

# SPORTS

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**THE MERCHANTS WERE HAPPY** over one concession granted by the O.H.A. at the weekend annual meeting. It means that next winter the club will only have to dress four homebrew players instead of five as before.

Another piece of business from the annual was the population limits set for teams. Any town of over 15,000 population must play Senior "B" (it was formerly 10,000) and towns over 5,000 must step up to Intermediate "B" play, instead of the former limit of 4,000 population. This really won't affect the Central Ontario intermediate league for now; as a matter of fact it saved Georgetown Raiders from pulling out to join Senior "B" ranks. Papertown's population is currently at the 10,000 mark.

**CAN COMPETITION SPORTS** survive without bringing in "imports" from other centres? We'd love to think so, but the cases of Milton Merchants hockey club and the Omagh rural softball club prove differently.

Merchants have pleaded (unsuccessfully) with the O.H.A. to throw open Intermediate "A" hockey while Omagh has pleaded (also unsuccessfully) with the Halton rural executive to throw open the county league this year to include town teams.

The Merchants wanted to be able to buy more imports, strengthen the team and provide a better show for the patrons, but O.H.A. moguls turned it down. (Ironically, the O.H.A. at the same time blessed the cradle-robbing draft movement which will get youngsters signed and shooting the puck as soon as they lose their baby teeth, in order to become better players by the time they reach Junior age.) Omagh's appeal was to include town softball teams in a schedule with the six remaining rural teams, then at playoff time awards would be given to the town and rural teams and the country boys could go on into O.R.S.A. play-downs while the town winners could hit the O.A.S.A.

The Merchants may get no further with their ideas, but watch for a big shake-up in the rural league next year. Monday evening the Glen Williams, Nelson, Trafalgar and Omagh clubs agreed to stick to rural this year, but next spring the league will be wide open to any softball teams in Halton including leagues in Milton, Oakville and Georgetown.

**SWATTERS AND HURLERS** of the Campbellville intermediate ball club turned into a bunch of diggers and cement layers Saturday.

While other sportsmen were out casting for trout, Len Andrews put his boys to work pouring the foundation for the new \$4,000 clubhouse and despite rain and snow, the footings were poured to get the big project underway. Instead of coffee breaks, the boys took baseball breaks and threw a few curves or swatted a few flies for a rest from their labors.

Len says the new dressing rooms, showers, washrooms and a dugout will be erected in a few weeks, with finishing touches to come later. The club will also erect bleachers this summer, but they probably won't be needed much before playoff time.

**THE SPORTS PICTURE** doesn't change too seriously from year to year. Oh the names may be different, but the action is usually a repeat from one year to the next, with only a few new ventures to change the picture slightly.

We got looking through some May, 1960 issues of The Champion's sports pages the other night, and what we found pretty well parallels the local sports news these weeks. For instance the Pee-Wees were home from the Little N.H.L. at Huntsville with a consolation cup (this year they got a championship trophy at Midland) . . . ball certificates were handed out at the minor bunfeed (this year they collected them at the feast) . . . the Halton ball schedule was released in late April and a number of Sunday games were on the roster (the sock came out this week with fewer Sunday tilts on the list) . . . the Red Sox and the first golfers were swarming over the sand and grass . . . Omagh rural ballers were coach-seeking (they got him already this year) . . . Napanee Comets put Georgetown Raiders out of the running (a feat which they repeated this year) . . . Old Pros won the euchre and Big Boppers took the dart title in Legion play (guess which two teams got it again this season?)

The stox races were starting at Toronto and Merv Colling was out there wheeling No. 69 again (and this season, with Normie Coulter at his side in No. 96) . . . The kids and adults were out after the trout on opening weekend (and this year the fish were bigger than ever in The Champion's contest for the first two days of trout season) . . . May 2 was the date the coaches and lineups of the Pony League and Major League minor ball were arranged (a little late this season) . . . Trafalgar, Hornby, Nelson, Omagh, Palermo and Lowville signed up for rural ball (this year Trafalgar is out while Glen Williams joins the loop) . . .

The industrial softball league met May 4 to set up the six team loop (still no meeting this May but one is promised) . . . Rain was holding up the start of the ball season in 1960 (this year there's a slight change — it's rain and snow) . . . The Legion and O.S.P. teams got the softball season rolling with a friendly feud over the theft of players (if we know these guys well enough, there's bound to be more kibitzing this year) . . .

So there's a comparison between this spring and last. Just for fun we checked the corresponding three issues of the year 10 years ago, and found only one sports story in the three 1951 papers — and that one about the fishing season opening.

**THE NUCLEUS IS FORMED** for a new intermediate ball club in Georgetown under the leadership of Manager Chic Jewell and pitching coach Lynn McLaren.

