

SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

There's absolutely nothing like a little excitement at the last two town council meetings of the old year to keep you on your toes. At the second last and the last meetings of the 1962 Richmond Hill Council an important works project was cancelled and then fully reinstated at the last meeting. Talk about a shifty halfback reversing his field.

The tempest in a teapot occurred over the question of whether or not the 1962 council had the authority to authorize construction of the much needed change house and public rooms in the town park. At the last meeting but one it was the opinion of Finance Chairman Tom Broadhurst that the retiring council should leave the matter over to the 1963 council.

It was originally intended that the change house would be built as part of the winter works program. The intent was to call for tenders and start construction as soon as possible after the New Year in order to have the building available for the heavy traffic through the summer and fall months. To squash the project until 1963 would have meant months of delay and the almost complete abandonment of plans already made by the parks board. Plans and groundwork that had taken many months to complete would have to be all gone over again.

At the last meeting of the 1962 Richmond Hill Council held on December 28th, Bill Ruttle, chairman of the recreation committee and parks board member, attended the meeting and presented the pressing facts of the case to members of council. Deputy-reeve Broadhurst, who had originally been the prime mover in shelving the project, was convinced by the arguments put forth by Mr. Ruttle and reversed his stand on the matter. A vote was taken and the change house project is now back on the rails and will be completed in time to be of real use to the sporting fraternity.

We are thankful the 1962 administration had a change of heart once the true facts were presented. Mr. Ruttle deserves a large measure of thanks for his concise and convincing presentation. Quite often in this world decisions are made without all the facts known. This is sometimes the case because ratepayers are reticent about presenting all the facts to the decision-making body. Once all the details of this case were presented to the 1962 administration they reversed their original decision. They deserve bouquets and not bricks for having the courage to reverse their own decision.

The change house and public rooms are not going to be any slap dash affair. This much-needed asset to our town will be not only functional but also a most attractive addition to the local architectural scene.

Value of the town park as a recreational centre will be greatly enhanced while the public conveniences will be a boon to everyone. Traffic in the park has increased to the point where during a normal week in the summer several thousand people will make use of the park for one purpose or another. Many of these people are visitors from other municipalities who come to Richmond Hill as spectators of games. Their impressions and opinions of Richmond Hill are formed on the only part of the town that they see. The washrooms and change house plus a proposed face lifting and refurbishing of the park will do much to create a very favourable impression for Richmond Hill. And if there is one thing in this world we want and need to create it is a favourable impression.

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A lot of mothers have been complaining of hockey games going on pleasure skating rinks. In most areas of Richmond Hill hockey cushions and pleasure rinks are located in close proximity. Pleasure rinks are set aside for those who just want to skate for the fun of it or for wet tots to learn how to skate. Not for playing hockey.

Whether or not some of the hockey players lack the strength to hoist themselves over the boards onto the hockey cushion isn't quite clear. The sad fact is that some of them don't even bother to try but proceed to dominate the pleasure rink.

Come on fellas — how about a little fair play? You play hockey on the hockey cushion and the pleasure skaters will stick to their particular rink area and then nobody can beef. It may save some little boy or girl from a nasty, unnecessary injury. And the little boy or girl who might be unfortunate enough to get hurt by a hockey player could be YOUR brother or sister or the favorite child of that nice lady across the road. YOU might even be the one to do the hurting and it's a tough thing to have on your conscience!

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We hear that Glen Turnbull, son of Cec. Turnbull, the well-known purveyor of Carrville Rd. is now living and playing softball in North Bay. Glen used to pitch for the now defunct Richvale team and word from the north has it that young Mr. Turnbull pitched a no-hitter and a one-hitter this past season. And in senior B competition yet! What do they feed them up north, Cec? Whatever it is you'd better lay in a big supply because if word gets around the demand could be terrific!



(STAFF PHOTO)

Anyone For A Waltz?

McConkey's pond in Maple has been the scene of feverish activity during the Christmas holidays as neighboring children enjoy themselves on the frozen surface. Young and old alike have taken advantage of the winter weather to brush up on their skating prowess.

