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SPOTS RON CRAINE

Avenue in Richmond Hill had such an urge and did Avenue in Richmond Hill had such an urge and did something about it. He became a sports car racing driver, pushing an Austin-Healey Sprite to the absix fast goals in the first ten Richmond Hill 4. solute limit.

Ten years ago Bill and his good wife Ella were residing in their native heath, Scotland. They came from Kirkcaldy in Fifeshire and, for the benefit of the Sassenachs, the word is pronounced Kercoddy.

toolmaker. He didn't own a car and couldn't even drive one but, through friends, he became interested thorn in the Zero sides, firing in for the Zeros to handle. At no in sports cars and racing.

Richmond Hill. As a production engineer with De- first period Bill Points got a ended last Friday night Havilland Aircraft, Bill's interest in cars and motors increased by leaps and bounds. A short time after coming to the land of the Maple Leaf the Simpsons acquired their first automobile and Bill Simpson soon qualified for his driver's licence.

Big Detroit wheeled cushions don't appeal too much to the Simpsons and it wasn't too long before they were the proud owners of a Triumph TR3. Bill did some racing in the TR3 but never had too much success until he fell in love with the Sprite.

And this is no ordinary Sprite. Everything that flux, Football drills have not teams are to be formed and can be done to turn a very peppy production car into yet got underway and the most Richmond Hill will be out for a wheeled bomb has been done. Special racing cams and what-have-you are now an integral part of the inner workings of the pint-sized motor. All unnecess- the 1,000 mark, a host of play- this Saturday with a swimming ary parts such as lights, windshield, upholstery and ers have turned out for junior meet. Scene of the watery aceven the original doors, have been removed. Any- football. Having all that talent tivity will be the Richildaca Pool thing that can be replaced by a lighter part of equal a problem and the juniors will gets under way at 9 a.m. Highor even greater strength, has been replaced. All this remain an unknown quantity light of the day will be a water to coax a few more pounds off the frame so that the until the first game shakedown. polo game between pupils and power plant can boot it along just a few M.P.H. faster.

Last year Bill was sent to the United Kingdom by DeHavilland Aircraft and in his spare time he learned a great deal about his favourite car. One of packed on a lot of brawn and teams are already hard at work his tutors was the famous Paddy Goston, probably muscle during the summer. at Bayview High School. Russ the world's best Sprite pilot. Filled with new en-Richmond Hill and his beloved car.

All last winter the Sprite was torn down and rebuilt in the Simpson garage. Hours of T.L.C. (tender, loving care) were put into the tightening and fitting of each and every individual part. In this la- ior football teams ready to ranks of the black, white and bour of love Bill Simpson had the assistance of his neighbour and interested friend Eric Lane.

When the racing season came along, the Simpsons and the family Sprite were off to the races literally off to the races.

They raced at Greenacres near Goderich and on the Mosport Track when it was first opened. In the early stages the car was driven to the scene of each and has to be trucked or trailered to the scene of the

close to 105 M.P.H. Much too much car to drive on a shopping safari.

And just how does a housewife feel about a racing husband? Ella Simpson takes the whole very strong and the forward ling efforts. Punt returns were racing at Ottawa he picked up At It Nine Years business in her stride and really enjoys the races. pass was the most effective wea- handled by Favery and Bob \$3,200 by winning eight of ten Slender, 29 - year - old Jack consistent winner, ne has al- it is almost impossible to work When Bill goes to race, the Simpsons take a tent and all the equipment along and turn it into a holiday week-end. Mrs. Simpson does the cooking, cools the first quarter. The convert at-club has no obvious weakness in for his car, not counting a motor crest he was last of the 10 high- Money-wise this year he has pay \$1 per meet into a benefit root beer and takes care of the lap board that informs Bill just how he is doing in the race. About the only end team led 6-0 at the end of well be the year for the Indians Saturdays ago. His feature win and the following year took the his winnings on tracks other thing she doesn't do is to swing a wrench and, if the need arose, she'd be capable of that chore as well.

All has not been a bed of roses in the Simpson racing career. You may recall a photograph which appeared in the large metropolitan dailies showing gan with a long pass from the a sports car upside down at Mosport. The car was the Simpson Sprite and the fortunately uninjured driver was William Simpson himself. In his soft version attempt failed. Scottish burr he says that he went into a hairpin bend at full throttle and then found himself walking away from a wreck. Just the fortunes of racing and, in his book, nothing much to worry about.

Along the way the Simpsons fell in with Dick Shelton of Shelton-Mansell Motors. Dick is a real racing filbert from away back and he and Bill Simpson tween the 25 yard lines. formed a firm fast friendship. Car parts are now acquired through Shelton-Mansell Motors and all work is done at the garage located at Steeles and Yonge.

passing on a host of driving tips that have made a better driver of him. He rates Shelton as one of the the Indians. best Sprite drivers in the country and it was Shelton at Mosport. Now, according to Bill the car is even faster than it was then.

