

Sunny Acres Farm Midgets



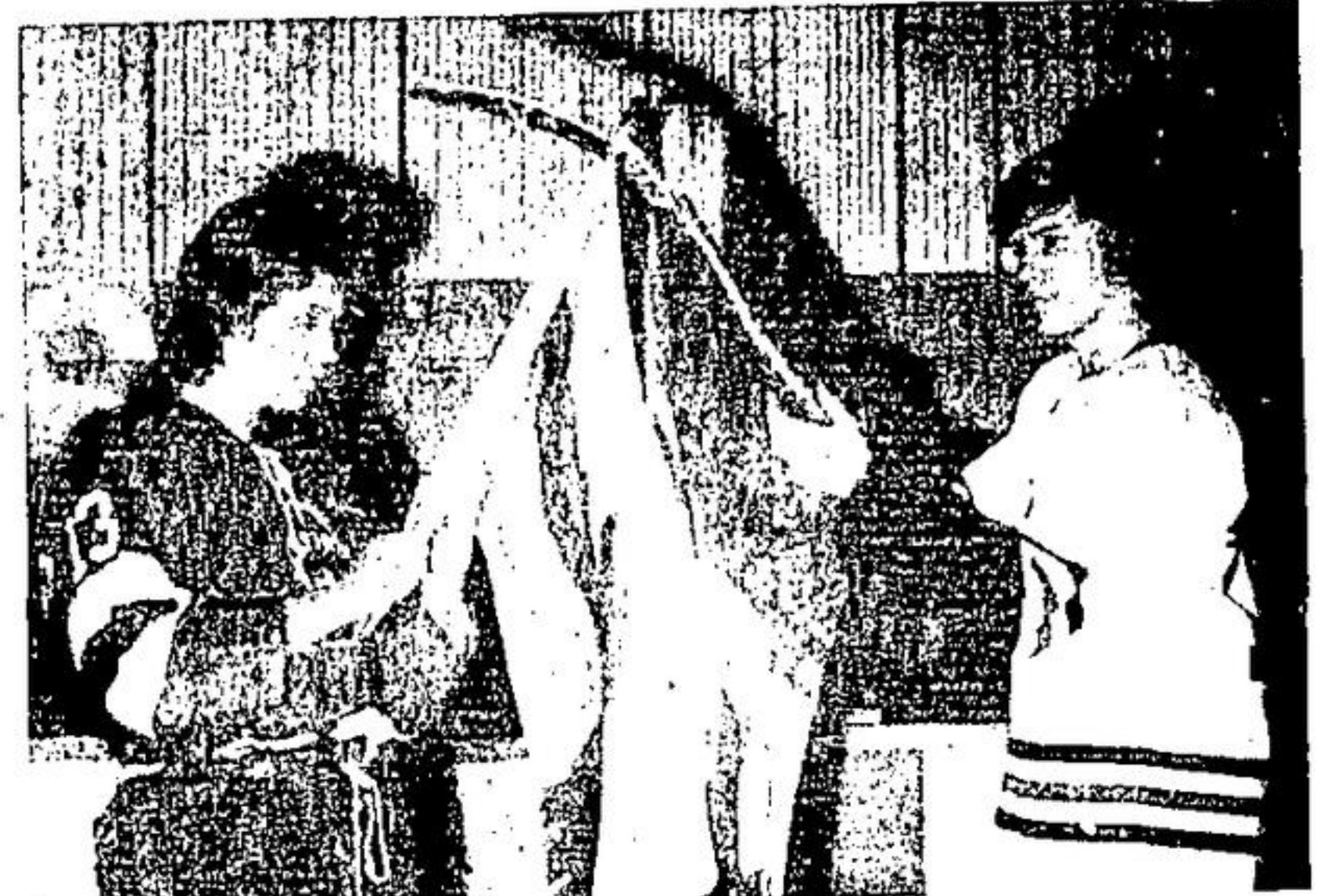
I.F. VAASA Midgets



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Captains exchange flags



And the action is underway



Players exchange flags

# Sportsmanship the winner in Finnish game

## HERALD sports

Georgetown fans who jammed their way into the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena last Tuesday night to enjoy this area's first taste of international hockey were in for a bit of a surprise.

