

.....SPORT SPOTS.....

hook, slip on the button, reform the eye of the hook and go to work. Two ice fishermen decided to visit the closest hut to them to see how the neighbours were making out. On entering the hut they found a lone occupant. He had nary a fish. What he did have was a hole, the bottom of which was lined with buttons of every size and shape.

He had been fitting the buttons loosely on the hook and every fish that hit at all was merely knocking the button loose then carrying on its merry way. The lone fisherman somewhat doggedly ripped another button from his clothing and informed his guests that this was his last button. He was so right. Never a button to his name — shirt buttons, coat buttons and underwear buttons were all coyly nestled in several feet of water. Just how he managed to get home and just what he said to his wife to explain the condition of his clothing we wouldn't know. If ever a man was dogged, unswerving and determined, then this was THE MAN! Too bad there isn't some kind of award for a fellow like this — he deserves it!

— SPORT SPOTS — Each and every year around Christmas time someone pens a diatribe against do-it-yourself type toys. Pierre Berton took a swipe at the practice both ways — editorially and via the medium of television. At one time we might have been inclined to go along with his viewpoint but not any more. His troubles were very, very trivial.

A new pair of skis came to live with us last week. Sounds simple enough, doesn't it? The skis were fine — it was what it took to make them operational that was the killer.

Once upon a time skiing was comparatively easy. You got a pair of curved hickory boards, a couple of metal pieces and some leather straps, then headed for the closest hill. Like all good, easy things, those happy days have come to an end.

To someone who hasn't had skis on for many, many moons — years too — a trip to a ski shop is downright frightening. Salesmen just don't speak a language you understand until you confess that you know absolutely — but absolutely — nothing about anything.

It all starts with the skis themselves. Far from being the nice, dark-looking wood of your memory, the new ones are blossoming out in every colour except shocking pink. There are wooden skis, almost unrecognizable as wood under a gaudy paint job, fibreglass, metal and we wouldn't be too surprised if paper mache wasn't used as well! Fighting off bewilderment and making a firm decision, knowing all the time you're probably wrong, you pick out a sleek, deadly-looking pair of skis. Then the fun starts all over again.

There aren't any more leather straps, at least not to hold your feet on the skis. The leather has been replaced by gleaming, surgical appearing attachments known as quick-release bindings. Staggered but unbowed you select a binding. Then they tell you. You've got only half the deal. Now cables and clips that look like Torquemada's inquisition tools are bought to go with the quick-release bindings. And now for the leather straps. The only time you make use of them is to clip from the ski to the boot. If you should fall and lose a ski the leather strap keeps the ski near you so that some other skier doesn't get speared by your runaway, gaudy, steel-edged stiletto. Still game you take the whole works home to put it onto the skis. That's when the fun starts. There are just about one zillion parts, some big, some small and some infinitesimal. There are instructions, however, printed clearly in German, Spanish, Russian, Norwegian and Swahili. No English — that's for beginners.

And so far, far into the night you fit, refit, put on, take off and improvise. Just before the point of total collapse the whole mish-mash jells and strangely enough everything seems to be in its proper place. And miracle of miracles the boots hold tight to the skis. And so, Pierre Berton, you're just a rank amateur when it comes to do-it-yourself. Just wait until you have a go at the project! One thing it does do — inflate the ego when you finally get the whole mess together. If you weren't so doggedly tired you'd even stick out your chest just the tiniest bit. Bed, anyone?

All joking to one side, it's all worth while once you get finished and skiing is still darn good sport. Like everything else these days it is moving ahead fast and even the jargon changes. One thing is still the same — the hills are just as fast and the snow down the collar is just as cold. B-r-r-r-r-r!

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Kinnari Top Scorer —

(Continued From Page 9) all. Bob Baird lit the lamp at 19.40 with the winning goal with the assist going to Phil Butler. Scoring Leaders G A Pts. M. Kinnari (R.H.) 20 20 40 B. Wright (W.L.) 19 17 36 E. Cairns (W.L.) 17 18 35 N. Roberts (R.H.) 11 20 31 C. Webster (W.L.) 8 23 31 F. Smart (Leaside) 14 13 27 J. Wells (R.H.) 15 11 26

Senior League Standings Table with columns P, W, L, T, F, A, Pts. for teams like Richmond Hill Leafs, Willowdale Rangers, Leaside Larks, Concord Flyers, Aurora Macs.