Next year Shelton and Simpson plan to take the car to races in Quebec at the St. Eugene circuit and also hope to campaign in the United States. All the neighbours on Elmwood will be following the Simpfeel almost a proprietary interest in the Sprite.

during the last weekend of September. A lot of Rich- improved a great deal over last run. mond Hill residents will be trekking east to watch year and some real battles are Coach, sponsor and driver, disease." the action and to cheer for their favourite car and expected in some classes. driver when their race comes up. In addition to seeing the trip will be able to see such world renowned driv- of activity. An ambitious pro- for them. ers as Olivier Gendebien and Stirling Moss and the gram calls for inter club matup and coming Canadian driver, Peter Ryan. Sounds tion games for good measure. like an ideal way to bid September adieu!

and Larry Davidson, defeated 6-2. Twenty-five seconds later the Zeros in four straight games. George Rawbon scored for the The fourth game was played on Zeros as the first period end-Friday of last week in Alliston ed with Alliston enjoying a 6-3 with Alliston winning by a 10-8 lead.

Jimmy Dodds replaced Mit-Ever felt the urge to drive a shoe-box sized car at 103 miles per hour? Bill Simpson of 327 Elmwood winning by an 8-5 score. The winning by an 8-5 score.

Jack Mitchell replaced Jim-my Dodds in the net and this a close checking, brilliant goalwasn't one of Mitchell's better tending display and the only games. In all fairness he wasn't goal of the period was scored given too much protection as by the Zeros' Flip Didsbury. At this stage of his career Bill Simpson was a Zero players were failing to Alliston Athletics, with their son again proved to be a big ning attack, were just too much

time in any game of the series Shorty Bray gave the Rich-did the Zeros give a goal up The next move for the Clan Simpson was to mond Hill team a lift at the without a fight and the Allis-Canada and three years ago they took up residence in land the Miliston and three years ago they took up residence in land the Alliston and three years ago they took up residence in land the Alliston and the All

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Thornhill High School

A senior soccer team will car-With 150 more pupils than ry the Richmond Hill colours expected, sports activities at into action this year with most Thornhill have been delayed of the roster comprising playsomewhat as a bewildered staff ers from last year's junior team. attempts to cope with the in-Junior and senior cross country that has been done is the issuing more Georgian Bay titles in this

With the enrollment close to Intramural sports get started to choose from is something of at Kettleby and the program This year the Thornhill sen- teachers. Anyone having access

ior football team should be a to a portable inhalator please real powerhouse. Most of last note! years fine junior team have Bayview High School moved up to senior ranks and Junior and senior football

the background ready to lend prior to the start of the regular 60 drivers. a hand if the need should arise, season,

The Richmond Hill football receiver in his tracks. Indians defeated East York 8-6 Rickie Charles was running compared to 99 for runner-up \$3,000 model. He races for point of size. Sammy is six keep your wits about you be-At full throttle the little Sprite turns over at at Richmond Hill High School hard from the fullback slot and George Ritchie of the capital realtors Neill and Neill and feet four, weighs about 180 cause a stock car can zoom a-7500 R.P.M. which, roughly translated is awfully last Saturday. This was Billy the defensive play of Levi city, but with his six-carburetor gives full credit for his modest pounds strapped in his car and long at 110 miles an hour on Dunn's baptism as a quarter- Snook earned the respect of stock car set a "feature" speed success to George Bower, a is one of the most popular rac- the straightaway and will often

back and he proved to be a East York ball carriers. very competent pilot. The run- Veterans Charlie Dunn, Duke hour in one event. ning game of both teams went Knox, Freddie Parsons and Bill Wins \$4,000. nowhere as defenses proved Tackaberry all turned in ster- Money-wise, in ten nights of Fleming, both of the Hill. pon for both squads.

The versatile Billy Dunn the rest of the league. scored the first Indian point by

Favery ran the club as if he the two-out-of-three series.

third quarter was wide but the Hill Mic Macs defeated Glen- when, a taut beginner, he "tore "Pound for pound and dollar wife, Lorraine, never gets used Indians picked up a single point dale 12-11 in a P.W.S.U. juven- a car all to pieces" on the Kit- for dollar, my \$1,000 car puts to it but puts up with it, acas the East York ball carrier ile B series playoff game last chener speedway. Since then on a first class showing." He cording to her husband. Jack's was dropped behind the goal line. Neither team got another spectway. Since their spectway is spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work and spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, says she never work spectward to a still better wife, Mary, say scoring opportunity and the game was confined to action between the 25 yard lines.

