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Board Is Hoping For New Era In Parks Development

By JIM IRVING

This week, Fred Thomas, first permanent employee of Richmond Hill Parks Board started his duties as foreman, and in so doing launched what Chairman Shaun Beggs hopes will be the beginning of a new era in

"With the town the size it is, we felt we should start developing our own parks department," said Mr. Beggs, who admits he didn't know a rhododendron from a rototiller when he was first appointed parks head last year.

However, he has since thrown himself into the job with rare enthusiasm, visiting other areas, meeting with various park officials from all over Ontario, and constantly surveying every available patch of ground in Richmond Hill that he thinks might be turned into a bit

the different parks every time he wants to find out something about one, but now with the budget up this a marsh," Mr. Beggs said. year to \$38,000, the board has been able to hire a fore-

change much of that. in which to store our equipment," Mr. Beggs said. "And we've worked out a plan with the arena com- the board had been doing their men for the summer."

mission to take on one of He said the board would hire other casual labor as it projects under the capital needed it through the year, works soon, and these men would con-

struct benches and tables in the summer, among other things, and work on the rinks in the winter,

The board's attempt at autonomy gained additional ground last week with the acquisition of two tractors, one which will be rented to it by the Arena and the other loaned to it free of charge from a private citi-

Now, besides getting the regular parks into shape for their May 19 opening, the parks board chairman hopes to spend some time seeing what can be done in the way of developing such areas as the one surrounding the mill pond on Mill Street, between Emerald Isle Court and

Maple Sugar Lane. Mr. Beggs said he would like to hear from people in the district, people who are interested in having a place in which they can walk on Mr. Beggs said that right the grass, and not just anxnow he has to rush around to ious to have another place to

play ball in. "We want to develop it as a beauty place, not just as

He said the board also had its eye on another area on man, which will help to the other side of town, which it hoped to eventually de-"We've also acquired a velop as both a park and building on Mill Street from sports complex. However, the water works department that was still a little way off and nothing definite could be said about it now.

Mr. Beggs said that so far, mostly fence mending, both "literally and figuratively," but hoped to get some of its

Season Opens

May 20 For

Dynes Ball Club

for Dynes Ball Club May

The 1965 season opens

Coach "Casey" Cripps re-

ports that several more out-

standing players have been

added to the line-up includ-

ing Mike Macey, George

House, Freddie Disera and

Alan Lee. "Casey" warns

the other teams in the

that should win the league

Other teams in the York

Central League come from

Newmarket with the form-

idable Billy Forham and

"Gibby" Gibson on the ros-

ter; last year's champion

Markham Aces with pitcher

"Lefty" Ellis who proved

a stumbling block to his op-

ponents and the Markham

Hawks who won the league

den and Roberts, play for

Aurora, and entries from

Queensville and Schomberg

promise strong opposition.

ball is the prediction for

A summer of good soft-

The two Normans, Stun-

title two years ago.

this league.

championship this year.

been done through the works department," Mr. Beggs said. Mr. Whalen (Otto Whalen, works commissioner) has done a great job and more than looked after us.'

> However, the youthful parks board head has had his his appetite whetted somewhat by his five day visit to Brockville last year, where he and Councillor Walter Scudds attended a convention of the Ontario Parks Association. Mr. Scudds is the town's representative on

"They were all professional men," said Mr. Beggs admiringly. "The most dedicated fellows I've ever met in my life. The two parks board men

then made ample use of their associate's knowledge by questioning them on just about every aspect of parks they could think of.

"We practically turned the meeting down there into a Richmond Hill project," said

One of the things that came out of the meeting was the suggestion that the visitors make use of their school playgrounds during the summer.

This further resulted in Mr. Beggs meeting with Richmond Hill Public School Board Trustees Dave Stephenson, Bob Harrison, direc-Ray Brooks, Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association, to discuss bringing about the best situation for athletic and school requirements.

Subsequent meetings with board officials also brought "Everything we need has about permission for the use of various school grounds this summer, complete with the use of washroom facilities for the young athletes. "It's a great step having the school boards starting to work with us." said Mr.

Beggs. Another plan of the board is to re-seed one half of the school grounds, while students use the other half.

The parks would also look after all grass cutting, and in one playground, Skopit Park, plan to put in an asphalt pad, the size of a hockey rink. In the summer it would be used for tennis and basketball, while in the winter, boards would be put around it and it would be flooded for skating.

Mothers will also approve of some of the board's aims, which include putting in more benches at the playgrounds for the non-participating ladies, and fencing the little part south of the Mill Pond.

Baseball players will also approve of the new backstops at Crosby Heights Public School and the town park, plus the seven diamonds that will be available at Bradford

So it looks like a long, hot summer for Mr. Beggs and his fellow members - Mrs. Muriel Oliver, John Bradstock, Herb Wunderlich, Bud tor of North York Parks, and Jones and Councillors Walter Scudds and Eric Hand-

But none of them are really worried about it. For by the time the sultry weather has reached its zenith, they hope to have a number of shady parks to work from.

Despite a dense fog, cabbage strewn fairways and other light handicaps, 95 members of Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club managed to make their opening field day event, a successful

Fore

Gosh Sakes

one at the club, last Sunday. The event, which got underway at 8 am and concluded some time around noon, attracted such a topflight field of golfers, according to club pro. Ernie Nerlich, that they all won a prize.

