

Big Brother Week

Short Of Funds And Men Agency To Go Part-Time

In a new release last week, Joe Gasper, president of Big Brothers of York, regretfully announced that, due to insufficient funds and lack of community support, Big Brothers will have to revert to part-time operation, at least for the present.

This means that the agency's first full-time Executive Director George Karpati, who was hired in January, 1973, will be leaving and the board will hire someone to look after the Big and Little Brothers on a part-time basis as soon as possible.

It means, also, that the board of directors will take a more active part in running the agency's affairs.

The newly formed Big Brother Council is feverishly working to organize the opening event of the 1974 Big Brother Week, January 6 to 13. All Big and Little Brothers will be invited to take part in a bowling tournament at the Newmarket Bowlerama Lanes, 81 Davis Drive, Newmarket, opposite the Newmarket Shopping

Centre on January 6 beginning at 11 am.

At the conclusion of the tournament, all the men and boys will have lunch together at the Aurora Community Centre.

As always, Big Brother Week will be celebrated with a concentrated effort to recruit Big Brothers for the 33 boys now on the waiting list in York. It will also be seeking funds to pay the salary of a part-time counsellor or counsellors who will be needed to carry on the very necessary work of matching up Big and Little Brothers and counselling mothers of fatherless boys who are seeking help for their sons.

In a region the size of York, the board of directors finds it very distressing that there are so few men who are willing to give a few hours of their time each week to be a friend to a boy who has no man in his life.

Any person willing to help with a gift of time or money may get further information from Mr. Gasper, 2 Knowles Crescent, Aurora, 727-9975



Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Legion Midgets And Swedish Visitors Tie 4-4 In Close International Game

The Legion Midget Hockey Team tied Sweden 4-4 last Friday evening before a crowd of about 1,800 cheering fans in a cliffhanger of a game that was a privilege to watch.

The first period saw Legionnaires' Berseht, McCullough and Vanderweide awarded tripping penalties in rapid succession. Nevertheless, the fast skating home-town squad managed to outshoot Sweden, and the arena roof moved skyward an inch when Rob Wallingford scored the first goal at 18:50.

In the second period, Rob came back for an immediate encore after only one minute of play to put the Legion ahead 2-0. Shortly thereafter, Swedish Centre Kaj Kramer got a hooking penalty and while it looked possible for the Legion to chalk up another one: Left Winger Jan Carlsson got a breakaway and scored for Sweden with a man short. At the 15:47 mark Carlsson scored again, much to the delight of another Left Winger, Inge Hammarstrom of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who was observing the game and clapping with a pen in his hand.

Going into the third tied 2-2, Legionnaire Tony Robinson raised the roof a further inch by scoring at 3:22. Sweden replied three minutes later with a goal from Conny Holmgren. And while Legionnaire Bob Russell was getting a hooking penalty, Per Harju capitalized to put the Stockholm squad ahead 4-3.

With less than four minutes to go in the game, Sweden's Kjell Lindgren received a hooking penalty and four seconds later all the lights on a Gamble Side Road house must have lit up for Jeff Miller when he scored to tie the game for Canada. The longest day in the lives of Richmond Hill supporters was then experienced in the space of the remaining three minutes.

At 17:45, Legionnaire Arnold Vanderweide received a five minute penalty for butt-ending and this was closely followed by a tripping call on Brian Kellett. With less than a minute to go, five Swedish raiders roared around three Legion defencemen at the Legion net. International hockey rules allow that icing of the puck is permitted while under penalty, and this advantage was fully utilized by coach Pete Artemchuk. Indeed, if Swedish Coach Verner Persson had taken out goalie Thomas Kronberg, the long, straight drives of Messrs. Robinson, Gallagher and Minor might have tipped the scale.

The roof of the local ice palace is now resting peacefully following its first encounter with truly international hockey, and luckily for those unfortunate who missed the game, it will be televised January 19 at 3 pm on CITY-TV, Channel 79, courtesy of local Broadcaster Ken Foss.

Next home game for our

heroes is 1 pm Sunday at the arena, when they face off against Orillia in normal league play with worldly experience they will probably never forget.

In post mortems and other asides: —

The Legion Midgets collectively told this reporter that the Swedes were the strongest team they have come up against this season. Rob Wallingford, however, was not so sure. "I think Newmarket Midgets could match them," He said.

Some fans were of the opinion that the Swedes let up on Richmond Hill in order to be good guests. Otherwise the Swedes would have taken it. Basis for this belief was the fact that in their previous game at Oshawa, December 27 Sweden went into the third period leading 5-1 and "allowed" three goals to Oshawa before winning 5-4.

This type of opinion was also shared by the Soviet tabloid, "Pravda" in 1972 following the Canada-Russia Series. Many Russians are still of the opinion that they "allowed" Team Canada to win in order to be good hosts. Take your opinion from there, and remember the name of the game.

Don Parnell, Color Guard member and bus driver who has chauffeured around some valuable material in his time, was unable to parade the colors alongside his comrades at the arena during the event because of a 10 minute interference penalty handed out by the local constabulary. "You can't park here," was the command. "Move it." Our honorable comrade (who was recently knighted because of his endurance), dutifully obeyed, and took up lodgings for his Legion bus elsewhere.

Parking space at the town park being at a premium on such occasions; Fire hazards and accident proneness being of equal importance, "Crawford's Crusaders" were no doubt performing an unpleasant duty, because they also redirected a 1973 Cadillac and numerous other vehicles to points across the globe.

Unfortunately the law recognizes no favorites — or should the word be fortunate? If it's any consolation to Sir Donald, Maple Leaf Defenceman Borge Salming also missed parade at bugle call.

