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SPORT SPOTS
BY RON CRAINE

The Oxford dictionary gives one definition of a paradox as a phenomenon that exhibits some conflict with preconceived notions of what is reasonable or possible. The balmy October weather we had last week produced a paradox if there ever was one.

During the Allencourt-Sudbury championship softball game on Thanksgiving Day, softball fans were basking in "shirt-sleeve" weather while sitting in the stands. Out on the tennis courts, short-clad tennis players were hard at it as soccer players perspired heavily on the soccer field. July in October if you ever saw it.

The paradox? A couple of kids with skates slung over their shoulders, and they weren't using them for tie clips! They'd been skating in the arena and, when they'd had enough ice time for one day, came out and watched the softball game. If softball, tennis and soccer, along with ice skating and July type weather isn't a paradox, then what is?

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Friends of Mr. Douglas McLean will be glad to know that he is back at the old stand, as hale and hearty as ever. During his absence Stan Ransom and Russ Cripps took over his duties and kept the ball park looking spruce and sharp.

But that's two for one and their combined ages don't total up to Dougie's tender years. The two substitutes have gained a greater respect for Mr. McLean's efforts than they had before and that's saying a lot.

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Just as soon as the Sudbury Mine-Mill-Allencourt Lanes series was at an end, the Allencourt management lost no time in sending off a protest to the executive of the O.A.S.A. They allege that Sudbury fielded three players who, by the rules of the O.A.S.A. were ineligible to compete in playdowns.

This is a serious allegation and was not advanced as a whim. If the protest stands up, the Sudbury club will be put into a serious position as far as O.A.S.A. membership is concerned. If it should be proven that ineligible players were used then the entire final series was a farce that should never have been allowed to happen.

In order to hold the final series in Richmond Hill, the O.A.S.A. sanctioned the Sudbury trip to the Hill for a \$250.00 guarantee to be paid by the Allencourt club. The \$250.00 was duly paid.

If it turns out that Sudbury has violated O.A.S.A. rules and used ineligible players, what happens to the 250 iron men the local ball club had to fork over? Will they be reimbursed and, if they are, where is the money to come from? From the Sudbury team itself or from the O.A.S.A. who are supposed to check on the eligibility of every player in the province? It would almost seem that the O.A.S.A. itself would have a moral, if not a legal responsibility to see that the Allencourt team gets its money back.

Under the rules of eligibility set forth in the rule book of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association, a player must reside in Canada from March 15 of the year in which he plays. It is the Allencourt contention that at least three members of the Sudbury team are ineligible on this residence rule. They can make out a very good case in support of their contention.

Another rule of O.A.S.A. play is that players may not take part in tournaments not recognized or sanctioned by the O.A.S.A. and still remain eligible. The same three players, it is alleged, broke this rule by playing in the World Softball Championships at Clearwater, Florida, in June of this year. If this allegation is proved, and again the case presented is a good one, these three players are ineligible on two counts.

It would seem at this juncture that Russ Cripps has a real case on which to base the protest. If things are proven as per the charges then it's about time that the O.A.S.A. executive took drastic action to live up to the letter of intent written into their own officially sanctioned rule book.

Mr. Cripps has received a lot of advice about not stirring up trouble in the O.A.S.A. ranks and how about letting sleeping dogs lie. Why the heck should he? If the Allencourt charges should be borne out through an investigation of the facts then maybe the O.A.S.A. should make haste to set their house in order. And in a hurry!

If everything turns out to be 100% kosher then the O.A.S.A. has nothing to fear and Allencourt loses the \$250.00 bond that has to be posted with the protest. No well-run organization should have a qualm about an investigation at any time.

The whole thing may turn out to be a tempest in a teapot. Russ Cripps has been known as an umpire-baiter for a long, long time. This time he seems to have an ironclad case going for him and it will be a rough deal if the case gets knocked on the head by a technicality. Russ has lost appeals in committee rooms before and has always been man enough to take his licking and come back for more. Maybe this time he'll win for a change.

