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### SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

The week of February 19th-25th has been set aside as International Brotherhood Week. This movement for better understanding and tolerance between races, creeds and colours of peoples is sponsored on a world-wide basis by the Council of Christians and Jews and locally by the Richmond Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Dave Newing of the Junior Chamber of Commerce has been appointed chairman of Brotherhood Week by the Jaycees of Richmond Hill. Fortunately for Mr. Newing the problems of bias and discrimination that flourish and burgeon elsewhere do not seem to be prevalent in our section of the country.

The world of sport is a great leveller of men. For a considerable length of time, Negro ball players were just not welcome in major league baseball. It was not that as players they lacked ability, rather it was because cautious club-owners were afraid of repercussions. Then came the advent of Jackie Robinson and this pioneer was able to break down the walls of prejudice against players of his colouring throughout the world of baseball.

There never was a question that Jackie Robinson was treated as any other ball player by his team mates. He was accepted by them as a competent workman who knew his trade and plied it exceedingly well. At one time the fans in some towns gave him a rough reception but Robinson was intelligent enough and patient enough to wait out the rough treatment and win acceptance for himself and for a host of others.

Now the N.H.L. has thrown open the doors of major league hockey to a Negro player, Willie O'Ree. The only reason he was signed to a contract is because he is a hockey player of major league calibre. He would like to win acceptance on his ability as a player and it can only be hoped that fans will allow him to develop his full talents as a player.

There have been cases in the past when players who could have played in the N.H.L. were never given the chance because of their colour. Now that the door is open we may never have this unfortunate situation again.

Football has never seemed to draw any bars of any kind in Canada. Negro players, Chinese players, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, and you name it, have competed side by side, with and against each other in complete harmony. Once again it proves that athletes judge a man by his talents and abilities and not by his colour or on which side his hair is parted. This makes the average athlete a much finer citizen than some of those who pay to see him toil.

Just recently a case of segregation was aired in most of the major newspapers of this continent when it was revealed that negro players were not permitted to live in the same hotels as their white team mates. This naturally occurs at spring training time in Florida and somehow doesn't seem to make a lick of sense. The hotel managers who denied the privilege of shelter and food to negroes were, no doubt, controlled in their actions by public opinion. Guests who would object to having to eat in the same dining room or share the same lobby with the negro players were the management's prime consideration. Don't blame the hotel managers too much, it probably isn't a case of personal prejudice — just an economic necessity to which they have to make a concession. Thank the Lord that in this area of our country, we pride ourselves that these problems just don't exist. Maybe they do in some ways and when discrimination does occur it is a most deplorable and despicable thing.

Poor muscle-brained athletes are more tolerant than most, maybe because they have learned that they can depend on a team mate regardless of what his religion, colour or nationality. When the chips are down the player can be depended on to come through for his team mates and for the team, and how much better can you do?

We only hope that during the Brotherhood Week we can examine our own hearts and minds a little more closely and pledge that a Little Rock incident can never happen here. So good luck to Chairman Dave Newing, the Jaycees are certain of goodwill and support from the world of sport.

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Apparently the hockey world was more than somewhat shaken by the severe throat injury suffered by a young player that almost resulted in a tragic and untimely death. The O.H.A. has a proposal on the books to ensure that every O.H.A. referee is a competent first aider. The move is something that has long been overdue but why stop with the referee? Team coaches and managers should also have some formal training in the science of first aid. The word science is used in the true sense of the word as proper and effective first aid treatment is definitely a science.

The Civitan Club of Richmond Hill has proposed a plan whereby first aid training will be available to team coaches and other interested parties. Hockey teams and baseball teams and other allied sports groups will get the opportunity of sending representatives for first aid training. The Civitan idea is a giant stride forward and should receive a hearty welcome from the parents of all boys and girls engaged in sporting activities in the Richmond Hill area. When the training program is announced it is hoped that everyone who may conceivably have a need for a knowledge of first aid will attend. Hats off to the Civitan group — because of their brain child this could become one of the safest sporting areas in the country.

