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## SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

Last Wednesday night proved once again that there are a grand group of people living in and around Richmond Hill. You opened up your hearts and your purses to aid the minor softball association and, in so doing gave a big assist to seven hundred children.

The fifth sports day parade celebration has come and gone but the memory will linger for a long time. What can you say about the parade itself. Each and every year it gets bigger and more colourful. This year was definitely no exception to the rule. It was bigger and very, very colourful. If an event can come so far in only five years what will it be like after twenty-five?

For five straight years the parade has been blessed with good weather. This year the weatherman outdid himself. Rain threatened the entire day. A few minutes before the parade was to make its way down Yonge Street clouds again moved in. Suddenly, as if someone had pushed a button, the clouds parted and the sun shone. Parade executives heaved a collective sigh of relief and success was assured.

Originally the parade was scheduled for the week previous. At the last moment it was found that the parade would conflict with the opening of the Kinsmen's Carnival. A last minute decision by the parade committee postponed the event for a week. And what happened on the night originally scheduled? It rained and rained and rained. What special crystal ball do these people use?

A great many people pooled their energies and resources to make the parade go. Most of them are the unsung heroes who worked in the background — selling tickets, building floats, making hundreds of phone calls and taking care of the thousand and one details that have to be taken care of. This was not a show put on by a few people but rather a wholesale endorsement of the cause represented by a few people — children.

Private citizens, businessmen, visiting athletes and bands, dozens of children, each and every one made a great contribution to the overall success of the venture. And there is not much doubt that this was the most successful night that the parade has ever enjoyed. While we're at it let's not fail to give a big hand to the works department of Richmond Hill and to the police department for their considerable support and much appreciated co-operation. The show could never have been put on the road without their help.

The most refreshing thing about the Sports Parade is that this is an event staged by a very active group to further their cause. They don't ask something for nothing and, realizing that it takes a great deal of money to take care of seven hundred children, do something to raise the necessary money. If you've ever seen the show you'll know that it is no small effort. No one is coerced into buying an admission ticket — money is raised by selling draw tickets and nobody is ever forced to buy.

This parade seems to be the one event each year that captures the imagination of the whole town. For a few hours, once each year, everyone seems to

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## Richmond Heights Float Chosen First Annual Sports Parade



Shown above is the prize winning floral float of the Richmond Heights Merchants Association which was entered in the Sports Day parade. The beautiful floral arrangement designed by Rice's Flowers depicted two hockey players and

the Stanley Cup. Maple Leaf Ace Tim Horton who followed the float in a Studebaker Lark was constantly reminded of his place on the team by the large number "7" on the back (Photo by Lagerquist)

(By Ron Craine)  
The fifth annual Sports Day Parade, in aid of minor ball in Richmond Hill, was an unqualified success. From the start of the colourful procession from the Richmond Heights Centre to the Town Park, to the end of the exhibition softball game, thousands of spectators viewed the spectacle.

Unsettled weather conditions had indicated that a one week postponement of the event would be necessary. As time drew near to the deadline the weather cleared in almost miraculous fashion and the show was on.

Opening of the parade was signalled by a roaring of motors as four Maytag Messerschmidts from Buttonton swept overhead in tight formation. The four small aircraft gave the large crowd of spectators quite a thrill as they buzzed along the parade route. These aircraft and their willing pilots have become a parade tradition. It is such willing co-operation that has ensured the success of the venture year after year.

This was the largest parade yet in the five year history of Sports Day. Float judges were hard put to come up with winners as the quality of float entries was very high. The winning float was entered by the Richmond Heights Centre and paid tribute to the Toronto Maple Leafs and the winning of the Stanley Cup.

Two hockey players in Maple Leaf colours, constructed entirely of flowers were poised either side of a large replica of the Stanley Cup. The fine hand of Al Rice of Rice's Flowers could be easily detected in this most impressive floral float.

Bill Babcock and his Richmond Heights Camp float took the second place award. Indian braves in war canoes and war paint paddled furiously along the parade route followed by dancing Indian maidens complete with bows and arrows. Lawrie Rose of Rose Garden Supplies captured the show spot with his large floral entry with McCord's Diving Supplies receiving

## Roma Loses 2-1 Maple

A strong Maple Soccer Team handed Richmond Hill Roma its second loss of the current season, in defeating them 2-1 at Maple last Saturday. The game was well played throughout and it was only a matter of which team would get the breaks. It turned out that the first team to score was the eventual winner, as Maple scored on a high shot that drifted under the crossbar.