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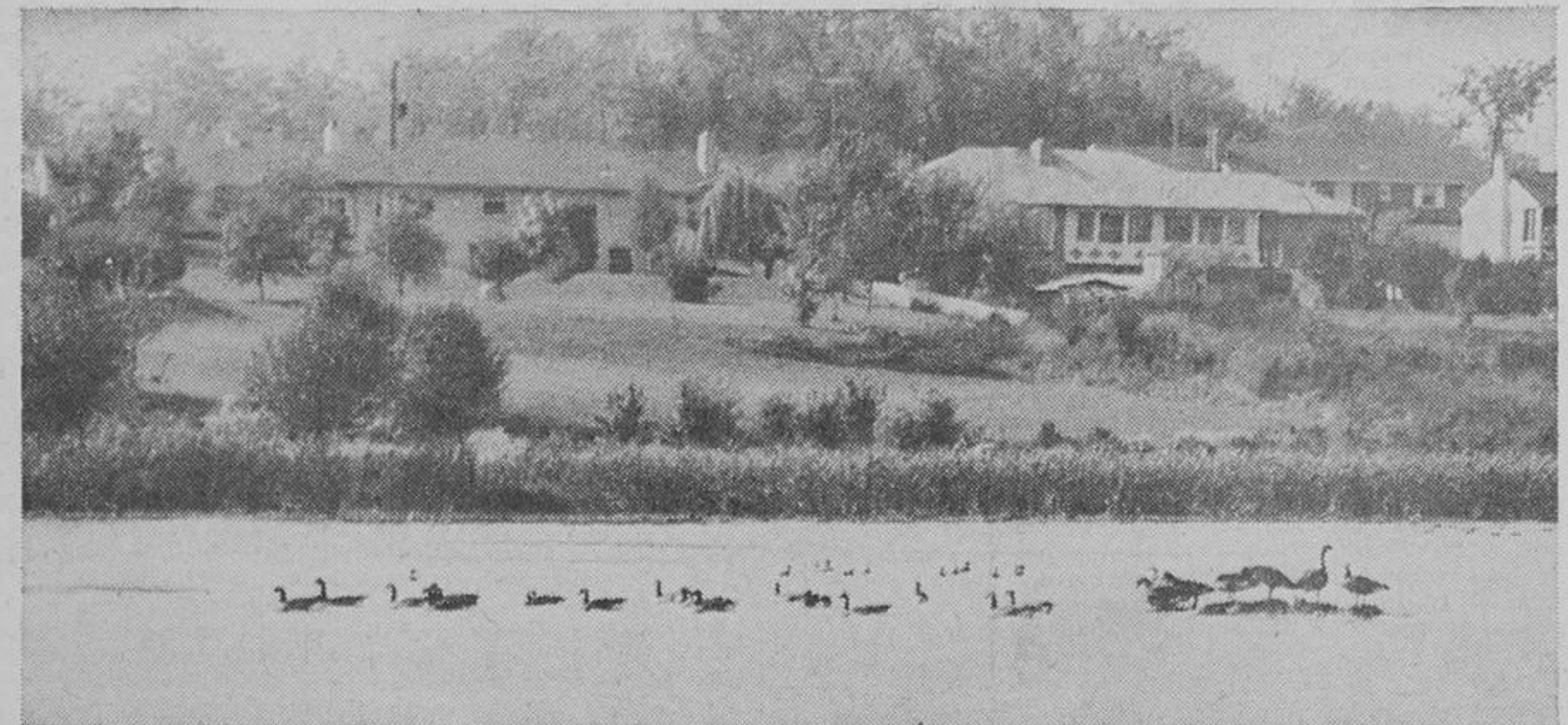
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Canada Geese Are Visitors At Thornhill Pond



Many a hunter who has shivered in the early-morning bitter cold of the prairies would give his eye-teeth to get as near to a flock of Canada geese as some residents of Thornhill did last week. The picture shows how close the extremely shy birds

came to civilization as they worked their way southward for the winter season. Several flights have been seen in the area this year, including one in Whitchurch township on Sunday.

(Photo by David Barbour)

By Elizabeth Kelson

It was about noon, October 11, when Mr. Stothers, whose home overlooks the Oakbank Wildlife Sanctuary (Thornhill Pond), phoned me. "There are about 24 geese visiting the pond. I thought you ought to know."

