

## SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE



When they talk about it today they laugh - laugh until the tears run down their cheeks. On the nineteenth of March in the year of Our Lord 1955 they were so involved and mixed up that it seemed as if nothing could possibly go right. "They" are the original members of the arena association - the group who took on the task of getting an artificial ice plant put into Richmond Hill Arena. The 19th of March 1955 was the inaugural day. It almost turned into a nightmare for a devoted group of workers.

As Bill Ellis, first president of the arena association says, "It was a real challenge and a task to raise the money initially." As arduous as the money raising end of the project was, the worst was yet to come.

When opening night came around there was no asphalt covering over the nine miles of freezing pipe. Just lots of bare dirt with the plumbing nightmare sitting on top. With barely half an hour until the crowds were due to pour into the arena they discovered a strip approximately 180 feet long and one foot wide - which happened to be right in the centre - which just wouldn't freeze.

Much hasty thought and plenty of hasty muscle solved what seemed to be an insoluble problem. They laid down the biggest strip of dry ice that anyone ever skated on! And it worked!

At the end of the entertainment, some of which was provided by skaters from the Toronto Skating Club, now the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, there was to be a period of public skating. Only now there wasn't enough ice, they were nearly down to the pipes!

Next item was on asphalt covering which was laid over the pipes. It just refused to set. In desperation, salamanders, (sort of a king-sized blow torch) were brought in but to no avail. Fair day was fast approaching and a big dance was planned - what to do now?

**OVERCOME ADVERSITY**  
Ingenuity triumphed over adversity. One heck of a lot of plywood was bought, cut to size where needed and nailed down over the entire arena floor. The dance was held and everyone was very happy. But \$1,000 worth of plywood had to be sold for one-third of its value of a few days before.

Like we said, they can laugh now, the worst is all behind. Last Wednesday night the final four debenture holders were paid off and the ice plant is completely paid for. The men who piloted the association through thick and thin never lost sight of their goal. Operate as efficiently as possible and pay off the debentures. They can only plead guilty on both counts - they've done a whale of a job!

Tenders are now in for what promises to be a very extensive face lifting job on the arena. Once again they're tackling a big project but with confidence.

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(STAFF PHOTO)

## Students Win Achievement Awards

Three Richmond Hill High School students honoured for outstanding athletic accomplishments during the past year are pictured above. Left, Carol Hayes a grade 12 student in the special commercial course who won the Girls' Athletic Association Trophy. This trophy is emblematic of outstanding athletic and scholastic standing. Centre; John Perkins, a grade 13 arts and science student was awarded the Babcock Snider Trophy for outstanding athletic ability and high academic achievement. Right; Diane Hayes, a grade 13 arts and science student who gained membership in the '500 club' for having gained over 500 points in athletic activity during her high school course. Diane is the first girl of the school to have achieved this distinction.

## Jewellers Take Two From Aurora

A large crowd of Aurora fans turned out to see the opening game of the Metro Major Fastball League on Tuesday of last week. Despite a heavy rain in the morning and into the early afternoon the field was in reasonable shape for the game.

With the opening ceremonies concluded and the

game about to begin Aurora did not have a pitcher available at game time. As a result the game was awarded to Dynes Jewellers by default and will go into the record books as a 9-0 win for the Richmond Hill team.

In order to avoid disappointing the large crowd, Bob Attwell was prevailed upon to pitch for the Aurora team in a game that was merely exhibition fastball. Attwell got his lumps early as Dynes' lead off man Skip De Geer singled and Sil Steffon drew a walk. A miscue on a sharply hit ball off the bat of Neb Gayman scored De Geer and Steffon.

As the second inning opened Gary Nolan took the mound for Aurora and proceeded to set the Jewellers down with three hits until relieved by Moe Zubatiuk in the seventh inning. Zubatiuk was tagged for a

single.

