

School for Umpires

A school session for coaches and umpires of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association will be held on May 25th at the town park. Commencing at 1.00 p.m. instructors will be giving lessons in the art of umpiring by Ron Bailey and Ron McAndrews. Team coaches will be given softball tips by Sil Steffan, Roy Judd and Russ "Casey" Cripps of the Dynes Jewellers softball team.

At the conclusion of the school session umpires will get a chance to practice their calling under actual conditions. Dynes Jewellers will be conducting a practice game and R.H.M.-B.A. umpires will be given every chance to strut their stuff during the course of the game. A novel idea that should pay big dividends in the upcoming minor softball wars.

CARRVILLE NEWS

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Top Honors

At the music festival held at the Woodbridge Public School recently, several of our local young folk captured some of the top-honors playing the piano. They are the students of Miss Judy Nichols and it goes without saying what a wonderful job she is doing.

Gloria Bowes in the class of 11 years and under competing against 17 others same first with 85 points and a gold medal.

Janice Nichols who is 13 years old placed third in the Bach Class of 16 years and under, first in the 14 years and under and second in the 15 years and under.

Janice Nichols and David Wark placed first in the duet class of 16 years and under. Gloria Bowes and Jane Nunn placed third in the duet class of 12 years and under and received 80 points.

Ken Nichols playing the piano accordion received a first in the class of 17 years and under with 88 points and placed second in the class of 19 years and under with 86 points and a scholarship. Janice Nichols and Gloria Bowes also won scholarships.

Adding to their honors, Gloria Bowes, Janice Nichols and Ken Nichols have been asked to play at the Festival of Stars, Friday, May 17 at 8:15 p.m.

Good Luck to them all. At the music festival held at Newmarket recently in March, Jane Nunn received a first in the class of 11 years and under. Miss Judy Nichols also played at the festival and received two firsts and a second

and received two scholarships with 90 points and 88 points.

Socials
Mrs. Ann Clement has been home now for a few weeks and is getting along fine even though she is still confined to a wheelchair.

Mrs. Dean Wilson and her two daughters Beth Ann and Myra Jane spent the Mother's Day weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purves and their family Wendy, Susan and Robbie along with Mr. Stan Wood and Andrew had a very enjoyable trip to Niagara Falls a recent Sunday to see the beautiful blossoms. On their way they stopped in to visit Mr. Wood's nephew Mr. Alex Lutz and his family at St. David's.

Mrs. Frank Purves was "very much surprised" when several of her friends surprised her with a party May 4, to help her celebrate her birthday which was May 8.

Mrs. Adam Read, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Read, Ronnie and Peter had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Drewery and family, Stouffville on Mother's Day along with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Read, and family, Oro Station.

Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston, Willowdale visited with the Reads Sunday evening of this week.

Mrs. Doug Bone has had her hands full this last week with all her three little boys and her husband sick in bed, hope every one is fine now.

A happy birthday to Nancy Manning who has a birthday on May 20 and to Ronnie Wilson on May 22.

Outdoors

with John Power

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Immediately - at once - don't delay another day. I am not referring to those odd jobs such as taking off the storm windows, painting the eaves, cleaning the yard or garage; all of which might be better left to the superior skills and talents of the little woman.

I am talking about the annual chore of checking over your fishing tackle.

RODS
It is very important to carefully examine the guides and top on your rod for grooves caused by line wear. Many a fine fish is lost because the line was nicked or shredded on a groove top or guide.

If you notice any signs of wear replace them without hesitation; preferably with ones made of carboloy which will last almost indefinitely.

Carefully wrap the guides to your rod with nylon thread and coat all the wrappings on the rod with varnish or clear nail polish. This will give them a good protective coating against wear and weather.

A loose ferrule can be very annoying; particularly when the tip section of the rod flies off during a cast and follows the lure into water. This can be rectified by giving the male half of the ferrule a light coating of varnish.

REELS
Disassemble and thoroughly clean your reels. Examine the gears for signs of wear and replace them if necessary. Line will sometimes groove the ball roller on open face reels and the pick-up pin on closed face reels.

It's a good idea to test the drag on spinning reels as the tension springs or washers need occasional replacing. The same goes for the ball springs which will grow weak or brittle with use.

Re-pack the gears with a good quality reel grease and oil your reel where necessary. Its performance is dependent on being lubricated with a light, free-flowing lubricant. Don't use an all-purpose household or machine oil which is usually too thick and will gum up the reel.

