

BROOMBALL

The real, true story behind that council-staff encounter

By Roy Downs
It was billed as a Winterfest broomball match, but it looked more like the commencement of staff-council salary negotiations.

It was supposed to be played on the ice at Milton Arena Sunday afternoon and something did happen on the ice. But it was a better game before and after the match, in the dressing rooms, than it was on the ice.

There was supposed to be a referee, an impartial one. But Ray Andress, former police chief of the town, was called in to officiate and the reader or the spectator won't have to imagine what kind of refereeing the game received. Andress was too slow to keep up with the action and the players didn't pay much attention to his whistle anyway, unless they happened to need a rest at the moment, which several did, and frequently.

Bash in heads
The match of the year pitted a crusty crew of councillors against a selected sampling of staff, mostly town hall types who come into the most frequent contact with their elected representatives and were thusly those most likely to want to bash in a few of their bosses' heads under the guise of organized broomball.

When the skirmish ended the score read 3-1 for the council crew—which wasn't quite true and certainly not an exact description of the play or prowess of the two teams. Councillors just got luckier around the goal-mouth, that's all. The staff squad had the councillors beaten in youth, exuberance and conditioning, but just didn't get the breaks.

A blow-by-blow description of the game would be pointless (as the game was) but here are a few highlights as observed by this bewildered scribe:

Quick score
—Mayor Anne "Mauler" MacArthur coached the councillors but Councillor Don Gordon was falling asleep in the council net so halfway through the game the mayor replaced him between the posts. Just as she arrived to take up her post the ball

trickled into the net beside her—she hadn't even got a chance to compose herself, powder her nose or get caught up in the action of things when the score was tallied.

—In charge of the staff squad was Bouncing Bob Small, the recreation director. He directed from the team bench but the team didn't listen to his commands so he gave up.

—Larry Arbic was a barrel of laughs, replacing his broom with a hockey stick, turning the net around so the council couldn't score on it, and holding some rather unorthodox positions.

Too bright
—Ray Olan was sweeping in the staff goal but his bright red hat looked like the goal judge's light so he was removed.

—Your reporter observed Councillor Jim "Wild Man" Watson tossing his broom at the ball, staffer "Babe" The Boot Clement throwing it more than he shot it, staffer Barb The Doodler Durnan wearing a face mask to protect her makeup, referee Andress interfering with the play and puffing like an old man, staffer Arbic getting a penalty for speeding, Councillor Reckless Russ Powadiuk scoring a goal while offside, Rose "Knock-em-dead" Harrison issuing some good body checks and Art Dipsy Doodle Melanson playing with a broken broom.

—Melanson was back in his old form, doodling the ball around opposition opponents the way he used to dazzle intermediate hockey teams in the 1950s.

—Council had a ringer on its team. When several councillors chickened out and refused to show up, Councillor Gord "Cooker" Krantz brought in his son David to assist.

Colors fit
—The staffers wore striped referee sweaters, councillors appeared in lily white jerseys, and referee Andress wore a sweater described as "cop-orange".

—Milt the Snowman appeared part way during the game, took one look at the huffing, puffing oldsters and

quickly departed to the safety of the stands.

