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SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Dear Dad — have your kids been treating you a little differently lately? Maybe they've been showing a bit more respect than usual or been a bit attentive to what you say. Sometimes, when you catch them looking at you unaware, you can detect an appreciative gleam in their little eyes. Both of 'em.

It's so dogbone far from Christmas that you know that's got nothing to do with the childish reverence. The kids know you haven't got a dime to leave them, so it isn't possible they're checking to see how your health is holding up. Then it hits you! It's all on account of John Glenn.

He did a lot more than be the first U. S. astronaut to orbit the earth three times. What he accomplished added a great deal to the free world's knowledge of space. He accomplished the feat of restoring all us over thirties back into the human race. Now the kids know that you're not finished after you have celebrated or ignored it, as you saw fit.

The Russian space team favours youth. Yuri Gagarin was 25 when he headed out into the wild blue and his partner wasn't much older. Youth just doesn't stand a chance on the U.S. program.

Alan Shepherd was 38 when he was shot down range. Compared to Gagarin, Grissome is no longer lissome. But it was the 40-year-old John Glenn who fixed things up for us rereads.

So now the kids know that you're not practically over the hill at 35 and are starting to show a little respect for us hoary-headed types. When the chips were down, it wasn't some wild-eyed maverick jet jockey who flew the big one, but a seasoned mature veteran. Anyhow that's what we're telling the younger set around our house and it's working. For a day or two anyhow.

Now if they can only launch a senior citizen on an orbital flight grandparents will also get a fat boost in morale. How about it John Kennedy — won't you please give grannie a break?

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It's been a long time in coming, but the 16-18 year old set are going to get organized softball in Richmond Hill this year. Russ "Casey" Cripps let it be known that the Richmond Hill Ball Association will operate a four to six team league for boys in this age group.

Until this year leagues were operated for boys up to 15 years of age. This was fine but it left a lot of 16 year olds and upwards at a loose end for the summer.

This situation has also had repercussions in softball circles of a higher calibre. For some time now coaches and those closely associated with softball in the area have been aware of a dearth of new young players. The sad fact is that there just weren't any talented young players to be found.

The formation of a league for the 16-18 group should do a great deal to offset this situation. In addition Casey Cripps has also announced that a junior team will operate in a league comprising teams from Mt. Albert, Markham, Newmarket, Aurora, Bradford and Schomberg. A year of seasoning in junior softball should produce players ready and capable of (Continued on Page 10)

High School Prom Queen



Lovely Gail Methe, 19, was chosen Prom Queen of Richmond Hill High School at the annual formal dance at the school Friday evening of last week. The new Queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Methe of 67 Bedford Park Ave. She is a Grade 13 student. (Photo by Lagerquist.)

Modern Rolling Hills Curling Club Features New Electric Heating

Curling enthusiasts who visit the Rolling Hills Golf and Curling Club will be delighted with the warm, pleasant atmosphere for relaxation after exciting competition on the ice.

This newest curling rink, located on the 5th concession, Whitchurch Township, a mile north of Stouffville-Gormley Road, has the most modern type of heating in the lounge, locker room, or snack bar. These sections of the building are all electrically-heated with baseboard convactor type heaters.

Arthur Latcham, proprietor of the Rolling Hills Golf and Curling Club who built the rink, decided in the initial stages that he would install electric heating to find out from experience about its benefits. Mr. Latcham is so delighted with the flexibility and comfort features of electric heating that he states now that it is the only kind of heating that he will consider for any future buildings of this type.

Rolling Hills Curling Club rink is built of concrete block construction. The curling rink is 100 ft. x 85 ft. and was planned by Mr. Latcham who started building the rink last year. Pierson Building Co., of Peterborough, installed the roof using trusses, designed to carry a 50 lb. snow load per sq. ft., which can support 10 lbs. more than required.

There are two lounge areas in the new curling rink. The one on the lower floor is 28 ft. x 58 ft. and is thoroughly insulated to prevent heat losses. Unobtrusive electric heaters are

installed around the baseboard. The same situation prevails in the lounge and locker room on the upper floor. Both lounges have thermopane windows which provide full view of the ice space. There is also a snack bar approximately 20 ft. x 68 ft., as well as a vestibule 19 ft. x 18 ft., a storage room 19 ft. x 16 ft., and two washrooms, all of which are fully insulated and heated by means of baseboard electric convactor heaters. The total connected heating load is 41 kw.

Already the Rolling Hills Curling Club is a popular place for curling enthusiasts. Family members find it an ideal spot to enjoy recreation together, also many teams are being formed through this area to enjoy the fast-growing, popular sport of curling.

Happy With Results
Arthur Latcham is happy with the comfort results from electric heating and already has had many favorable comments. He stresses the fact that much valuable space is saved by the elimination of a furnace and necessary air ducts required with conventional type heating. Electric heat also eliminates hiring a janitor or a handyman who would be needed if other heating methods had been installed.

