

Sports

Bill Ellis



Anyone For Tennis?

NEWS ITEM: Councillor Jones enquired into the tennis courts to the back of the Municipal Hall and whether they could be used as a parking lot since the club was not active this year. Council stated it would be interested in buying the lights from the club and would contact the executive regarding this matter.

The local tennis courts remind me of Democracy, if you don't take an interest in it someone will take it away from you. The courts have deteriorated in the last few years and no group has come forth to get things organized. A great many adults and children are interested in this fine outdoor sport but with only two courts they have felt that things would be a little crowded and they have switched their interests towards other summer activities. It is difficult for the experts and learners to co-operate in any sport and with the limited facilities the learners don't get a chance and as the experts gradually retire from the game then there is nobody coming along to replace them. Perhaps this is what has happened in the Hill . . . we've just run out of new material.

I have no doubt in my mind that someday in the near future there will be a trend back to the game and a half dozen well-lighted courts would provide fine recreation. There are two possible locations for the courts. One location would be the local Park so that all recreational facilities could be centralized. Or how about the High School grounds? Here you would have students making use of them all day in their gym classes and the Tennis Club members would take over in the evenings. It has possibilities, so keep it in mind all you tennis fans. Just because the present courts will harbour cars don't give up hope. There's always next year if you get well organized.

A Lost Ball Means Bankruptcy

NEWS ITEM: King Lions give Floodlights to Park. The cost of floodlighting the diamond will be approximately \$2,500.

I still think the chief problem with local softball is the lack of floodlights in our Park. In a previous column I mentioned that there are great opportunities for twilight doubleheaders featuring the kids and the men if we only had lights. The local team, which incidentally is winning its share of ball games, has trouble with its finances. The lads play every Thursday evening and pass the hat for funds to carry on. One evening they received the fabulous sum of \$3.00 from a canvass of the crowd. This would pay for one softball. But what I can't figure out is who pays for the bats, officials and travelling expenses? The Club isn't out to make money; they would just like the exhilarating feeling of breaking even, just once. So every Thursday drop down to the Park and see your team (there's nothing worthwhile on TV in summer anyway). \$15,000 And 10 Days To Go!

On Monday, June 28 at 8.30 p.m. the Richmond Hill Arena Association and its many helpers are going to meet at the Arena to decide the fate of our chance to install artificial ice. The campaign will be complete and there will be good or bad news for the children of the district. If the necessary amount has not been raised then your money will be returned immediately and the Association will put the campaign down as an indication of public opinion. Now we are a long way from our objective and the next ten days will tell the story. I was just thinking, if every subscriber to the Liberal sent just \$10 for a debenture, we would receive \$38,000. What do you say? Try it. If it doesn't work you get your money back. Send it to the Manager, c/o Bank of Nova Scotia, Richmond Hill.

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Midweek Races To Feature Again At Pinecrest Speedway

Calling all Wednesday Night stock car racing fans! After being besieged with requests, promoters Norm Smith and Joe Cappy finally said "uncle" and have added the mid-week date to their Saturday shows at Pinecrest Speedway. Thus, the No. 7 Highway track again becomes a twice-a-week mecca for followers of the speed demons.

While this is good news to the jalousy addicts, it could prove bad news to the drivers now that Toronto's Ivan Moore has succeeded in winning his first feature of 1954. Moore, you'll recall, seems to thrive on action. He ran up his phenomenal 10-in-a-row skein at Pinecrest last year by keeping on practically an "every-hour-on-the-hour" race schedule.

Misses Carling Trophy
Even at that Moore started too late to capture the Carling trophy and there are a goodly number of pilots who plan to help him miss winning the \$350 first prize in the \$1,500 romp this season.

Tied For Points
Tied for point leadership (before Wednesday's races) were Willowdale's Jack Cook and Toronto's Fred Burnett, each boasting 30 points. Right behind was Guelph's Bill Hamilton with 29. Then followed Brantford's Jack

Burbridge 25, Buffalo's Gene Blair 23, and Bill Nugent 22, Strabane's Brian Kent 20, and Moore at 19.

In the inter-city team matches, Toronto has racked up two straight wins over Hamilton. However, the Buffalo trio plans to rectify that situation as soon as they can get all their buggies to percolate together.

Midgets Washed Out
This coming Saturday night's stox program will be the first in two weeks. The rains came last night and washed out the season's initial mighty midget affair. All is not lost, though, as Smith and Cappy plan to run the pocket-sized Indianapolis cars in a gala July 1 afternoon extravaganza.

Meanwhile, you can have yourself a cool time in an exciting atmosphere by dropping in at the No. 7 Highway track any Wednesday or Saturday at 8.30 p.m. Not only that but you may win one of the 20 nightly prizes that range from motor oil to driving lessons and water skis.

And remember, bring the famo-ly. All children under 12 are admitted free. And, some lucky youngster gets a ride with his or her favourite stock car driver each and every race night.

The Sports Clinic

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How To Improve Throwing Action

According to Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees, the reason why there are so few really good throwers in baseball is because when the average ball player is young he just throws and makes no particular attempt to learn how to throw. Because throwing is something everyone can do, at least to some degree, he doesn't realize that a lot of time must be spent if you are to learn to throw properly.

The whole throwing action is dependent on the way the hand and fingers do their job. For example, the fingers must be held well behind the ball with the thumb keeping the grip firm. The thumb should be against the ball and held over the undermath side. The hand should not be allowed to twist or turn when the ball is delivered but should snap directly forward in the direction in which the throw is being made. The ball should be held very high in the fingers and the grip should be firm but not tight.