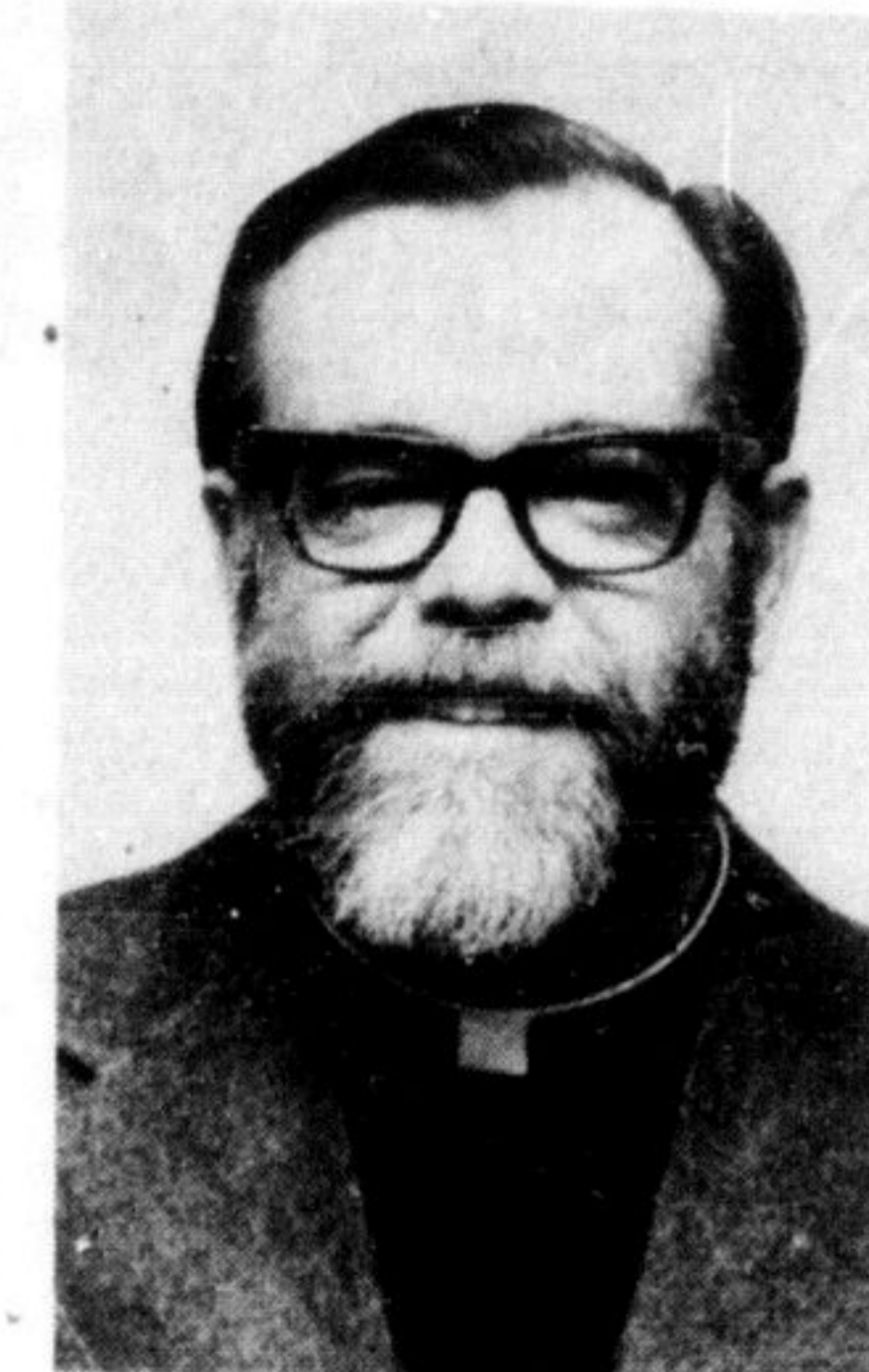
Like a good sports reporter, this scribe ventured into the dressing rooms when it all ended and asked the coaches for comments.

When staffer MacArthur divulged her secret. When she was in goal, she said, whenever a staffer approached with a ball she treated to cut their salary by nine per cent if they tried to score on her. As a result there were no shots on goal during her tenure in the net. The mayor also admitted her team had held 15 practices—"talking practices," she said.

"We went in there to win—it was positive thinking all the way," mused the mayor of all the people. "We were sur-footed, too," she added, brushing the snow off her other end.

Excuses
Staffer coach Bob Small said his team bowed to the bosses but it was "all luck, no skill, and poor refereeing too." He said his team was ready for a rematch, anytime, and willing to toss out a challenge. "We're going to practice for next year," he confided in a whisper.