One of the features that impresses Mr. Latcham is the flexibility of electric heating. Rooms such as the storage area where vegetables and other food are kept can be adjusted to desired temperatures. The lounges can be maintained at warm temperatures when players are using these facilities and the heat can be reduced when not in use.

"Electric heating is the answer for best results in a building such as a curling rink," Arthur Latcham maintains.

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Methe Performs Hat Trick Singalongs Win Two During Week

Earl Methe's Sing Along team came up with two big wins last week. The Bert Robinson Minor Atoms visited Richmond Hill for an exhibition game last Friday night. In the previous meeting between these two clubs the Sing Alongs defeated the Sing Alongs 4-2. Last Friday the Richmond Hill team reversed the result as they outscored Robinson's by a 4-2 count.

Gerald Methe paced the winners with the hat trick, scoring three goals in no uncertain manner. The fourth Sing Along goal was fired home off the stick of Larry Young. Jimmy Hamilton scored one goal as Gerald Methe assisted on two.

John Dunkley and Ricky Thompson were each credited with an assist. The first game of the North York League playoffs was held at Aurora last Saturday. First blood in the series went to the Sing Alongs as they shut out the Aurora team by a 4-0 count. Jimmy Hamilton opened the scoring with the Sing Alongs two men short. He broke up a play inside his own blueline and skated through the entire Aurora team for the score. Larry Young, David Gross and Ricky Thompson each scored one goal as Gerald Methe assisted on two.

Hornets Defeat Aurora To Advance In Playoffs Against Northern Champs

John Gropp's peewee Hornet hockey team clinched the North York League title by knocking off Aurora 4-0. The Hornets now move on into the O.M.H.A. Playoffs against Orillia, Midland or Collingwood, depending on the outcome of the northern series.

Harvey Gordon opened the scoring for the Hornets. He broke up a play at the Aurora blue line and romped in to put the puck behind the Aurora netminder. Gary Methe fired a goal on a pass from Jimmy Wilson. Mike Leishman was full value for the shutout in the Hornet cage and Brian Austin held the fort for the final three minutes.

Win 12 Games
The Hornets have played 15 games in quest of the North York title and won 12, while losing two and tying one. They scored better than six goals per game on the average with a total of 94 goals. In the fifteen game stretch they had only 19 scored against them which speaks highly of their defensive ability.

Captain Jimmy Wilson and Wayne "Boomer" O'Brien form as rugged a defensive combo as any in peewee hockey. This pair is backed up by Mark Dobbs and Bruce Hutchinson. Dobbs and Hutchinson are not a flashy type of hockey player but are eager and willing to learn.

69 Goal Record
The line of Dave Broderick, Harvey Gordon and Gary Churche have scored 69 goals during the season. Broderick has scored 34 goals despite being out of action for a month due to an injury. Wayne Harrington spearheads the line of Gary Methe and Bob

Lake Simcoe Parks Bringing Visitors For Winter Sports

The common impression that provincial parks are confined to summer recreational activities is gradually being dispelled by the steadily increasing number of winter visitors, usually family outings, to parks in the Lake Simcoe District. Although none of the local parks have, as yet, any areas developed for winter sports, many of the natural features lend themselves to such activities as tobogganing, skiing, snowshoeing or simply romping in the snow.

Over a recent weekend a group of some 70 Rover Scouts from Scarborough braved the elements to participate in a camping out project at Springwater Park, near Barrie. The boys came equipped with tents, sleeping bags and camp stoves and found that, with these basic camping essentials, they could make themselves quite comfortable under normal winter conditions.

According to Superintendent "Cy" Jackson the group engaged in various contests, wood lore, etc., and had a most enjoyable visit. He added that like all good scouts they tidied up the area occupied and left the campground in the condition in which they found it.

Many visitors have visited Springwater Park already this winter, enjoying the wildlife displays and camera enthusiasts find many interesting subjects with the winter blanket of snow. On some days, recently, more than 100 cars have entered the park which is a most encouraging sign of recreational use during the winter months.

Conservation Officials Describe Plans Under Way For Markham Twp.

Plans for conservation and beautification within the municipality were outlined to Markham Township Council at its recent meeting by Chairman Dr. Ross Lord and Kenneth Higgs of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. At Bruce's Mill in the Cashel area 270 acres of flood plain land have been purchased for development into a beauty spot within a year or two, they said. The Authority plans to restore the historic mill and its water-wheel.

At Markham construction will begin shortly on the site of the old Milne dam south of No. 7 Highway and east of Highway 48. A new dam will be built and flood waters will extend back almost to the 7th concession as a result. The area will also become a recreation site.

Dr. Lord emphasized the need of the township passing legislation banning new building on flood plain lands, and council instructed its solicitor to prepare the necessary by-law. "In Vaughan," said the regional chairman, "every small creek is zoned as flood plain land. In Metro Toronto these lands are leased by the municipality, which bears the cost of development and the parks department runs them. No person can dump fill in any river valley without permission from the municipality."

Park lands recently acquired by Markham Township in the John Street area could also be taken care of by the Authority, Dr. Lord said.

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