

### Devoted 20 Years to Georgetown Minor Hockey

Twenty years is a long time in anyone's life, but 20 years in minor hockey is a lifetime. That is the long service record of Bud James who retired last spring as chairman of the Royal Canadian Legion's Saturday Morning Hockey program.

Bud's hockey life started long before he became associated with Saturday Morning Hockey in 1951. He played minor hockey in the original Little N.H.L. in 1937-38 as a member of the Lions sponsored Toronto Maple Leafs.

With the late Scotty Patterson he helped guide the Georgetown Juniors to an Ontario Championship in the Juvenile D. series in 1950.

When the Legion took on the task of organizing hockey for all boys wishing to play, Bud James and Frank Connelly were the first co-chairmen, positions they held for two years.

After missing a year, Bud again took up the Legion hockey reins. All during this time he also managed the Georgetown Midgets Hockey Club (1961-1965).

In 1959 he helped organize the Tri-County Juvenile Tournament, and served as an executive member on the Tri-County Minor Hockey Association where for two years he was vice-president.

While managing Georgetown Midgets, Bud enjoyed the rare feat of managing the Ontario champions for three consecutive seasons, 1962-63, 1963-64, and 1964-65.

Junior hockey returned to Georgetown in 1963-64 and in 1965 Bud became the Georgetown Juniors manager, a position he held until 1968. The following season he took on the manager's job with the Georgetown intermediates where he still serves.

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### OUTDOORS

By GEORGE HOARE

## Ice Fishermen Can Be Trapped

New Years Day was the earliest date that I and others were ever on Lake Simcoe to try our luck for lake trout and white fish.

This was several years ago and the ice was about seven inches thick, not safe to drive a car on, but safe to walk on.

Our fishhuts were about 1/2 of a mile offshore. The lake trout were there and also the white fish. Our good catch proved this.

Despite our good luck, we knew that the report was sort of false about the lake being frozen all over. The depth of the water of this area was approximately 50 feet. Our white fish lines, when let down, went on a little less than a 45 degree angle towards the north. From past experience this told us that there must be open water somewhere to cause the current that made our lines slant.

**ICE PARTED**

This was proven later when Tom Crittenden came and told us that the ice had parted approximately 500 yards to the north and that they were going to shore to haul out a skiff to rescue the anglers on the other side. Some of them were natives of Jackson Point. They were all rescued and later on the hugh block of ice drifted back in with a mild north breeze and froze together again. Further on out where the open water was, was also frozen.

**HAS HAPPENED**

A few days later it was possible for anyone not knowing about this ice condition, could travel over safe 8 inch ice right smack on to ice not any more than two or three inches. It has happened before with tragic results.

A lot of people who travel on lakes and rivers with cars and snowmobiles know what to look for, and I presume others don't.

**BEY-AWAY**

It's best to proceed with caution, and obtain the best information possible regarding ice conditions. Areas to shy away from are shallow shoaly areas between islands; any shallow areas where a current might be to cut the ice.

**SKELETON LAKE**

A few years ago some friends of mine at Avro Aircraft went to their cottage at Skeleton Lake. I

prefer not to mention their names. They loved to be on the lake to do some trout fishing. They were on foot, not driving, although 18 inches of ice was on the main part of the lake. If I remember right they walked towards the fish hatchery area and right on top of ice too thin to hold up a man. They were father and son, and as luck would have it they had been walking some distance apart.

The father went through, and the son, with the help of a small limb from a tree, was able to save him.

Perhaps some information from a native could have prevented this near tragedy.

Some people, including me, believe that an ounce of caution is worth a pound of cure. So to be safe, rent a fish hut on Cook's Bay, if the bug hits you early. Even later on in the big lake area, rent a hut, it's safer.

More about Lake Simcoe and other lakes in later columns.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

My wife Beaver and I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

So until next week - Tight Lines, Enjoy the Outdoors and Safe Journevs.

**BANTS TOP BRAMPTON**

Dean Popiel, Blake Shortill and Kevin Reeks got the goals as Georgetown Major Bantams beat Brampton 3-2 in Tri-County Hockey league game here Thursday. Al Denmore had a good night in the Georgetown nets.

### Kid Hockey

## Lanes Top Burns to Remain Unbeaten

by S.M.R.

**DEC. 21 RESULTS SENIOR LEAGUE**

Lanes Transport 4 Burns Transport 1

Lanes came up with a big game with both teams shorthanded. They took a 2-1 lead in the first period on goals by Gord McNelly and Bob MacLeod. Warren Chard got an assist. Steve Grace and Bob Wilson added one each in the second period. Grace's came on a power play set up by McNelly. Then Grace assisted on Wilson's goal. Ian Symes scored the lone goal for Burns unassisted.

**Georgetown Cycle & Sports 2 Fobert Realtors 2**

The cycle crew started out strong and hit for two quick goals in the first period. Ron McCosh and Bruce Peck were the scorers with Gerry Anderson getting an assist on both goals. The second period remained scoreless. The realtors finally got on the scoreboard late in the third period getting two goals only one minute apart. Marty Weaven scored both goals with assists going to Collett and Turnbull.

**Hamco Excavating 2 Park Toyota 2**

Park played catch-up hockey and gained a tie with the 4-town bantams. Mike Simpson scored in the first period assisted by Doug Thompson on a power play. Toyota tied the game a minute later. McCracken from Ron Doucette. The second period saw both goalies, Peavoy of Hamco and Cook of Toyota, very busy and blanking the shooters. Hamco took the lead late in the third period on another power play. Tim Norton from Simpson. Park tied the game at the 1:27 mark. Reynolds unassisted.

**SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY**

4.15—Hamco Excavating vs Burns Transport  
5.00—Park Toyota vs Fobert Realtors  
5.45—Lanes Transport vs Geo. Sports & Cycle

**SENIOR LEAGUE STANDINGS**

Team	G	W	L	T	P
Lanes Trans.	2	2	0	0	4
Fobert Realt.	2	1	0	1	3
Park Toyota	2	0	2	2	2
Geo. Cycle	2	0	2	2	2
Hamco Exc.	2	0	1	1	1
Burns Trans.	2	0	2	0	0

**Tri-County Scoreboard**

**A&W Blanks Hespeler**

**MINOR MIDGET Georgetown 7 Hespeler 0**

Tues. Dec. 21—Brian Shearson led the locals with a five goal performance. Bryan Laird gained the shutout for the A&Ws and strong games were also turned in by Eric St. Andrews and Larry Petterson.

The Georgetown scoring went like this: Brian Shearson from Al Gilmer; Shearson from Charlie Knoepfli and Paul Thompson; Shearson from Kyle Harkins; Ken Pemberton from Andy Morrison; Shearson from Harkins; Jeff Inglis from Petterson and Knoepfli; and Shearson from Gilmer.

**Bants Have Three Wins at Simcoe**

At press time, Georgetown teams in the Golden Gardens Minor Olympics hockey tournament at Simcoe are, for the most part, faring well.

Georgetown Bantam Majors in particular are making a name for themselves with three straight shutout victories. They trounced Simcoe 7-0 Monday, and

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