One of my neighbours, Thoreau MacDonald, identified them immediately as Canada geese. Mr. Harry Simpkins, also a neighbour on Centre Street, saw them circling at the vicinity of the Thornhill swimming pool and my husband heard them bugling overhead as they prepared to come down. Mrs. Stocking, who lives on the Thornbank side of the pond, was one of the lucky few to actually see them land. This visitation of the Canada geese was a real highlight of the day for those of us who live in the area neighbouring the pond.

As soon as I got the message from Mr. Stothers, I hurried over to watch them. . . . The magnificent creatures! Some of them were perched majestically on the stumps protruding above the water, their black heads and necks and brownish grey plumage plainly visible, while the others flapped their broad wings and splashed about in the water like a group of playful children. Every hour after that I looked across to the pond to see if they were still there. They were still there at five o'clock, sailing about quietly now, singly, in pairs, or in small groups. All in this stately and dignified parade against a background of some-

HOW TO BOWL FIVE PINS



GETTING STARTED AS A BOWLER

Peer up and down the sports calendar, delve into the history of athletics, or just look around at what your friends are doing this evening. You won't find any sport more fascinating, more fun, and occasionally more frustrating than the native Canadian sport of 5-Pin bowling.

More than two million Canadians now go bowling more or less regularly. That makes it Canada's most popular recreation, and by far the largest participant sport. Any afternoon or evening, you are liable to find a sizable number of your friends or fellow-workers among the thousands of bowlers hurling countless balls down the lanes of this country's 1,700 bowling centres.

One of the game's biggest attractions is that it is something the whole family can play at together, whatever their ages. Another is that it's the kind of game you can enjoy whether you are a beginner, or an expert.

Whether you are stepping onto the lanes for the first time, or whether you are a veteran bowler already, just looking for a few hints to tack a few points on your average score, you may be able to use some of the pointers we've picked up in our years of professional bowling.

As bowling instructors with the Double Diamond Advisory Council, the pair of us have 32 years of combined bowling experience behind us. That still doesn't mean we have all the answers. There is no "Absolutely Correct" way to bowl that we can pass along to you. But there are some bowling methods that we have found that have proved themselves better, for most bowlers, most of the time.

CLOTHES MAKE THE BOWLER

While there is no special costume or uniform that is peculiar to bowling, that doesn't mean you don't need to bother about what you are going to wear.

Bowling is a sport — so wear sports clothes. To be able to bowl comfortably and naturally, you must wear clothing that allows you complete freedom of movement.

Any pull on your arm can throw your game off. To avoid **What To Wear When Bowling**

shouldn't flair out from your body, or it will catch your hand as you deliver the ball. The "Walker-type" skirt manufactured especially for bowlers is popular, and can be found at shops, or department stores.

The one compulsory bit of apparel is bowling shoes. You can rent these at the lanes where you bowl for 15 — 25 cents. But if you intend to bowl regularly, you should buy your own shoes.

For right-handed bowlers, the left sole of bowling shoes is made of leather; the right sole is made of rubber, with a leather toe-cap. If you are left-handed, make sure you get "south-paw shoes," which have the sole material reversed. The heels of both shoes are made of white rubber, which won't mark up the approaches.

Reason for the leather sole is that you must be able to slide smoothly as you deliver the ball. The rubber, on the other sole, gives you traction as you step off, and acts as a brake at the end of the slide.

Bowling shoes are now made in all kinds of styles, to fit your fashion taste and your pocket-book. They range in price from \$4 to \$12. Most city major league bowlers choose an \$8 pair. They'll last a once-a-week bowler for years.

Make sure your shoes fit snugly when you buy them. They are made of soft leather, which will mould itself to your foot. Some shoes have a built-in arch support; the better ones have air vents to keep your feet cool.

Incidentally, most people find wool socks better than cotton ones when bowling. Cotton tends to stick to the shoe.

A last point — don't wear your bowling shoes outside the bowling centre. Dirt or moisture on the soles not only spoils them for bowling, but will mark up the approaches.