Ray Judd, the pride and joy of the Richmond Hill mound staff, struck out thirteen hopefuls and contributed three singles to prove that he can hit as effectively as he can pitch. One of the big highlights of the game was the fine play

of Bren Selvaige at second base for the Jewellers. For some time past Dynes teams have suffered from a lack of defensive strength at the keystone sack. The play of Selvaige, a converted pitcher, seems to be a full and complete answer to any coaches prayers.

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## Sun Shines For Tennis Club Start

The Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association officially opened the 1963 tennis season on June 1st. Courts and weather were both in tip-top condition for the opening and president George Major reports one of the largest opening day attendances in the history of the club. Some 20 senior members turned out along with upwards of 60 junior members.

Free instruction is being provided on Saturday mornings for fledgling tennis players by more experienced members of the club. Lessons consist of a series of four periods of instruction designed to give a beginning tennis player an insight into the basics of good tennis.

There are still openings for members and the Richmond Hill Lawn Tennis Association would seem to have plenty of attraction. President of the club this year is Mr. George Major and he can be contacted at TU. 4-1996. He will be only too happy to answer any questions about the tennis situation in Richmond Hill.

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## Judd Strikes Out Eighteen As Jewellers Team Win 6-1

Ray Judd made his first appearance before local softball fans last Thursday and proved to be every bit as good as his advance notices. As his share of the proceedings he struck out 18 Aurora batters, pitched only eleven ball calls in the entire game, hit a triple and a home run to aid his own cause while performing in a most relaxed and almost casual manner. If a pitcher can do more we'd like to know what it is!

Aurora ace Moe Zubatiuk found the going extremely rough. Skip DeGeer led off for the Dynesmen in the bottom half of the first inning with a single and scored easily on a three base blow by second baseman Bren Selvaige. Judd got his first crack at the bat and proceeded to blast out a booming triple scoring Selvaige. Short stop Neb Gayman rapped out a double and that was the end of the trail for Zubatiuk. He was relieved by Gary Nolan who also got into quick trouble by walking first baseman Sil Steffan. A single by outfielder Chico Fernandez scored Steffan but Gayman was tagged out on a close play at third base.

At the end of the first inning the Jewellers led 4-0 and that was just about the story of the ball game.

Catcher Ken Coultz drew a walk in the third inning and was scored on an error on a ball hit by outfielder Tony Centa. Judd smashed a home

run in the fourth inning to end the Jeweller scoring. Aurora's lone run came in the seventh inning as Jim Paton was safe on a fielders choice and came around to score on a triple by Aurora's veteran third sacker Earl MacDonald.

The game was a delight and revelation for local fans. This is possibly the best all 'round team ever to wear the green and white livery of a Dynes club. Play of Gayman at short and Selvaige at second has added tremendous defensive strength through the middle and both men are fair hands with the bat. Sil Steffan is fast turning into a competent first baseman while catcher Ken Coultz is a more than competent receiver.

One of the most exciting moments came before the game actually got under way. With Councillor Al "Fingers" White on the mound and Art Ashly president of the Metro Major Fastball League behind the plate, Mayor William "Mickey" Neal belted out a hit to officially open the local season. It was exciting because for a little while it seemed as though

MARKHAM - Scarborough Councillor George Young has announced he will seek the Liberal nomination for the new provincial riding of Scarborough West.

"Fingers" White never would find the range - when he did - boom! - and away went the new season!

This Thursday night Dynes Jewellers will host Lakeshore in a league fixture at the Town Park with game time set for 8:15 p.m.

## Coming Sporting Events

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
Soccer - Newmarket and District Soccer League. Maple vs Richmond Hill. Richmond Hill Town Park. Kickoff 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**  
Juvenile Softball Town Park 6:45 p.m. Bayview vs Reid's Auto body. Bork Jewellers vs The Liberal.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**  
North York Major Softball Junior League. Galt vs Kent Clothes. Richmond Hill Town Park. Game time 8:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13**  
Metro Major Fastball League. Gazzola and Allen vs Dynes Jewellers. Richmond Hill Town Park. Game time 8:15 p.m.



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