



Bagpiper Jeff Swance paraded in the head table at the Milton Minor Hockey annual coaches and managers dinner at the Lions Hall Saturday evening. The final dinner prepared for the MMHA by Millie Thomas of Steeles Ave., was a repast fit for an OMHA champion.

Whole wheat buns, succulent roast of beef, home made apple, cherry and blueberry pies, plenty of butter and gravy all added up to an extra 10 lbs. to pull around the dance floor. Millie has prepared the MMHA feast each year but Saturday's was her last, as she may be moving out of Milton with her husband who is retiring.

At the head table were Marion Riebot, MMHA treasurer and her husband Harry, Bonnie Fay, MMHA Secretary and her husband Keith, Larry Arbic from the town of Milton and his wife Erna, Joe McCann, MMHA president and his wife Yolanda. At Joe's right arm were Jessamine Swance of the MMHA mothers auxiliary and her husband Roger, Peggy Boyce, Milton mothers treasurer was there with husband Ed and Eleanor Riding, MMHA secretary was with husband John. Peggy Hilson, vice-president MMHM was at the end of the table with Brian.

Parks and recreation director Larry Arbic apologized for the condition and lack of lighting at the Laurier Ave. arena parking lot and assured the MMHA people they wouldn't pick up any souvenirs on their cars next year. Paving the lot and lighting should be completed for the grand opening June 24 in conjunction with Rotarama.

Head gate keeper for the MMHA and a Milton mother Ruth Twiss was honored with a gift from the hockey moms for her long hours in the box at the arena entrance. Joe McCann thanked the Optimists for their help in timekeeping this year and people who worked with the minor hockey. And Millie Thomas was honored with a cheque and a dozen red roses for her many years of organizing the annual dinners. "I've never had a dozen roses in all my life," exclaimed an exuberant Millie.

After the dinner the real action started with John McLean and John Riding scrutineering for Monday Night's annual meeting.

Will Gerry Inglis be coaching the Georgetown Intermediate A Raiders next fall? Has Gerry decided not to return to the Milton Flyers Junior B's? As every year, Gerry Inglis of Norval is simply contemplating retirement until he comes to an agreement with a hockey club. Inglis said he has been in hockey so long he's a little tired right now. But when the summer is drawing to an end, we'll have to watch carefully.

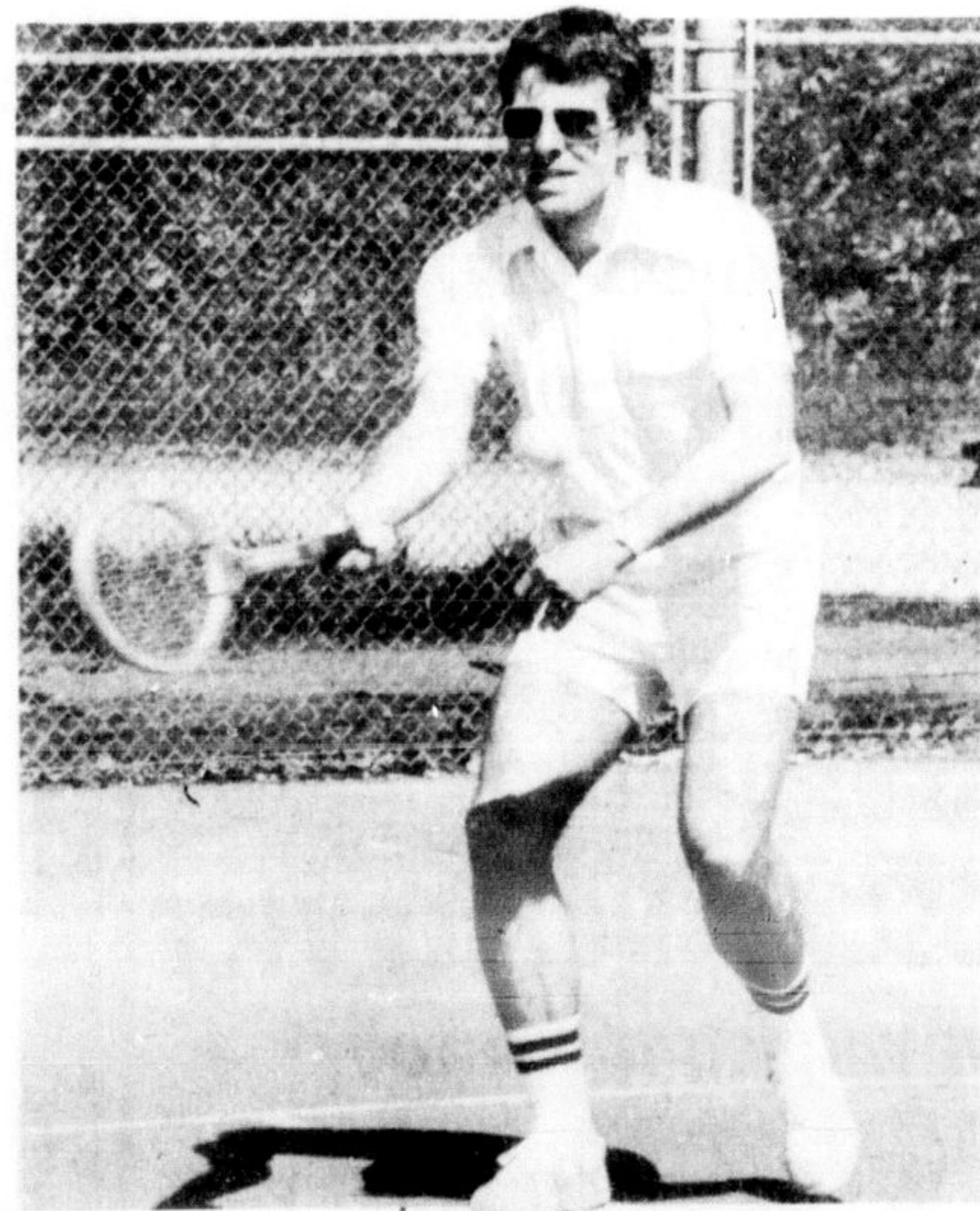
Milton's Bruce Hood was featured on Hockey Night in Canada Saturday night and the local resident was given a fine public relations job. Just in time for Bruce's Refereeing School applications to be sent out in the mail.

