

Sports

By Bill Ellis



More Money For Ice

Well, the "Wrestling for Ice" show brought in approximately \$225 last Thursday night when Red Garner, the Langstaff promoter, donated the entire proceeds of the evening to the ice drive. The Association was also fortunate in that the Ontario Hospital Tax branch waived their 12 1/2% tax and the Ontario Athletic Commission did likewise with their 2% tax which means more money for our artificial ice. Every cent counts. The Arena was used rent free for the evening thanks to our local Council. The usual charge is \$40.

Enough about the finances, the show was very good as it featured district wrestlers who took a pounding on behalf of ice. One wrestler, after the match, showed me some painful looking mat burns and bruises and said that he thought he had given his donation for ice. His marks, scars and other deformities were his receipts.

Maybe I shouldn't make any comments but I don't think children should be allowed at wrestling matches. Last Thursday there were 45 sold admissions at 25c for kids which amounts to \$11.25. Now this was a good night and \$11.25 makes little difference in the overall total so to cut the kids out wouldn't hurt the profits. The kids are somewhat of a nuisance as they rush the ring and throw anything that isn't nailed down. Hero worship is evident and these kids think it's great for one wrestler to kick another's nose, throat and accessory organs. An adult has a better understanding of the tactics used but children . . . I doubt it. In a recent meeting with Charlie Box, secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Associations, he told me that one of their biggest problems is the television wrestling shows. They take a very dim view of the training in "sportsmanship" that immature minds might pick up on viewing it.

I'm not condemning wrestling, its excellent entertainment for adults but watch out for the children; to them it contributes very little worthwhile.

Not Over Yet!

NEWS ITEM: More than \$80,000 has been raised by Highland Creek Lions Club in the last four years for the construction of a large recreation centre in Heron Park. This year the proceeds of their carnival held Saturday go towards the construction of an artificial ice arena.

You see that it takes time to raise large sums of money for a public purpose.

The local Lions took about 10 weeks to raise only part of the money for the Community Hall. The Richmond Hill Arena Association has had members of all the Service Clubs canvassing for just four weeks so there is still hope and the campaign will be extended past its deadline. Therefore there will be NO MEETING this Monday to decide the Arena's fate as mentioned previously. The Kinsmen Club, which is a newly organized group in town is joining in the canvass as they feel they are now in a position to offer service to the Village.

If you haven't been canvassed, don't get discouraged. There are 2,000 homes to be canvassed in the district and it takes time. If you have invested and can invest a little more or even give a post-dated cheque for September, you will certainly be doing your part for the youth of the district.

If you wish a canvasser to call and explain the entire set-up that will provide artificial ice for our Arena this winter don't hesitate to phone the following members of the Association: —

- BILL ELLIS TU. 4-1868
- WALT SMITH TU. 4-1494
- HARRY BAWDEN TU. 4-1262

Patience?

The fellow had been standing beside the two chess champions for five hours without batting an eyelash or uttering a word. At last one of the players became annoyed.

"What do you say, mister," he snapped. "You've been watching us for five hours. Why don't you go somewhere and play a game yourself?"

"Can't", mumbled the kibitzer, "I ain't got the patience."

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DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

Wrestling Proceeds For Ice Below Expectations

The show at Richmond Hill Arena held last Thursday by the local Arena Association did not fare as well as expected financially but provided plenty of action for the fans who were there. Hassan Bey, the Turkish Steam Roller looked like a sure winner when he clashed with Red Garner in the main event. After winning the initial fall, he hit Garner with everything but the ring post but made the mistake of letting the champ get behind him. He had to give up when Red got his Screw and Twist hold on him. In the last heat Garner got his hands up and battered the Turk around, leaving him dazed and bleeding from the nose and mouth. The fans had to assist him to the dressing room, where Bill Houting, first aid man took 15 minutes to bring him around.

Joe Greenfield won over Ron Heffner in the semi-final via the disqualification route and Don Gueg and Harold Van Dyke wrestled to a draw. Stoney Brooks defeated a much improved Johnny Parisi in another. Next Week Red Garner, newly crowned Canadian Middleweight Champion will make his first title defence against Killer Mangotich, former Champion, Thursday, July 1, at Richmond Hill. Mangotich lost the title to Garner at Lakeshore Arena before 1500 fans and claims he was just recovering from an attack of flu at the time. He has this to say, "Red Garner is a fair wrestler, but I feel I'm in the best shape of my career and don't figure I will have too much trouble winning back my championship."

However, many fans feel differently after watching the mat veteran in action this season. After his terrific win over Hassan Bey on the last card, the fans do not think Garner is only a fair wrestler, they think he is pretty good. But next Thursday will tell the tale and certainly no matter who wins there will be plenty of excitement for all the fans who come out.

The Semi-Final is also one the fans have been waiting for, as it brings back Jacques Du Bois, high flying French mat star, against Tony Rocci, a great favourite here last season, in a 2 out of 3 falls bout. In the other two bouts, Harold Van Dyke will meet another old favourite of a few years ago in Bobby Olson, Swedish star. In another bout, the Black Panther clashes with Hassan Bey.

Midget Racers At Pinecrest Speedway For Holiday Show

Those mighty midgets will be back again for another attempt at showing their wares at Pinecrest Speedway come next Thursday — and July 1. That's the latest from the promoters, Joe Cappy and Norm Smith of the No. 7 Highway speed factory. Rained Out In case you've forgotten, the pocket-sized Indianapolis racers were all set to zoom around the quarter-mile concrete oval the evening of June 12 when the rains came and washed out the show. The July 1 return engagement will be an afternoon affair with the time trials slated for one o'clock and the qualifying heats carded for 2 p.m. sharp. The latter will include three 10-lappers, two 12-lap semi-finals and then the 25-lap feature.