So, now that you're dressed, you're ready to pick up that ball and take on those five wooden pegs way down at the end of that 60-foot lane.

Next: **HOW TO KEEP SCORE.**

R. H. Ball Association To Elect New Officers

The Richmond Hill Ball Association will hold the final meeting of the 1961 season on Sunday, October 22nd. Meeting time is 1:30 p.m. at the Lions Hall on Centre St. East.

Anyone interested in minor softball is urged to attend this important meeting. Election of officers for the 1962 season will take place at this meeting in order to expedite plans for next season's operation.

Important General Meeting
Richmond Hill Ball Association
Final Meeting for '61
SUNDAY OCTOBER 22nd - 1:30 P. M.
LIONS HALL

(a) Completion of 1961 Business
(b) Election of Officers for 1962

We urge you to attend —
Better still, bring a friend!

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Hockey Association Plans Are Under Way

President Bob Jackson of the R.H.H.A. and the league executive have been hard at work preparing final plans for this upcoming hockey season. Each year since its inception the league has grown in the number of players involved and this year will be no exception.

Approximately five sponsors are necessary for teams in the Mite, squirt, Peevee and Midget hockey groups. It doesn't cost a great deal of money to sponsor a team in this league and interested persons are asked to contact president Bob Jackson.

Bob Ross Jr. has been appointed as league publicity director and Bob promises a real public relations job for the league.

Retarded Helped By Sportsmen Of Stock Exchange

Toronto Stock Exchange Floor Traders Association held a dinner at the Lord Simcoe Hotel with the proceeds of the dinner going to aid the Thornhaven School. Many well known figures from the world of sport attended the dinner and a considerable sum of money was raised to aid the operation of Thornhaven School.

Mr. Roy Nugent of Fernleigh Circle, Richmond Hill, a member of the traders association, made the suggestion that this year's dinner proceeds should be given to Thornhaven. Each year the sports dinner, sponsored by the association, helps to support some worthwhile charitable or public service organization. Last year the dinner profits went to support the Jim Vipond Swimming Pool. Thanks to Roy Nugent's suggestion, the traders were made aware of the fine work done at Thornhaven and heartily agreed to support the local school.

The association is a social organization. Members interests are many and varied and the group sponsors softball, bowling and an annual hockey game against the traders from the Montreal Stock Exchange.

City Man Wins \$2500 Leading Pinecrest Race

A record stock car prize for Canadian racing was won by Howie Scannell of Toronto at Pinecrest Speedway Saturday afternoon. Scannell wound up his fifth season of competition with \$2,500 after winning the Highway 7 track's second annual October International Champion 150-lap feature. Two thousand came for the first-place finish and the other \$500 was a reward in lap money for leading the last 50 rounds.

Leader of eight U.S. challengers to finish in the first 10, Bob Baker of Strasburg, Ohio, won \$1,640, the last three figures donating lap money. Gord Johncock of Brighton, Mich., was fourth behind Dick Good of Mishawaka, Indiana, who earned \$350. But Johncock amassed a total of \$585, \$65 of it for best time in the trials. His 15.91-second clocking was a track record, bettering one of 16.16 he set in the same event last year.

Glenn Schurr, another Torontonian, was the only other Canadian in the first 10. He came in seventh.

Betty Carcano of Weston won her second October ladies' feature in two years, over 20 laps. Earl Stroh of Maryhill, Ontario, took a quarter-lap victory ahead of Don Geibe of Constantine, Michigan, in a 35-lap jalopy feature.