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Who invented hockey anyhow? It started out as a bodily contact, Canadian sport. To give others a chance to play, international rules were devised to water the game down slightly. Now when Canadian teams play and use the body — as the international rules allow — everyone hollers foul!

To heck with concessions! We've made enough concessions to United States rules in Canadian football. Don't let's give anything more away in hockey. If these cry-babies don't like it then they can always play a rough game of bean bag

## DISTRICT SPORT NEWS

### Jim Hill Writes Poem Honour Of Maple Leafs

Jim Hill, a Grade 9 student at the Bayview High School is the author of this very fine poem extolling the virtues of the Toronto Maple Leafs. A loyal Leaf fan,

HERE'S TO THE STANLEY CUP CHAMPS (1961-62)  
Here are the Leafs so strong and true,  
They are the boys who will fight for you.  
A is for Armstrong, the captain you know,  
B is for Bower, he makes the team go,  
C is for Carl that Brewer so tough,  
D stands for Dickie and I do mean Duff,  
E is for Eddie, Shack works the game through,  
F is for Frankie, he's going like new,  
G is for Georgie, I've mentioned before,  
H is for Harris, beginning to soar,  
I is for Imlach, he'll worry no more,  
J ust cause our  
K on is starting to score,  
L is for Larry, he was out on his back but we used  
M achillan, he plays just like Shack,  
N is for Nevin he's starting to sing, and there is our  
O ldstead playing that wing,  
P ully, our Pulford, can hold the team up,  
Q is for quick our team speeds it up,  
R is for Regan, he'll never give up,  
S is for Stanley, and Stanley the cup,  
T is Toronto passing the puck,  
U is for Udviri, if he'd take a step (off the deep end) BUT  
V is for vigour and we have the pep,  
W was Wilson, but where did he go, down to the Rangers, and  
X marks the spot at the top of the list,  
Y ell for the Leafs, they won't be missed,  
Z is for zero, one shutout we've had,  
But our goalboy Johnny is making us glad,  
There are many more heroes we couldn't fit in,  
We regret it so much, we think it's a sin,  
Now listen to us, we are so glad,  
Cause we won't be beaten by any old Hab,  
They've had their turn and we're going to step in,  
They had better watch out 'cause we're going to win.

### Important Ball Meeting Sunday

The next meeting of the Richmond Hill Ball Association will be held on Sunday, February 19, at 1.30 p.m. in the Municipal Hall. It is hoped that all interested parties will plan to attend this meeting as it is of vital importance that a new executive be elected for this year. All coaches, umpires, parents and well wishers are needed at this meeting. The only way the association can provide softball and baseball action for the younger set is because of help given by people like you. Don't let the kids down, come on out to the meeting and lend the association your whole-hearted support.

### Red Garner Loses Thornhill Match

The wrestling fans at Thornhill Market enjoyed a full programme of matches last Thursday night and witnessed some new faces to the local wrestling scene. Red Garner was defeated in the main event by The Great Kudo, masked man who beat Garner in two straight falls 25 min. for the first and two minutes for the second. A near riot developed in the tag team match as the team of Al Pekoe and Freddy Labelle defeated Wilf and Frank Jennings by the disqualification route. Jack Kelly nimble Yankee mat star took two out of three falls from Hans Bencken and Billy Bey dropped Paul Lachance in the preliminary.

### Figure Skating Star



By Alex Sjoberg

The Gormley girl who resembles singer Dorothy Collins, 16-year-old Gloria Taton who recently competed in the Canadian Figure Skating Championships at Lachine, Quebec, is one of Canada's top 11 junior lady figure skaters. While she placed eleventh in this year's finals, she has her eye on first place either next year or in 1963. And if coincidence is any kind of good omen it might be mentioned here that this year's winner, Petra Burka of Toronto, copped 11th place in the 1960 competitions.

There's much more attached to figure skating than mere wishing. It takes plenty of backbone beside wishbone. In Gloria's case, for example, her many medals, bars, cups and trophies bespeak ing novice, inter-club and sectional victories, represent countless hours of practice beginning seven years ago at Stouffville where she began her training with Wally Distelmeyer. By 1957, when she had completed her sixth test and started to train with Maureen Senior of Toronto at the Weston Summer School she had put in thousands of hours of ice work, many of them in "The Hill" where, in 1956, she was a popular member of the local figure skating club.

