



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Top prize in last week's four-day men's bonspiel at Richmond Hill Curling Club was an all-expense trip to Bermuda — hence the name "Bermuda Bonspiel". This is one of the most important curling events of the year here. Finishing in top spot and receiving the trip plus the large trophy was a rink from Thornhill. They are seen above immediately following the presentation of awards. (Left to right) are Jack Rumney and Dalton Hicks (who made the presentations); Austin Palmer, skip; Mark Charlton, vice; Graham Pigott, second; and John Little, lead.

Thornhill Curlers Tops — Win Trip To Warmer Climes

A red hot band of curlers swept to the championship Saturday evening during the annual Richmond Hill Curling Club Bermuda Bonspiel. They also received the Ian MacDonald First Event trophy. Palmer's rink included Vice Mark Charlton, Second Graham Pigott and Lead John Little. Skip Austin Palmer and his rink won themselves a trip to the sunny south with their

above average curling in six games. They also received the Ian MacDonald First Event trophy. Palmer's rink included Vice Mark Charlton, Second Graham Pigott and Lead John Little. Skip Austin Palmer and his rink won themselves a trip to the sunny south with their

was a youthful rink from Annandale skipped by Wayne Mathewson. The second event was won by Bill Bennett from Bradford defeating Ron Kesh of Leaside in the final game. Bill MacLeod presented the winners with the Gerling Global Insurance Company Trophy.

Third event winner was the Gord MacKay rink from Avonlea defeating Maurice Beatty from Milton. The third event was won by Chuck Springer's Thornhill rink, comprising his wife, Rayma along with Marge and Des Pratt. Still another trophy winner was Mildred Reis winning the Bradford Ladies' Bonspiel. Mildred had Molly Waite, Laura Watson and Peg MacPherson with her to share this honor.

Sport Spots



By FRED SIMPSON

Just Give Me A Cause

There are times when I actually enjoy writing this column. This has got to be one of those times. It's even better when the readers get a break. This time out if they don't like the words, they can look at the pictures.

You might say I'm writing this particular effort because I like to embrace causes. I've even been known to embrace dogs, cats, horses, budgie birds and, on occasion, even human beings. I don't know, it's just the way I am.



CONCORD'S TERRY TARLING

So I was completely over-whelmed the other day when two pretty young damsels came spinning through the revolving doors at "The Liberal" (we don't actually have any revolving doors here but it's sort of a catchy phrase) and informed that yet another trouble spot had broken out in the world.

The girls were 16-year-old Debbie Hughes of Maple and 16-year-old Terry Tarling of Southview Drive, Concord. Both are grade 11 students. The trouble spot? Why it's at Langstaff Secondary School. I shrank back in horror. What could it be? I immediately suspected an outbreak of women's lib, the students were reading books on their own, or some such other horrible.

NEED SOME FANS

It was worse than that. "We play on the girls' senior basketball team at Langstaff and we just can't seem to get anyone at the school to come and watch our games," ventured Debbie. "There doesn't seem to be any school spirit there this year."

"And we've got a good basketball team, better than the boys, I think," chimed in Terry. "Well, we've got a better record than they have this year, anyway. We've won two and lost two in our league." The girls didn't seem to be too sure if the boys had won a game or not this season. A minor detail, however.



MAPLE'S DEBBIE HUGHES

I sat there shivering as the grim story was unfolded to me. None of the brutal details were omitted. Debbie and Terry were especially bemoaning the lack of student followers this season compared to last when they were stalwarts on the junior basketball team that went to the north-south high school championship before being beaten out.

"We even had a bus load of followers go up to the game," said Debbie. But it's been a different story lately. "When the boys do come to watch us they just make critical remarks

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BOWLING RESULTS

ABC BOWLING CLUB
The third night of the series is up for grabs as Hogan's Heroes lead with 16 points. The Go Aways follow with 15. The Penguins have 14. Frances Warner led the girls with 662, (235, 283, 144); May Milne had 656 (196, 291, 241); Pam Gordier had 640 (195, 235, 210). Don Lawyer led the men with 776 (297, 201, 278); Roger LaJaunesse had 714 (271, 216, 227); George Stepanous 673 (221, 173, 279).