GEORGINA: This township is busy turning into a civic centre the former St. Gerard's Novitiate. Each councillor will have an office.

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(Photo by Pikulin)

King Figure Skater Yule Party

The King City Figure Skating Club held a children's Christmas Party at the arena on Doctor's Lane December 22 and Santa was on hand to pass out candy canes. Did anybody see Stan Roots there?

Elgin Mills - Jefferson News

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This week birthday wishes go to Marlene Hassard who will be one January 4, to David Stevenson who will be 10 January 5, to Anne Murphy who will be 12 January 6, to Shelly Pender who will be six January 8 and to Stephen Whitten who will be 10 January 9. Happy birthday!

Church News
Sunday at 10:30 am there will be a "Family Service" at St. John's Anglican Church. At 7:30 pm there will be a fellowship hour.

Sunday there was a Litany of Thanksgiving at 10:30 am. The junior choir sang the anthem "Infant Holy". There

was a dedication of memorial prayer books and hymn books in memory of Alfred John Barlett, George Ronald Browne, Robert Roy Holmes and Schuyler Crosby Snively.

In memory of Mr. Brown eight copies of the new Anglican-United Hymn Book with music (published in 1971) were dedicated. In memory of Mr. Holmes five copies of the same hymn book and in memory of Mr. Snively five copies were also dedicated. All were given by family or friends of the deceased, some were given anonymously.

New Year's Eve there was a parish party at 9:30 pm. There were group games and activities for all ages, a blazing fire, fellowship, relaxation and refreshments. At 11:45 pm there was a Watch Night service.

Wednesday morning the regular mid-week fellowship of Holy Communion was held at 10 am with Bible Study at 10:40 am.

Thursday evening (tonight) there will be a junior and senior choir practise.

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Christmas Bird Census

Best ever is the word from the committee in charge of the bird census taking. On December 15, 63 observers covered the established nine routes to count a surprising 7,503 individual birds of 56 species (previous record was 50 species attained in 1963 and 1972). As in former years, the 1973 census was restricted to a circle, 15 miles in diameter, centred on the junction of Yonge Street and Gormley Sideroad. As a result of the mild weather in the late fall and early winter, a little open water was still available for waterfowl at the town mill pond and at Mary Lake. Also, the many bird feeders now operated in the Richmond Hill region have played an important role in holding birds that otherwise would have migrated to the south.

Weather conditions for the census were favorable despite temperatures in the 4°-17° degree range and a brisk northeast wind of from five to 15 miles per hour. Visibility and travelling conditions were good.

Began in 1900 by the late Dr. Frank Chapman of the American Museum of Natural History, the Christmas Bird Census has become one of the most popular events in the organized field activities of naturalists' clubs. More than 700 continent-wide localities in Canada and the U.S., extending from the Mexican Border to Alaska, are investigated annually and millions of individual birds are counted. These Christmas Censuses, taken on a selected day near Christmas, are of value in providing increased knowledge concerning population trends, life cycles and the migratory habits of birds. Of even greater importance is the fact that these counts introduce an ever-increasing number of people to the value of our wildlife and the need for sound conservation practices if we are to preserve those species whose numbers are shown to be dangerously low.

Since the first local bird census was taken in 1955, 83 species had been identified here at Christmastime. As an indication of the zeal and expertise of the participants this year, no fewer than nine new birds appeared on the census list for the first time to bring the total to 92 species. The additions were —

Common Loon, Wood Duck, Common Goldeneye, Great Black-backed Gull, Saw-whet Owl, Brown Thrasher, Red-winged Blackbird, Rusty Blackbird and Dickcissel.

The best bird of the day was undoubtedly the Dickcissel identified by Mrs. Elsie Kennedy and Miss Leitha Thomson at their feeding station on Sugar Maple Lane. This outstanding bird was also seen later by other birders. Robins, which were common on last year's census (78), were not recorded this year. Other birds present last year but not found by our census-takers were the Boreal Chickadee, Cedar Waxwing, Pine Siskin and Common Redpoll. Five species of gulls were identified at the Maple Dump, an indication of its popularity as a food source for birds in winter.

In order of abundance the complete count was as follows: House Sparrow (1,724), Starling (1,206), Rock Dove (763), Tree Sparrow (687), Black-capped Chickadee (582), Dark-eyed Junco (426), American Goldfinch (391), Herring Gull (307), Snow Bunting (303), Mourning Dove (169), Evening Grosbeak (166), Ring-billed Gull (156), Blue Jay (155), Cardinal (86), Downy Woodpecker (69), Ring-necked Pheasant (46), Red-tailed Hawk (42), White-breasted Nuthatch (38), Mallard (35), American Kestrel (31), Common Crow (29), Hairy Woodpecker (15), Song Sparrow (12), Rough-legged Hawk (8), Northern Shrike (8), Black Duck (6), White-winged Crossbill (6), Pileated Woodpecker (5), Red Crossbill (5), Ruffed Grouse (4), Common Flicker (4), Swamp Sparrow (4), Common Goldeneye (3), Red-breasted Nuthatch (3), Rufous-sided Towhee (3).

There were two each of Common Loons, Wood Ducks, Goshawks, Rusty Blackbirds and White-throated Sparrows. Included in the count were single individuals of the following species: Great Blue Heron, Glaucous Gull, Iceland Gull, Black-backed Gull, Great Horned Owl, Longeared Owl, Saw-whet Owl, Belted Kingfisher, Brown Creeper, Brown Thrasher, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Dickcissel, Pine Grosbeak and Purple Finch.

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