

## Prepare for Pro Invasion



### HOW ABOUT FILLING IN THE HOLES?

**BOB HALL**, Georgetown Golf and Country Club's greens superintendent, and club pro Doug Sinclair, discuss ways and means to toughen up the championship 18 hole layout on Georgetown's northern outskirts in preparation for Carling's Millar Tournament which will attract many professionals here this July. The Millar is part of the Canadian tour and offers \$10,000 prize money. It will be preceded by a Pro-Am tournament in which \$4,000 will be up for grabs.

## Mohawk Track May Get Sunday Racing Program



**BRIGADIER F. C. WALLACE**

Mohawk Raceway in North Halton county might soon be permitted to open for Sunday races under new legislation introduced in the legislature at Queen's Park.

Brigadier F. C. Wallace, of R. R. 5, Georgetown, the chairman of the Ontario Racing Commission said the legislation is an excellent step forward.

"There seems to be no earthly reason why a person can see a football game in Ontario on Sundays, but can't go to the race track," he added.

Earlier this year, it was suggested that Mohawk — and all other Ontario Jockey Club Ltd. tracks — would be forced to close this year because of the dwindling profits. Mohawk opened its 1968 season on Monday with first stake races set for Saturday night. The Mohawk racing plant is located just north of Campbellville on Hwy. 401.

### GOLFERS RUSH SEASON

Golfers anxious to get started were playing at both local courses on the weekend.

# Sports

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### JIM REMINISCES IN GARDENS PROGRAM

## Catalogues in Our Stockings Corn Syrup in Our Stomachs

Written for the Maple Leaf Gardens Program, by James Emmons, Revelle Chief, Toronto Telegram, as a special favour to long-time friend, neighbour, and one-time skinny companion, Gordon Alcott.

Modesty has kept me silent for years. Now, I'm going to brag a bit. Once, I shared the ice lanes with some of hockey's greatest — Primeau, Jackson, Conacher, Hainworth and Horner. And not one of them could ever lay a stick on me.

As referees of our Midget National Hockey League they weren't allowed to.

The Midget NHL, now known as the Little NHL, was founded 31 years ago this season in Georgetown by Gordon Alcott. Ninety boys were in that first group. Today, more than 50,000 participate throughout the Province in scheduled games and minor league tournaments, an outgrowth of the original Midget NHL.

In the depression-day '30s we stuffed our stockings with catalogues and our stomachs with Bee Hive Corn Syrup, assured by radio sportscaster Wes McKnight that the latter would help produce a board-bending shot like Charlie Conacher's.

We scavenged broken sticks from Intermediate B games in the local arena and nailed, wired and taped them together. After school, we batted tin cans up and down the road. And all the while we dreamed.

We dreamed of becoming big league hockey stars, of scoring the winning goal in the final seconds to give the Leafs the Cup. In this boyhood fantasy, the Prime Minister would shuffle warily out onto the ice to congratulate us.

Gordon Alcott brought a bit of that dream true for us when he organized the Midget NHL and sold Major Conn Smythe on the idea of sending Leaf stars to referee our games. But Major Smythe went one step further. He offered the use of Maple Leaf Gardens for the Midget NHL experiment on very special occasions.

Gord sent us into the streets of Georgetown to sell 'booster tickets' to help finance sweaters and stockings. Several firms and business groups gave each of the six teams \$25. Could one boy be outfitted for that today?

Eventually, we took to the ice in sweaters emblazoned with the names of our hockey heroes of the day — Shore, Morenz, Schirer, Siebert — the Hull, Howe, Orr and Mikita of their time.

King Clancy refereed our first game. The league was an instant success. But I wasn't. My scoring record the first year read: Goals: None; Assists: None; Shots on goal: none; Shots on goalkeeper — ONE!!! With a wild clearing shot I had hit the shins of the referee that late great netminder Lorne Cabot.

As an added adventure during the season we were taken once to see a game in Maple Leaf Gardens. We went in the back of Dick Licata's fruit truck. Soggy cabbage leaves and crushed banana stocks were swooped out. Orange crates and butter boxes were installed for seats. A tarpaulin overhead sealed out light and wind if not the cold.