Milton soccer enthusiasts were at the Charles Hotel Saturday morning to view the playing of the FA Cup with 35 people attending. The fee included breakfast but no beer, as it was before noon. The Charles will be showing the Liverpool and Bruges match today at 3 p.m. (Wednesday).

If you're yearning for some good hockey action still, try 24 miles north-west of here in the Royal City of Guelph. The Guelph Holody Platers are playing for the national title, Centennial Cup, with the Prince Albert Raiders, the defending champion Prince Albert learned a tough lesson in Guelph Sunday afternoon as the Platers won a convincing 7-2 victory before 2,300 fans.

The Ontario Professional Golfers Association will be holding a Spring Championship at Wylde-wood on Trafalgar Rd., May 29 and 30. The 36-hole event will be a qualifier for the Canadian Open at Glen Eden this summer. Sandra Post will be there.

Speaking of Sandra Post, Canada's most outstanding female golfer from Oakville, she recently won the Dinah Shore Winners Circle and has been one of the top ladies on tour this year. She will be conducting a clinic at Wylde-wood May 30 at 4 p.m.



MILTON TENNIS CLUB member Bob Horn was out on the courts bright and early Sunday morning displaying his skills. The trick in his style is the mouth position as he attacks the volley. Dr. Horn was working off the dinner served at the Milton Minor Hockey Association coaches and

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## Major MMHA proposed changes defeated at annual meeting

By Peter McCusker

The controversial proposal tabled by the standing Milton Minor Hockey Association executive was defeated soundly at the MMHA annual meeting at Martin St. School Monday evening.

The change to article E on page two of the hockey association's constitution and bylaws would have seen no coach or manager of a house league or rep team have representation on the executive.

The proposal read, "No executive member shall be affiliated with any MMHA team in the capacity of a team official, coach, assist-

ant coach, manager, stick boy or trainer. The executive may permit its members as required, to be available for use in an emergent situation.

The executive that tabled the proposed change argued that one man would not have the time to perform both duties as an executive member and at the same time be affiliated with a team, adequately.

They said they felt with practice time, travel and game time that had to be spent by a coach or manager on top of the duties of being available at both house league and rep games was impossible.

The general body of 80 which attended the meeting felt and voted differently.

Dave Smith said the rule change would weaken the executive if it was passed. Gord Kerr, an executive member, also spoke against the adoption saying it would disqualify all willing workers when a house league coach could not sit on the executive.

Joseph McCann, MMHA president, told the body that a person doing both jobs couldn't give everyone a fair, honest shake and explained how some executive members have left meetings to go attend a practice or a game. Smith gain submitted there

should be ways of policing the executive. He added that anyone on the executive who missed four meetings without a legitimate excuse shouldn't be on the executive.

Sam Nadalin was concerned with the number of dedicated people the executive might lose. But Marty Caputo was in support stating that if the executive wanted to get more people to participate in minor hockey they should pass the change, and if they wanted the same people running the show, to defeat the motion.

The initial addition to the constitution was also defeated. The article E deal-

ing with executive, subsection 4, read, "Persons nominated for President shall have served at least one of the two immediately previous years on the executive." The addition would have gone on to read, "If no person qualifies in this manner to be nominated for president, then a president may be elected from the floor at the annual meeting. Failing this, a person shall be appointed by and from the executive elected."

Murray Hood was the most vocal opposition to the proposed change and said, "The proposal doesn't show much confidence in the executive," Hood went on to say he has never seen this type of proposal in any other organization in the country.

McCann said it happened in the Georgetown minor hockey system last year and it was merely proposed so the executive could avoid a difficult situation, should it ever arise, and no one took the presidential position.

Hood refreshed the memory of those who had written the original subsection and E and said the intention at that time was to prevent anyone from taking the president's chair. It was meant to ensure someone with executive experience would come to the chair.

Marty Caputo also had reasons to protect the standing subsection. Caputo said, "The reason we put that in was to protect the leadership coming up." He added, "When a vice-president accepts the job he should be prepared at that time."

