

Minor Hockey Week



Little NHL players Bryan Lewis (left) and Ed Wylie are congratulated by some very prominent hockey contributors to Georgetown: (left to right) Ivan Crabtree, Bud Haines. Bryan Lewis became an NHL personality in adult life as he is a veteran NHL hockey referee. Last year Bud Haines won the Hockey Heritage award for his contribution to minor hockey and the Georgetown Raiders.

(Herald photo)

Our town considered Home of 'Little NHL'

It's Minor Hockey Week in Canada and for Georgetown, home of the Little NHL this week should mean something special. Georgetown has a proud history in minor hockey and more than its share of dedicated people who have contributed their time and sponsorship.

The story of the Little NHL, perhaps more than any other hockey story, best illustrates the interest in minor hockey in Halton Hills.

In 1935 there lived a man in a white frame house just west of Church and Charles Streets. He had a vision of organizing a hockey league for the town of Georgetown.

The idea of starting an organized league was bold, creative and expensive - for the Depression was at its height.

Gordon Alcott, founder of the Little NHL, went to Toronto with his friend of 10 years "Steamer" Emmerson in 1935 to visit Charlie Conacher, Conn Smythe and Foster Hewitt. Alcott told them he wanted to organize a hockey league in Georgetown based on NHL teams.

LEAF SUPPORT
He asked Conn Smythe and others for their support. The Maple Leafs, under the direction of Conn Smythe, were more than willing to help out - such stars as Charlie Conacher and Joe Primeau came to Georgetown to referee some of their games.

The Georgetown Little NHL league was started in 1936 with teams wearing the sweaters of the Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston Bruins,

Chicago Black Hawks, Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Maroons and the New York Americans. The players wore the names of the stars on the teams they were trying to pattern themselves after.

According to "Steamer" Emmerson, who later became mayor of Georgetown,



town, the Little NHL players had to sign a piece of paper saying they would not swear, drink or smoke and would keep up with their school work.

Gordon Alcott, Emmerson said, "was a good clean-living athlete. He felt that every boy should participate. If a boy had made a mistake during a game that cost

his team a win, Gordon would point out the good plays the boy had made during the game. It was important to him that the boys had fun when they played hockey."

THE FIRST
The Little NHL was the first organized minor hockey league in Canada to be based on NHL teams. The concept blossomed around Ontario and later out West.

After the idea caught on in Georgetown, the league began to expand and more boys were able to participate in different divisions.

Conn Smythe, owner of the Maple Leaf Gardens in the 30s offered his arena to Georgetown's Little NHL from 12 noon to 12 midnight every year for tournaments. Smythe's original offer to sponsor a minor hockey tournament for Georgetown has been called the granddaddy of all minor hockey tournaments.

Gordon Alcott wrote in 1966: "I think one of the highlights was a game played at Maple Leaf Gardens, prior to an NHL game, between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the New York Americans. This is the only time in the history of the Maple Leaf Gardens that such a game has been played before the 'big' game."

The Little NHL then was organized in Copper Cliff and it soon spread rapidly throughout Northern Ontario.

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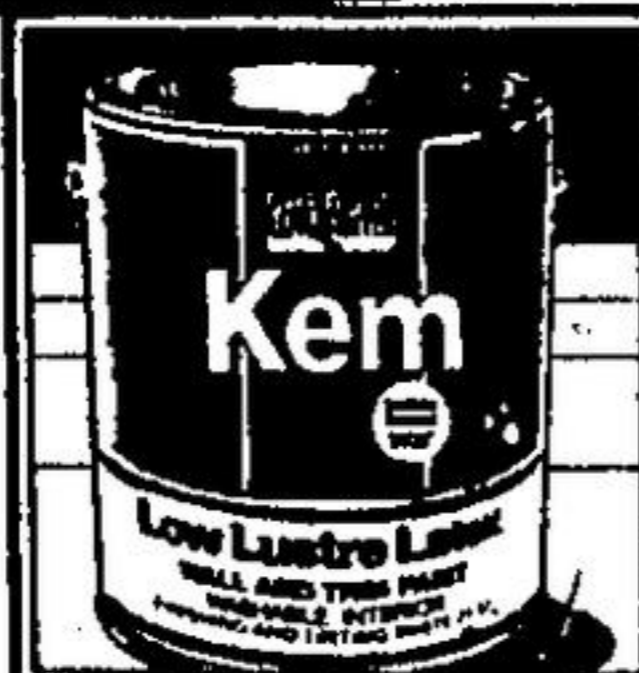