The Go Aways are still leading on total pinfalls for the President's Trophy with 4833. Rogers Rejects have 48231; and Penguins with 47917 pins.

The executive would like to remind the members about the Valentine's Dance. It's only a week away. We hope that all the members can come and bring a friend. Locale is the Masonic Hall on Crosby Avenue. There is plenty of parking. The party starts at 7:30 p.m., February 12.

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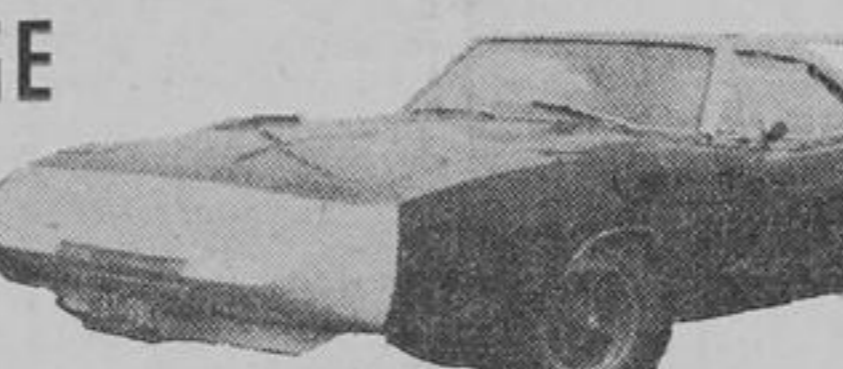
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Dear Mr. Sports Editor: I feel I must write to heartily endorse the sentiments expressed by "A Concerned Mother" who wrote in last week's "Liberal".

When I first started watching minor hockey, I was horrified and ashamed at what I saw of adult behavior at these games. I believe that sports should be played for enjoyment — sure, with a healthy will to win and the aim is improvement and perfection of technique. Have you

ever seen a spectator applaud a guy on the opposite team to the one he supports for sheer good play . . . ?

Actually, I think spectators at the house leagues I watch are a couple of years ago. But I hear that the All-Star supporters are something else. A mother has told me that she wouldn't dream of letting her son go to any out-of-town matches without her or his father, because of the dreadful abuse the other supporting parents might heap upon him. What a reflection that is!

I would like to say "Come on, you supporters, support, encourage and applaud your team. Don't abuse them when they make mistakes. Instead of — you little — what about 'Oh, bad luck?' Aren't the little —s playing their hearts out down there on the ice?"

That this parent remained anonymous is indicative of the repercussions to her son. My all-male family fully agrees with me on this subject.

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Federal Loans Area Arenas

Low interest federal loans totalling \$957,000 for Unionville and Thornhill Arenas are approved through the federal governments regional economic expansion program. Barney Danson MP, York North told "The Liberal" last week.

Of this, \$583,000 is for a Unionville arena with seating capacity for Junior "B" hockey, says Markham Town Councillor Murray Henderson.

There is \$374,000 for a Thornhill Arena. Sites are available but may yet be changed.

The federal loans are 75% forgivable for on-site labor costs before May 31. The loans are aimed at creating winter employment. The interest rate will be six percent.

Councillor Henderson says the Markham Council has been split into two groups to work on the arena sites. "We have to jump on the bandwagon and do something pretty quickly, since we've got to finish by May 31. We'll have to see we're doing what's wanted and get something solid worked out fast," he said.

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IMPORT Auto TALK

By IAN NEILL

Head Rests Work, Insurance Study Shows
I've noticed that a number of drivers fail to make proper use of the head rests in their cars. Adjustable rests should be positioned so they are level with the back of the head. There's little point in leaving them down at seat-top level if the driver's or front seat passenger's head is several inches higher. To be effective the head rest should be even with the head.

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