

Playgrounds? Is Fun-Time For Hill Youngsters

BY FRED SIMPSON

Recreation is where you find it and there's plenty of it to be found in Richmond Hill this summer for young and old, from five years to 100.

For the younger set the summer program of the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee is already underway at the seven playground areas and will run through to August 14.

Some 500 youngsters (same number as last year) are daily beating their way to these locations which this July and August are under the guidance of 21-year-old Stephanie Mackenzie of Thornhill.

Miss Mackenzie, who is a graduate of York University, was associated with the municipality's winter program this past year. This is her first term as director of the summer program.

The seven playground areas are located at the following schools: Beverley Acres, Walter Scott, St. Josephs, Thornhaven, McCaughey, Pleasantville, and MacKillop.

Morning sessions run from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and for youngsters ranging from 5 to 7 years old.

In the afternoon its the time for all children up to 13 years from 1:30 to 3:30. Charge is a \$1 per person. A similar charge has been the past four years. A total of \$6,500 has been set aside in the 1970 recreation budget for the summer program.

Miss Mackenzie has a boy-girl staff of 25 instructors in charge of the various events at the playgrounds which range from crafts, musical games, movies, and the normal sporting events such as softball, soccer, etc.

There is also a special boy's program under the leadership of Steve Marsnall, Joe Persi, and Sverre Holvik.

Training sessions for the boys' programs are held at MacKillop, Beverley Acres and Walter Scott Schools where softball and soccer games are played.



STEPHANIE MACKENZIE Playground Supervisor

A special feature each Friday, the boys from these three schools meet in competition.

Other highlights of the summer recreation program include a free swim for all the participants each week at the Richmond Hill Centennial Pool.

Plans are also afoot to arrange hikes to the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area.

A special treat again this summer are the series of silent films being shown to the tiny tots at the town public library starring such old time favorites as Charlie Chaplin and Laurel and Hardy or "Fat and Skinny" as the youngsters of another day and age used to refer to them.

So its fun and summer games for the next few weeks and any parent who wants to introduce their children to any of the above mentioned playgrounds can do so very easily.

Just bring them around and introduce them to the fun.

The town recreation committee also publishes a pamphlet each year outlining the many sporting and recreational events available for local residents. Free copies are available at the recreation office in the municipal building.

Events range from softball from square dancing to the sweet sounds of symphonic encores, to bowling to billiards.

The pamphlet also includes phone numbers where the people concerned with each activity may be reached.

Former Councillor Al White heads the town recreation department and can be reached by calling the municipal building. Chairman of the 1970 Parks and Recreation Committee is Councillor Shaun Beggs.



DYNES' MINOR BALL TEAM HAS DESIRE - NEEDS BETTER PLAYER BALANCE, GUIDANCE

Dear Mr. Editor:

In "The Liberal" each week is a column entitled "Line Drive" written by a young man named Bob Carton.

In front of me as I write are three copies of "The Liberal" one dated June 25, one July 9, and one July 16. I quote — "The plight of Dynes Jewellers is a sad one, etc., etc. — despite the fact that Richmond Hill Music were missing their first string pitcher and one of their bantams they had very little trouble in bombing Dynes" — Predictions — 8th place Dynes Jewellers, "They just don't have any real talent."

July 9 — "Dynes are steadily improving each week as this was almost their first win of the season, etc., etc. — unfortunately the first baseman fell over the bag as he was going back."

July 16 — "This was Kinneer's easiest game of the season as they won by default."

Well Mr. Carton next week you can again proclaim, "Dynes Jewellers bombed again 13-1. Only three players showed up and one played with a cast on his arm. Not even their coach to say, "Well fellows you lost another one."

These boys started off the season like the other teams, eager to play and with high hopes, but after weeks of being bombed, as Mr. Carton so quaintly puts it they seem to have given up. Even before the game starts they sit on the bench and anticipate defeat.

What do you mean Mr. Carton, "They just don't have any real talent." Are you saying that when the teams were formed the ball association took all the no talent players and put them on the Dynes Jewellers team? I don't believe it. Every team has a few players that are poor, and some that are fair, and a few that are exceptional.

but you don't take a whole team and lump them together and say they just haven't any real talent.

