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## Pee Wee Dodgers Finished Season With 20 Wins, One Loss

The Pee Wee Dodgers, shown above, proved to be a winning combination in this year's minor softball program. They ended the season as champions of the pee wee division and also won the Tabloid Sports Day pee wee championship to make this season long to be remembered by each boy.

The Dodgers led the league all season, losing only one game and winning 20 to capture the league title. In the finals they defeated the Cards 2 games to 1.

Front row (left to right): Coach Ralph Davis, Alex Sywak, Doug Davis, Jim Davis, John Duncan, Bill Wright, Tommy Wilkinson, Coach Jack Duncan. Back row (same order): Bob Ponton, Pete Black, Ken Hitchson, Bob Smith, Keith Holtze, Mike Brown, Mel Wilder. Absent: Gary Godwin, Robbie Graham.

On the season's play the coaches chose Bill Wright and Keith Holtze as the most valuable players and named Tommy Wilkinson as the player showing the most promise.

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### Neighborhood Notes

The Monday Nites started another season of cards and chatter at the home of Mrs. Darrell Goulding last week. The prize winners were Mrs. I. Petersen, Mrs. Ross Kerwin, Mrs. D. Goulding and Mrs. E. Terry.

Mrs. H. G. Robertson attended a reception last Saturday at the home of Mrs. V. Cox in Richmond Hill in honour of the Rev. Shem Karorero of Uganda who was guest preacher at St. Gabriel Anglican last Sunday.

We are glad to know Corinne Dockman has been able to return to school after being away for four weeks with a bout of pneumonia.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Sieber on the birth of their third daughter. The Siebers are at present living in New Jersey and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Mrs. A. Marritt visited them earlier in the month. Anne Elizabeth and Mary Jane have been staying with their grandmother at Elmira for the past week or so.

Mrs. J. Hall, Mrs. S. Leno and Mrs. E. Terry had lunch with Mrs. J. A. Copeland in Oakville last week. They had a very pleasant time reminiscing about the community when the Copelands were residents in Jefferson. Esther wishes to be remembered to her many friends here. Bill is

in his last year at the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto and Sharon is in her second year at MacDonald Hall, Guelph.

Get well wishes to Mrs. T. Dick and David Robertson who are both under observation at the York Central Hospital.

Mr. Jim Williams, formerly of Gamble Sideroad, was married in Montreal Thanksgiving weekend. His many friends in the district wish him many years of happiness.

The Scouts are staging a bottle drive this Saturday. Please leave your bottles on the front steps for them to pick up.

### St. John's Church News

Last Sunday was Lay Sunday and a splendid address was given by Dr. J. Warnica, a college friend of the rector's. In the evening quite a few of the congregation went to Stouffville High School to hear the Rev. Duncan Campbell speak on the Hebrides. There was a very good attendance to hear a most interesting talk.

Mrs. T. Robinson and the children have been spending a few days with the rector's mother in Pictou.

The young people will be meeting at the parish hall on Saturday night. On Sunday morning at 8 a.m. they are having breakfast at the parish hall.

## Double Ring Wedding Ceremony In The St. John's Anglican Church

A double ring ceremony took place on October 10 when Sonia Embleton Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, County Durham, England, became the bride of Mr. Bruce Fred Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waters.

leaving on her honeymoon. The young couple will live in Toronto.

The Rev. T. Robinson officiated at the ceremony which took place in St. John's Anglican Church.

The bride, given in marriage by Mr. Eric Jones, wore a gown of white silk faille embroidered with seed pearls. A seed pearl headpiece held her shoulder length veil and she carried a crescent bouquet.

Miss Carol Waters, sister of the groom, was maid of honor, Miss Linda Waters, cousin of the groom, bridesmaid, Miss Linda Peat, junior bridesmaid and Miss Cathy McLaughlin, flower girl. They all wore gold peau de faille gowns with matching shoes and headpieces.

Bobby Waters, brother of the groom, was the small ring bearer. Best man was Roger Hobson and ushers were Fred Waters, brother of the groom, and Bill Waters, cousin of the groom.

A reception was held in St. John's parish hall and a second reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Waters. The groom's mother received in a dress of champagne lace over dark brown silk and champagne and brown accessories. The bride changed into a mustard colored tweed suit with brown accessories before

## What Happened To Norwich Plan?

Stan McNeill, in the Hamilton Spectator asked his readers this question, recently. His feature article reads: "A few years ago, a simple, inexpensive blueprint for downtown rejuvenation blazed briefly across the Hamilton scene, showering businessmen with sparks of enthusiasm.

"It disappeared without a trace.

**Norwich Plan**  
"This was the Norwich Plan, a technique created by Britain's Civic Trust and given a trial run in Norwich to put new life into the city's shoddy, lack-lustre downtown core.

"Basically, the plan merely involves sprucing up stores, ripping down unsightly overhead signs, carrying out minor repair work and using a little soap and elbow grease on brick and stone work.

"Repainting is carried out under the eye of a general overseer who designs color schemes to blend attractively in the overall project. Where possible, street lamps and similar essential services are attached to buildings in an unobtrusive manner.

"When the project was completed in Norwich, it was found that the average cost per storekeeper was less than \$200.

"Businessmen there soon discovered they had backed a winner. Reports of the success spread rapidly and before long cities all over the world were at Norwich's

doorstep requesting information.

**Hamilton**  
"Details of the plan were finally put on film and in due course a copy reached Hamilton. It was shown to businessmen's groups, service clubs and council representatives.