Just as the ball is delivered the hand should snap forward explosively at the wrist. This snapping forward of the hand at the last minute is one of the key factors in accurate and fast throwing but unfortunately few ball players ever learn it properly.

DONCASTER

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Dulcie Charles and Bobbie Steele attended the birthday party of Phyllis Lemon on Sunday. Sisters Sylvia and Joy helped to entertain the guests who numbered 45. Sylvia was 12 years old. After refreshments all took a walk in the woods.

Douglas Colborn, young pilot in training in the RCAF, who was killed in a crash two weeks ago, was buried on Saturday at the home of his parents at Erin. He was born on Steele's Ave. 20 years ago. He used to visit Mr. and Mrs. H. Warren on Secomcoe Ave. The two families have been friends for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Myers, Glen Cameron Ave., are spending a week in Sarnia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baker, Clarke Ave., attended the wedding of their daughter Myrtle to Robert Bursey of Toronto. The ceremony took place at the Peoples Church on Bloor St., Toronto. The reception was held in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Bursey will make their home in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Knott and family are leaving their home on Clarke St., where they have resided for a number of years and will be greatly missed by their neighbors. Mrs. Knott and the children are taking a cottage at Lake Simcoe for the summer. They will move into their new house at Richmond Hill in September.

Mr. W. Ball, Proctor Ave., is in the Western Hospital for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Peacock and Laurie spent part of their holidays at Tobermory.

The Doncaster Ladies Club presented Mrs. J. Knott with a cup and saucer as a parting gift.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Mason with their children spent the week-end at Gravenhurst.

Visitors at the Russell home on Proctor Ave. this week are Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell and Allan from the United States.

Mrs. A. Russell is attending Rebekah Assembly in Toronto.

Mrs. I. Elliott from Toronto is spending the summer with her friend Mrs. J. Steele, Morgan Ave.

Dr. Steele's sisters, one from Conaster and one from Sturgeon Falls and his sister-in-law from Sudbury, were visitors over the weekend. His father who has been staying with the family for some time returned with his daughter.

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TENNIS . . .

The Aurora Tennis Club is open to tennis players from neighboring districts who wish to make use of their courts. Open nights are on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

AURORA TENNIS CLUB

Wrestling Club Has Extra Classes

The King City Wrestling Club is having extra wrestling matches on Thursday nights as well as Wednesday nights in preparation for the wrestling show on Sports Day, July 1, sponsored by the Lake Marie Athletic Association. Mr. Donald Findlay and Mr. R. G. Wilson have given cheques to the Wrestling Club for their general funds.

Mangotich & Sullivan Take Opponents In Team Match

Baron Von Sieber and Jean Valjean, giant Frenchman, ended up on the short end of the stick last Thursday when the lighter team of Ed Mangotich and Tom Sullivan came from behind after dropping the first fall to win the last two. The lighter boys delighted the crowd with their antics and sent the fans home happy for a change.

Englishman Makes Hit
Dennis Winn made a hit with his clever wrestling and his tremendous power. His opponent Al Orlando managed to win but was extended to the limit all the way. We think that when the English lad is acclimatized he will take a lot of beating.

Disqualified
In the preliminary match Jack Flicker of Aurora lost out to Don George when he was disqualified for illegal tactics.

Dr. Chassels Wins Championship At Aurora Horse Show June 12

At the Aurora Horse Show, Saturday, June 12th, Dr. J. B. Chassels Toronto won class 8 and class 9 for green hunters with Cololpan, also the championship for winning the most points at the Toronto Horse Show, Richmond Hill Show and Aurora with the same horse. Class 12 for the Aurora Horse Show Shield was won by Flash Gordon owned by L. W. Ruby, 2nd and 3rd and fourth in this class went to Bell-air, Anchors Aweigh and Reject owned by W. R. Ballard, Newmarket. Class 16 fault and out Flash Gordon owned by L. W. Ruby and Belle Aire from the Ballard Stables tied for first and jumped off three times to be won by Flash Gordon. Anchors Aweigh was third. All three horses jumped clean 1st and 2nd times round. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. John Murdoch, Toronto; Mr. Terry Morton, Lt. Col. Stuart Bate OBE and Miss Sarah Bladen all of Toronto.

Women's Division
Mrs. Colin Nisbett, secretary of the Women's Division reports

the Aurora Horse Show had 392 entries in 97 classes. 100 more entries than last year. Mrs. George Hatley of King was again among the winners taking a number of classes. Prizes were donated by Canada Packers, Eatons, Simpsons, Guelph Knitting, Standard Brands, St. Lawrence Starch Magic Baking Powder and Aurora merchants.

The sun shone all afternoon after a very wet morning and at 6:30 p.m. just as the last entry in the horse show was run, the whole district was visited by the heaviest storm experienced for some years. Power was off and cellars flooded.

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Community Centre Picnic

Whitechurch Community Centre Board is holding its Field Day Saturday, June 19, at the Community Park, Vaudorf. Councillor George Richardson has announced that the new baseball diamond is ready for play, races and an Old Time Fiddlers' Contest being other features of the day.

Come and bring a picnic basket and enjoy this beauty spot made possible by the Community Centre Board of Whitechurch Township with the help of many local organizations. Picnic tables have been set up in the grove of willows banking the small stream and there is a wading pool for the children.

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Further information may be obtained at the Thornhill Pool.

BLINDFOLD WRESTLING

Thursday, June 17, Richmond Hill Arena

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