That European brand of hockey that has been so highly touted by hockey officials on this side of the Atlantic and the other is not all that much different from the brand served up week-in and week-out by the Sunny Acres Farm Midgets.

The Georgetown Midgets finished the game with a 4-3 victory over the I.F. VAASA

Midgets of Finland but the light score was more a result of the local team's insistence on being good hosts than on the play of their visiting opponents.

The off-ice camaraderie all began Monday night at an official banquet at the North Halton Golf and Country Club at which the Finnish players, still trying to recover some energy from a game they lost 8-5, met their hosts for their brief two-day stay in Georgetown. All boys were belittled with members of the Georgetown team.

Mayor Tom Hill and Councillor Russ Miller represented the town of Halton Hills at the banquet the highlight of which was the presentation by the manager of the Vaasa Sport team, Per-Hakan Pundars, of a book relating the history of the small Finnish city to Mayor Hill.

Canadian flags that had been decorating the tables were presented to each of the Finnish players by their Canadian hosts.

Although language was most definitely a problem the young hockey players managed to get

across some of their questions and in return received some answers.

Tuesday morning the Finnish visitors were treated to a visit to the Domtar Paper Mill courtesy of the plant's officials.

Then it was onto the ice.

A standing room only crowd packed every corner of the Gordon Alcott to witness this first international match.

They were treated to a pretty fine display of sportsmanship (with only one major yet understandable exception late in the game) both prior to and during the game.

Halton Mr. Dr. Frank Philbrook, representing the federal government, and MPP Julian Reed, representing the provincial riding of Halton-Burlington, made special presentations marking the match to members of both teams. And then the players exchanged gifts. The Sunny Acres Farms Midgets presented beautiful trophies to their Finnish cohorts.

The third period belonged to Georgetown, although all the attention soon focused on Finland. When the second Finnish player was tagged by the referee for a game misconduct as a result of some post-play shenanigans the entire Finnish team cleared the bench and ice and headed for their dressing room.

After a bit of low level negotiations part of the team returned to play the final 16 minutes with a bare minimum of players. To their credit those players, particularly Kent Osterblad, No. 14, who did stick out the entire game put on a tremendous display of hard checking despite the fact they had to do it almost without break.

Also, on the Fins' behalf, it might be pointed out that, because they did not un-



MP Dr. Philbrook makes a presentation



Russ Miller handles the official faceoff

# Colin's back

by Colin Gibson, Herald Sports Editor

Well, hello again Georgetown. This is your intrepid Sports Editor, Colin Gibson, letting you know, much to the dismay of some I am sure, that in a short while I'll be back in harness and once more covering the Georgetown sports scene.

As most of you are aware, I was involved in a car-train accident last December 3 and to be quite honest, but for the grace of God and some very fine doctors at Toronto General Hospital, I might not still be around.

Another note of personal thanks has to go to George Cozens and Bob Simpson of the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service who responded to the call and performed magnificently under very trying conditions. I was only made aware of the fine job they did from a doctor at Toronto General Hospital and am taking this opportunity now to express my deepest gratitude.

There is another group of people I would like to thank at this time for the concern they showed and that's you, the people of Georgetown.

For about the first week I was pretty

much under sedation but as I came out of it I noticed this blossoming forest of cards on my bedside table. I was in hospital one day less than a month and not a day went by but the nurse was handing me cards. All told I received well over 50 from people I knew, high school students, public school students and even from people who didn't even follow sports but wanted to wish me well.

People called the newspaper daily to wish me well and believe me, every one of those cards and phone calls pushed me just a little further along the road to recovery.

I am home now but have to check back into the hospital periodically for tests, and I hope to have the opportunity to personally thank those who expressed an interest in my health. By all means though, if you spot me don't be hesitant in opening a conversation.

I've lost about 25 lbs, am sporting a broken jaw and have a slight problem with one of my eyes but for the most part things are looking good.

