



## Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

### Shades Of Crockett

Don't ask me why but somehow it reminded me of those last scenes of Davey Crockett on the Alamo. There was Davey, swirls of smoke partially obscuring his embattled buckskins, blazing six-guns, hissing Mexicans.

But there he was at the Richmond Hill Masonic Lodge the other night, his eyes smoking, his head bobbing back and forth, lips forming a snarl as he growled out his defiance to about 60 members, officials and guests at the Richmond Hill Junior "C" Hockey Rams banquet.

A closer look revealed it wasn't Davey Crockett. It was Frank "King" Clancy standing amid the wreckage of his beloved Leafs and defending to the last the reputation of his leader, Punch Imlach.

"I hear a lot of stories about the Leafs not playing for this fellow or that fellow, or Imlach. That's a lot of nonsense. The other night after Leafs had won a reporter came up to me after the game and said 'what's the matter with the Leafs. They should be in the playoffs. Don't they want to play for Imlach?'"

A renewed snarl formed on Clancy's nostrils, a barely perceptible jet of flame flared from each one, and he spluttered.

"That's got to be the biggest fallacy I've ever heard," not even stumbling over the word "fallacy" which just didn't seem the kind of word that should come from Clancy.

"Why how can you knock a fellow who's put the team into the playoffs nine out of 10 years, a man who has always given a player at least a \$2,000 raise the next year no matter where the team finished and a lot higher in some cases."

### IT'S MY MONEY

"As for not liking the man? That's a lot of nonsense, too. They're professional hockey players. Even if I didn't like him I'm playing for a living, it's my money. And when there's \$9 or \$10,000 on the line, there Clancy's going to be. For \$10,000 or even \$5 I'd go through the wall. For anybody."

"Then what was wrong with the Leafs? We just didn't have the horses. We couldn't beat the expansion clubs. At the first of the year we thought they would be pushovers. Just throw the puck out and it's all over."

"But those fellows who didn't have any big name had players who were hungry, who wanted to win, who wouldn't take a beating. We had nothing to match that even with our big names."

"The Leafs sailed into Oakland and beat Oakland 6-1 in their first game with an expansion team. You should have seen those guys walk out of the rink. Big wheels. You couldn't beat them."

A pause. "Why from there on in they nailed us to the cross. We were lucky to get a draw the rest of the way. And it was because the other teams played together, and played hard, and just wanted to win more than us."

### OUT OF GAS

Mr. Clancy finished this part of his speech by stating "Imlach has been given a bad rap. If you haven't got the horses you're dead. If you can't win on the road you're no place."

"Sure a number of our players ran out of gas. But you have to go with a team that won it for you last year. You've got to let them win it or lose it out there on the ice."

Mr. Clancy then relaxed, the muscles in his neck turned a lighter shade of red, and launched into other fields in his inimitable style.

He emphasized his own bringing up which was totally devoid of any formal education and warned them not to try it the same way.

"Times have changed," he said, "You need a diploma to get a job delivering garbage. I'd have (Continued on Page 12)

## Aurora Report

# Communication Gap In Recreation

A desperate lack of communication exists between recreation committees and various community bodies.

That was the gist of a summary last week by the Aurora Recreation Committee following its one-day conference held on January 27.

The committee's report notes that Aurora "has a good recreation program which takes in all types of sport, art, crafts, drama, music and playground activities."

"However there is room for improvement in all phases of activities and it is the opinion of most delegates that better communication between all concerned will greatly improve the image of our recreation programs."

"The report goes on to state that 'knowledge is a great asset and it is obvious that many people do not realize what the other is doing in recreation in Aurora.'"

"Therefore the main theme running through all discussions at the recreation conference was the word communications. With better communications, Aurora will have a much better recreation program with closer liaison and co-operation which is a must to attain such a goal."

The report dealt with the success of the conference which saw 95 delegates attending representing 45 groups of organizations as well as the results derived from the various discussions.

The conference was divided into four groups under the headings of communications, use of school facilities, the Aurora Recreation Committee, and should a central committee be formed to co-ordinate the various groups.

Communications: "To get things rolling, the Aurora Recreation Committee has compiled and issued a list of all groups and organizations in Aurora interested in all forms of recreation. This list is to be reviewed constantly and revised issues forwarded to all concerned every six months."

"An attempt will be made to set up and organize, possibly at the Aurora Community Centre, a central clearing place where all groups and organizations will be able to supply and obtain information in respect to dates and venue of money making projects so as to avoid duplication and overlapping of events."

Use of School Facilities: "It was unanimously agreed that most facilities at the various public schools were being used to close to 100 percent availability and that little could be done in regards to more use of these facilities."