The second goal, again by Maple, was on a nice passing play by the Maple forwards, and was slammed into the net by their centre forward. During the second half, Richmond Hill put on a steady attack, which caused even the Maple forward line to play on the defensive. A corner kick was awarded to Roma after about 10 minutes of second half play. The ball was centred into the goal area where, out of the melee of players, Lewis connected with a header which gave Roma its first and only goal of the game.

Consistent shots on goal by Lukovits and Colaceli failed to help the Roma cause, and the score stood at 2-1 for Maple. Special mention should be made of two stalwarts on the local defense, Manzo and Finerty, who backed up the forwards' every attempt on goal. A good, hard-fought but clean game is a reasonable sum-up of this meeting of the two top teams in the league.

Enjoy Band Music  
As is the case in all good parades, bands supplied a great deal of the noise and color. The Pickering Youth Band, the Blue Notes were very much in evidence, as was the Markham Girls Band. The Hilltoppers Band of the Richmond Hill Police supplied a lot of color and melody to the parade. Marching majorettes strutted their stuff the entire length of the parade. Majorettes ranged in age from 18 years to four years of age and proved that, while roses are our chief industry, majorettes must surely rank a close second.

Softball teams of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association were in uniform and stepped out in smart style. The entire proceeds of the event go to support softball for these 700 children and their presence in the parade keyed the event. As the large parade entered the town park, winning floats, all bands, majorettes and marching ball players were all drawn up in parade formation on the softball diamond.

Jack Seaton was master of ceremonies for the festivities at the park. After the Queen had been played by the Hilltoppers, each band played a section to show their musical skills much to the enjoyment of the large crowd. While the bands were playing the majorettes were displaying their various routines with the "littest majorettes" getting a tremendous ovation. Many people claim that bands and pretty girls are what it takes to make a successful parade. By these standards alone this parade was a magnificent success.

Members of the Richmond Hill Town Council were introduced to the audience by Recreation Committee Chairman Bill Ruttie. Each and every one of them commended the minor ball association for their efforts on behalf of the children and for the fine entertainment which the parade always provides. President Jim Stevens of the minor ball association welcomed everyone on behalf of minor ball and thanked everyone for the tremendous support and turnout which the event was accorded.

Ceremonies were concluded with the introduction of the Filtros Ladies Softball Team, members of the Dynes Jewellers Team and Umpires Maxie Scheff and Stu Kenney. Filtros are the greatest women's softball team in Canada today. Last year they placed third in the world's Softball Championship at Orange, California, and for the last six years have held the Toronto and Ontario Championship. Three members of this team, Marion Fox, Joy Moxley and Joy Collicht have been chosen to play in the Women's All Star Tournament at Whittier, California, this coming July.

These girls and their coach and manager took time out of a very busy schedule to help out the Sports Day cause. The parade committee owes a big vote of thanks to Marion Fox, Donna Drake, Terry Hiltz, Joy Collicht, Lois Doyle, Doreen Pomeroy, Joan Fraser, Cathy Sheridan, Shirley Holdsworth,

Joy Moxley, Mary Archer, Pat Start, coach Kenny George and manager Norm Bagnell for their willing help in support of minor softball.

The teams switched batteries for the game with Donna Drake pitching and Joy Collicht catching for the Jewellers. Bob "Roberta" Attwell pitched for Filtros with Punch Williams behind the plate. In the fourth inning Bill Jackson threw for Filtros with Marion Fox on the mound for the Jewellers.

Highlight of the game was a home run blast by "Punch" Williams of a Marion Fox pitch. This was the first time in his softball career that the powerful Mr. Williams was greeted at the plate with hugs and kisses after a home run blast. It's enough to make him take up the girls' game seriously!

5 Runs In Second  
The Jewellers added five more runs in the second inning. Chico Fernandez was safe on an error and came home to score on a single by Williamson. Some juggling and bobbling of Williamson's drive permitted him to go to third on

the play. Ken Roberts and Norm Roberts each hit singles and were scored on Gary Smith's inside-the-park home run.

Pitcher Fred Mabey of the CBC Team scored his club's lone win in the third inning. Mabey rapped out a single, was moved around on a single by John Smith and scored on an error on a ball hit by John Sliz. Don MacMillan rammed a ball over the fence in the eighth inning to add the Jewellers seventh run.