John Favery took over the John Favery

Dunn. He was booming out Heather Castle. Sharon pulled a Safe, Says Acreman

ches next season with exhibi-

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another year."

By AXEL SJOBERG

At Pinecrest Speedway this year, by the end of Cecil Gray Peter and Paul Donkersley, Snider has the juniors working September, some 100,000 adults of all shapes, sizes enue, who is into his third year three miles, or 12 laps. Thornhill High's twin act have every night and rumour has it and ages will have plunked down \$1.25 each for the as a driver, and his wife Ther- Like Movies - For Adults thusiasm and bulging with ideas, he returned to developed into 185 pound hard that this will be a really tough sheer, unrestrained joy of watching upwards of 25 esa are safety-conscious and There's a good reason for At the end of the season rocks and should add a lot of junior team. Equipment has stock car drivers at a time match strength, skill, enmore risks than do exist the this business. They start off as the season's ten top, winners. been issued and the starting durance and coolheadedness in various events each thrill of the game would be giv- jalopy racers. Moe, Dave, Jack, Moe and Dave, Bill sammy and Cool all hope to The senior picture is fairly Saturday night in the banked, oval-shaped quarter- en top priority. Cecil 29, a car- Cecil, Sammy and Bill Sammy and Cecil all hope to Jim Sanderson and John Sanhazy at the moment but the adlerson have the junior and sendition of Duane Patfield to the derson have the junior and sendition of Duane Patfield to the Another 20,000 persons, children, will have been address a \$2,000 stock car. Ac- put together your own car, and knock heads and get down to red may help a lot. Exhibition mitted free to gain vicarious thrills from this dusty, tually, that's what he laid out in few youngsters have this kind some really serious work. The games are planned against old mentor, Bill Babcock, is in Richmond Hill and Thornhill tors and drivers, is here to stay. The track lists some our, it is worth considerably are steadily rising and, say the

pressure of business I'd compete Randy, never miss a race at as the sport increases in popul-It's a matter of pride to local oftener and as far afield as pos- Pinecrest. He is sponsored by an arity it is expected that more and district fans that Richmond sible," he said, pointing out auto tire sales company from Hill's ace driver, lean, 31-year-with Dave that most of the Pinecrest drivers have at one with rubber in return for the old Dave Stephenson of the Pinecrest drivers have at one with rubber in return for the tricted. well-known construction firm of time or another competed at advertising value involved. race, along highway and byway. Today the car is much too finicky a racing plant to drive on the road much too finicky a racing plant to drive on the road at Ottawa's speedway. In Ohio and South Bond of South Bond and at Ottawa's speedway. In dusky in Ohio and South Bend, Unionville, only 24, is the baby lucky, if you drive stock cars, Ottawa, on August 30, he had Indiana. So far this year Moe of the drivers in point of years they say, but a bit of luck does

to show their collective heels to at Pinecrest on September 2 point championship which was than Pinecrest. He started as a was his second this season on worth \$1,800. In 1956 he finish- jalopy driver at age 18, raced

hoofing a 40 yard single early in the second quarter. Late in the quarter Dunn hit John Morgan with a long pass from the Richmond Hill 40 yard line and the pass of bettering safety regulations. The pass of bettering safety regulations and the pass of bettering safety regulations and the pass of bettering safety regulations. The pass of bettering safety regulations are possible to the pass of bettering safety regulations and selder misses an lations at Pinecrest, says the pionship. Jack drives a model and seldom misses a race. Richmond Hill 40 yard line and Morgan scampered to pay dirt territory for the TD. The conversion attempt failed.

A field goal attempt in the him with the him

QB duties as Dunn was slightly injured in the third quarter.

Carry a one game adventage in the foods the girls and now played good softball and now are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly are hurt playing bookey lacrosse played living with the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the feel the sport is unduly and the first many doesn't feel the sport is unduly and the feel the sport many doesn't feel the sport many doesn't feel the sport many do carry a one game advantage in are hurt playing hockey, lacrosse ployee living with his family risky. or rugby than on a track," he at 306 Skopit Road, Richmond Race Procedure owned it and moved them well. Sharon Bailey started on the said, adding that his feelings Hill, has also been driving nine two-out-of-three series. Sharon Bailey started on the said, adding that his feelings Hill, has also been driving nine to the uninitiated, competi-Surprise of the game was the mound for the Mic Macs but was have often been hurt but that years, the last six for sponsors, tion procedure can seem pretty Bill Simpson gives credit to Dick Shelton for tremendous kicking of Billy relieved in the sixth inning by relieved in the sixt

