

Minor Ball Fun Day — Is Fun!

Saturday was advertised and ballyhooed as Minor Ball Fun Day and it was just that.

Boys and girls from 8 to 16 ran bases, threw baseballs, footballs, basketballs and quits in all directions and had ample opportunity to "kill the umpire". By 4 pm 1,500 soft drinks were consumed together with hot dogs and ice cream, all served free to each participant.

In the boys' divisions winners crests went to Mite Coach Mike Bersousky and his Maple Leafs, Tyke Coaches Bud Wood and Gary Greenwood and the Senators, Squirt Coach Sil Steffan and Ontario Champion Stingrays, and Peeewe Coach Jack Cleffan and the Reynolds Shoe boys. Co-penitor Gord Cameron ran a round robin tournament for his Bantams on the lower

diamond. Syd Morland coached his dodgers to a win and the crests. Darrell Rice played well and Hal Murphy won the team MVP award.

The crests in the girls' section went to the Zircons, coached by Helen Slater. It was notable here that the Gens, coached by Paul Binkley, maintained their seasonal grip on last place by finishing at the bottom. Happy and sporty consistency is their forte.

Len Pugh's OASA Bantams finally allowed their kindly sponsor on the bench for the final game of the day. Len's coaching debut, a game against the minor ball coaches and umpires, was spoiled by two old men and a man with glasses. Dr. Cam Cowan on the mound showed the Pugh boys curves, slifers, and junk such as collected only

once a month if then. Cam also went three for four at bat with a single, a double and a triple. Rene Beland then came on and threw fast balls and risers, caught two home run balls and collected two singles.

The man with the glasses, Sil Steffan, knocked the ball all over the field and picked runners off at 1st, 2nd and if they had a base at centre field with Larry Putnam covering, he would have picked them off there also. Bob Hutchison paid no attention to third base coach, Al Webster, and had a glorious day at bat.

Len Pugh's Bantams are to be congratulated for their manner of participation and sportsmanlike acceptance of some favored decisions and allowances. It does seem that Len Pugh's pleading of "please don't eat the hot dogs" went mostly unheeded.

CORDC Seminar

Municipalities Urged To Unite

An expected volley of protests over a report outlining the per capita debt figures of municipalities — termed grossly misleading — never got off the ground last week.

Scene was the Inn on the Park at the Central Ontario Regional Development Council's "Regional Taxation and Debt Seminar" Tuesday night.

Speaker was J. A. Black, manager of the municipal department of Wood Gundy & Company Limited, Investment Dealers.

Mr. Black assured some 65 sinking funds for debenture representatives from various municipalities in attendance that "all financial institutions including the Ontario Municipal Board look below the surface to the underlying financial strength of the municipality."

He was commenting on the report prepared for CORDC by staff members of the Regional Development Branch of the Ontario Department of Economics and Development.

The report reached per capita debt figures strictly on a percentage of taxable assessment basis. It did not take into consideration the equalization factors which are applied by the OMB in examining a municipality's debenture debt.

Figures for debenture debts such as water and hydro, both of which are revenue producing utilities were not considered. In addition debenture debt figures given include total school debentures which may be eligible for grants of up to 50 percent.

"By just considering the total per capita assessment without considering underlying factors can be very misleading," said Mr. Black.

He used Metro as an example which on the report showed an average debenture debt per capita figure of \$565-84.

"But when you consider that 48 percent of this figure is carried by commercial and industrial assessment you get an entirely different picture. Its per capita debt would be reduced to \$271. Therefore the particular burden on individual residents isn't as heavy as indicated in the report."

Also contributing to an even more favorable picture said Mr. Black, was the fact that a number of operations in a municipality such as water and hydro are self liquidating and eventually pay for themselves. "Then again municipalities have large

purpose of the council was to study and research the areas of economic stresses and needs of the region and the wishes of the municipalities.

At one point Mr. Lewington agreed there were only 11 municipalities with CORDC with two considering out of a potential 69.

"But you must remember," he said, "we've only begun to operate... we're two months old. And this is a better reception than was originally given other areas which are now very successful units."