Early And Late  
One month before entering the Central Ontario Sectional eliminations held at Aurora, Gloria practiced daily from 4 a.m. to 7.30 a.m., again in the afternoon and still again in the evening. Ordinarily she puts in 15 hours a week in winter and 30 hours a week in summer, but as she explains, ice is harder to get in winter when most of her ice time is needed. "Fifteen hours a week isn't really enough," she went on, "but skating time is more expensive than people realize." She added that under favorable financial circumstances a figure skater will practice seven hours a day, six days a week.

In the matter of expenses, 12 years of instructions and living costs amounted to \$30,000 for Oshawa-born Donald Jackson, Canadian Senior Men's Champion, runner up in the Men's World Championship and who placed third in last year's winter Olympic competitions.

Another illustration, Gloria needs two pairs of skates each year, one for figures and one for free skating, and a set of skates costs \$115. Good blades alone come at \$63 per pair. A total of \$300 per year for skating boots and blades is a normal outlay. Another interesting point is that because skating clothes are very expensive, Gloria's mother overcomes this problem by designing and making such clothes for the young figure skater.

What procedure does a skater like Gloria follow to reach championship status? First, she will belong to one of the Central Ontario Section's 33 clubs. There are six sections in Canada. Club winners then compete for top sectional positions. In these contests one must compete in senior events and be among the top three winners to be eligible for junior events at the Canadian championship meet. Gloria competed against six others in her singles division at Aurora, and each of the six in turn was an elimination winner. At the Canadian championships one competes for honours in the junior or senior ladies' or men's singles, dance-partner and pairs divisions. The 74 contestants in this year's great ice do represented the best in the various divisions throughout the dominion. Family Interest  
Gloria was all-star girl athlete for three years running at S. S. No. 7 Public School, Markham

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORT NEWS

### Bayview High

According to advance reports, the sale of chocolate bars by students of the school, is proving highly satisfactory. Purpose of the sale is to defray expenses of the boys and girls athletic association and it is highly commendable to see students doing something to aid their own cause.

If you haven't been approached to buy a bar yet don't give up hope, chances are someone will get to you yet. It's good chocolate too.

Last Saturday the Bayview Wrestling Team took part in the Georgian Bay Wrestling Championships at Richmond Hill High School. The comparatively inexperienced Bayview Team won four titles as Wayne Haviland, Barry Stadius, Donny Chapman and Bob Promaine came away with winners laurels. The most spectacular win was Bob Promaine's as he outpointed an opponent who outweighed him by twenty pounds.

Basketball news of the week was somewhat sad. The midget team managed to eke out a tie with Aurora but the junior team took a sad clobbering. Maybe next year will be better!

The boys volleyball team have been holding practice sessions as they prep for the Georgian Bay Volleyball Championships to be held at Orillia on February 25th. The intramural athletic program is almost 100% completed. Girls basketball teams also suffered a sad fate last week as they lost all their games. Let's just say that this has been a character building year for Bayview. Next year is something else again!

Thornhill High  
Frank Mahovlich is shooting for five goals in an attempt to better an N.H.L. scoring record. Bob Howes broke a scoring record on Friday night when he scored twenty eight points as Thornhill downed Richmond Hill Seniors 58-37. The twenty eight points gave Howes a total of 881 points scored in his high school basketball career and beats the old record of 857 set by Pistol Pete Nuttall. Howes has the remainder of this season to add to his total and all next season. At his present rate of production he should easily top the thousand mark.

In the senior game on Friday night at Thornhill, in addition to Howes 28 points, Terry Hemming scored 11 and Barry Andrews 10. The combined total point output of these three players was 49 of the 58 point total scored by the Thornhill Team.  
Thornhill Juniors defeated Richmond Hill Juniors 40-29 as Paul Rivers played a fine game and scored a total of 20 points.  
Both junior and senior basketball teams are now sure of a place in the Georgian Bay Championship Tournament. The competition will be held on March 4th with Barrie Central being the host school.  
Junior and senior girls basketball teams lost to Richmond Hill last week and the midget boys team dropped a 25-18 decision to Newmarket.  
Richmond Hill High Wrestling Championships were held at Richmond Hill last Saturday.