LINE
I feel that spinning line should definitely be replaced every season. If you're anything like me you will find this necessary upon innumerable

occasions throughout the year. Once the line gets low on the spool, a great deal of casting distance is sacrificed.

When it's left on the spool over the winter, monofilament line seems to deteriorate as well as get kinked and twisted. It's foolish to handicap yourself or take some of the enjoyment out of the opening by using last year's line.

It's always a good idea to have at least two spools for your reel with different weights of line on them. I would suggest one spool with six pound test on it and the other with eight pound line. Many fellows prefer using four pound for much of their angling and there are places where it might be wise to go to a 10 pound test. However, I feel it is completely unnecessary and unenjoyable to use a spinning line heavier than ten pound unless angling for tarpon or mermaids (check local seasons and limits).

LURES
Naturally, you are going to want to try out a few of those new lures you've seen in the tackle displays. But I'll bet there are a lot of old baits kicking around in the corners of the tackle box that could be made to look like new with a bit of polish and elbow grease. The hooks will probably need sharpening or replacing if they're rusted.

NETS
I mention this item because I have seen some lunkers lost due to rotten or torn mesh on a net. It's not necessary to purchase a new net if this is the case as many tackle dealers carry replacement bags for nets. I have noticed you can often buy a much better quality replacement bag than you find on the complete units.

BOOTS
If they've wintered in the garage, back porch or car trunk chances are old man, that you are going to have to spring for a new pair. The cold will deteriorate rubber boots as will leaving them folded like hip boots often are. It's better to find the leaks and patch them now than to discover them when you are standing in waist-deep water in a frigid beaver pond.

We'll close on the subject of waders by mentioning "A bathing beauty is a girl worth wading for".

MacKillop Seniors Open House May 22

On May 22, MacKillop Public School's grades five to eight will hold a senior program evening for their parents from 7:30 - 9 p.m. There will be demonstrations of work in social studies, mathematics and other academic studies as well as skits and dramas.

On May 1, kindergarten, grades one to four performed folk dancing, parades and sang for a capacity audience of 400 parents "It was standing room only." School Principal R. Newman said.

Roads, Run - Off On Ratepayers October Agenda

North Richvale residents who formed a ratepayers' association on April 3 will spike their guns until October, president C. A. Chevis said.

The association has held two meetings this spring but made no plans to continue meeting until the fall.

There are 250 families in the area the association will serve, Mr. Chevis said, in the district bounded by Yonge and Bathurst Streets, Weldrick Road to the southern limits of Richmond Hill. Membership at present is 50 families, he said.

"Main purpose of our banding together is to present the individual or group's problems to township council and to keep our people informed on what is going on," Mr. Chevis said.

Major initial problem was the possibility of pollution of the "Little" Don river when a pumping station for the new hospital was proposed in the area. Association members attended several Ontario Water Resources Board hearings to voice their concern.

Other problems the association will discuss in the fall include roads, ditching, spring flooding and the high cost of the area's hydro.

"Since we are a rural hydro area, our rates are higher than elsewhere and we hope to see what can be done. We may even consider forming the police village of Richvale," Mr. Chevis said.

Mr. Chevis is a former vice-president of the East Vaughan Ratepayers Association which was disbanded.

He said he expects the association will regularly send delegates to Vaughan Township Council meetings.

Tips For Umpires

By Dan Pilcher

Every baseball fan knows what is meant when the umpire raises his arm. This is a signal to the fans meaning "out".

The umpire has many such signals which he uses for the benefit of both fans and players. It can be a cause of great confusion if these signals are not used, and used properly.

The classic example happened in a ball game some time ago. The umpire was running to second base for a close play, and in so doing, he lost his balance. His right arm went up in an attempt to regain his balance. He then shouted "safe". The runner of course was quite confused, and asked, "Well, am I safe or out?" The answer is as amazing as the play. The umpire said, "Well, you and I both know that you are safe, but thousands of fans think that you are out, so you're out."

The signal to the fans is a very important thing. There is only one way to get to know these signals, and I suggest that you try this. Watch a good umpire in action. Go to one of the local games; but don't watch the game. Instead, watch the umpire. Study his every move. After a few innings, try to anticipate his moves. Watch where he goes for a certain play. Try to out-guess him. By studying the umpire in action, you can see what is expected of you when you take the field. Then when you go into action, make good use of these signals.