The council, he said, would study all the possibilities and avenues of approach it should take in the future and decide "where it will be of the most benefit to all our municipalities."

Among the Richmond Hill representatives at the meeting were Councillor Lois Hancey, on the committee, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Reeve Donald Plaxton, Councillor John MacDiarmid, Deputy-Clerk Mack Clement, and Tax Collector Donald Moore.

Private Market Loans Available If Municipalities Will Join Forces

The increasing difficulty facing individual municipalities in obtaining loans on the private market could be relieved if they joined forces on a regional basis.

This was the advice proffered by Martin O'Connell of Harris Underwriters, Toronto, a private investment firm, to municipality representatives last week at the CORDC - sponsored - "Regional Taxation and Debt Seminar".

"There has been a definite declining interest on the part of private money lending firms during the past years," said Mr. O'Connell, "but this can be revived by regional arrangement for the accumulation of debt."

"It's a method," he said, "of going deeper into debt successfully at a cheaper rate of interest."

Mr. O'Connell used Metro as an illustration pointing to its staggering debt but noting that due to its size "it has a good, solid financial basis which can carry the debt easily. This is not always the situation with individual municipalities."

Individual municipalities, he said, have to find new ways of getting capital because they are running out of resources on the present basis.

"One way," he continued, "would be to pool your borrowing power in such an organization as CORDC which would present a much more formidable body when applying for loans to private institutions than that of a single municipality. There would be less hesitancy on the part of these institutions because the tax base would be much broader."

Such a borrowing authority, he said, would give each municipality the kind of independence it needed.

"A private firm," he said, "does not necessarily become alarmed just because your debt may be dangerously close to the 25 percent mark on your assessment. It's your ability to withstand this debt that counts, and the bigger the group the better the ability."

Mr. O'Connell noted municipalities were turning more and more to government money-lending organizations because of the reticence on the part of private institutions and the corresponding high interest rates.

Examples of this, he said, could be found in the new Ontario Municipal Fund which provides money for municipal loans along with the Ontario Water Resources Commission "which pays for the costs of services and rents the use of them to municipalities at a rate that can be supported."

Unemployment Insurance Available

Fall Is Good Time To Attack Many Weeds Which Infest Farms

York County Agricultural Representative A. A. Wall welcomes the news that federal unemployment insurance is to be made available to farm workers. Pointing out that lack of farm help rates high as a farm problem he says it will never be solved until farm workers are eligible for some of the benefits available in urban industry.

Farmers are not able to compete with industry on wage levels, but Mr. Wall feels that added social benefits costs should not be out of reach. Unemployment insurance, added to workmen's compensation and the Canada Pension Plan, which are now compulsory, should help maintain a more adequate labor supply, he feels.

FARM NEWS

Although early summer has always been the time to spray weeds and most weed sprayers have been put away for this year, Mr. Wall advises this might be a good time to get the sprayer out again and tackle some weed problems.

Twitich grass can be treated with Dalapon right now which should give a good kill. Normal plowing should follow in three or four weeks.

A twitich infested field scheduled for corn could get its first application of Atrazine now. The benefits of split applications of this product are well proven and if one application is made in the fall, it makes the spring rush easier. Both chemicals can be applied on a spot treatment basis at this time of year, cutting the cost.

Dandelions in forage crops were a real problem earlier this year. They are still there but not so obvious without blooms. Spraying in late fall is the only hope in legume fields. Embutox can be put on when alfalfa is dormant and the kill should be satisfactory.

Weeds in wheat can best be tackled in the fall, too. Sprayed at the three to five leaf stage, the risk of injury is not high and next spring there will be few if any weeds.

Biennials like wild carrot, burdock and bull thistles in old pastures and laneways respond well to September spraying. Next year's weeds are starting now and they are easier to kill now than if allowed to get into the second year of growth.

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School Costs Still Soaring

A gloomy forecast of fantastically rising school costs over the next few years was presented last week to Richmond Hill and other widely-scattered municipalities.

Forecaster was John Honsberger, chairman of the York Central District High School Board.

"But there is a ray of sunshine through this gloom," he said, "and this lies with individual municipalities forming regional bodies to cope as a whole with these staggering costs and doing what appears to be the impossible right now."