"However, the question of facilities at the high school brought out the fact that much more use of the school gymnasiums, the school library, the various work shops, etc., could be made and that the use would create many more recreation programs for Aurora."

The Aurora Recreation Committee: "The Aurora Recreation Committee should be the hinge on which all recreation programs revolve, being careful to assist only, giving advice, organizing clinics, and not attempting to control all recreation in town."

"It should work with all groups in establishing leadership in various programs and also help to establish better communications between all groups concerned."

"It should assist in organizing programs of other related groups and also establish leadership clinics in the community. The recreation director has a column in the weekly Aurora Banner in which all activities of the committee and other related groups are reported."

"The committee should have a more diversified program to include those of all ages in the community. In actual fact, it is amazing just how many programs the recreation committee has which, due to poor communications, are not fully known by the citizens of Aurora."

Should a central committee be formed to co-operate the various groups:

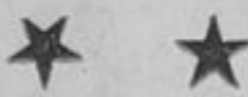
"A great deal of discussion took place on this subject with many ideas thrown out in regards to the manner in which a group of this nature could be formed."

"The main idea behind such a move would be to form a central committee representing all phases of sport, recreation and art and to co-ordinate the entire recreation program in Aurora."

"Not to operate it but to form a liaison between all groups concerned so that all would know what each other is doing and possibly get together to put on a certain program."

"A move has already been made by the Optimists Club in Aurora. The club members have

contacted all service clubs in the town with the view in mind to having a general meeting to discuss what can be done to co-ordinate the various programs."



Yes another sign of the times: Last week the Aurora Recreation Committee asked for a record \$53,000 budget for its 1968 program — \$13,000 over last year's budget but almost \$20,000 over its actual costs.

Mainly responsible for the jump is the higher charges by the community centre for recreation uses and a proposal to hire an \$8,100-a-year full time recreation director to replace Ernie Batson who has been named manager of the Centre. Recreation Committee Chairman Bill Dinsmore told town council that an expanded and improved program is reflected in the budget. It was referred to budget considerations now underway by council.

Other proposals by the committee:

- Enlarge some of the more popular programs which started in 1967 on experimental basis including model building, lacrosse, tennis instruction and square dancing.

- Lengthen the swimming pool program, involving more parents and pre-schoolers.

- Introduce a third arts and crafts program in Regency Acres in the fall.

The committee said it anticipated larger enrolments in hockey, figure skating, baseball, soccer and summer playground events.

## Boom Year For Ice Fishing

Ice fishing in Lake Simcoe has enjoyed another season of increasing popularity according to the Maple office of the Department of Lands and Forests.

District Forester A. W. Leman also issued a reminder that under Ontario regulations 13-65, March 31 was the deadline for removing fish huts from the ice of any waters in Lake Simcoe.

An indication of the popularity increase of ice fishing is revealed by statistics showing that during the winter of 1948 there were 860 huts on the ice of Lake Simcoe.

From 1948 to 1960 ice fishing became very popular and each year attracted several hundred more anglers. The count in 1960 revealed over 4,000 fish huts. "At the time it appeared the number of huts had reached the peak," said Mr. Leman, "since there was very little change in the number of huts from 1960 to 1967."

They are: The lake freezing over early with the temperatures keeping well below zero for a considerable length of time.

This made for nearly perfect ice conditions and more anglers taking advantage of the sport with the modern up-to-date travel by snowmachine.

In another report, Conservation Officer Andrew Fletcher at Brooklin stated that although Lake Scugog has been open to ice fishing for the past two or three years it wasn't until February 29 that three Oshawa fishermen finally broke the ice and tried their luck.

Officer Fletcher states that Lake Scugog doesn't offer quite the quality of fish or fishing that its neighbor Lake Simcoe does "but these men caught well over two dozen healthy sized perch in a couple of hours in the warm afternoon sun."

"They were kept busy running from line to line as they

## Ice Fishing

Figures for the past five years show the following number of huts on the lake:

1967, 3,893; 1966, 3,900; 1965, 3,843; 1964, 4,079; 1963, 3,963.

The recent 1968 survey showed a decided increase with a total of 4,500 — 607 more than in 1967 — representing the largest number of fish huts ever to be placed on the lake.

Conservation Officer Harold Van Wyck, who has been conducting the aerial surveys for a number of years, suggests two factors that could contribute to the large increase this year.

fished in open holes about 30 yards off the Government dock at Port Perry in about four to five feet of water," he said.

Fishermen are encouraged to take advantage of the fact that Lake Scugog is open to winter fishing and is obviously a likely spot for some tasty perch as well as "mud cats" a little later on when they start biting.