punts that kept the pressure off leg muscle but will be ready Driver Moe Acreman, 35, of his showing this season he said: medium fast and fast cars resfor next Saturday's game which Headford, agrees. "A fellow is "To paraphrase Hemingway, my pectively. Out of these 3 heats On one punt the speedy Dunn starts at 2.00 p.m. in Richmond well protected with his safety luck she ain't been running so eleven cars qualify. Then there who piloted the Simpson car to a second place finish kicked, was able to get down-Hill. In pitching six innings belt, helmet and roll-bars of the good." A bout with hepatitis are the first and second consolfield fast and dropped the punt Sharon struck out six and Hea- specially constructed vehicles, cost him four track meets in a ation events for cars that do not ther Castle struck out seven in I've gone over a three-foot wall, row and three weeks ago at Ot- qualify in the first three events. car and all, at Pinecrest, with- tawa he blew the motor of his Eight cars are qualified in this lennis Championships All members of the team were out more than a few scratches car for a loss of \$1,100. Bill's manner. Winner of the lasthitting and fielding well and and a sense of frustration, anger wife, the former Yvonne Down- chance event, for anything that Tourney Is Under Way the play of Donna Boyer behind and humiliation." Moe, who ney of Maple, herself a one-can run that hasn't qualified in the plate was excellent. Donna says he has won only 11 races time racer, is all for the hobby, previous events, makes up the The Richmond Hill Lawn Cattermole hit a home run and at Pinecrest up to September 26, She and the three kids never 20th car qualified and these Tennis Club is holding the club Donna Sim hit a long drive with equates exhilaration with ac- miss a do at Pinecrest. Discus- twenty make up the feature. son racing fortunes with interest and some of them championship tourney which the bases loaded. Three runs celeration. "You haven't lived sing the risks of driving, both In the feature, ten points are will see champions declared in scored but Donna was tagged until you've handled a fully said they'd rather be on a roar- allowed the winner, worth \$100. A big meet is coming up at the Mosport circuit all classes by mid-October. Qua- out at the plate as she tried modified stock car," he insists, ing track anytime than in the Number two, with nine points, lity of the tennis played has to stretch the hit for a home and, thoughtfully: "You know, five o'clock Yonge Street traf- takes \$90 and so on down to the game grows on you like a fic rush. So far as making mon-number 10. The trophy dash,

Courts are getting a big play girls played so well because has the fastest pickup of any-all, in the past nine years, the trophy. In the last chance event in the evening under the lights they got a look at the trophy thing on wheels. Moe, a solid hobby has cost him about \$900, the first four winners get \$20, a neighbour race in a small car event those who make and on weekends they are a hive which another game will win 220 pounds, mixes racing with but he figures \$100 per year \$16, \$10 and \$5. There are four auto wrecking (5,000 old cars isn't much for something you heat race winners who get \$40, since 1955) and also goes in for enjoy. "And something the wife \$30, \$20 and \$10. Said Bill Rice grain and beef cattle on 420 enjoys," he went on. "I some-laconically: "One can always acres. He started racing two times feel like quitting but pick up gas money." years ago, "If it wasn't for the Yvonne coaxes me to stay put. The feature is a 24-lap, six-

mile race, while the trophy dash \$2,000 insurance. Your car may has a distance of three quarters use up a gallon of gas every two Cecil Gray of 73 Benson Av- of a mile while each heat race is miles, or every three or four,

how many carburetors you use.

more. His wife and three child-drivers, it's almost essential to ren, including five-month old have a private income. However,

not only chalked up 236 points has earned about \$1,000 with his but the father of them all in help. As to speeds, you need to record, averaging 85 miles per former track "great" who built ers in the district. Sammy drives hit the corners at close to a hunhis racer, and to mechanic Bill a model owned and built by dred, again depending on the Benfield and his assistant Joe Bob Cunningham of Buttonville type of track. At Pinecrest, corwho spent an estimated \$2500 ners are taken at anywhere on the three-carburetor job. A from 50 to 70 miles an hour but Sheridan with twenty yard re-features. At Pinecrest he has Cook of Essex Avenue, Rich-ready won four features at Pine- out a true average. A driver

East York jumped into an turns being the order of the day, pocketed some \$1,000. So far his mond Hill, has been at the game crest this year, took two last goes by feel rather than the early lead as they scored in the Team spirit is high and the combined winnings have paid since 1952. In 1953 at Pine- year and one the year before, speedometer. As a driver, you tempt was no good and the east any department. This could very he blew out at Pinecrest two point winners; second in 1954, taken in some \$1000 counting fund and this provides you with ed in second place, then quit, that make of speed-bug two

work that track. He has been of Aurora. "My success is due The other three drivers are

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ey goes, Bill cheerfully admits made up of the winners of the Ron McAndrews feels that the A good stock car, he went on, he is a little in the red. All in first three heats, yields a \$5

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