Cleaners Get 21 Goals Win 3 Games Straight

Reg Acomb has the Cleaners on the fly and they clipped South Shore for a 1-2 win. Doug Acomb and Peter Bird scored three times each as Harvey Gordon and Greg Sephton scored twice. Wayne Harrington, Gord Sale, Dave Broderick and Tommy Dyson scored one goal each.

North End Cleaners 4 Stouffville 2 Playing in an exhibition game at Stouffville the Cleaners kept on the winning trail by belting out a 4-2 victory. Dave Broderick was the hottest Cleaner with two goals as Doug Acomb and Wayne Harrington each hit the lamp once. Assists went to Harvey Gordon, Tom Dyson, Tom Moffitt and Jim Wilson.

North End Cleaners 3 Unionville 1 Doug Acomb was the pace setter for the Cleaners in this game as the shifty young player scored two of the Cleaners' three goals. Tom Dyson counted the third Richmond Hill goal. Albert Windrim, Peter Bird and Dave Broderick were all credited with assists.

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Outdoors with John Power Member of Outdoor Writers of Canada

I have long been of the opinion that fear of firearms on the part of some people can be traced to ignorance. Ignorance of how a gun operates, what it is capable of ballistically and complete lack of knowledge of safe gun-handling practices. Yet it is generally this group that goes into near hysteria whenever a shooting accident is reported - writing irrational letters to newspapers and other publications - demanding sweeping changes and additional restrictions on a subject of which they know little or nothing.

Why is it that shooters and their sport are always catching the brunt of the criticism from this emotionally motivated segment of our population? Why do they neglect or overlook equally dangerous past-times such as horse racing, hockey, football, cycling, skiing, whitening, advocating the abolition of women's suffrage and fishing? I say fishing because according to statistics issued by the state of Connecticut, in the past six years there have been 24 deaths in fishing accidents and 6 fatalities in hunting mishaps.

One reason, of course, is the fact that shooting accidents rate front page headlines while the many deaths caused by the greatest killer of all, the automobile, are usually buried somewhere in the middle of the paper. You all remembered the case that happened in a large Ontario city not so very long ago. A deranged son bludgeoned his mother and a neighbour to death with a hammer. He then purchased a shotgun which he used to shoot a policeman and finally take his own life.

Two of the many ridiculous recommendations I noticed following the incident were: A. One should have to produce a driver's licence before purchasing a firearm. B. Everyone buying a firearm should be fingerprinted. Dealing with A... this would mean that if you don't happen to drive a car, my friend, you're just out of luck - no gun for you. Learn to drive, then we'll let you buy one. Besides this, if the way some people drive is any indication of how they would handle a gun, they should never be allowed to use one. (No offence intended, Ma'm). And B... they somehow overlooked the fact that in the above mentioned case, two people were shot (one a suicide), but an equal num-



BY BOB ROSS JR.

MINOR HOCKEY RESULTS

burg assist Eian Finnerty, Mike Stoddart assist Bob Hutchison and Danny Phillips unassisted. Craigies goals were by Tom McFarlane unassisted and Gerry Pearson assist Bob Morris.

MIDGET LEAGUE ABC 6 Trailways 2 This was a fast and furious game. ABC goals from Bill Hudson (2), assist Clay Chapman. Danny Shadoff scored twice with an assist Brian Haviland. Singles from Noel Gillings unassisted and Bob Coughlin assists Chapman and Bill Hudson. Trailways goals were by Jimmy Zubek and Rod Mabley assists Howie Martin.

Bowdens 5 Littles 2 Bowden's goals were Pete Gates (2) with assists Brian Horton, Rick McCarrville and Gary Dowker. Doug Nicholls scored (2) with assist Paul Sullivan. McCarrville scored unassisted. Little's goals were Ron Davidson unassisted and Rod Groom assist from Terry Hayes.

