberts handled lighting, Ed Higgins sound effect, Sandra Thompson was promoter, Ron Holcroft and Fran Gansell made up the props department, Ann Lacey, Carol Watson and Mary McInnis were in make-up, Cathy Hunt was in charge of tickets, Peter Macdonald and Jim Warren handled the publicity, Chris Fisher arranged the printed program, and the house managers were Peter Macdonald and Alisdair Sutherland.

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