Meet entries were very disappointing to officials as only two schools, Richmond Hill and Bayview had competing entries. Championship crests were presented to winners by Principal B. J. Newell, of Markham High School and an ex-intercollegiate wrestling champion, Mr. Newell promised a Markham team would be a competitor at the meet next year.

Winners of various weight classes in the wrestling championships are as follows:  
103 lbs. - Bob Lewis, R. H.  
112 lbs. - Steve Saunders, R. H.  
120 lbs. - Don Chapman, Bayview.  
127 lbs. - Lorne Fraser, R. H.  
133 lbs. - Wayne Haviland, Bayview.  
138 lbs. - Rob Roy McGregor, R. H.  
145 lbs. - Vic Suzuki, R.H.  
154 lbs. - John Perkins, R. H.  
165 lbs. - Ed. Addison, R. H.  
180 lbs. - Bob Promaine, Bayview.

Heavyweight, Barry Stadius, Bayview.  
Congratulations to all the championship winners and congratulations to all the losers for being terrific sports.

The senior basketball team defeated Aurora on Wednesday by a 53-39 count. High man of the game was Dave Weir of Richmond Hill with 22 points as Ken Safruk scored 14 points. The Thornhill Seniors defeated Richmond Hill on Friday and Ken Safruk hit for 14 points and Bill Munroe 12 points. Gary Kozak played what coach Bill Babcock described as a very scored game.  
Richmond Hill Juniors had an exceptionally rough week as they dropped a 29-24 decision to Aurora on Wednesday and dropped a 40-29 game to Thornhill on Friday. The midget team came up with a real team effort and defeated Aurora 22-10.

Both girls basketball teams, junior and senior, are leading their respective leagues and are strong contenders for the North York title. Congratulations are in order for both girls teams.  
Intramural basketball is now drawing to a close and present

team standings are as follows - Orange Team 1405, Red Team, 1295, Blue Team, 1290 and Green Team 1260. The point race is close and it would appear that the race for a win will go right down to the wire.

### Rams Win Playoff Series, 3 Games to 0

On three goals by Bob King, Ernie Dubkowski, and John Moorehead, who all play on the same line. The Richmond Hill Rams defeated the Newmarket Orfuns 2 games to 1 to take the Juvenile semi-final.  
With Harry Goodmaker playing solid goal behind the strong checking defense of Ted Tomlin, Bob Brennan and Brian Atkinson (who alternated from forward) the Rams never showed any sign that they would be beaten.  
One of the largest crowds of this hockey season was on hand to see the Richmond Hill boys play a solid game and if this is any indication for both the players and the fans, there is a lot of good Juvenile Hockey to come.

The Rams will now take on the Allison team in a best two out of three series which will determine the North York Juvenile "A" championship and the right to enter the O.M.H.A. playdowns.

### USE EASTER SEALS



HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN

## LOCAL CURLING NOTES



In a two day Bonspiel held at the Richmond Hill Curling Club, the ladies of the Richmond Hill Club took first place in the second and third events. Teams came from as far as Windsor and 16 rinks saw action during the popular spiel.  
Winners of the first event was a rink from the Newmarket Club skipped by Mrs. Cathers. Runners up in the event was a rink from Toronto Parkway, skipped by Mrs. Morand.  
Second event of the spiel was

won by a Richmond Hill Rink skipped by Mrs. Doris Vance, Marion Brotherhood vice, Masie Gibson second and Bonnie Forbes lead. Runners up was a rink from Toronto Cricket and Curling Club skipped by Mrs. Cunningham.  
Third event on the program was won by a local rink with Mrs. Ruth Chandler as skip, Eileen Garret vice, May Ashkanase second and Peggy Austin lead. Runners up were a Windsor rink skipped by Mrs. Scarff.