Some boys have a natural talent for hockey or baseball, others have to develop their talent, I thought that this was the reason for minor hockey and baseball, to develop sportsmanship and ability in our young boys. How can this be done without some form of adult assistance? I wouldn't say that this team had no talent, rather I would say that they haven't had as much help in developing their talent as some of the other teams and also some may not have had the experience in playing ball.

A team is only as good as the coaching it gets and the moral support, so far this team has had little of either. I admit that this team has no exceptional players like Rick Carton or Robbie Barker, but they have one thing going for them, "GUTS" because that's what it takes to go out week after week and be beaten time after time and by such staggering scores.

I think they have just about run out of effort, partly because of the disappointment, partly because of the remarks from the other boys on other teams, but also partly because of your comments in "The Liberal."

Undoubtedly this team will be in eighth place, if they last that long, one team always has to be in that position, but lets give them credit for trying. "Even when they just haven't any real talent."

MOTHER OF A NO TALENT KID

WILLOWDALE: North York Controller Melvin Lastman says there should be more public playing time at the borough's 13 municipal tennis courts.

The courts are now restricted to members except for four hours weekly.

Lastman said last week he will ask council that starting next year the courts be open to anyone from 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

Lake Simcoe Stocked With Lake Trout Fry

Good news for anglers in Lake Simcoe in the future is the release of 68,400 lake trout fry into that body of water this year by the Department of Lands and Forests Lake Simcoe Fisheries Management Unit.

When fish are released 15 to 20 feet below the surface, mortality from predators such as gulls and loons is also reduced. This explains the funnel and tube used by the department.

Bobby Orr At Sutton Fair

The annual Sutton Fair will have to take a back seat, at least on the final date August 8, this year to a young hockey star by the name of Bobby Orr.

Orr of the NHL Boston Bruins will officially open the final day of the Sutton Fair and horse show.

The Sutton Agricultural Society has received official confirmation from Orr's Lawyer Al Eagleson that the Bruins' "Mr. Everything" will be on hand for the Saturday ceremonies. The fair opens August 6.

Sport Spots

By Fred Simpson

Words seem rather a futile, empty way of expressing my regrets to Les Downing on the death of his wife, Peggy, in a car accident over the weekend enroute from the Laval Tournament.

But it's the best I can do and having known Les for the past four or five years in his capacity as an outstanding player for the Dynes Jewellers and his quiet, friendly, always gentlemanly deportment on and off the field, I feel something has to be said.

I know I speak for the Dynes management, players, and ball spectators, in offering my condolences at this time. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Les and his parents who were also injured in the accident.

Develop Hometowners

It's always a gee-whiz thrill to watch a hurler with the capabilities of a Bob Domik, Billy Drennan and or Pete Landers when they blow the opposition down with sizzling fastballs.

But these type of players don't just arrive, they have to be developed, they have to have the opportunity to develop. They've got to have some place to play before they reach the stature of a Dynes Jeweller or Oshawa Tony squad which basically have to go along with a already developed players. There's usually not much room for green ones.

That's where the less glamorous but very vital teams such as the Richmond Hill Auto Body one in the new Richmond Hill and District Intermediate Fastball League comes in.

"It's my aim, my hope to build a team such as this up to the point where maybe someday it can compete with anyone with a lineup of players right from the Hill."

The speaker was 28-year-old Bill Rice who manages the auto body team.

"Out of the 15 players on my team," states Bill, "12 of them live right in the municipality and the other three just outside of town."

Bill admits there is always the temptation to go out and try to pick up some good players because "the name of the game is to win, you like to win. But you have to look at the long range view of it. Unless you give your local players a chance to gain playing time you'll never come up with a local player like Domik, or Drennan, or players like 'Skip' DeGeer, Danny Boyne, or Les Downing."

Rice is prepared to take his lumps initially but also points out that he has been pleasantly surprised by the way his "local" homebrews have fared to date in its first season in a higher calibre of ball.

JOE BALL

"We're playing 500 ball against intermediate calibre teams after graduating from the Town Industrial League last season," said Bill. Last season's club, then sponsored by Reid's Auto Body, picked up 10 of the top players in the industrial League to form his present club.

"We've got seven junior aged ball players with us plus another seven intermediate calibre fellows such as Moe Williamson, Bucky Buchanan, and Pitcher Bob Kennedy."

Bill is also providing the opportunity for such potential future stars as juniors, Mike Thompson, a centre fielder, and Gord Wright, first base, who "I think have a very good future in senior "A" ball. The important thing right now is that they're getting the opportunity to play."

