

Red Cross Swamped By Swim Applicants, Refuse 700

More than 1,000 children tried to register for the July and August Red Cross swim classes last Saturday.

Only 300 were accepted because of the limitations set for the Thornhill lessons, Mrs. Lois Hancey, Red Cross water committee chairman said.

"We deeply regret having to turn away so many. The lineups began at 7:30 p.m. at Allencourt and Richmond Heights Centres,"

she said.

Bus schedule for those who registered at Allencourt Plaza is as follows; Group A under the supervision of Mrs. L. Ballis leaves Bayview Plaza at 9.05 p.m. and returns at 10.30 a.m.; Group B under the supervision of Mrs. P. J. Shubaly leaves Bayview Plaza at 9.45 a.m. returns at 11.20 a.m. Group C under the supervision of Mrs. P. Deslaurier leaves Bayview Plaza at 10.35

a.m. returns at 12.05 a.m. A pick-up at Allencourt Plaza is included in the above.

Those who registered at Richmond Heights Centre will be notified of their bus schedule by telephone.

The committee extended its thanks to the following: Mr. W. Needler of Trailways for making transportation available; "The Liberal", School Superintendent Gordon McIntyre and the elementary school prin-

cipals, teachers, Thornhill Pool Manager John Hanna, Recreation Director Jean Thomson, the management of the Firestone Store and Allencourt Plaza and Red Cross members.

The local YWCA is also deeply concerned over the lack of swimming facilities in the town, and will lend assistance to the delegation which will be approaching town council next week.

The "Y" has just completed a very successful swim program for its members at the York Mills Pool, which was oversubscribed. For the summer months they plan a program for mothers and daughters (over 12) which will be held at the German Pool at Elgin Mills. It is expected that enrolment will overtax the facilities at this pool. (See advertisement in this issue).

SPORT SPOTS

BY RON CRAINE



We hear that the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross is getting behind a movement to build a swimming pool in Richmond Hill. There isn't any doubt in the world that the Red Cross is the foremost promoter of water safety programmes. When the Red Cross says that a pool to teach swimming and water safety is a necessity then you'd better believe it.

Leaving out the populations of Richmond Hill High School and Bayview Secondary School, there are 4,600 children attending public and separate schools in Richmond Hill.

With the secondary school students added in the figure should be something over 7,000 students who would be eligible to benefit from the results of a comprehensive swimming program.

In times past various groups and individuals have taken swipes at trying to come up with a system to construct a pool. The attempts all came to naught because the groups were minority affairs and were not able to get backing from older, more established groups.

The Red Cross group is in the fortunate position of having a great deal of public confidence and respect. Any endeavour that this group takes on is not taken on lightly. They should be able to attract backing both from organizations and individuals and get a solid campaign going.

Almost everyone you talk to agrees that the need is great and a pool is an absolute necessity. What's needed is some responsible group to head up the campaign and the Canadian Red Cross have all the qualifications to be that very group.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the opening shots in the pool campaign. It may not come like yesterday afternoon but when it does come it will be more than welcome.

Help support the local branch of the Red Cross and help the cause of water safety in this immediate area. By the by - there's a certain amount of pleasure to be had at a swimming pool and there's nothing sinful about that either!

SPORTS DAY PARADE

Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association has done it again and successfully pulled off the sixth Sports Day parade. It was a tremendous effort by a few key people in the organization that made it go plus the help of dozens of willing workers to handle the actual physical work. They all deserve a large round of applause for a job very well done.

There's another job that we think they could (Continued On Page 10)

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Weather Co-operates For Sportsmen's Parade Wednesday

With full co-operation from a benevolent weather man the sixth annual Sports Day Parade was held in Richmond Hill last Wednesday night. Unsettled weather throughout the day plus forecasts of showers made the start of the parade dubious but by six o'clock on Wednesday evening the clouds had rolled away and a fine, warm evening was ideal for the event.

By 6.30 p.m. Yonge St. was jammed with specta-

tors and at 7.00 p.m. the parade left Richmond Heights Centre to make its way to the town park. There was something for everyone in the parade, bands, pretty girls, gaily decorated floats, marching children, horses, old cars and new cars, clowns and almost anything you could name. This was the biggest parade in the history of the event.