Suggest Phone Call First

Warn Ice On Lake Still Too Thin

Deputy Game Warden Lyn Tucker of Richmond Hill warns against attempting ice fishing on Lake Simcoe. At the present time there is only a four-inch coating of ice and that is

in sheltered bays. Mr. Tucker suggests that anyone contemplating a trip call Jim Lamb at Pefferlaw. The cost of the call is 45c and the telephone number is Pefferlaw ring 1-15. This call could save a useless trip and could possibly prevent a tragedy. Sounds like a very worthwhile investment.

Local hunters were out Saturday, in most cases to give new equipment a workout. Rabbits in the area were scarce as fresh snow prevented dogs from flushing the wily animals. Lyn Tucker managed to bag one

jack and reports sighting quite a few swamp hares. Four deer were also sighted in the immediate vicinity.

Stan Hitchinson and a companion had better luck in the Brighton area and came home with a bag of 11 cottontails and a swamp hare.

The bear recently reported hanging about the Pefferlaw area has been seen several times since. There is no doubt left about the sex of the bear. She is now accompanied by two cubs.

Reports from Scott Township indicate a lot of fox in the area with hunters reportedly seeing plenty of tracks. Fox are not too plentiful in this vicinity at the present time.

And please remember the ice conditions on Lake Simcoe. Make sure before you go and avoid disappointment and grief.

Hornets Active Holiday Season

The Richmond Hill Hornets coached by Earl Methe and Gord Pipher have been very active over the holiday season. In an exhibition game at Georgetown on December 23rd, the Hornets skated the Georgetown peewees into the ice to win 5-2.

Gerald Methe was the leading goal scorer as he put the puck into the Georgetown net twice with Larry Young assisting on each occasion. Ricky Doucette scored one goal, assisted by Mike Deciantis as John Dunkley assisted on goals by Hal Cameron and Jim Hamilton.

On December 28th the Hornets entertained Newmarket in a North York League fixture. Proving to be less than considerate hosts the Hornets outscored the visitors 4-2. Dave Lund, Ricky Doucette, Phil Clarke and Ricky Chapman were the Hornets goal getters with Bruce Hutchison and Wilson Ross picking up assists.

The Hornets are getting some tremendous netminding from Doug Meyers. He seems to improve with every start as does defenceman Mark Dobbs. Once again the Hornets seem to have a real peewee hockey contender.

Town & Country Squad Lose 2-0 Newmarket

A much improved Newmarket midget hockey team defeated Richmond Hill's Town and Country Midgets by a 2-0 score in Richmond Hill last Friday night. This was the first loss suffered by the Town and Country team in a string of nine games.

The Town and Country squad were not clicking too well on Friday night and passing plays were going awry throughout the game. Coaches Bill Points and Marsh Amos are certain that their young team will be up for their next game with Woodbridge this Friday night. Game time is 10 p.m. at Richmond Hill Arena.

WILLOWDALE: Building permits issued in November of 1962 increased from \$9,285,872 during the same month of 1961 to \$13,598,239.

Figure Skaters Christmas Party

Young members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club were treated to a belated Christmas party on December 26th. Club executive members arranged with Santa Claus to drop in and visit the junior skaters on his way back from a most exhausting journey. All he had left were candy canes but they were greatly appreciated.

Wheelbarrow and relay races and many other games were played on the ice. The junior party ended at 6 p.m. with the senior skaters coming on for their share of the festivities.

The senior party was a dance session on ice featured by such novelty numbers as the hockey pokey and the twist performed on skates. As 7 p.m. tolled the senior party came to an end albeit somewhat reluctantly.

And now it's back to serious work again as the normal routine of the skating club is resumed.

C.F.G.M. Squad Wins Close Contest By 2-1

Paul Brown whacked in two goals in two minutes as the CFGM kids defeated Newmarket 2-1 in Richmond Hill last Friday night. The game was a close checking affair from the outset as two evenly matched teams battled almost to a standstill.