Caputo said they wanted an experienced person in the executive's top chair and that he doesn't want a popularity contest of someone walking in off the street.

The motion was defeated. Two minor changes did manage to survive the test of minor debate. A quorum for executive meetings shall consist of five executive members, plus the president or his nominee. The way the rule did stand had the quorum set at 7.5 members of the 15

executive which includes two life appointments. It simply meant getting a quorum for meetings easier.

The final adoption would mean more recognition from the MMHA for winning teams. Under rules and regulations, section 9, the MMHA will provide crests for all players registered with the MMHA. The MMHA will also provide trophies for the most improved player in each classification. The said player will be selected by coaches and managers concerned in each division.

These trophies may be donated by parties outside of the MMHA if they so desire. In addition to the rule read, "At the discretion of the executive, annually, trophies will be given to team players, coaches and managers affiliated with any MMHA team which wins an OMHA or OMHA Zone Championship."

The carried motion was moved by George Hicken and seconded by Gord Kerr.

## McCann reinstated as president

Joseph McCann will sit for his third term as President of the Milton Minor Hockey Association.

There were no nominations made to challenge McCann after his nomination was posted by John Riding and Buzz Roberts of the nominating committee. McCann was reinstated by acclamation at the MMHA annual meeting Monday evening at Martin St. school.

Other executive members

for the 1978-79 season are Murray Graham as vice-president, Bonnie Fay secretary, Jim Wanless as treasurer. Joe Wilson will again sit as immediate past president and Murray Graham and Harold Ferguson sit as life members.

The real race was in the eight executive positions where 14 nominees were voted upon. Elected by ballot were John Bain, Syd Griffiths, Ron Hudd, Gord Kerr, John McLean, Bill Pollen, Dave Smith and Bob Davidson.

## Financial report says MMHA well in black

The black ink at the bottom of the Milton Minor Hockey Association's books show a profit of \$2,110.35 for the past 10 months of operation.

The receipts in excess of expenditures total over \$2,000 was explained by treasurer Marion Riebot as being the results of several miscalculations by the executive budgeting over the past year.

One major donation which affected the budget was from the Milton Minor Hockey Association general annual meeting Monday evening at Martin St. School.

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## McCann ends report with fire

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THROWING FOR MILTON Merchants is Lauro Rigo during Sunday's workout at Best Park. Rigo was on last year's Merchant squad and according to coach Wayne Marchand, Rigo has a

good strong arm but needs a little work on his confidence and rhythm. Merchants have their opening game of the season this Saturday in Cambridge against the Pirates.

## Parker joins Canadian team

By Peter McCusker

He's jogging six miles a day and crunching in an hour of floor exercises in preparation for representing Canada in European figure skating competition.

Campbellville skating ace, 16-year-old Kevin Parker was lifted from his sick bed after 10 days of bouts with bronchial pneumonia when he received a letter from the Canadian Figure Skating Association informing him of the selection.

The young skater will skate for Canada in the men's events at the 12th staging of Coupe des Alpes in Gervais, France August 16 to 20. He will continue with the team to Oversteorf, West Germany and compete for the Nedelhorn Trophy from August 23 to 27.

The appointment came as a surprise to both Kevin and his

family after his performance at the Canadian championships in Victoria B.C. in February.

Parker has won the Central Canada divisionals for the second year in a row and returned from Winnipeg feeling under the weather. His coach John Caughel was sidelined with bronchial pneumonia for 10 days but Kevin continued to practice on a rigorous schedule for the Canadian championship.

His condition worsened and he was forced to sit by a humidifier to keep his sinuses clear. The aftereffect is that his performance at the Canadian championships was not up to his ability, according to his father, Ernie Parker.

Parker had hoped to go to the Junior World Figure Skating Championships with a first place finish at the

national game, but a fourth place was no ticket.

A depressed Kevin Parker returned home and was ordered by his doctor to rest. A light spring training schedule was booked and it was thought Kevin would be taking the spring and summer easy.

With the announcement, the Parkers are looking to book ice time. Kevin is raring to go and the 22 hours of skating he is doing now will not be enough.

It is his first international competition and it will also be the initial whack at senior men's skating for the talented youth.

"It has always been Kevin's dream to one day represent Canada. It came sooner than we expected," his father told The Champion.

"We realize he's still a junior level competitor but



managers banquet held the evening before. Milton tennis club members are in full swing



with 475 members registering Saturday, including 275 seniors, 140 juniors and 39 intermediates. Fifty participated in the get-acquainted tournament Sunday.

## Coaches cram Rotary Park hall

Over 65 men and women crammed the Rotary Park meeting hall for the Milton Youth Soccer Association coaches' clinic meeting Monday May 1 and head coach of the MYSA, Brian Scragg said he was delighted with the turnout.

Scragg told The Champion that most of the team positions are filled with the exception of one coaching position and two or three conveners. Scragg and John Morgan, registrar for the MYSA, distributed kits to coaches at the meeting

The organizer of the tournament said they were impressed with the performance to the Milton boys and are looking forward to inviting Milton back next year.

Baseball season will be underway soon.