Team W T L Pts. Al's Cycle & Sport 7 4 2 18 Gunnar's Tailors 6 2 4 14 Deciantis & Rice 5 3 3 13 Young's BA 6 0 5 12 Shields Shoes 5 2 4 12 Aces 4 3 4 11 Street Construction 4 2 5 10 P. McKay & Son 4 1 6 9 Pinewood Aggreg. 3 2 6 8 Sheppard & Gill 2 4 5 8

Bantam Standings As Of January 17 Team W T L Pts. Frank's Movers 14 0 0 28 Americans 8 2 4 18 Butler & Baird 5 5 4 15 Rotary Club 5 3 6 13 Dynes Jewellers 6 1 7 13 Richvale Phar. 4 4 6 12 Surf Marine 2 4 8 8 Craigies Men's Wr. 1 4 9 6

Midget Standings As Of January 16 Team W T L Pts. Trailways 8 2 2 18 Bowden Lumber 5 1 5 11 ABC 5 1 5 11 Littles 2 2 8 6

Squirt Standings As Of January 19 Team W T L Pts. Skyline Motors 9 2 3 20 Wilson-Niblett 8 3 3 19 Consumer's Gas 9 1 4 19 Bob's Boys 7 2 5 16 Gormley S & G 6 2 6 14 Sunnyside R.C. 5 4 5 14 Charlton Hardware 6 1 7 13 Markham Paving 5 3 6 13 Morley's Foodland 6 1 7 13 Dan's Esso 4 4 6 12 Rumble Transp. 4 4 6 12 Allencourt Ph. 2 1 11 5

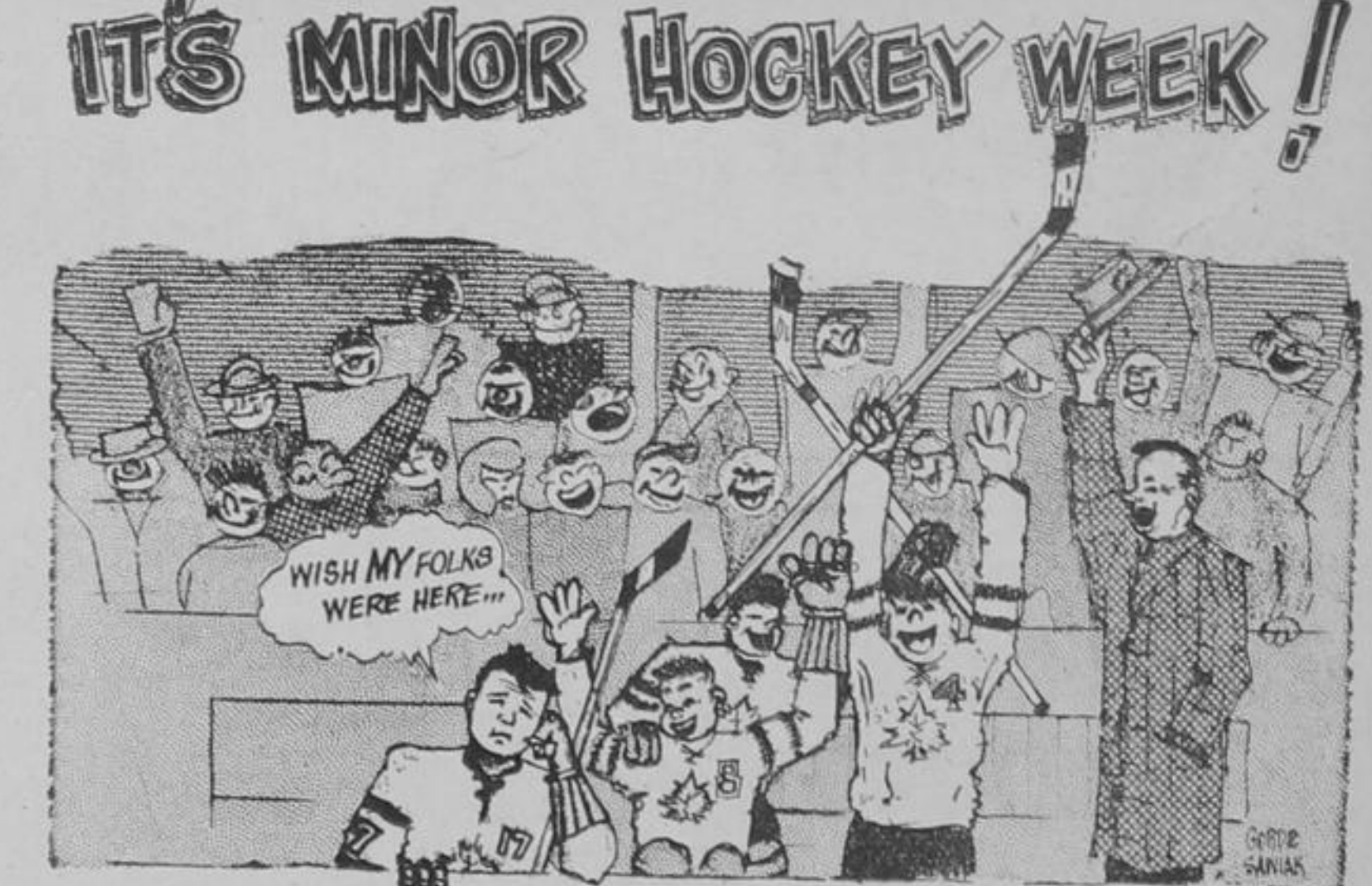
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BANTAM LEAGUE Butler & Baird 9 Rotary 1 Rotary was swamped in this game. Their only goal came from the stick of Jim McKinley unassisted. B & B's Rod Chapman got a hat trick while Pat Madden (2), John Birrell (2), David Buckley and Jim Hemphill also scored. Assists went to Pat Madden (2), Rod Chapman (2), Earl Smith, David Olsen, Allen MacKenzie and Stanley Scott. Richvale Pharmacy 4 Dynes Jewellers 2