With five minutes left in regulation time, Newmarket appeared to have the game wrapped up with a lead of 1-0. A penalty to the CFGM team pretty well put the last nail in the Richmond Hill coffin. The penalty acted like a shot in the arm and Paul Brown roared in on the Newmarket net to tie the score and seconds later to put CFGM ahead 2-1 to win the game. Daryl Rice was credited with an assist on one of Brown's goals.

Ken Hughes played brilliant goal for the CFGM squad and got great support from the defence duo of Gary Hall and Paul Martin.



Most bowling leagues took advantage of the holiday season to have at least one night of inactivity. One of the most active leagues in Richmond Hill, the Eastsiders, dispensed with regular league bowling and held a mixed doubles tournament at Allencourt Lanes on Wednesday, December 26th.

From the beginning the tournament was a convivial, congenial, free wheeling affair with all entrants getting into a carnival spirit. Prize-winning was a secondary thing, what really mattered was to have fun and that they had in good measure. League executives left no stone unturned in an effort to make this one of the most successful special events nights held by the league. Everyone who attended will agree that they were indeed highly successful.

City Major
Manufacturers Life, Richmond Hill entry in the City Major League, won two points while bowling against Bowl in a fine game match at Willow Bowl.

Arne Skretteberg played a big fat 260 going for him. Jim Saul has an average of 257. Al Richardson 255, Bob Kennedy 252 and Art Higgins 250.

The team will be in action again this Saturday at Plantation Bowl with Anthony's providing the opposition.

Allencourt Major League
Team standings in the league are as follows: (current series, overall points): Turnbull Grocers 34-74, Manufacturers Life 33-96, Dynes Jewellers 31-89, Allencourt Lanes 23-76, Street's Auto Electric 21-47, ABC 19-52, Richmond Hill Auto Wreckers 18-67, Tom Hughes Shell Service 18-56, Keay's Superbest Garage 15-41, Rothman's King Size 14-36, Rangers 14-27, Connor Transport 12-53.

Jack Shadoff set the pace for the league as he hit for a total of 858 (301). Arne Skretteberg tallied 811, Stan Shadoff 809, Harold Howlett 804 (338) and Tim Saul 800 (321).

Sr. Hockey League Play

The senior league has been out of action during the holiday season as ice-time has not been available to them. The following schedule embraces games for the second half of the current schedule, at the following arenas:

Aurora, Jan. 7, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Concord Flyers Richmond Hill, January 8 8 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Wdale Rangers 9:30 p.m. — Leaside Larks vs R. H. Leafs Aurora, Jan. 14, 9 p.m. — Concord Flyers vs Aurora Macs Richmond Hill, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. — R. H. Leafs vs Wdale Rangers 9:15 p.m. — Girl's Hockey 9:45 p.m. — Leaside Larks vs Con'd Flyers Aurora, Jan. 21, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs R. H. Leafs Richmond Hill, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. — L'side Larks vs Wdale Rangers 9:30 p.m. — Concord Flyers vs R. H. Leafs

Aurora, Jan. 28, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Leaside Larks Richmond Hill, Jan. 29, 8 p.m. — Con'd Flyers vs Wdale Rangers 9:30 p.m. — Leaside Larks vs R. H. Leafs Aurora, Feb. 4, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Wdale Rangers Richmond Hill, Feb. 5, 8 p.m. — Leaside Larks vs Con'd Flyers 9:15 p.m. — Girls' Hockey 9:45 p.m. — R. H. Leafs vs Wdale Rangers Aurora, Feb. 11, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Concord Flyers Richmond Hill, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs R. H. Leafs 9:30 p.m. — Wdale Rangers vs L'side Larks Aurora, Feb. 18, 9 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs L'side Larks Richmond Hill, Feb. 19, 8 p.m. — Aurora Macs vs Wdale Rangers 9:30 p.m. — Con'd Flyers vs R. H. Leafs

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DATED at Toronto this 26th day of December, 1962.

Alma Ridley - Administratrix
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