Referee Andress admitted his refereeing was a little one-sided, once he discovered the bribe he had been given by staffer Babe Clement was only Canadian Tire money. Official goal-scorers were Councillors Powadiuk, Watson and Melanson for the winning council club, planner Bob Szdanyi for the losing staff squad. Unofficially, announcer Murray Hood says the staff crew won it 17-12 based on "body contact."



Anglicans appoint new rector

Rev. Paul Moore has been appointed rector of St. George's, Lowville and St. John's, Nassagaweya by the bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara.

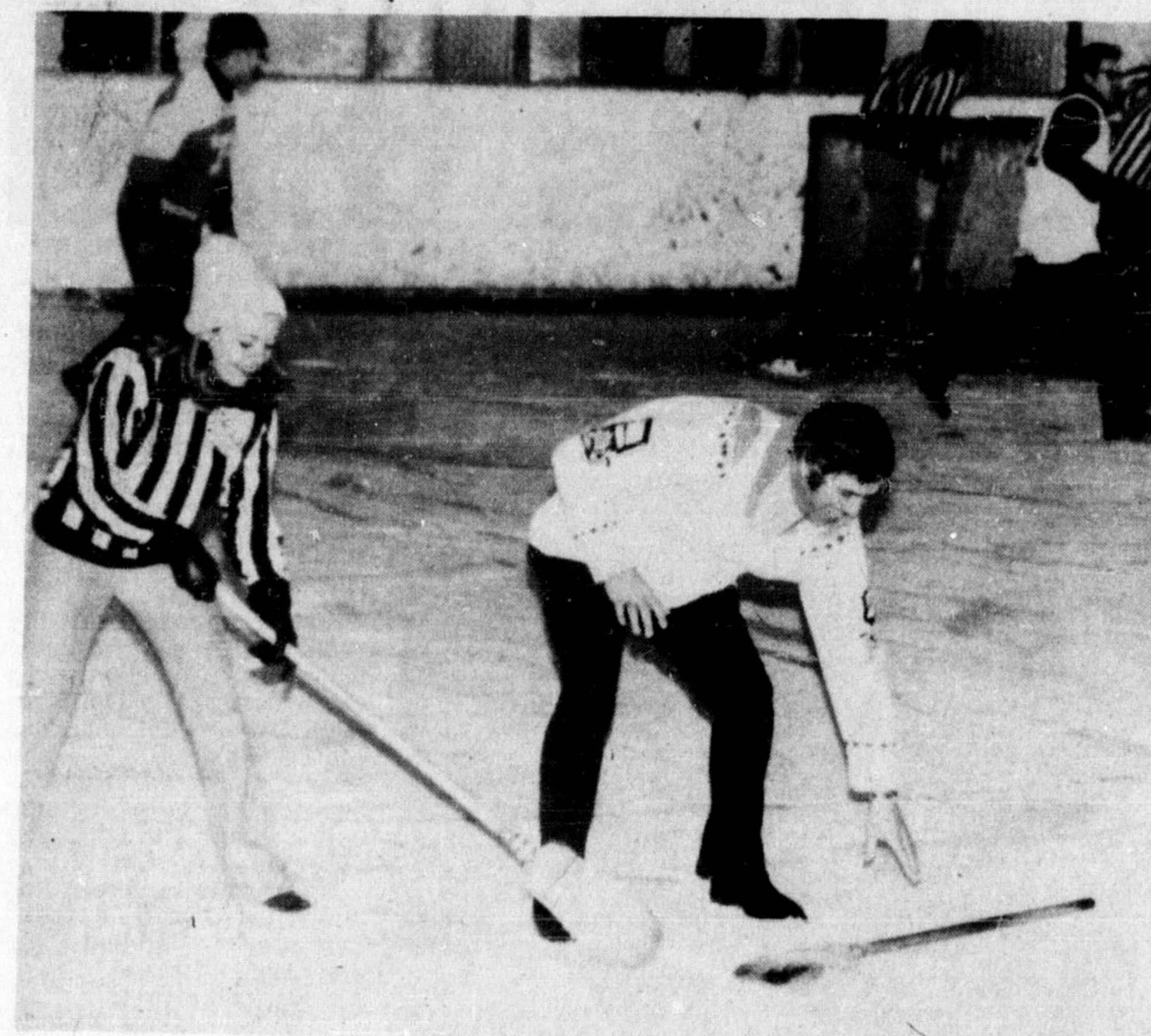
He has returned to Canada after three years in the Solomon Islands teaching at Bishop Patteson Theological Centre in Melanesia, British West Indies. Rev. Moore was on staff training young men for the ministry under the auspices of the National World Program.