Although such stars as Arnold Palmer and George Knudson didn't show up, there were times when golfers of their calibre were needed.

The players drove off at various spots with putters and finished off on the greens with drivers. On another hole they had to putt with a plastic ball, while on the ninth, they were forced to detour some of their shots around clusters of cabbages on the field.

However, to most of the duffers, that didn't make the course any tougher than usual.

The ladies also got in a few practice swings, when about 40 of them attended a clinic conducted by Mr. Nerlich, later in the morn-

At Walter Scott School

Plan Fireworks Display For Evening Of May 24

What would the 24th of May Hill Cubs and Scouts have held The number of fund-raising be without fireworks? There a display on the grounds of the activities which are possible for would be something definitely Walter Scott School, and have Scouts or Cubs to undertake is lacking from the day if dark- plans for a bigger and better limited. The 9th intends to conness did not bring a display of one this year. The over 3,000 tinue this fireworks display as pyrotechnics, accompanied by Richmond Hill residents who an annual event, hoping to lots of noise and happy childish jammed the school grounds and realize enough each year to neighboring district last year, keep the Scout and Cub work Recognizing this fact, for plus those who enjoyed the dis- going as well as providing a fit-

several years the 9th Richmond play from their own property, ting climax to the first holiday will wonder how last year's en- of the summer season.

tertainment can be bettered. The display is sponsored with three thoughts in mind. First is safety — by having a comnot playing with fireworks. Shows munity effort youngsters are A large number of white- Secondly, it is less expensive to tailed deer survived the three-the average family and thirdly

day open season last year in it helps support the activities of some townships in the Lake a local youth group which Simcoe District, wildlife man-building good citizens of tomor-area over last year is reported ment of Lands and Forests re-The weekend of May 15 port. This is in spite of the parents of Cubs and Scouts

fact that a fair harvest was will be out soliciting contritaken last fall. butions from people in Numerous deer have been ob-Richmond Hill who appreserved recently feeding on agriciate their efforts on behalf cultural lands in areas where of the town's youngsters. numbers of deer had been taken Since it is impossible to get last year during the open seaover the whole town, if a son. Road kills have been sharpcanvasser does not contact ly reduced in number this year. you and you would like to More than half of those which do your share, a phone call did occur were reported from to Pete Dawson at 884-2764 townships where no open deer will bring someone to your season has been held for a numdoor to pick up the donaber of years.

A good increase in duck pop-

by conservation officers of the Department of Lands and For-

The forecast is based on the increased numbers of blacks. mallards, pintails and redheads observed feeding in corn fields bordering the lake.

Increased numbers of bufflehead and blue-winged teal have been seen along the Nonquon River. This is welcome news to hunters since in previous years a gradual decrease in blacks and mallards has been noted in this district.

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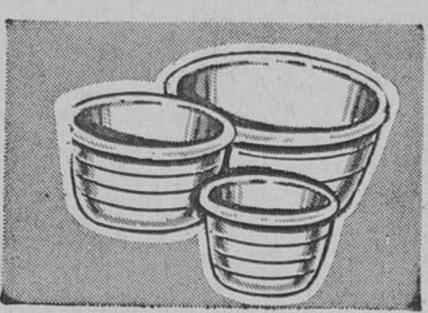
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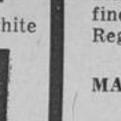
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Kent Clothes Intermediates Will Play In Fairbank Softball League President Bill Hurst and Sec- pitcher's mound. retary-Treasurer Doug Snow of Opening game will be at the

the Fairbank Major Softball town park May 25 with Kent League have completed the Clothes hosting the Male Shop 1965 schedule for the six-team team, loop. Kent Clothes, intermedi-

ate softball team, has been accepted into this league and smiling sponsor "Marvin" and all the boys are looking forward to a very interesting and enjoyable season.

The Clothiers will be fielding most of the hustling whiz kids of last season, along with a few young veterans who have been prominent in softball activities 20 at 8:30 pm under the in Richmond Hill. Those expected to return are: Bill Jackson, a fine hurler and a great asset to any club: Denny Richardson at second base and Les Downing at short will patrol the four acres around the middle sack and will form a strong defensive pair; Bob "Legs" Finnigan will again hold down the hot league that he has the team corner and should have another fine season. Matt Kinnari and Stan Foster are also expected to

return and a few newcomers are Dave Roberts at first base; Keith Wharling, outfield; Les Williams, pitcher; Glen Wright, The other five teams in the league will offer some tough

opposition for the local boys every Tuesday evening at 8:30 at the main town park. The teams are: New Toronto Merchants with two strong hurlers in Ken Con-

dy and Don Long: Harmony Caterers, who will rely on pitchers Lee Belleghum and ex-Loblaw hurler Keith Lancaster:

Male Shop, with chucker Owen McCrickert: Walker, who promises a few surprises and a strong contend-

er; and Ned Banton's Electrosonic team (formerly the Tuxedo Junction squad), with Jim Salt and Pete Reuters occupying the NEWMARKET: The fifth annual Lions Club Music Festival opened at Newmarket last week at Trinity United Church. President of the Lions Club Michael Steel welcomed participants and spectators and Mayor W. A

Kent officially opened the festi-

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