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SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

For a great many years the most famous Christmas poem has been Clement C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nicholas." You know the one—'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the air, etc., etc. Several generations have listened to this little Christmas epic and it is probably one of the best-known pieces of poetry in the world.

Since Clement Moore penned his masterpiece, great changes have occurred in the technology of the world and in the language of common usage. Never in his wildest imagination did he perceive the wonders that the space age has brought and the new words that are now a standard part of our everyday speech.

He wrote in the accepted idiom of the day and wrote well. Any poem that can capture the hearts and minds of succeeding generations has to be very good. The language and phrases he used seem somewhat stilted today, but is no less effective for that. If he had written the poem in the language and idiom in use today it might have gone a little like this:—'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Cape,

Not a gantry was stirring and all was in shape; Space helmets were hung by the lockers with care, In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there; The children were nestled all snug in their pads, Dreaming of capsules—one just like Dad's; While Mom in her baby-dolls and I in my slacks, Tuned in the late show and readied the snacks, When out on the patio came such a clatter, That I left B. Bardot to see what was the matter. Away to the balcony—just like a flash, Whipped open the door and tore out like a Nash. The moon on the water of our little pool Shone like a beacon—man, it was cool! When, what should start my eyes from the sockets, But a miniature satellite . . . and eight tiny rockets, With a little old astronaut—so lively and quick That it hit me right then—the guy was St. Nick. Faster than sound his vehicles came, And he hooted and hollered—called them by name. "Now Nike, now Bomarc, Now Atlas and Minuteman, On Thor! on, Polaris! on Redstone and Titan! Let's lift off the launch pad and fly straight and tall! Now blast away! blast away! blast away all!" Just as prices on sales days rise extra high, When "discounts" push price tags right to the sky, So up to the house tops his rockets they flew, With a bag full of loot and St. Nicholas, too And then in a second I heard on the roof The kit and caboodle come down with a whoof. As I came in the door and was turning around, Through the skylight St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed in a space suit from head down to toe, And the silvery sheen made the room all aglow; An oxygen tank he had strapped on his back, And looked like a prize from a large Crackerjack. His eyes—how they sparkled! His dimples—how many?