He was addressing the Central Ontario Regional Development Council Taxation and Debt Seminar at the Inn on the Park Tuesday night of last week.

Mr. Honsberger stressed that more and more "individual municipalities are finding it almost impossible to handle the financial loads themselves. Regional development appears to be the best immediate solution."

The speaker illustrated the newly formed York South Regional Education Committee as an example of what could be accomplished by co-operation.

"We now have 12 separate, independent school boards working together," he said, "to contribute to the costs of school services such as bus transportation, purchasing of supplies, etc. They have also hired a psychologist."

Mr. Honsberger noted this was the first time such a hodge-podge scattering of public, separate and high school boards had joined forces in a common cause to help one another in the province.

This was accomplished by themselves," he said, "and was not authorized by provincial legislation. This will enable a number of schoolboards to provide the special services that is necessary to a proper education. They couldn't have done it singly." He pointed out that

costs generally amounted to 50 cents a pupil.

Emphasizing the spiraling school population and costs, Mr. Honsberger noted the high school population in Toronto Township is going up 14 percent per year.

"And in York we'll be facing a 10 to 14 percent increase per year within 18 months. Our total operating costs at the present time amount to \$12,000,000 a year. In four years it will reach \$23,000,000. Our capital costs in four years will reach \$17,000,000. These are terrible figures but we must face them."

Toronto Township, he added, was faced with the almost immediate prospect of building 10 new schools.

"And it must be remembered," he said, "that we have to maintain at least a minimum standard of education or such will be imposed on us by the government and this could mean a loss of valued independence. By co-operating as municipalities we can do the impossible."

Shell's Win Beaches Championship; Eliminate Hamilton In OASA Play

The flying Tom Hughes Shell team of Richmond Hill won the 1966 Beaches Fastball League championship last week and are only four victories away from the All-Ontario Senior "A" OASA championship.

Shell eliminated the Hamilton entry in OASA play 4-2 in the final game.

The four games will not be easy ones as they'll find the Shellers going against either Windsor or St. Thomas. Windsor was the winner of the elimination tournament held here in July and runners-up to Vancouver in the Canadian championships in Calgary. St. Thomas features the starry hurling of Dick Hames.

And both teams are currently playing off to decide who will meet Richmond Hill. Winner will meet the Hughes team this Saturday at 8:15 pm in the town park.

Both St. Thomas and Windsor defeated Shell's in the tournament. St. Thomas won 8-5 and Windsor 9-2.

"I feel the Shell team will be much tougher this time out," observed Manager Ron Nicholson, "because of the revenge angle. We're hungry."

"Much more important is the way the team has been playing during the last month now that all the new players have become accustomed to each other," he said.

The winner of the Windsor-St. Thomas versus Richmond Hill series then enter the Ontario Finals against Sudbury on the Thanksgiving weekend.

Sudbury is the same team that knocked off Shell's last year in the finals. If Shell's win the next series the finals will be in Richmond Hill Thanksgiving weekend.

With their team down 5-0 the Hamilton coaches decided Reno Pettenuzzo's hurling was illegal. With rain threatening they persisted after each pitch until finally after four innings they convinced the base umpire that what Reno has been doing for years in just about every major ball yard in Ontario was not legal.

He threw Pettenuzzo out of the game in the fifth inning and Shell's brought in Reg Martin. They couldn't hit him either.

The Hamilton strategy paid off as with only two outs away from victory and the score still 5-0 the rains came and washed out the game. The time involved by the Hamilton arguments totalled about 45 minutes.

The game Friday night was a 150 percent team effort if there

ever was one. A change of umpires was made and the new one ruled with an iron hand and also ruled Pettenuzzo' pitching style legal.

Pettenuzzo proved to be the master striking out 11 while allowing only four hits and a walk.

Shell's started fast scoring one run in the first inning when Mickey Hancock walked and took third on DeGeer's single. After Ron Klazer popped up, Bob Booth scored Hancock when he was safe as the Hamilton infield tried for a double play on his infield hit.

Richmond Hill made it 3-0 in the third when Hancock tripled and DeGeer cashed him with a single. Klazer sacrificed him to second and he scored when Booth singled for his second runs-batted-in effort.