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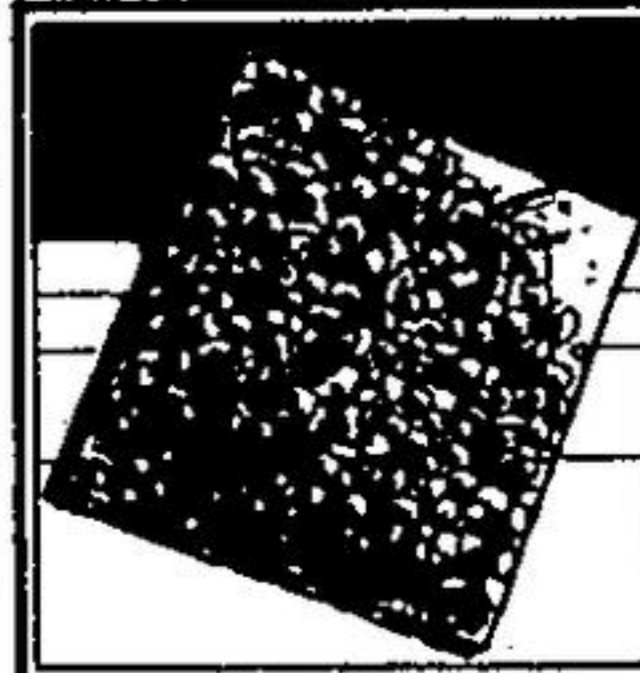
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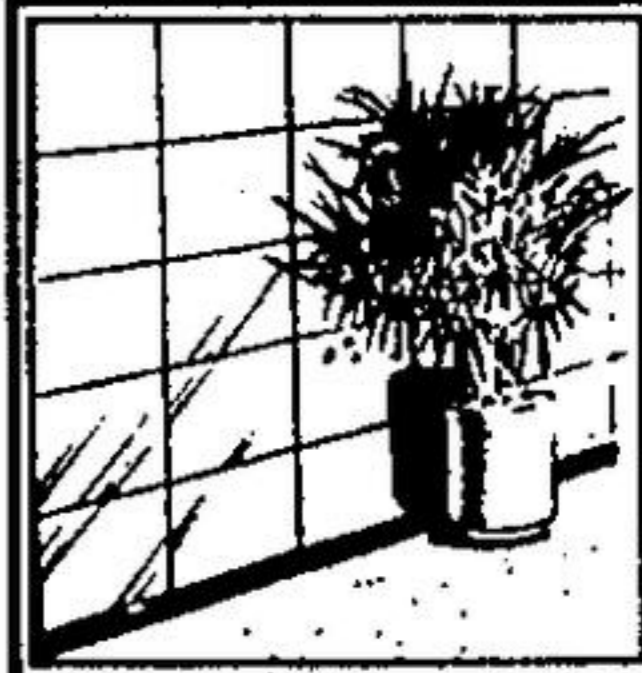
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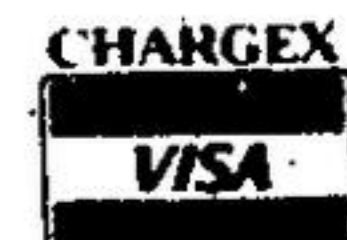
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