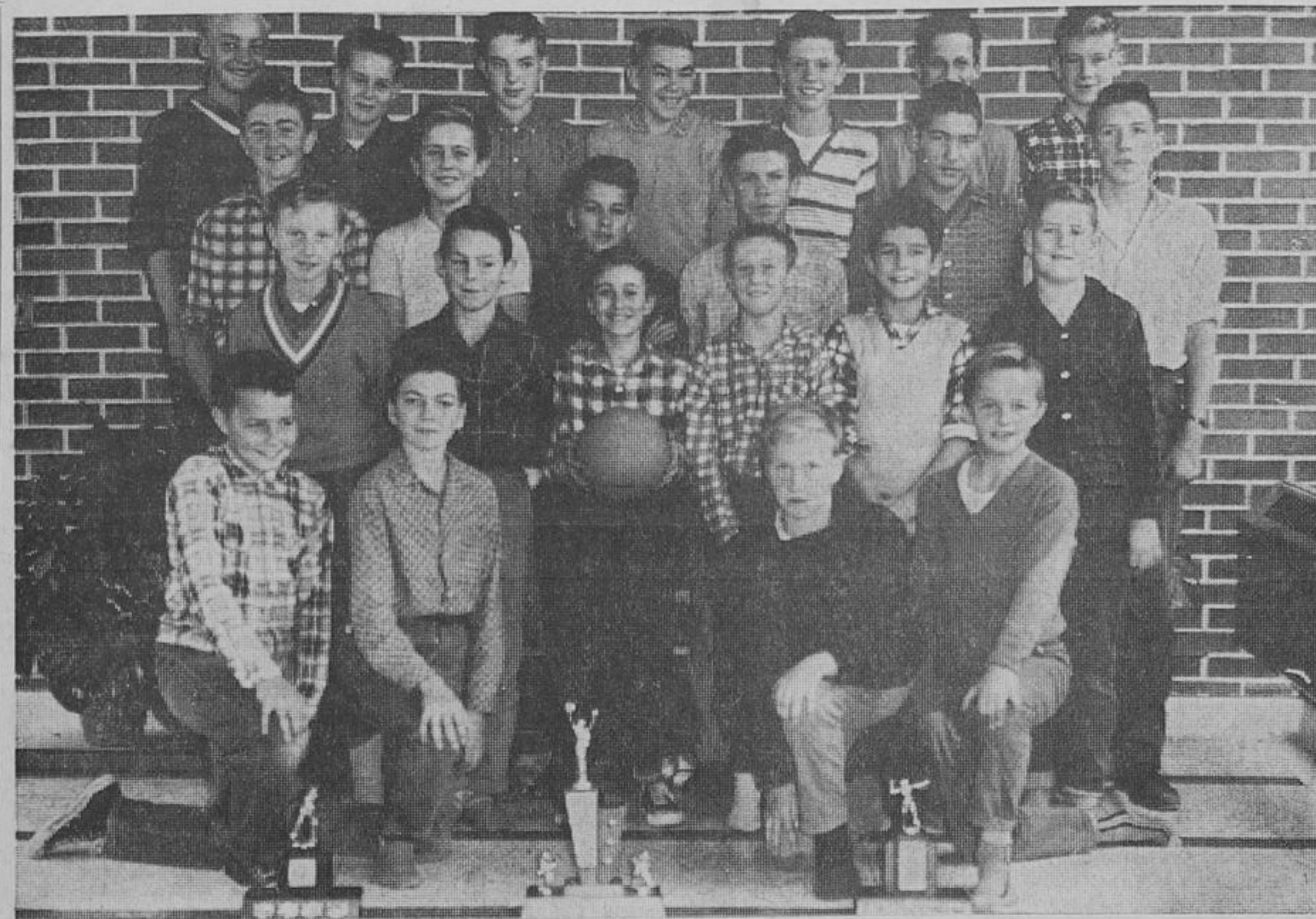
Cheeks just like roses, a nose like Jack Benny. He was wearing a grin like a cat with nine lives And the beard on his chin was as lush as Burl Ives'. He was smoking a filter—a Winston, no doubt, And the smoke trickled lazily round and about. He had a fat face and with good and just reason Looked very much like an aged Jackie Gleason. He was tubby and round—a jolly old pal, A real live prospect for Metreol. A wink of his eye and a gay little skip Soon gave me to know that the lady was hip! He kept his mouth shut and got right to work, Unloaded the loot and turned with a smirk, And giving a sign that with him was all GO, Blasted out of the skylight—got ready to blow. Climbed into his harness—opened a Coke, Then all lifted clear in a pillar of smoke! But I heard him exclaim as they headed for space, "Happy Christmas to all—to the whole human race!"

And if that doesn't confuse the kids, then nothing will. Humblest apologies for butchering what amounts to a classic, but it was just too much fun to resist.

—SPORTS SPOTS—

You can always tell an inveterate sports enthusiast.

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(STAFF PHOTO)

Nab Championship In First Year

Outrunning all competition this group of 16th Avenue School players captured the TSA No. 1 Markham Soccer Championship in their first year in the league. Front row left to right: B. Harvey, J. Roy, R. Grabham, J. Brass. Second row: R. Charles, D. Hewitt, M. Barchuk, R. Cogar, J. Dubkowski, I. Miller. Third row: G. Cliff, T. Woodward, G. Czarnopolski, J. Hewitt, J. Kremin, G. Cramer. Back row: J. Pocklington, K. Solie, A. Elliott, M. McQueen, D. Brooks, A. Hull, J. Elmes.

Minor Hockey Night Fri.

This Friday night marks the first of the gala hockey nights at Richmond Hill Arena. All proceeds go to further the cause of minor hockey in Richmond Hill and is worthy of everyone's support. Action starts at 7 p.m.

and there are prizes galore. All this for just 25c. CFGM Squirts will take on a visiting Aurora team at 7 p.m. while the mites will be seen at 8 p.m. A new event, a broomball game between the Civitan Club and the Richmond Hill J.C.'s will

start at 9 p.m. followed by the pee-wee Hornets playing the Mic Macs—a girls team. To even things up the Hornets will be equipped with brooms while the girls will have the regulation sticks. Richmond Hill's Town and Country Midgets will be

seen in night cap action. This team is composed of players who have learned their hockey in Richmond Hill and, at the moment are hotter than a two dollar pistol. Sounds like an interesting hockey evening, doesn't it?

Lyn Tucker Reports Grouse Are Returning

Lyn Tucker, a Richmond Hill resident and a deputy game warden in Markham Township, advises hunters to hunt what ever happens to show up in their area. He says that if wolves are plentiful and have driven away game then, by all means, hunt for wolves and help restore the balance of nature. As he says, most hunters don't need to hunt for meat from necessity and therefore they should just get out and enjoy whatever game is sent their way.