Hancock narrowed the game to 3-2 when losing pitcher Ray Laufman singled and scored on Cookie Appleby's home run. Shell's added their insurance run in the sixth when Tom O'Connor singled and scored on Pettenuzzo's double.

Klazer, DeGeer and Hancock had two hits each with Muford, O'Connor, Pettenuzzo and Booth getting one apiece. Outstanding defensively as Hughes played errorless ball were Bob Kennedy and Ron Anderson. Anderson, in particular, made a brilliant catch almost falling over the fence in right field on one line shot.

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After rolling up a 20-4 record during the regular season Hughes took Shop's 7-Up in three straight games in the finals.

Reg Martin, Hughes' scholarly pitcher, was the pitching hero in this one to win his third victory of the three-game series.

Reg, who is an associate professor at the University of Waterloo, when he is not pitching strikes for Shell's, allowed five hits, struck out nine over the journey. The Shop's team was held off the scoreboard for 36 straight innings by Martin over the last four games scoring two runs on two errors.

The game was marred by an injury to Shell's third baseman Bruce Staughton who received a slight concussion in a collision at home plate.

Martin, besides pitching the Shell victory, tripled to start the rally for the first Shell run. Hancock hit a long sacrifice fly to score Martin.

Shop's tied the game in the seventh when Gord Barker doubled and took on a sacrifice fly. He then scored on a pass ball.

In the ninth inning Barker hit a fly ball to right field that Squibb Elliott misjudged for a homerun.

Down 2-1 going into the last inning Shell's were a long way

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Tired of being an 'early bird' when going fishing these days, don't be too concerned about not getting the worm... er, fish, that is.

Getting up early often makes the difference between loading a stringer or not, but sometimes it can be just a waste of time and loss of sleep. This is especially true during autumn.

Much of this, however, depends upon the type fish you seek and the waters they are found in. Generally, the surface-striking species such as muskie, bass and trout take to feeding in the shallow areas early in the morning or at dusk or later.

For most of the fishing season, this is the time to work these areas.

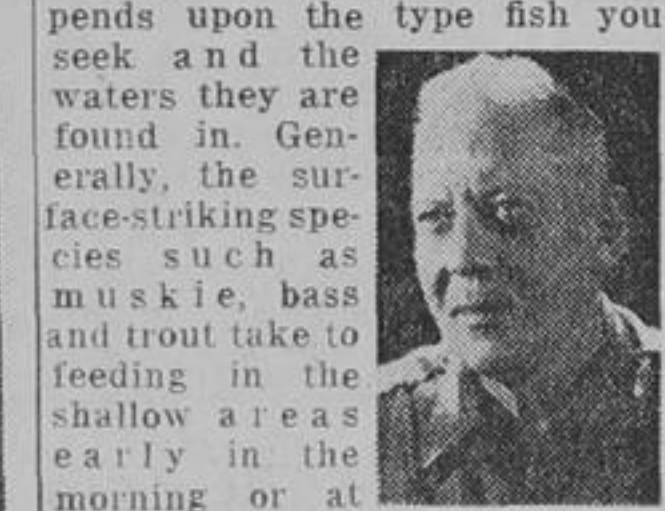
When fall arrives and water temperatures drop, fish are more inclined to forage wherever there's a possibility of discovering a tasty morsel. And, as the days grow shorter, they seem less concerned by the position of the sun.

One of the secrets to successful fishing at this time of year is to keep moving in search of the lunkers. They're widely distributed now, and may be found at most any place along the shore and in varying depths.

The most efficient method is to troll around the shoreline with your Mercury. You'll find fish of all sizes ready and willing for your offerings, and by covering plenty of water, you stand a good chance of connecting with some really big ones.

Just forget the usual practice of taking a midday siesta and keep on fishing.

Get plenty of sleep, and you won't be too tired to set the hook when the sun's high in the sky.



REG MARTIN Pitching Professor

Klazer singled sharply to centre and Elliott, one of Oshawa's contributions to the team, hit a home run between the right and centre fielder to win the ball game 3-2.

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