Main attractions, of course, will be the American pilots. They'll be headed by New York State's Vern Harriman, last year's International champ, and such as Buffalo's Doc Horner, Bradford's Bud Johnston, Fort Worth's Eemie Wright and Albany's Bill Bichteman.

Canadian Contenders However, there's one invader who hopes to keep Canada's banner flying high. He's Dick McCrossan, the ex-Oshawa man, campaigning in the U.S. Kitchener's Bob Rood and Hamilton's Bill Greathhead, the one-time wrestler and present stock car ace, are two others expected to make things difficult for the Yanks.

Meanwhile, things are going along copacetic at Pinecrest in a stock car way. Guelph's Bill Hamilton became the first two-time feature winner last Saturday when he stopped Ivan Moore's victory skein at two. But Ivan's second-place finish allowed him to stay in front of the Carling trophy point scramble.

L. Marie Assn. Plan Sports Day

The Sports Day and Carnival sponsored by the Lake Marie Athletic Association on July 1 in King City Memorial Park promises to be a day of fun for everyone. It will start off with a pipe band parade at 1.30. The program includes baseball tournaments, two hour concert by Vince Mountford wrestling bouts and a free dance. There will be a lucky draw on the admission tickets at 11.30 p.m. A polished floor surface has been laid in the Lake Marie pavilion making an excellent dance floor. The cost of the floor was \$500.

Bowlers Tie For First Place

Winners of the mixed doubles tournament sponsored by the Richmond Bowl were two teams who tied for first place. Out of an entry of 40 couples, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clyde of the Lake Wilcox League and Mr. C. Tomlin and Mrs. June Clarke of the Langstaff League tied for top honours.

The two winning teams each bowled six games, each scoring a total of 1445 pins. Each team was awarded a prize of \$25.00.

Sufrin Snakes
Rainbow Trout in the Pine River grow to be big fish and to do this they sometimes have to eat unusual food. Conservation Officer E. W. Smith of Orangeville reports that the plunge of a fully clothed youngster into the cold water recently was rewarded with a 24" rainbow which he observed in a disabled condition. The cause of the trout's trouble was a long snake which it had attempted to swallow but could only get half-way down.

Awards Given Wrestling Club

On Thursday night June 17, prizes for good conduct at the wrestling arena and around the village were awarded to members of the wrestling club. Mr. Donald Findlay, chairman of the village trustees presented the prizes. Jimmy Rutledge received the first prize which consisted of a pair of shoes, a belt and a flashlight. Second prize of a pair of shoes went to Roddy Bell and the third, a pair of swimming trunks and a belt went to Larry Monkman.

Mr. Gordon Orr and Mr. Jack Wallace were there to represent King City Lions. Mr. Matt Bell, treasurer of the club was also present. Mr. Bob McLeod who sponsors the club was complimented on the fine sportsmanship being taught the boys.

The following boys will take part in the wrestling bouts at 5 o'clock on July 1, at the Sports Day at King City Memorial Park, Jimmy Rutledge, Robert McWaters, Larry Monkman, Donald Gordon, Ron Bell, Charlie Shields, Dale O'Brien and Bill Cairns. There will be prizes for the wrestling bouts.

Burned By Lime For Ball Diamond

While marking the diamond for Friday evening's game, coach Ried Himes had his eyes burnt by lime. He had to be given medical attention. Jackie Miller of the Oak Ridges team got the first home run of the season. However the Oak Ridges team was beaten by the King City girls by a score of 26 to 19. Pitching for Oak Ridges were Marion Dixon, Pat Hutchinson, Phyllis Boyd and catching was Ann Stewart.

So, you can see there's no reason for you and the family to stay in the city and battle the heat. A visit to Pinecrest accomplishes two things. It gets your brood — and you — out for a drive and the antics of either the stock jocks or the midgets are guaranteed to keep them (the youngsters) out of your hair. Incidentally, the kids get in for free. Parking is ample and gratis and Woodbridge's Bill Wilson, who doubled in brass as Mr. "X" last year, hopes to stay in front of the popularity contest with the help of your vote.

Annual Field Day Held At Vandorf

On Saturday, June 19, Vandorf Community Centre held its annual field day. Mrs. J. Parker's Peter Pan School of Dancing performed in the evening. Newmarket girls' ball team won a game from the Barrie girls. Outdoor movies were presented. Among the many families from Oak Ridges attending were the Wm. Boutilliers, the J. P. Haddockes, the J. Smiths, the D. R. Gunns and the D. Nashs.

In the afternoon Oak Ridges Midgets won 5 to 3 over the Vandorf Midgets. This was an exhibition game.

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Pheasants Have Mechanical Problems

Haying time is here again and the approach of the farmer's mower poses a threat for parent pheasants and their young hidden in the long grass of the hayfields.

While many adult pheasants are able to escape, large numbers of birds undoubtedly fall victim to the cutting bar. Those not killed are often badly cut, and if not observed, left to die. While the mower usually passes over eggs in the nest, broods of young chicks and poults are also frequently destroyed.

This say Fish and Wildlife officials, is but one of the hazards with which pheasants must contend. Reports of first casualties for 1954, have just been received.

STOUFFVILLE: Some dissatisfaction has been expressed over supervision given to the erection of the new district High School.

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