- (1) Out - raise the arm (like thumbing a ride).
- (2) Safe - hands flat (like smoothing the ground).
- (3) Foul Ball - wave toward the foul line.
- (4) Fair ball - wave toward the playing field.
- (5) Strike - extend the right arm.
- (6) Time out - raise both arms above the head.

These are the most common signals. Know them, and use them well.

Now, can you beat the ump? Can you call this play.

With two on base and two away, the batter gets a hit, and goes to second. One run scores. On appeal, the batter is called out at first, for failing to touch that base. The runner scores before the final out, but does the run count? No. The third out is a force out, since the batter/runner failed to reach first base safely. No run may score if the third out is a force play. Note that if the runner-batter had been put out a second after touching first, the run would count, since there would be no force play in effect.

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Neighbourhood Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kincade of Oxford Street arrived home last week after spending the winter months in Florida.

Last Thursday Mrs. Bert Hoar was hostess at a surprise party for Mrs. Bob Reid when about 30 relatives gathered for a farewell party. This week Mr. and Mrs. Reid and family are moving to Fenelon Falls where they will be operating a snack bar. The Reids are certainly going to be missed - the good wishes of their many friends in the community go with them in their new home.

Congratulations to Miss Lesley Webb who received her diploma at the graduation exercises of the Women's College Hospital school of nursing last week at convocation hall.

Last Friday night about twenty relatives and friends gathered at the Patton's home to surprise George on his birthday.

Miss Gail Kerfoot and Miss Beverley Goyit of Simcoe spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Leno.

Mr. and Mrs. George Topper and Brenda Gardner spent a few days last week at Galt with Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Halloran.

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Beatty and their four children were home for Mother's Day and attended the morning service at St. John's.

Many happy returns of the day to Lynda Patton on May 18th, to Kathy Snell on the 19th, and to Sonja Kleebaum on the 21st.

A speedy recovery to Eddie Evison who was hit by a car on Saturday night on the Elgin Mills Road. He suffered a broken leg and a bad cut on the back of his head which required stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Burns attended the wedding of Reg's nephew, Mr. Ronald Glass to Miss Jean Pernice at St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown on Saturday.

Mr. T. J. Thomasson has been appointed principal of Sydenham District High School. Mr. and Mrs. Thomasson and family will be moving in August to their new location. Mr. Charles Hanson of Elgin Mills Sideroad West celebrated

his 83rd birthday on Sunday - congratulations.

Mr. Gordon Tetley's many friends in the parish will be very happy to hear he is progressing well in York County Hospital after a very serious illness.

Captain Jim Thompson of the Church Army, who is assistant at All Saints Church, Toronto, was the preacher on Church Army Sunday this week.

The sincere sympathy of the community is extended to Mrs. Ross Cox on the loss of her husband last week.

Learn Small Boat Safety

The York Central Anglers and Hunters Club are sponsoring a course in small boat safety at Richmond Hill. Material in the course is slanted toward the small boat owner and to those who have tentative plans to purchase a small craft.

Elementary navigation is taught along with the basic rules of the water lanes. All facets of what to do in the case of any emergency arising are amply covered.

Sgt. Wilson of the RCMP is the chief instructor and is ably assisted by Mr. Bud Bonner of the North York Hydro.

No fee is charged for the course which runs for four consecutive Monday nights from 8:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. The Richmond Hill Fire Department generously donated the use of the Richmond Hill fire hall as an instruction centre.

Next course starts on Monday, May 20th at 8 p.m. and should be on a boat owner's must list. As the object of the course is to ensure safe boating for everyone it should be almost mandatory for an owner to attend.

Expenses incurred in the presentation of the course are borne by the York Central Anglers and Hunters Club as a very fine public service gesture. There is also an element of self preservation from their point of view. As experienced boaters they intend to take precautions against wild and woolly boat operation that could conceivably endanger their lives.

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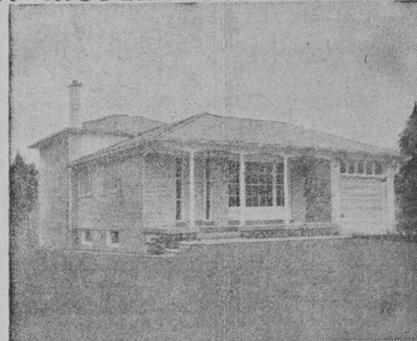
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