Richvale Pharmacy was very sharp as Gary Fitzpatrick, and Douglas Brooks scored unassisted. Leonard Davidson and Allen Hassell got a goal each. Assists to Fitzpatrick and Jim Smyth. Dynes goals were by Wilson Lund unassisted and Michael Tucker assist Garry Chasie.

Frank's Movers 5 Surf Marine 0 What a shutout for Ricky Ede. Frank's were just too strong for Surf's this time. Doug MacDonald (2), Stew Cook (2) and Dan Boyington. Assists Ray Dunne (2), Boyington (2), Steve Graham, Don Wilkinson and Mac Smith. Americans (no sponsor) 5 Craigies Men's Wear 2 Americans (no sponsor) goals were all singles. Bob Hutchison and Brian Bowen scored unassisted. Danny Phillips assist Bob Hutchison, Barry Clatten-

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Thornhill Secondary A new little daughter came to reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seath early last Sunday morning. The wee lass bowed her way into the world about 5 a.m. of a nice snowy morning and brother and sister are impatiently awaiting their first sight of this newest Seath. Congratulations to all the Seaths on their new 1963 model baby.

Last Wednesday the Bayview senior basketball team threw a week of the losers will play losers and the winners, too, will play each other. Within two weeks we shall all see who is the winning colour house; so may the best team win.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL

Minor Hockey Week In Canada

WHEREAS, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association has set aside the week commencing, January 26th as a period to focus public attention on MINOR HOCKEY, and

WHEREAS the game of hockey is recognized as CANADA'S NATIONAL GAME, which teaches our youth to develop a competitive spirit, co-operation with others, body-building, and a respect for authority, and

WHEREAS Minor Hockey is the foundation from which accomplished hockey stars develop, and

WHEREAS this community has long been noted for its active minor hockey participation, NOW THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of the Town of Richmond Hill do hereby declare the week commencing January 26th be observed as "MINOR HOCKEY WEEK IN CANADA" and request that all parents and others support this observance by attending games during Minor Hockey Week and thereafter until the hockey season ends.

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