He reports that grouse are once again becoming plentiful in this area and that rabbits and cottontails are here in abundance. Three Richmond Hill hunters bagged 21 rabbits over the past weekend. Alf Luckasovitch and brother Dennis saw lots of wolf sign at Whitney but bagged a 1400 pound moose and a 250 pound buck. Not a bad bag for any two hunters!

CURLING NOTES

(By Rina White) Four Richmond Hill Rinks curled their way to victory in the four year Billy Bonspiel held at Richmond Hill Club on November 28th. The spiel was convened by Mrs. Maisie Gibson, chairman of Bonspiels. Twenty-four rinks participated, 18 from out of town and six local. The spiel was well patronized by rinks from Kitchener, Hamilton, Oshawa, Scarborough, Newmarket, Unionville and Toronto.

1st winner in the 9 a.m. draw was an entry from the Beaver Club, Toronto. 2nd winner, an entry from Newmarket York.

3rd winner, a local rink skipped by Mrs. Blanche Smith, assisted by D. Harley, J. Kirkpatrick and M. McIlveen in the 11-30. Draw winners were: 1st, a local rink skipped by Mrs. Nora Bedwell, assisted by C. Currie, G. Rose, R. Taylor. 2nd winner a local rink skipped by Mrs. Dorothy Wilson assisted by C. McRoberts, R. Hay and N. Butler.

3rd, a local rink skipped by Mrs. Gina Morlock assisted by Pat Robinson, Helen Jamieson and M. Smook.

BALLANTRAE: Ratepayers in the Ballantrae section of Whitechurch Township have approved the erection of a three-room addition to their present school at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

Kinnari & Roberts Tied For Scoring Lead

Leafs & Rangers Are Still Winning

Mel Schell started the Willowdale Rangers off to a fast start as they defeated Concord Flyers 6-3, by finding the range after 45 seconds of play in the opening period assisted by Earl Cairns. Fred Disera got Rangers' second goal at 10:10 of the first period assisted by Rene Jallert and Harold Fiskari.

Chick Webster added the third Ranger goal at 9:25 of the second period with Brian Turner and Earl Cairns assisting. Wayne Wright scored the first Concord goal at 15:45 of the middle frame from Ron Bailey.

Webster scored his second goal of the game at 2:15 of the third period with Turner and Cairns assisting. Cairns scored a solo goal at 5:25 of period to give Rangers a 5-1 lead.

Concord scored two fast goals to get back into contention. Tom Keough scored at the 6 minute mark assisted by Phil Butler and Nick Nowoleski scored from Sackfield and Dugan at 6:35.

Webster scored his third goal of the night at 19:00 of the third period from Fiskari and Cairns to give the Rangers a 6-3 win.

Richmond Hill Leafs 12 Leaside Larks 2

Matt Kinnari rapped in five goals to pace the high flying Leafs as they shot down the Larks by a 12-2 count. Norm Roberts scored two, Charlie Mashinter, Jim Wells, Bill Bunker, Mal Williamson and Doug McInnis a goal each in the winning Leaf cause.

George Killop and Stan Hotchkiss were the goal getters for the Larks.

Hornets Powerhouse In 5-2 & 9-0 Wins

Last Friday night the Hornets dumped Newmarket, 5-2, at Richmond Hill Arena. For two and a half periods the game was close, but Newmarket seemed to run out of steam in the late stages of the third period as the Hornets forged ahead. Doug Meyers played good goal for the Hornets.

On Saturday night the Hornets invaded Bradford and won going away by a 9-0 score. Ricky Doucette, Gerry Methe, Ricky Chapman and Wilson Ross were the pick of the Hornet crop.

League Standings	P	W	L	Pt
R. Hill Leafs	5	4	1	8
Willowdale Rangers	5	4	1	8
Leaside Larks	5	2	3	4
Concord Flyers	5	0	5	0
Aurora Macs	0	0	0	0

Aurora will play extra games in order to catch up with other teams in the league.

Leading Scorers	G	A	Pt
Matt Kinnari (L)	11	8	19
Norm Roberts (L)	7	12	19
Earl Cairns (R)	6	9	15
Chick Webster (R)	6	8	14
Bob Wright (R)	8	5	13

Future Games
At Aurora December 10, 9 p.m., Concord vs. Aurora.
At Richmond Hill, December 11, 8 p.m. Richmond Hill vs. Willowdale, 9:30 p.m. Leaside vs. Aurora. Free gifts to first 36 spectators!

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