Norm Roberts pitched six innings for the Jewellers with Bill Jackson relieving in the seventh. Roberts gave up six hits and Jackson two. Fred Mabey went all the way for CBC and was tagged for eight hits, two of the home run variety.

The Jewellers have acquired the services of a new shortstop, Neil Crowe, recent arrival to Richmond Hill, could be the answer to the Jewellers' need of a competent player at this vital position. Crowe saw brief action Thursday night but had no opportunity to demonstrate his wares.

## Town Playgrounds Open

As the school year draws to a close Richmond Hill playgrounds will be opening on July 3rd for a five week period. Recreation Director Mrs. Jean Thomson has announced that playground registrations will be taken at all five playground areas. Registration should be made at the closest area with children 5-12 years of age being eligible. There will be no charge for playground registration.

The five playground areas will be the town park, Walter Scott, Pleasantville, MacKillop and Beverley Acres Public Schools. Children 5-7 attend the morning sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. while the 8-12 year olds attend 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year the five week program will be headed up by leaders, assistants and leaders-in-training. It is planned to hold inter-playground softball games and floor hockey games in an effort to provide greater interest.

In conjunction with the playground program the Richmond Hill and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross will offer an eight week swimming program for 200 children. The

## Soccer Results

Newmarket 2 - Collingwood 1	Aurora "A" 8 - Aurora "B" 1
Barrie 14 - Uxbridge 1	Maple 2 - Richmond Hill Roma 1
Midland 3 - Etobicoke 0	
League Standings	
Team	P W L T Pt.
Maple	6 5 0 1 11
Aurora "A"	7 5 1 1 11
Roma	7 5 2 0 10
Newmarket	7 4 1 2 10
Barrie	7 4 3 0 8
Collingwood	7 3 4 0 6
Midland	6 3 3 0 6
Uxbridge	7 2 5 0 4
Etobicoke	7 1 6 0 2
Aurora "B"	7 0 7 0 0

## 31st. Season

### Camp Ahshunyong Lake Simcoe All Ready For First Arrivals Saturday

There is a spot, nestling on the south shore of Lake Simcoe which has a large place in the young life of the churches in York County. A beautiful sandy beach, protected from the long sweep of the lake by Georgina Island in front, and from the long shore wash by the protecting arm of Duclos Point immediately to the east, is for many the spot among all others when it comes to summer activity. There each year hundreds of boys and girls come for a week or ten days, and go away with many happy memories and much profit. For thirty years non-swimmers have come, and gone away with the first rudiments of water safety and the art of swimming firmly mastered. Up through the camp have come many who have become proficient to the point that they in turn have become instructors in this and in other camps. And around the beach is grouped a cluster of cabins and other buildings such as make possible a full camping program. The heart of the camp has been from its beginning the program of Bible study. This in turn is supported by a varied schedule of worship, craftwork, games and social activity in the outdoors. And the whole undergirded with meals which have been famous through the years.

The boys have it for July. Beginning on Saturday of this week, there will be three camps for boys. The senior boys come first, and the camp for them ends on July 9th. This is followed by two camps of a week each for junior boys, 8 to 11 years old. Directors of boys' camps will be Mr. Vic Turner, and Mr. Francis Cook respectively, both of whom are mature men, married, with families. Mr. Turner is a candidate for the Presbyterian Ministry; Mr. Cook is studying for ordination to the United Church ministry. Both will be supported in their duties by a well qualified staff of senior leaders and counsellors.

The girls' camps are three in number and run for ten days each. They are graded by school grades being, first, those in grades 8-11 followed by those in 3,4,5; the last girls' camp is for girls in grade 6 and 7. This fills the camp program until August 28th. A capable staff will conduct the three camps again this year. Registrations have been gratifying. The girls' camps have been full now for several weeks. The first camp for junior boys is also filled. There are still a few vacancies in the first and third boys' camps, and registrations are still being accepted. Richmond Hill and district has through the years provided a large percentage of the total number of campers, and indications are that this will be true again this year. This year's camps for boys are being set up under the direction of a committee, of which the Rev. William Patterson of St. Matthew's United Church is the chairman, and the Rev. Gordon Winch of St. Paul's Church of K. Ridge, is the secretary-registrar.

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