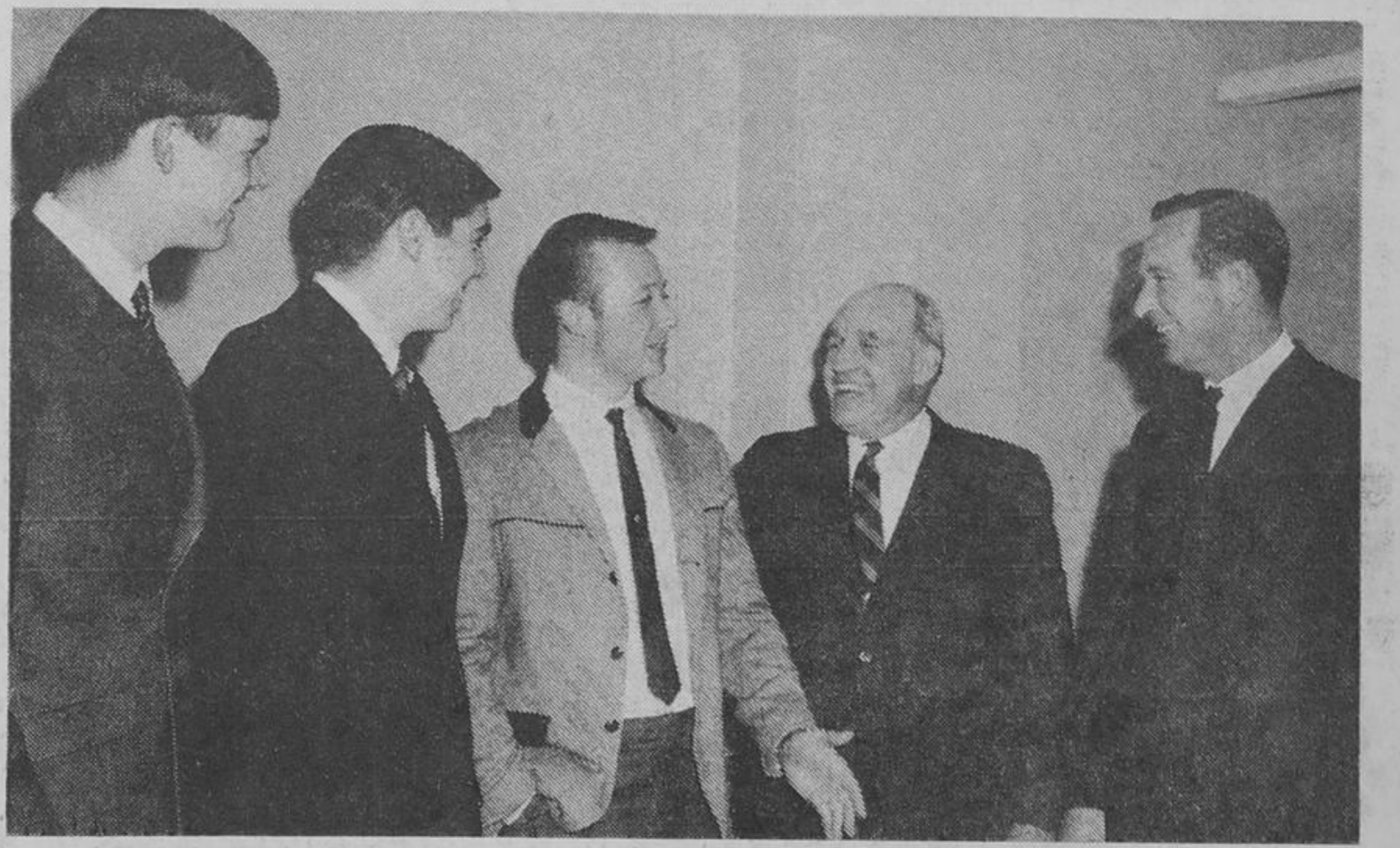
"Be advised," cautioned Mr. Fletcher, "that ice conditions at this time of year are subject to rapid changes and be cautious at all times."

About 100 ice-fishing huts were scattered around on Lake Simcoe Sunday when the deadline for their removal passed.

Police and the Department of Lands and Forests will conduct an aerial survey of the lake and the owners of the remaining huts face a fine plus the cost of having the hut towed to shore after the ice breaks up.

Warm weather during the past two weeks has softened the ice to the point where it is no longer safe to try to pull the huts across it.

Officials said some hut owners have removed their permits so they cannot be identified and charged. Others, they said, have been burning their huts.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

## It's "The King" Again

They all love The King — Clancy that is. Left to right Richmond Hill Hockey Rams' Greg Bodnar, centreman; Gary Clancy, right wing and most popular player; and Goalie John Bork make some points to the Maple Leaf assistant to Coach Punch Imlach.