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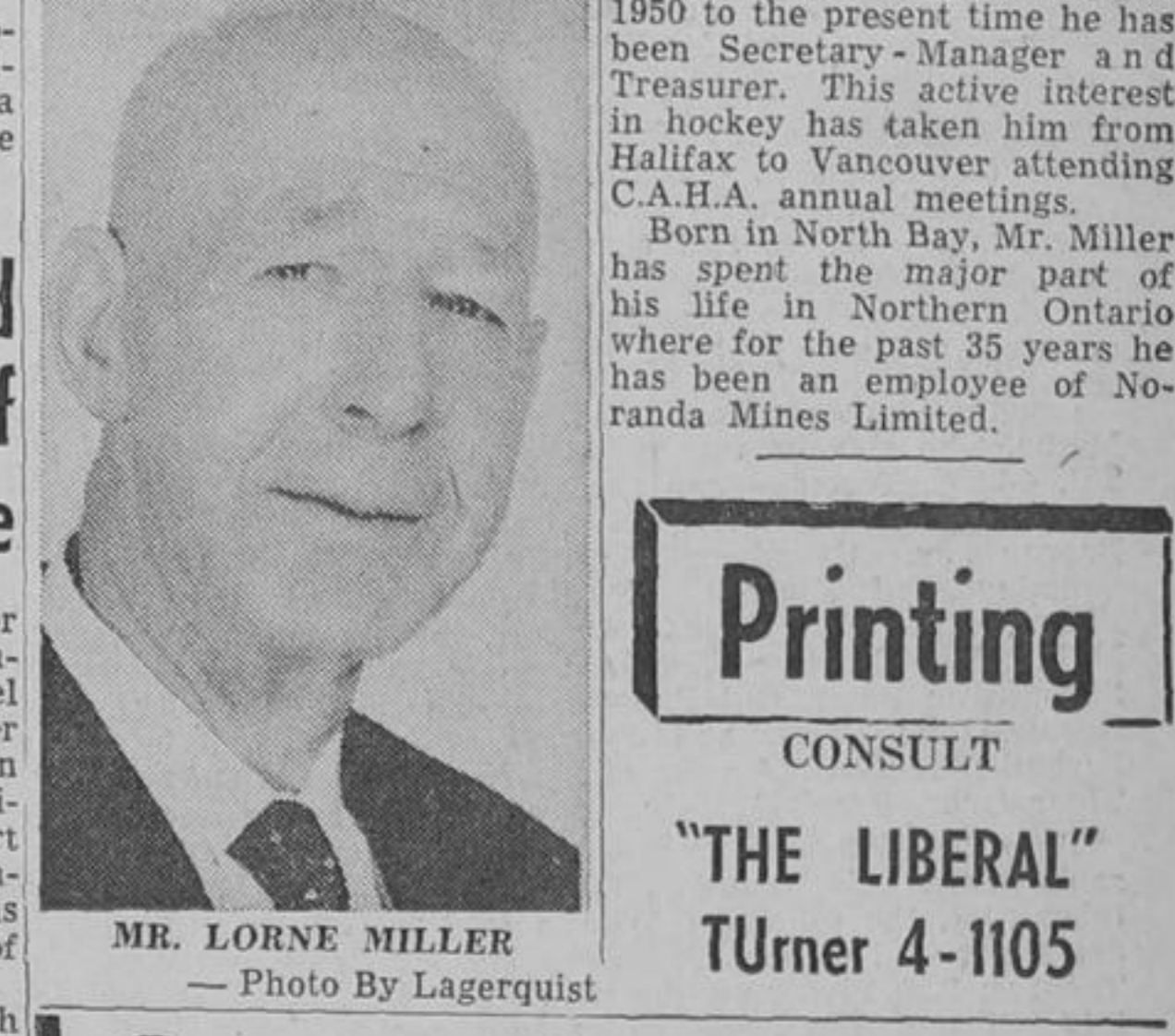
Long-time Curler, Hockey Executive

The appointment of Mr. Lorne Miller as Manager of the Richmond Hill Curling Club has been announced by W. R. Davey, the club's president.

Mr. Miller brings to Richmond Hill curlers a lifetime of sports experience centred around curling and hockey activities. A charter member of the Noranda Curling Club built in 1935, Mr. Miller has been active with the club until this year. As an official of the Noranda club for many years he was not only a prominent curling representative at major bonspiels across the country, but served as president for several years.

Mr. Miller was president of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (1936-38) and served as an executive of this organization for 23 years. From 1950 to the present time he has been Secretary-Manager and Treasurer. This active interest in hockey has taken him from Halifax to Vancouver attending C.A.H.A. annual meetings.

Born in North Bay, Mr. Miller has spent the major part of his life in Northern Ontario where for the past 35 years he has been an employee of Noranda Mines Limited.



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