Prior to the start of the parade, Joe Gerace and his cohorts from Buttonville Airport entertained the

waiting crowds with a three plane formation fly-past over the parade route. Mr. Gerace has been a part of the celebration for many years and his aircraft display is one of the looked for highlights of the event.

Hundreds of people elected to head for the town park and purchase seats in the stands for the N.H.L. All-Star - Dynes Jewellers softball game. While the parade was rolling down Yonge St. those in the stands were entertained by

a softball game by some of the youngest active members of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association. One of the catchers involved in the game was just about knee-high to a duck and completely stole the show. He also proved to be a real competitor and played a good brand of ball.

A steadily increasing roar of excitement heralded the arrival of the parade at the park and spectators stood in the seats to witness the entrance of the parade. It has often been said that Richmond Hill is a town of a "Million Roses." It's no doubt true but we have another equally important asset - children.

They came into the park in a steady stream. Some rode in on floats, others marched as members of bands or majorette groups while some marched in softball team groups. No matter how they came they noted the theme of the whole evening. The big accent was on youth.

Parade marshalls directed the parade entries into formation on the main softball diamond in preparation for

the official welcome by Mayor William Neal The Queen was played by one of the young band groups and the celebration was officially open.

Prize winning float this year was an entry by Gormley Sand and Gravel. It consisted of three units - a huge front-end loader, a motor cycle towing a child's wagon and an ancient Ford. A somberly garbed and bearded motor cyclist led the group. Behind his motor cycle he towed a coaster wagon announcing that this was Gormley Sand and Gravel special delivery department. Next came the giant front end loader with a clown band comfortably ensconced in the huge bucket while the vintage Ford brought up the rear. It was an eye catching and imaginative float and deserving of the award for the top entry in the parade.

Following the official part of the program the N.H.L. All-Stars were due to make their appearance. A slight accident to one of the player's cars en route to the

park delayed their arrival somewhat but they were no less welcome for the slight delay.

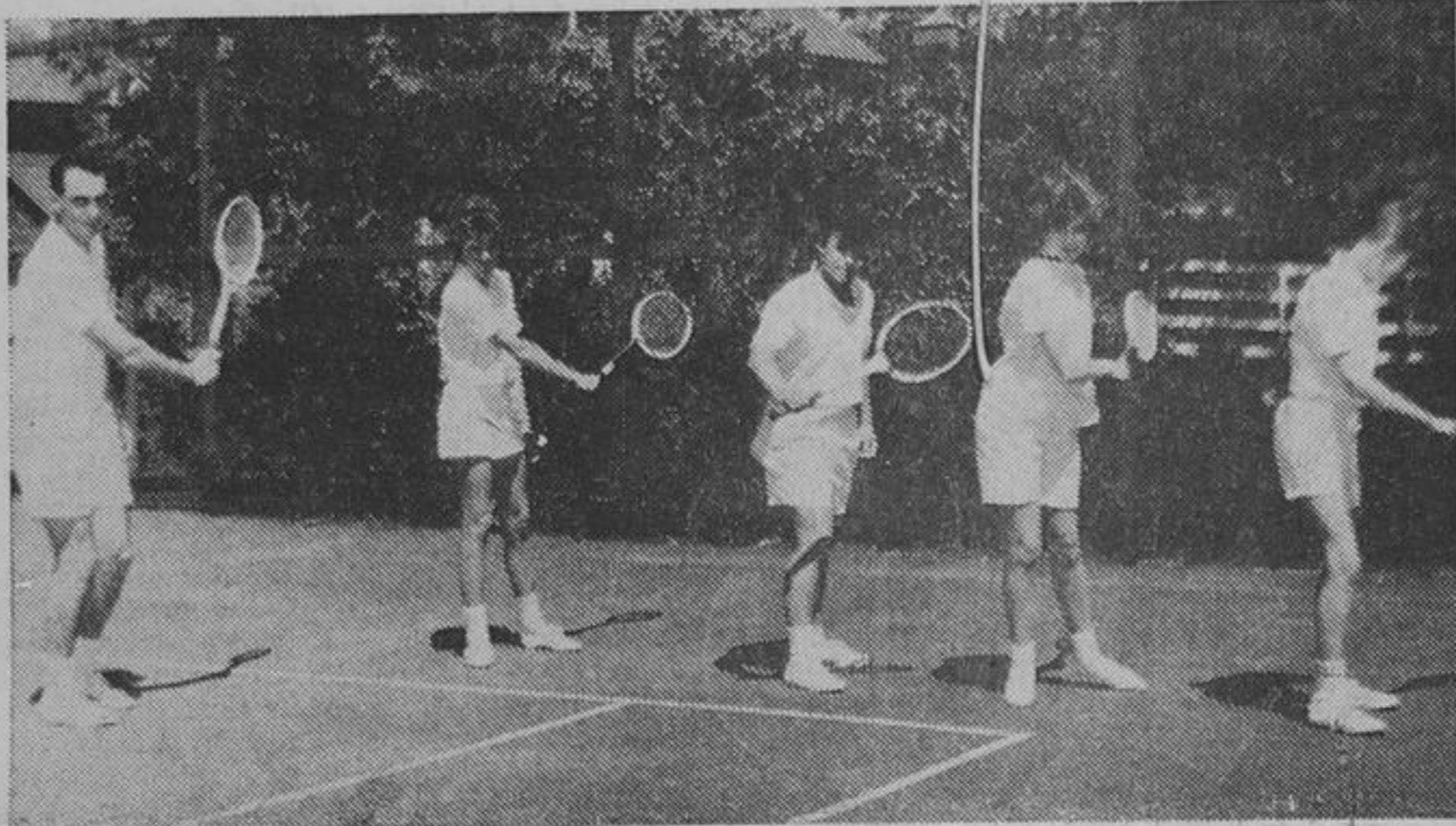
As each hockey player was introduced he was given a loud cheer but the lion's share of the roaring welcome was reserved for Eddie Shack. The youth of the town left no doubt in anyone's mind as to just who their favourite Leaf really is!

