

SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE

if there's one thing we hate to have to do it is to contradict mayors, reeves, councillors, police chiefs and sundry other public officials. For one thing it is not considered "good form" and for another it just doesn't pay to antagonize the governing body. Casting "good form" to one side here goes a good contradiction anyway.

Mayor William Neal called upon all citizens of Richmond Hill to pledge their full support to minor hockey week in Canada. He said some glowing things (and all true) about the advantages a hockey career can confer on a young boy and paid high tribute to those volunteers who give up so much time and effort to make a go of minor hockey.

We can only agree wholeheartedly with what our worshipful mayor has to say about hockey - but - he states that hockey is Canada's national game. Not so sir! Lacrosse is our national game and by virtue of an act of parliament passed sometime in the 1870's. History was never one of our best subjects so we're not too sure of the exact date.

It's a minor point except to people who really like lacrosse. The game has lost a lot of popularity over the years so let's leave it in its official capacity. Leave the game its laurels so to speak.

Anyhow the way Canadian hockey teams have been belted around both at home and abroad lately a lot of people are very glad that hockey isn't our national sport. Maybe we would do better on the international lacrosse level at our real national sport.

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Two Richmond Hill residents had a somewhat harrowing experience while ice-fishing at Lake Simcoe recently. In fact, as they say at Harrow, "it was a bit of a shaky do". Both men have consented to allow the story of their ordeal to be told to serve as a warning to others.

Tom Duffy of Ruggles Avenue and Lyn Tucker of Becker Road were going fishing off Bonsecour Beach. They arrived about 1 p.m. on the Sunday afternoon and got down to some serious fishing - without the benefit of a hut. About 3 p.m. it began to snow lightly, the temperature dropped suddenly and the snow began to blow and drift.

Both men decided discretion was the wisest choice and elected to leave on the double. Snow had blown in around the car wheels and had also blown into the motor. The slightly warm motor melted the snow and thoroughly soaked the car's ignition system. They were stranded several miles out on the lake and help of any kind was a long way off.

When they started out from home they had packed several cans of pea soup. Taking their meagre supplies they set off across the ice for the closest fish hut. The hut was unoccupied and locked, but this was a definite emergency and they broke into the hut for shelter.

As luck would have it the hut was equipped with a propane stove which they proceeded to make good use of. They drank cold pea soup, lukewarm pea soup and scalding hot pea soup until a rescue party arrived at 11 a.m. on the Monday morning. The owner of the hut was only too happy that the men had been able to take shelter and that nothing serious had occurred.

Both men are experienced ice fishermen and took the only course they could to save themselves from serious frostbite or worse. If they had attempted to walk over the ice to a town, chances are they'd never have made it. Others have tried before and haven't even had the opportunity of regretting it. At least not for long.

So take heed my friendlies, Lake Simcoe is a bountiful lake in summer and winter but squalls can catch you at any time of the year. There's only one way to keep ahead of the game - know all the rules of survival and make sure your gear includes a generous measure of common sense. That's the handiest tackle of all!

By the way the two fishermen got four fish between them. What with the expenses involved and being forced to miss a day of work on Monday they estimate that each fish cost approximately \$10.00 per man. Who said that caviar was expensive?