"Viewers waxed enthusiastic. It would be a simple remedy for the deterioration that was eating into the downtown areas of communities of all sizes.

"As usual, the initial enthusiasm soon waned. Hamilton let it drop. Both Oakville and Dundas made a half-hearted stab at it, but never carried it through to completion."

**Richmond Hill**  
Mayor Tom Broadhurst notes that Richmond Hill's Civic Improvement Committee has spent considerable time and effort in attempting to do something similar, but the co-operation it has so far received, apart from a handful of enthusiastic individuals, has been quite less than would be necessary to reap the benefit to the town from a fully co-ordinated effort.

Despite this, he continues, the committee plans to work in co-operation with those who have indicated their willingness to co-operate with it and hopes that by force of example, something better than presently exists can be brought about. It is their intention to supply planters for trees to owners or tenants of co-operating

stores, whose contribution in that part of the endeavour will be that they will buy and maintain the trees themselves once the planters are supplied by the committee.

What Yonge Street badly needs is some unifying factor, the committee feels, and it is hoped that planters will be one of these and co-ordinated painting, the second important item in tying the street together. Co-operation in the latter aspect is what is so badly needed, the mayor reports.

The Hamilton Spectator feature records that "if Hamilton and district were not ready to adopt the plan, other municipalities were.

**St. Thomas**  
"Among them was St. Thomas which, in 1962, was ready to grab at anything that offered half a solution to declining downtown sales.

"The city's board of trade took a copy of the film and started discussing the idea with merchants and city officials.

"It was decided that customers were being driven away to the glitter of new shopping centres by the shabby, decrepit appearance of downtown store fronts.

"Merchants rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. "Overhanging signs were replaced by storefront signs which emphasized the commodity sold, rather than the store own'r's name.

"Brick store fronts were painted in gay pastel colors and window boxes, with real or artificial flowers, install-

ed. New awning and snap-in window frames were needed. Costs to the merchants varied from \$60 to \$1,000.

"Only one block on Talbot Street—the city's main street—has so far been tackled, but such has been the success of the venture that the plan is afoot to face-lift the whole street by 1967. It has provided the impetus for renewed downtown activity.

"The city did its share by spending \$83,500 to install fluorescent lighting along the entire length of the street but the venture would never have got off the ground without the wholehearted support of St. Thomas businessmen."

### St. Catharines

Mr. McNeil also reports that St. Catharines is now carrying out a similar undertaking, concentrating on a one-block pilot project on the city's main street. Extensive plans are being drawn up for future redevelopment—all with the support of downtown businessmen.

The writer's comments "that this is where Hamilton falls down" might well apply to Richmond Hill. He explains this statement: "While a good proportion of store owners are willing to go along with beautification plans, too many are content to sit still, watching the drift of shopping to the glitter and glamor of neighborhood shopping plazas."

## 400 Applicants

# Board Seeks New Hiring System

York Central District High School Board at last week's meeting made an attempt to have some of the difficulties removed surrounding the hiring of secondary school teachers.

Boards are not permitted to negotiate with prospective teachers before March 1 and such is the fierce competition for teachers that the first day or two of hiring develops into a mad scramble.

Last year York Central had 400 applications with a team interviewing at a downtown hotel and at Thornhill. Catch is that after the initial interview the board needs to check with the Department of Education to obtain the applicant's rating.

Last year 500 boards were attempting to get this information by phone—from a government department that had only three telephone lines.

York Central Superintendent Sam Chapman reported that on the initial hiring day last year he had one person trying to reach the Department of Education for the entire day, and he got through three times. He finally sent someone down to Queen's Park to act as a runner and relay information.

Net result of this intolerable situation is that often the boards have to hire a teacher without having accurate information about his past performance and record.

In an attempt to rectify or ameliorate this intolerable situation, York Central will request the Associated Secondary School Boards of Ontario and the Ontario Urban and Rural School Trustees Council to seek through the Ontario School Trustees' Council greatly improved telephone service by the Department of Education or if this increased service is impossible, that the fixed date for the commencement of hiring be abandoned.

The board also decided at their meeting to approach the Albion Hills Conservation School with a view to having a group of approximately 40 students attend the school for a week in 1965.

Last year a group, 30 from Bayview and 10 from Woodbridge attended the school. This year applicants will be chosen from two other schools.

As requested by the town's civic improvement committee, the board will pay for trees and soil in four planters to be placed in front of the board office as part of a plan to improve Yonge Street. The civic improvement committee is to provide the concrete planters.

At the recommendation of the advisory vocational committee, the superintendent was asked to make a report on the feasibility of constructing a special vocational school. Such a school would provide a greater range of opportunity for

students now enrolled in the two year occupations courses, where choice of courses is now extremely limited.

Mrs. Margaret B. Phipps of the board staff was appointed temporary secretary-treasurer during the absence through illness of Mrs. J. R. McAlister.



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## Weekend Accidents

Two weekend accidents have been reported by Markham Township Police.

On Saturday at 11:30 a.m. on 18th Avenue and the Tenth Concession, damage was \$400 for a car driven by Robert Stapley, RRI, Stouffville and James Sigris of Newmarket who was driving an express truck. There were no injuries.

Charges are pending following an accident early Monday morning at Don Mills Road and the Gormley corner when cars driven by Charles Plews, Uxbridge and Percy Arnold Parks, Oshawa, were in collision. Damage was \$300.

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