The actual softball game itself was something of an anti-climax. For the first three innings both teams played serious softball but the Jewellers leaped quickly into a 6-0 lead after two innings of play. Ray Judd, Dynes pitching ace, had N.H.L. batters virtually handcuffed and after the third inning the All-Stars elected to turn the game into a comedy routine. Led by the irrepressible Eddie Shack they ran bases backwards, batted in any order that suited their fancy and turned the game into a shambles. Every kid in attendance was chanting "we want Shack" and Eddie obliged with several unscheduled trips to the plate plus some highly

unorthodox base running.

After the game the All-Stars were mobbed by autograph seekers but the target of most requests was undeniably Eddie Shack. He left town knowing that the kids in this area think that he is the absolute top as far as hockey players are concerned!

All proceeds from the event will go to support minor softball in Richmond Hill. This was one of the most successful parades ever held and the monies raised will help greatly with the minor ball program.



Tennis School Proves Popular

The Richmond Hill Tennis Club sponsored a very successful school for junior members this spring. The classes, which attracted some 60 pupils, were held on Saturday mornings at the local courts.

Club President George Major (left) is seen with Pamela Barrington, Kip Berry, Wendy Himbroff and Robert Johnston.

Saturday At Pinecrest Rough Night For Cars

They were rockin' and rollin' at Pinecrest Speedway Saturday night, in the roughest night for cars and drivers in a couple of seasons. Five cars went tumbling in as many accidents in four different races.

When the fans caught their breath, it was seen that both Jerry Watson and Jo Cresswell had won their second feature races, first drivers to do so this season. Watson has a record of six victories in 10 starts and stands one point behind Jim Hallahan, 51-50, in spite of having missed three of the six Saturdays of racing.

Tom Wragg and Bob Delicato rolled over in the night's opening race, the first qualifying heat. Wragg piled up on the third lap, but was able to go on and place in three later races. The other four tumbler were out for the evening. Delicato's bump, which left his car upside down, ended the race at six laps.

The two ladies' spills had the added effect of taking out a couple of male drivers whose cars they had borrowed. Pat Howes was a quarter-lap short

of finishing the 10-lap race when she spilled. At the same moment, on the other side of the track, Bernice Schell rolled over for 50 feet and wound up in the infield, beyond the four-foot retaining wall. An overnight stay in Humber Memorial Hospital revealed no damage beyond a few scratches. Pat and Bernice had been driving cars belonging to Vic Parsons, four-race winner the week before, and Nick Rampling, respectively.