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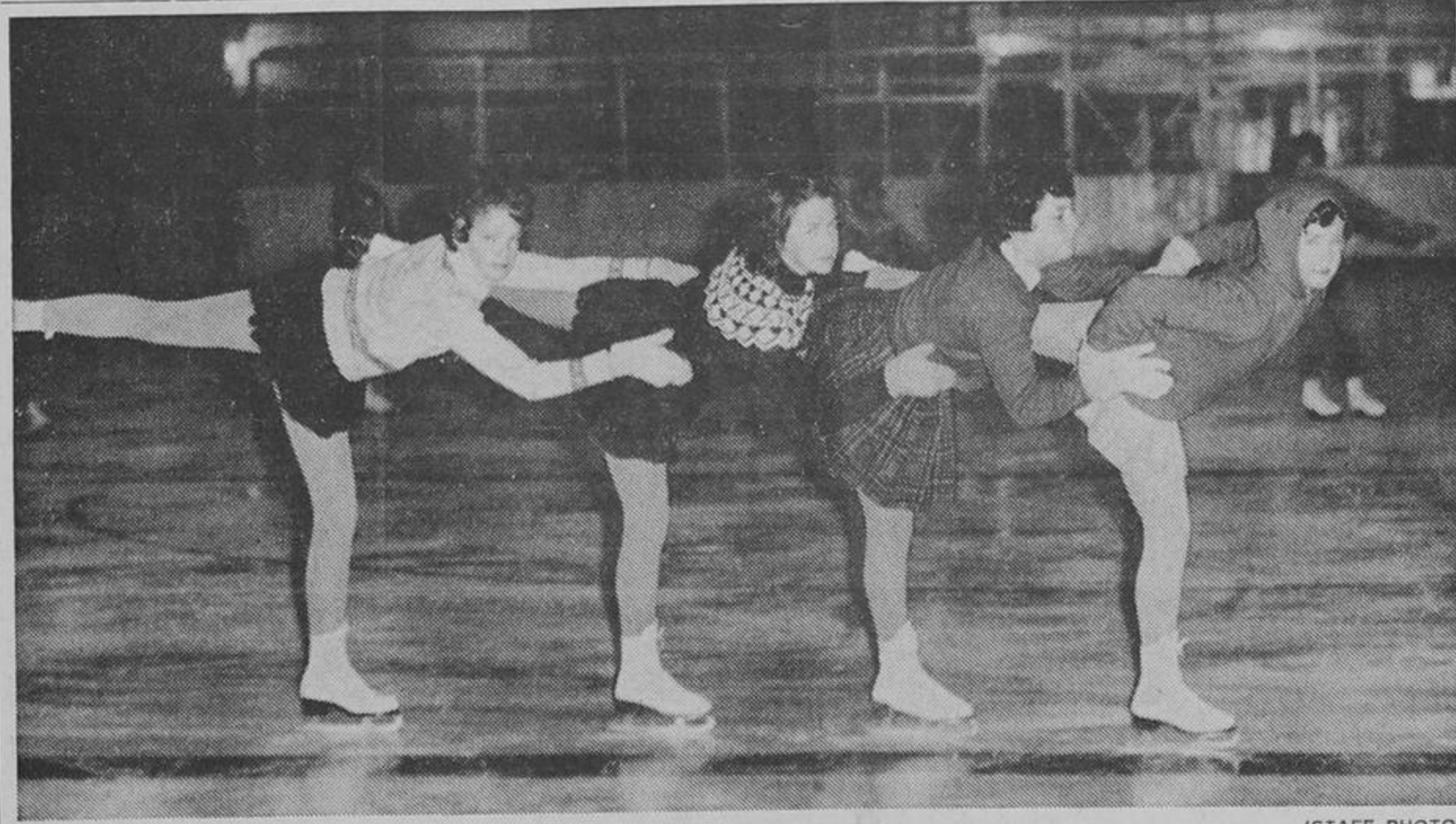
There's a new look in officialdom in the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association. President James Mansbridge and members of his stalwart executive have decided to hold only open meetings. Each meeting will include an executive session that may be attended by interested persons. Anyone is free to listen and observe, but is not allowed to take part in discussions that arise during the executive session. Afterwards a general meeting is held where discussion is welcomed.

This system has a two-fold purpose. It will make available to all really interested people information that is virtually hot off the griddle. The hope is that the executive will be in closer contact with the general membership and that at the end of the year candidates for executive office will be found more readily than has been the case heretofore.

The next session of the RHMA is scheduled for 7.45 p.m., January 31st at the municipal hall in Richmond Hill. Anyone and everyone who is interested in minor ball is cordially invited to attend.