Bill's favorite recent example of a locally developed player is 18-year-old infield Duane Reid of the Jewellers. Duane played with the Reid's team for the past four years before graduating to the Jewellers where he has looked anything but out of place. "Our team is endeavoring to fill the vacuum between minor ball because there are no juvenile or junior teams in the area where players coming out of minor ball can develop.

As for Bill himself, he's more or less retired as an active player. "I don't play for the auto body squad but I still turn out with Joe Madden's Super-



BILL RICE

Dropped Fly Ball Ousts Jewellers At Laval Tournery; Oshawa Wins 1-0

A dropped fly ball in extra innings Sunday eliminated Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers in sudden fashion from the annual Laval Fastball Tournament in Quebec.

The error gave Oshawa Tony's a 1-0 win and propelled them into the finals against a steam-rolling Ray Judd-led Providence squad from the United States who demolished them, 11-1 with 19 hits to walk away with all the honors.

Richmond Hill's sudden demise came after both teams had battled through even terms during regulation seven innings with a combination of Billy Drennan and Bob Domik for the Hill against the tough slants of Lefty Pete Landers of the Tony's.

Domik had replaced a tiring Drennan in the fifth inning and the latter had taken over left field in case an ailing Domik would have to be taken from the game.

Domik held Oshawa scoreless until the first man up in the eighth inning, Jack Snedden, hit a long drive to deep left which sent Drennan back to the fence. He managed to glove the ball but then lost it and a hard running Snedden just kept on circling the bases to score the winning run.

Dynes had won three previous games in the tournament and lost one. The Jewellers open the tournament Saturday with a defaulted win over London TV Cable which failed to show up for the game, then downed Oshawa Tony's 4-2, lost to St. Catharines 2-1, and then manhandled Toronto ABSO 9-3.

Then came the wrap up against the Tony's as Drennan pitched for the first five innings allowing Oshawa only one hit before firing.

Domik allowed two hits and the game winning unearned run scored by Snedden.

Richmond Hill added their final two as Drennan reached first on a fielder's choice and eventually scored on Kinnersly's homerun.

Tragedy marred the Laval Tournament for the Dynes Jewellers when the wife of one of their players died when the car she was riding in was involved in an accident near Kingston.

Mrs. Peggy Downing, the wife of Dynes shortstop Les Downing, died a few hours after the accident. Les and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Les Downing, were all hospitalized. Further details see Page 7.

Saturday's opener against the same Tony's was a different story as Richmond Hill jumped on Landers for two runs and five hits in the fourth inning and went on to score two more while winning 4-2. Walt Bondapak finished the game for the Tony's.

Drennan was the winning pitcher for Dynes but had help from Domik who took over in the sixth inning after Oshawa had come up with two runs on five hits.

Richmond Hill opened the scoring in the fourth inning as Mickey Hancock singled and went to second on a passed ball. Derek Kinnersly struck out but Joe O'Neill singled scoring Hancock. O'Neill then stole second but was thrown out trying to score on Les Downing's single with the play going from rightfielder to home plate.

Downing went to second on Danny Boyne's single and scored on Vere Small's double with Boyne stopping at third. Bob Smith then struck out to end the inning.

Their biggest threat came in the first inning when O'Neill doubled with two out but Downing flied out to end the inning.

Richmond Hill had little trouble with Toronto ABSO smashing Pitchers Bill Glinash and Joe Abney for nine runs and 10 hits.

Dynes put the game away in the first inning on a two-run homerun by Downing, a single by Small, a walk to Boyne, and Dickey's double.

They scored five more in the third on a single to Boyne, a walk to Dickey, singles by Smith and Drennan, Hancock and Kinnersly.

Winning pitcher was Drennan who gave six hits in going the full seven innings.

Domik labored throughout most of the tournament and had to be removed from the St. Catharines game due to a pulled shoulder muscle. He returned to pitch in subsequent games but had difficulty all the way.