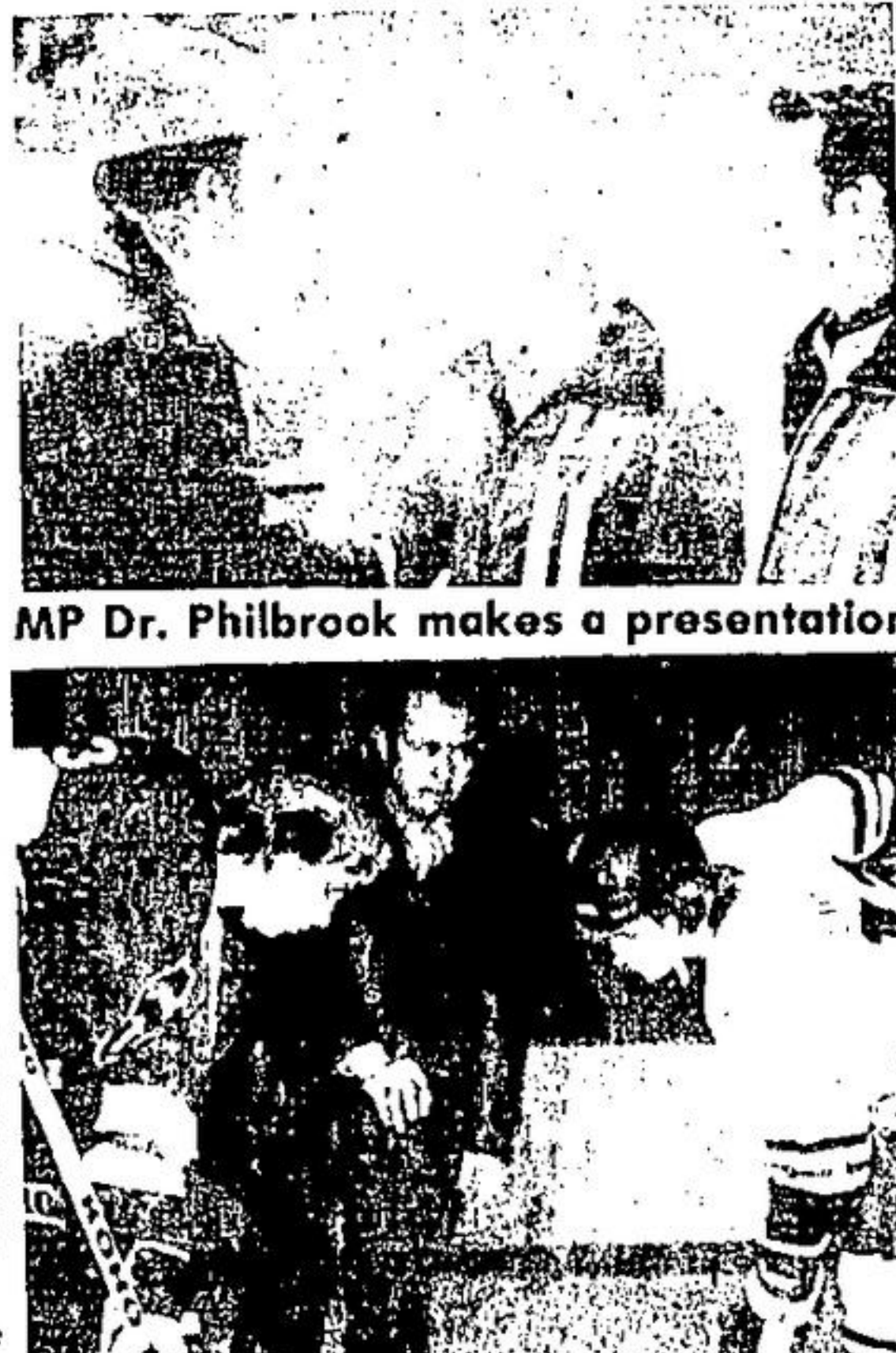
I realize this is somewhat belated but I would like to sincerely wish all of Georgetown a happy, prosperous and fulfilling 1970. May you all have a Happy New Year.

The entire visit and ceremonies had been organized by members of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Support Group with a great deal of assistance from Dick Metzack of the Chinguacousy Minor Hockey Association who was one of the prime coordinators of the trip.

Given the ceremonies and the rest of the official fan-fare was over the players got down to what they had been waiting for and working towards for the past two months.

Finland threatened to roll the Georgetown Midgets right out of the GAMA with an early goal just over five minutes into the action. Kent Osterblad took a pass from Ilmataro Sven-Erik Jarvi to beat Georgetown's starting net minder Brad Miller.

The only thing, however, keeping Georgetown off the



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