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It's generally the way of the world - you hear (Continued on page 10)



(STAFF PHOTO)

Young Ladies Show Fine Skating Form

These four young members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club thrilled the large crowd attending Wednesday night's "Pop Night" at the town arena. Left to right: Kathy Mason, Bev Wilson, Charlene Brenzell and Susan Burton all showed fine form on the silver blades.

Leafs On Top, Beat Aurora 8-5

Richmond Hill Leafs 8
Aurora Macs 5
Doug McInnis paced the Leafs with a three goal hat trick as Matt Kinnari and Stan Foster scored two each. Norm Kennedy scored the other Leaf counter. Ted Murrell was tops for the Mac-men with two goals. Singles were registered by Keith Clark, Jon Bunn and Bernie Simpson. Keith Clark got the Aurora team off to a fast start as he beat Don MacMillan after 45 seconds of play. Matt Kinnari tied it up for the Leafs at 9:55 assisted by Ralph Sandquist. The Leafs moved out ahead 2-1 at the 15:30 mark as McInnis scored assisted by Kinnari.

Willowdale Rangers 9
Leaside Larks 7
Frank Howarth came up with the three goal hat trick for the second place Rangers as they defeated Leaside Larks 9-7. Goal scoring for the Rangers was a multiple affair. Besides the three goals scored by Howarth, Gary Durie, Johnny Drummond and Earl Cairns each netted two goals. Dave McGuire, Bob Wright and Doug Turgeon were active in the assist department for the Leafs. Tom Kelly, Dave MacInnis and Paul Smart scored two each

for the losing Leaside Larks with Charlie Sato hitting for one. Frank Fisher, George Cole, Ian Mason and Ross Ballantyne were all credited with assists on Leaside scoring plays. ****
Richmond Hill Leafs 8
Concord Flyers 1
Bruce Sackfield saved the Flyers from a complete whitewash treatment by scoring a goal midway through the third period assisted by Nick Nowoselski and Larry Bambury. For the league-leading Leafs Moe Williamson and Norm Rob-

erts scored two each as Charlie Mashinter, Frank Mashinter, Jim Wells and Ron Guy fired in one each. Matt Kinnari and Ralph Sandquist were active in the assist department.
Radio Boys Edge Out Newmarket Club 2-0
CFGM 2 - Newmarket 0
Last Friday night the CFGM team had a 1-0 lead going into the last minute of play. Paul Martin had scored on a play engineered by Gary Hall and Paul Brown and the single goal looked to be the winner. With time running out Newmarket tried the classic stunt of taking out the goal keeper in favour of another forward. Gary Oliver of CFGM grabbed the puck, flipped it to Al Lewis and Lewis stick handled down into Newmarket territory. He shot the puck into the empty net to give the CFGM kids a 2-0 win. Ken Hughes was brilliant in the CFGM goal and got tremendous support from John "Mighty Mite" Barnett and Steve Ground.

Hill Senior League		Future Games	
P	W L T Pts.	Mon., Feb. 4th at Aurora	9:00 Aurora Macs vs Willowdale Rangers
R. H. Leafs	12 10 2 0 20	Tues., Feb. 5 at Richmond Hill	8:00 Leaside Larks vs Concord Flyers
Wile Rangers	11 9 2 0 18	9:15 Girls Hockey	
L'side Larks	11 4 7 0 8	9:45 R'mond Hill Leafs vs Willowdale Rangers	
Concord Flyers	12 3 7 2 8	Free at the door - Scotties Facial Tissues	
A'ora Macs	10 8 2 2 2		
G A Pts.			
Matt Kinnari (RH)	22 25 47		
Bob Wright (W)	19 18 37		
Earl Cairns (W)	19 18 37		
N. Roberts (RH)	13 21 34		
Chick Webster (W)	8 23 31		
Paul Smart (L)	16 14 30		
Jim Wells (RH)	16 13 29		

Report Ice Good On Lake Simcoe For Area Anglers

The recent heavy cold snap has thickened the ice considerably on Lake Simcoe and ice fishing conditions are excellent. However, a danger of pressure ridges and large cracks in the ice still exists and fishermen are encouraged to seek ice information from hut operators. Catches of whitefish and lake trout are good to excellent with most fishermen having a fair share of success.