Last week 27 hopefuls tried out for a berth on the team and some of the unexpected talent included in the early prospects has given Georgetown's initial year hopes a needed shot in the arm. Council will provide a diamond for home games, it was announced. An executive headed by president Scotty Patterson, honorary president Bob Lane, vice-president Bill Fisher, secretary Bill Richmond, treasurer Tracy Barrager plus eight directors will run the show.

Georgetown's return to intermediate ball after many years will probably be welcomed in local sandlot circles. It means year-round rivalry instead of just hockey season battles.

**SPORTS FLASHBACK**—May 2, 1946—At the invitation games at Waterloo College on Saturday, Donna Paupst got two firsts, one for throwing the basketball and one for throwing the baseball.

### Industrial M.H.L. Windup Banquet

The six teams of the Milton Hockey League will wind up the 1960-61 season with the annual banquet and dance of the loop which is to be held this Saturday at the Legion hall.

P. L. Robertson, thrice champs of the league will be crowned

champs and will formally be presented with the Fred Armstrong Memorial cup.

The high scoring award will also be presented and this year it was won by Bruno Delazzer of the finalist Queenston Motors entry. Other clubs in the league were Hamilton Spectator, Gervais, Oakville Rams and Glen Williams.

Close to 150 are expected to attend the banquet and everyone is invited to join the group for the dance to follow at nine.



**THE WASHINGTON SENATORS** took the Major League Doctor Babcock Memorial Trophy, donated by the Rotary Club last season. They received their awards at the minor baseball bunfeed at the Legion on Monday evening. Team members are, front row, left to right, John Scott, Pete McDuffe, Martino Scisizzi, Jim Keane, Andy Berry and Lee McPhail; back row, Bill Maxwell, Neil Devlin, Alan Jones, Bob Collen (coach), Leon Gervais, Lloyd Zuest and Robert Collen.

## Films, Trophies, Speaker Second Annual Bunfeed

Over 170 boys from the Little League Baseball Association enjoyed hot dogs, pop, films and presentations at the Legion hall Monday night in the second annual bunfeed.

The group was served the dogs and refreshments to start the evening off and then Sergeant Bob Moreau of the Milton Police spoke to the lads, asking them to be safety conscious at all times. He noted this was not the main reason he was there but that he also wanted to ask the boys to be good sports. "Although you all compete throughout the year there is only one team which can come out on top. Give it every thing you have and if it is not your team this year, then hope it will be next year," commented Sergeant Moreau.

**Films Shown**  
Two films were shown, one of which was a hockey feature which, although it was made in the era of Svl Apps, depicted a typical hockey scene during the Canadian winters. It started with a young fellow out on the blades on the pond for the first time and ended with the Toronto Maple Leafs meeting the New York Rangers in Maple Leaf Gardens and included a rundown of a pro player's itinerary.

The other film also proved interesting and it was on space flight. The Walt Disney production was a cartoon version of the many attempts of flight into space and also what is to be expected in years to come. It was interesting and drew as much interest from the boys as the hockey film.

**Trophies Presented**  
Herb Higgs presented the Guy Brush Memorial trophy to the Pony league champs and Bob McCuaig presented the Dr. Babcock Memorial trophy to the Major loop champs on behalf of the Rotary Club.

The runnerup teams in each league also received crests as well as a note from president Murray Hood advising them that next year they should work a little harder

and become the champions. Cincinnati Reds, who won the championship in 1959 were the runner-up in the Pony league while it was the Yankees team coached by Bill Wallace which went to the finals in the Major league.

The crests were presented to the boys by Alan Parton representing the donor, United Steelworkers of America union local 4970, P. L. Robertson.

**Friday Deadline**  
Several registrations were received and to date a total of 158 boys have returned the forms. Friday is the final day in which registration forms will be accepted and these must be turned in at the office of Bob McCuaig Insurance.

A meeting is to be held Monday night at eight p.m. to form the teams and arrange for the schedule. Coaches and managers are asked to attend this meeting in order that each team can be represented.

Murray Hood, Al Surbey, Bill McTrach, Alan Parton and Herb Higgs are the men who will head the organization this year and will aid the coaches in the production of minor baseball for Milton this coming summer.

## Jim Hamilton Rural Ball Prexy Wide Open Movement is Vetoed

Jim Hamilton of Hornby was chosen president, Cam Eves of Omagh as secretary, and Al Hall of Trafalgar as vice-president of the Halton Rural Softball Association for 1961 at the annual meeting Thursday evening.

The league this year will include six teams. Glen Williams will replace the Trafalgar entry to join Nelson, Trafalgar, Palermo, Hornby and last year's championship Omagh team in the rural league. The Glen will probably play a few Sunday home games to get the local crowd interested, but evening games will have to be played at Hornby or Omagh parks as they have lights.