A graduate of the University of Toronto and Trinity College, Rev. Moore was ordained in Hamilton. He served in St. Catharines and Hamilton for eight years between 1963 and 1961. Between 1961 and 1971 he was in Vancouver, B.C.

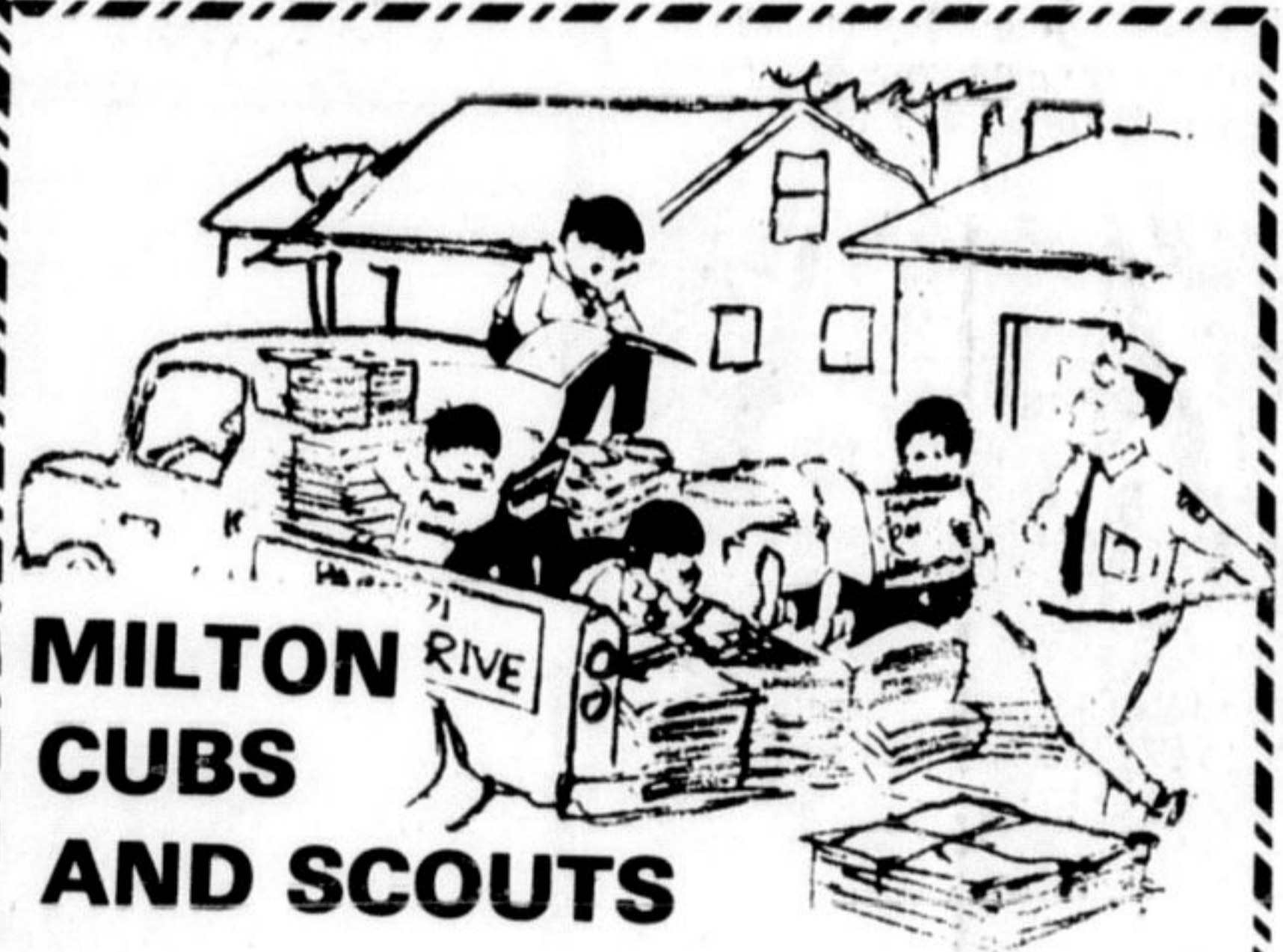
Rev. Moore is unmarried and lives at 122 Bronte St., Apt. 1101, Milton.