Looking on at right is Tom Hughes, local Shell dealer who helped sponsor the 1967-68 team. Occasion was a dinner meeting Thursday of last week in the Richmond Hill Masonic Hall. Read Sport Spots on this page for Clancy's home philosophy.

About 60 players, executive members and guests attended a season-end banquet sponsored by officials of the Richmond Hill Junior "C" Rams hockey club.

The club, which had a rough first season finishing in last place, is looking for better things in 1968-69.

Guest speaker for the meeting held Thursday of last week

in the Richmond Hill Masonic Hall on Crosby Avenue was Frank "King" Clancy, assistant manager to Toronto Maple Leaf Coach Punch Imlach.

The evening also featured musical entertainment courtesy of Rams' players Jerry Methé and John Shropshire who sang and played the guitars.

A solo on the guitar was handled by Doug Moore, secretary of the club. Local resident, produced Mr. Clancy and members of the head table.

Present were Earl Methé, Master of ceremonies was coach, and Jack Shropshire, sportscaster Ken Foss who in-

## Finals Open Sunday

## Jewellers Bombed 14-4 By Comets Rangers And Shultons In 2-2 Tie

By FRED SIMPSON

Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers got stuck in a revolving door Sunday night and the result was very predictable.

They were walloped 14-4 by Don Mills Comets. The second game saw the evenly-matched Willowdale Rangers and Toronto Shultons battle to a 2-2 draw.

As a result both series have been reduced to sudden-death affairs with the two winners of the games opening their finals here Sunday at 8:15 pm and again at 8:15 on Tuesday. The finals will be a best-of-five series.

The Jewellers-Comets contest saw Richmond Hill just one point away from a trip into the finals but they might just as well have been 15.

Bud Stubbs opened the scoring for Dynes at the 2:17 mark from brother Doug and Tom Kelly.

But it was the beginning of the end at 4:29 after Calvin George tied it up from Ivan Denike and Leo DeRocher.

The Jewellers proceeded to go into one defensive lapse after another.

Result: Six more unanswered goals, five of them in the remaining portion of the first period.

Scoring were: Norm McDonald, unassisted at 10:30; Tom Krosney from McDowall at 15:05; Leo DeRocher from Denike at 15:39; Bob Smith, unassisted at 17:56.

Then it was Don Mills opening the scoring in the second period with DeRocher doing the honors from Denike and George.

DeRocher scored at 5:46 of the second period. Dynes came out of their cocoon long enough to score two goals with Don Hill from Al Hume and Ralph Kosowan at 13:43 and Kosowan from Doug Stubbs and Kelly at 16:35.

Kosney got one of them back at 18:09 but Kelly came back to score from Clay Chapman and Kosowan at 19:03.

Denike scored again at 19:32 and George at 19:47 as the defence seemed to be non-existent.

Don Mills again dominated the final period adding four more goals. Scoring were George from Denike and DeRocher at 5:23; Krosney from McDowall and DeRocher at 7:37; then DeRocher from George and Denike at 15:21; and DeRocher again from McDonald at 18:02.

It was a difficult situation in the Willowdale-Toronto contest which was tight all the way. Close calls featured the style of the night.

The Shultons Charlie Gruber opened the scoring for Toronto with just 20 seconds remaining in the opening period. His goal came on a backhand from the side. Bill Monteith and Bruce Sim received assists.

Both teams battled through a scoreless middle period. Willowdale tied the game up at 4:48 of the final 20 minutes with Jack Robeson picking up a pass from Bill Butterman and scoring with a rising wrist shot.

The Rangers were victimized by a fluke goal at 14:27 when Bob Ritchie's high shot was heading over top of the net when Defenceman John Geniele stuck his glove up and instead

deflected the puck down and into the net past a startled John Killer in goal.

A persistent Willowdale team finally scored the equalizer at 15:49 when Earl Cairns slapped home an ice-hugger with assists going to Jim Thomson and Ian Sclater.

That ended the scoring but not the close calls. Gary Stamp was robbed by Killer who got a toe on a shot that appeared to be labelled for the open side of the net.

On another occasion Leo Fex of the Rangers rattled a shot which bounced off one goal post and then the other but refused to go in. The biggest crowd of the season was on hand to view the games.

ANRORA: The Aurora Optimist Club's banner was unfurled for the first time last week as more than 300 members and guests attended chartering ceremonies of the service group.

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**Extend Ball Registration**  
The Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association will hold another registration day this Saturday at the town arena from 12 noon to 4 pm.  
The association is especially on the lookout for midget boys from the ages of 15 to 16 to enable a team to be formed this season. There was no midget entry last year.  
Approximately 250 boys have signed up to date with officials hoping the total will reach 400.

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