**Veto Motion**  
A resolution from the Omagh club to throw the league wide open and include town teams saw a tie vote among the clubs. The executive turned it down by a 2-1 vote. Omagh players reason that the town teams from Georgetown, Milton and Oakville could play against rural entries all year, then split into their respective O.A.S.A. and O.R.S.A. groupings at playoff time.

Dave Leslie of Hornby was chosen the league's most valuable player and will receive the trophy at an early home game. The championship Milton Milling trophy will be given to Omagh at one of their home games. This year a new Halton Co-Op trophy will also be awarded.

**All-Stars July 8**

An All-Star game is scheduled against the N.H.L. All-Stars for July 8 at Hornby Park.

**NOTES:** Players from Nelson, Glen Williams, Trafalgar and Omagh met Monday and approved setting up a new league of rural and urban teams for next year . . . planning will get underway next February and Milton Georgetown and Oakville commercial leagues will be invited to sit in . . . Nelson wasn't sure of entering until Monday as they're having player problems.

**CHISHOLM TROPHY**

Eight ladies' teams from four town leagues battled it out for the top spot at the Milton Bowl-away Lanes on Monday evening.

The best ladies' team in Milton turned out to be P. L. Robertson with a total score of 6,344. Stan Chisholm presented his trophy to the P. L. Robertson team who were over 500 points above their nearest competition, Ladies' Special. They wound up with a total of 5,778. Other totals were 48 Alley Rockers 5,624 and the 24 Club 5,130.



**THE PONY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP** was awarded to the San Francisco Giants at the Minor Baseball Association bunfeed in the Legion Hall. Crests and the Guy Brush Memorial trophy were awarded to the team consisting of, front row, left to right, L. Buckley, M. O'Neil, T. McTrach, S. Keane, K. Rusk and M. Cassidy; back row, M. McGrath, W. Dube, A. Casson, Coach Bill McTrach, D. Poloni, B. McTrach and B. Prouse.

## FOLLOWING THE STOX

With Merv Colling, Norm Coulter, Don Colling and George Clements

Friday was the opening of the stox car racing season at the C.N.E.

The 69 Racing Team were on hand with Merv Colling driving the new 69 and Norm Coulter at the wheel of 96, which was old 69 of last season.

Merv encountered some tough luck due to his car being new and some adjustments were necessary. However, Merv placed fourth in the second consolation, which qualified him for the feature race. Starting 20th, he worked his way to seventh position, then trouble developed and he had to pull off to the infield.

**Norm in Pile-up**

Norm was more fortunate. He completed the first qualifier, coming in sixth, but was involved in a pile-up in the little feature and due to damage to the front end of the car, he could not finish and was out of the racing for the remainder of the night.

Norm Mackereth of New Toronto was the winner of the feature event. Although the boys had some difficulties in the first night of the season, we hope for better luck in the coming meet on Friday.

Don't forget the races will be starting on Sunday afternoon at 2:15 p.m.

## Merchants' Delegation Attends O.H.A. Meeting

Although several rule changes were made Saturday at the 72nd annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association, there were few which actually involved teams from Milton.

Stu Fitzpatrick, president of the Merchants hockey club attended the meeting along with club secretary-treasurer Monty Allen and directors Alan Parton and Murray Hood.

**Four Players**  
Only four players from the community will have to be dressed for a game in the 1961-62 season as compared with five this year in Intermediate "A" hockey. The population bracket was also changed and Intermediate "A" hockey teams may now come from a municipality of 15,000 persons rather than 10,000 as has been in effect in recent years.

Some exceptions are the case here though and in the Central Ontario league at least two towns of higher population were allowed to drop back. Oakville with a population of well over 10,000 played "A" hockey and the city of Barrie, league champions boasts a population of 22,000.

**Laid Plans**  
The Merchants have already laid plans for the coming season and have all but received the definite word of a playing coach for the coming season. Nick Ferri of Norval coached last year, and turned in a top effort but will not

be able to return this year due to business reasons.

Expected back to form the nucleus of a top challenger in Intermediate "A" hockey are Murray Grenke, Jack Roberts, Stu Hannant, Bob Sales, Jack Price, Larry Shuker, Bruce McFadden and Eddy Hazlett. A former Junior "A" player is expected to join the fold next season as well as two Junior "B" players all of whom are overage for the under 20 year old group.

Goalkeeping, always a problem with the club, is to be looked into and it is hoped that a top contender for this position will be found. The announcement will be made this weekend of the signing of the new playing coach and it has been noted by the executive it will be a welcome sign to receive the okay.

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**MILTON MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE** got together briefly at the bun feed held Monday evening at the Legion Hall for the minor baseball teams in the town. Members of the executive are front row, left to right: Murray Hood president and Herb Higgs past president, back row: Bill McTrach vice-president, Alan Parton secretary-treasurer and Al Surbey, also vice-president.

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