Last to get into the tumbling act was Stan Forrest. His third-lap spill in the feature caused that race to be started over again. After the restart, Bev Bye led for eight laps, at which point Watson and George Ruefer passed him. Watson was a quarter-lap ahead of Ruefer at the finish. Ruefer four lengths in front of Bye.

Kent Clothes Lose Close Game

Despite home runs hit by pitcher Larry Guio and left fielder Bruce Buchanan plus a single scored by John Steven, Kents lost to Fairbanks Legion by a 4-3 score after leading 3-1 going into the ninth inning.

Fairbanks turned on the heat in the top of the ninth inning to score three runs on two walks and two doubles. Kent Clothes were unable to capitalize in the bottom of the ninth inning and suffered a 4-3 loss.

Coming Sporting Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 27 Metro Major Fastball League, Franklin's Men'swear vs Dynes Jewellers. Game time 8.15 p.m. Richmond Hill Town Park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 Newmarket & District Soccer League tournament at Midland.



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R. Judd Strikes Out 22; Errors Cost Team Game

Dynes Jewellers lost a 2-1 decision to Markham Aces last Thursday night after 11 full innings of softball. Ray Judd struck out 22 Markham batters, was tagged for only five hits but errors cost him what should have been a victory.

The game shaped up like a pitchers' duel from the start with hefty Ellis, veteran Markham pitching ace, opposing Judd. Ellis struck out four batters, walked three and gave up six hits in winning the eleven inning contest.

Dynes scored their lone run in the third inning via the error route. Bill Robson was safe on an error charged to Markham shortstop Jack Robinson and was brought in to score on a single by centre fielder "Skip" DeGeer. The one run lead stood up until the seventh inning.

Markham first baseman Owen McKrickard lifted what looked like a routine fly ball to right field in the seventh inning. The right fielder Bill Robson moved into the ball only to have it bounce crazily out of the glove with McKrickard going to third on the play. He scored the tying run on a single off the bat of left fielder Rick Conlin.

The Jewellers threatened in the ninth with Moe Williamson advancing to third base as the result of a single plus two infield outs. He was stranded on third as Ken Coules flied out to centre field and the threat died.

Jack Robinson led off for Markham in the eleventh with a solid double. He advanced to third and scored the winning run on a long sacrifice out to right field by third baseman Ken Beckett. In the bottom of the eleventh inning the Jewellers had the bases loaded with two out. De Geer drove a sharp shot toward second and Thornington was called for interference on the play as he

headed from first to second. He was called out and the Markham team had won a 2-1 squeaker.

This was the first loss suffered by Judd in league action this year. It was a tough game to lose but a good win for Markham as two evenly balanced teams battled to the wire. For spectators it was one of those games that hold them to the bitter end, despite the fact that it was played on what must be one of the coldest, windiest June nights in many a year.

Fishermen Should Use Lifejackets

Reports that fishing conditions at Rice Lake are good, are sending dozens of anglers into this popular region. Game wardens and other authorities urge anglers put on life jackets prior to heading out to fish. This applies particularly to the children. Rice Lake can be a placid, pleasant body of water. It can, however, turn into a boiling cauldron in a few moments as a storm comes racing through the area. Maybe you won't even have time to grab a jacket without having it in place to begin with.

Trout fishermen are experiencing good catches using small flies. The smaller the fly the better the results. The Severn River from Severn Falls to Georgian Bay is yielding fair returns in pike and pickerel catches. Fishing is bound to improve as the weather stabilizes throughout the entire region.

R. Hill Minor Ball Results

JUVENILE LEAGUE Bork Jewellers 15 Bayview Plaza B.A. 6

In an upset victory Bork Jewellers came on strong to defeat the powerful B.A. team by a 15-6 score. At the end of the first inning Borks enjoyed a 9-4 lead and were never in trouble at any time during the entire piece. A record for walks must have been set during the game with both pitchers being slightly erratic on occasion.

"The Liberal" 11 Reid's Auto Body 2

The strong "Liberal" squad proved to be too much ball team for the Auto Body kids as the 11-2 score would indicate. "The Liberal" team seems to be turning into a real front runner with little chance of a slump.

In other minor league action Red Wings won 14-13 over the Virginians, Marlies edged Leafs 29-27, Colonels 17-11 over the Jerseys while the Chiefs downed the Bisons 13-8.