Around the Diamonds

RICHMOND HILL AND DISTRICT MAJOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

	GP	W	L	T	Pt.
Unionville	16	12	3	1	25
Kent Clothes	15	9	4	2	20
Aurora Merchants	15	7	6	2	16
Richmond Hill					

	GP	W	L	T	Pt.
Auto Body	14	6	6	2	14
Aurora Rolling Hills	15	4	9	2	10
Markham Aces	15	2	12	1	5

RICHMOND HILL INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

	GP	W	L	T	Pt.
Joe's	14	11	1	2	24
Eveready	11	8	1	2	18
Eric's	12	7	4	1	15
Pinecrest	12	5	6	1	11
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Inflation And Your Insurance Premiums

Don Strupat

A government study of the effects of inflation on the home building industry recently illustrated the alarming increase in costs by citing several actual examples where it costs more to tear down a building currently than to build it in the first place.

That's a result of a drop in the purchasing power of our dollar that is averaging over 4 percent a year.

It is inevitable that this trend affects insurance rates which have risen sharply in the last six years. Here are some reasons why:

- Doctors' fees have gone up almost 25 percent and hospital fees have doubled and the settlements for personal injury that rise out of accidents have quadrupled in many cases.
- Lawyer's fees have risen as much or more than doctor's charges as well as the fees of the experts who handle the claims along with them.
- Automobile repairs have generally jumped a third. Windshields average \$30 more, trunk lids \$25 more, a fender \$40 more and front doors are up over \$35.
- Large insurance companies who take in over \$200 million a year are claiming they are losing money on the business.
- What is the answer? Drive with greater respect for your valuable car and your even more valuable life. And never let yourself forget the enormous cost that a moment's neglect can cause.

See you next week.

D.G. Strupat

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—IAN NEILL

MICHIGAN'S SAFE HIGHWAY

There is a network of roads in Michigan that stretches more than half the length of the New Jersey Turnpike, that is far ahead of the government's program for highway improvement. It is the General Motors test track at Milford, where accident/injury frequency is only 1/25th as high as on rural highways, which are statistically the safest traffic arteries in the country.

Conceived originally to test GM vehicles, the grounds have also proved that motor vehicle traffic can be made safe through advances in road design, traffic control and other essential elements of an updated highway program.

For example: A 1956 study showed that three-of-four proving ground mishaps occurred because a car ran off the road and struck an obstacle. A program was instituted in which many proving ground roadways were cleared 100 feet from the pavement as an optimum safety measure. Further research disclosed, however, that 80% of this type of accident could be eliminated if the road-sides were cleared only 25 to 30 feet, a span well within the rights-of-way of many existing highways.

Ditches paralleling many of the proving ground's original roads presented another problem. Cars, unable to cross the ditches, crashed into them. As part of a subsequent program, proving ground engineers developed ditches and drainage installations which automobiles could safely cross but would still drain the roadways efficiently.

Beyond the ditch the roadside may rise or fall, creating a slope upon which an errant vehicle may overturn. The solution to this problem came from a series of attempted roll-over tests which determined it was practically impossible to overturn a car on a slope that rose or fell no more than 1 foot for each 6 feet of lateral distance.

Extensive guardrail studies have also resulted in safer designs. In addition, line of sight, night lighting, lane width and other elements were based on advanced concepts.

These roads now handle more than 20 million miles of driving each year, yet there has not been a fatality since 1942. This, in itself, should prove something.

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Drive defensively. This means to watch for pedestrians or other drivers who make mistakes or violate the law. Be ready to slow down or take evasive action to prevent an accident.

Anti-histamines, once a cold remedy, but now used for allergies, should not be taken before or during driving. Anti-histamines often cause inattention, confusion and drowsiness in the user.

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The letters car dealers get . . .

"I am the only person who has driven this car so I know it has never been badly driven by anyone else."

This is the kind of unconscious humor found in letters written by motorists to dealers, says the B.C. Automobile Association. The BCAA has made a collection of other amusing extracts:

- "At the time of reporting this, my wife is expecting and would like your assurance there will be no further mishaps."
- "I feel it would be in your interest to exchange this vehicle for my son."
- "Sometimes this loss of power is so bad that the engine will not idle on full throttle."
- "Although I have a new car, I am in fact a menace on the roads."
- "The engine although tuned, faded, and I lost the engine every time I stopped."
- "Cannot get out of first gear on downhill gradients without dismantling the gearbox."
- "I was only doing 30 mph at the time when I saw my wheel going on in front of me. It was a severe shock and I hadn't the nerve to drive it fast after that."
- "I've told all my friends about it and they are just as disgusting as I am."

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