Under tarpaulin wraps that day was Bob Goldham. As the Little NHL spread through the years and through the Province it spawned other real NHL stars like Tim Horton, George Armstrong and Bob Pulford. But Bob Goldham was the only one of the original 90 to make it big. Gordie Howe not long ago gave Bob something better than a trophy 10 feet tall when he picked him on his all-time, all-star Detroit team.

But all of this glory for one of our number was far in the unknown future that day. We jostled up to the Gardens on our butter boxes beneath that dark, damp, cold tarpaulin.

Oh, I know some of you will tell me that there is no thrill in the world to compare to Expo, to the Taj Mahal, or to Disneyland.

Take them all, I say. You can have them. For I have had the thrill that will last me a lifetime.

I walked with that gangly group of bug-eyed kids, blinking our way from the gloom in the back of Dick Licata's fruit truck, into that incredible canyon of colour, humanity, noise and excitement that was — and still is — Maple Leaf Gardens.

## Busy Month as Curling Season Runs Its Course

This past month has been a Brampton and came back with busy one for the women of second prize.

On March 13 the annual 7 Year Filly was played in the home club where 16 rinks took part in two draws. Winners of the exciting final game going to the rink of Dorothy Young, Bette Broomhead, Gwen Budreo, and Mari Tennant. They defeated Jany Mackenzie, Anne Reid, Carol Wills and Marion Burns by a score of 65 in a 10-end game.

Many rinks have been in the curling action out of town and here are some who have reported back as being successful.

In a 7 year Filly in Brampton February 29 the rink of Mabel Sanderson, Betty Hull, Audrey Simms, and Carol Wills were high one game winners of two 10-end games.

On March 3 a rink of Irene Earnell, Bette Broomhead, Toots Burns, and Belle Garbutt went to Erin and there won the Shamrock Trophy.

On the same day, a rink skiped by Prairie Bessey with Floretta McNally, Myrtle McCauley and Marion Berney, played in

## Dodge Brothers Hockey Team Industrial League Champions

To Dodge Brothers belong the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League spoils.

DR's knocked off Radicals 7-3 at Georgetown Memorial Arena Sunday to win the best of five league final, in the minimum number of games. But it took a come from behind effort to pull it off.

Dodge Brothers trailed 3-1 in the second period, but wrestled the lead away before entering the third when they added three more goals for good measure.

Pearce from Haines and Marshall, and then Haines from Chapman and Marshall pushed Radicals in early command, but Jamie Cunningham from Morrow got one of them back before the period was out.

Chapman's unassisted goal early in the middle period indicated Radts would extend the series, but as it turned out it was their last marker of the 1967-68 season.

Morrow from McFarlane, and McKay unassisted made a new game of it, and Steen filled the hero's roll with the winner, Reid and D. Cunningham assisting.

The third period only enabled DR's to make their victory more decisive as Reid counted from Steen, then Steen with his second goal from Reid and finally Dixon from Reid.

Dodge Brothers eliminated R&B Milk Centre, and Radicals bounced Blue Giants to gain the finals.

## Trout Season Opens April 27

Trout season will open April 27th in Halton according to Dept. of Lands and Forests map and summary of 1968 fishing dates and regulation for this year's angling season.

For the counties of Halton, Peel, Dufferin, Wellington the following dates hold:

Brook, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout, April 27 to September 15th.

Large and Smallmouth Bass, June 29th to Nov. 30th.

Lake Trout, January 1st to October 20th.

### BROADCASTING JUNIOR SERIES

The current Georgetown Raiders-Huntsville Merchants Junior C hockey series is being broadcast over CKAR Huntsville. This is the third time that play by play broadcasts have originated from Georgetown arena. Barrie and Oakville stations carried a number of local playoff games when intermediate hockey flourished here.



### WASN'T NEEDED

RAIDERS' TERRY LESWICK didn't score with this backhand shot, but it wasn't needed as Georgetown beat Dresden Kings here Wednesday, March 27th to sweep their Ontario quarter-final Junior C series in the minimum four games. Ready for a rebound at left is Ron Lane. —Peter Jones Photo

BLISS NOVICES TO NORTH BAY. Georgetown Bliss Novices will play in North Bay Saturday and Sunday. The boys will be billeted with members of their hosts team Saturday night. The weekend will wind up their hockey season.

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vs.

**HUNTSVILLE MERCHANTS**

FOURTH GAME

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5th**

8:45 p.m.

SIXTH GAME

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th**

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