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—Brotherhood Week is Feb. 17 to 24.



ZANY ANTICS highlighted Sunday's broomball game between the town council and town staff, part of the Winterfest weekend festivities. A big crowd laughed from the sidelines as the council crew outscored and outmanoeuvred the staffers in 20 minutes of awkward ball-chasing. Above, Debbie Kelly of the staff team gives Councillor Jim Watson a hard time while in the background referee Ray Andress, our former police chief, runs after the action. In the second photo Councillors Jim Kerr and Jim Watson look on as Councillor Don Gordon wrestles planner Bob Szdanyi to the ice in one of several just-for-fun skirmishes. Next photo depicts the victory celebration where burly high school hockey players Rick McTrach, Daryl Graham, Marty Cairns, Bob Langridge and Tony Pedulla escorted victorious coach Mayor Anne MacArthur around the ice after council's convincing win. In the bottom photo Snow Queen Nancy Nova presents the challenge trophy to the mayor while exhausted players Gord Krantz, Jim Kerr, Jim Watson, David Krantz, Don Gordon, Art Melanson, Brad Clements and Russ Powadiuk look on. (Photos by S. Dills)



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Proclamation
Whereas the aim of the Girl Guides of Canada—Guides du Canada is to assist girls in character development by encouraging them to be responsible citizens of their country and of the world; by introducing them to adventure in the out of doors; by training them in skills which will help them to become good homemakers and to experience the joy of giving to others.
Whereas the aim of the Boy Scouts of Canada is to help boys to develop their character as resourceful and responsible members of the community by providing opportunities and guidance for their mental, physical, social and spiritual development.
I, Anne J. MacArthur, Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Milton, do hereby proclaim February 17-24, 1974 as Scout-Guide week in Milton. And further, do call upon the Citizens of Milton to support the Scouts and Guides. Executed under my hand and seal this 11th day of February 1974.
Anne J. MacArthur
Mayor of Milton

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TOWN OF MILTON

Ask share permits?

Sharing of the building permit fees already collected, for construction in areas of Burlington and Oakville which have come to Milton, is to be sought by the town. Administration committee members of Milton Council learned Monday that a number of permits were issued before the year-end. On some no construction had begun and Milton staff would be required to carry out the inspections, although Burlington or Oakville had received the fee. The committee agreed to meet with the building inspector to discuss the extent of the problem.

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AND WHEREAS the Canadian Heart Fund Campaign to support heart research is being conducted from February 1 through February 28;
I, THEREFORE, proclaim that the month of February be observed as Heart Month in Milton. I further urge all citizens to cooperate in the Heart Fund drive, and all civic, social and fraternal organizations and business establishments to give this campaign the greatest possible support.
Anne J. MacArthur
Mayor

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