Two American visitors recently reported a catch of 140 fish. Snow conditions have done much to bring out the rabbit population as two hunters from Richmond Hill recently bagged 23 in one day in Scott Township. With the cold conditions as severe as they have been recently, a grave danger of frostbite exists in the great outdoors. One word of caution. The old saw about rubbing snow on a frost-bitten part is so much hogwash. All snow crystals can do is to cut into the already damaged flesh adding insult to injury. Violent rubbing can cause small blood vessels to rupture and thus aggravate the condition.

An application of dry, gentle warmth, without rubbing is the best thawing method. A better idea is to take precautions first and avoid frostbite like the plague!

Last Minute Effort Knocks Town Squad

Aurora 4 - Town & Country 2
Two unanswered goals by Aurora in the dying moments of the third period saw the Town & Country midgets go down to a 4-2 defeat. Mike Howard and Phil Dobbs scored for Richmond Hill. Doug Carter was credited with an assist. Aurora goal getters were D. Coty, A. Chittenden, L. Hagen and B. Cosgrove.

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Six-Team Loop Name Art Ashby To Head New Metro Ball League

At a meeting held on January 20 in Toronto the new Metro Major Fastball League elected an executive to head up the first year of operation. All members serving on the executive are died-in-the-wool softball types and if experience can guarantee a well-run league, then this will be the league. Art Ashby, last year's president of the North York Umpires Association, will assume the mantle of league president. Jim Murray, ex-mayor of Aurora, will serve as first vice-president; Lloyd "Mickey" Smith, Richmond Hill, is second vice-president and John Van Waggoner of the Lakeshore League will fill the third vice-presidential post. Art Bayliss of Lake Simcoe will handle secretarial duties for the league with Norm Fraser, past president of the North York Amateur Softball Association, handling the money as the league treasurer. Umpire-in-chief is Bill "Zip" Thompson of Rexdale, a member of the Toronto Umpire Association. Each team in the league will be entitled to one vote, cast by a member appointed to the general executive. Aurora will be represented by Jim Patton, Markham aces by John Lunau, Franklin's Men's Wear by Ron Nicholson, Lakeshore by Fern Jackson, Gozola and Allen by Joe Graham, and Dynes Jewellers by Russ "Casey" Cripps.

CURLING At Local Club

A rink from Richmond Hill celebrated Robbie Burns night in Niagara Falls by winning the Canada Dry Trophy. The local foursome was skipped by Dot Wilson with Jessie Wainwright as vice, Nancy Butler second and Jean McLaren lead. Niagara Falls was good hunting territory for Richmond Hill rinks over the week-end as another local rink won three game high in the nine o'clock draw at Niagara on Saturday. The rink skipped by Dr. John Wynne, had Sue Fraser as vice, George Fraser as second and Pat Wynn in the lead spot. The Richmond Hill Curling Club representatives in the British Consul Tournament will be skipped by Jack Rummy, with Dalt Hicks as vice, Doug Smith second, and Harry Webb as lead. On February 1, all members of the Richmond Hill Curling Club are eligible to compete in a cup and saucer spiel. This should be a very popular event with members assured of a fine evening of curling. February 6 will see a spiel for the lady skips and vices. Entries are expected from most clubs in this area with several entries from distant points. Openings for entries are still available for the 6 and 12 o'clock draws in the Valentine Sweetheart Spiel to be held February 8 and 9 at the Richmond Hill Curling Club. Get YOUR entry in soon to avoid possible disappointment.

Thornhill & Dist. League

P	W	L	T	Pts.	Golden Hawks 6 - Red Wings 3
Golden Hawks	5	2	1	26	In the second game the Golden Hawks downed the Red Wings 6-2 for their first win.
Calyppo Kings	5	1	1	35	
Red Wings	4	0	1	33	
Red Wings 2 - Calyppo Kings 2	The Golden Hawks handed the Calyppo Kings their first defeat and took over first place.				

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