

# SPORTS

## NEWS and VIEWS

Chas. Nolan

Stouffville Bantams and Juveniles will stage a local game here a Thursday night. Both teams are keeping in trim for the coming B.A. playoffs.

Les Clarke, last winter with Stouffville Clippers, donned a baseball uniform on Monday and helped out the local Intermediates, who were shorthanded in the Port Perry tournament.

Fenelon Falls proved too much for Cambray in the windup of the northern Tri-County division and eliminated this popular aggregation from the playoffs. Fenelon Falls was reported to have brought several imports to greatly strengthen their outfit. The imports are said to be in the Falls for the winter, when they are expected to form part of a powerful Senior hockey club this winter.

Keith Jewett, well-known hockey player with Stouffville several seasons, ran into a spot of tough luck last week. Driving in the Caliburton district with his late model car he collided with a truck resulting in considerable damage to his car. The machine was towed to town here on Saturday all the way from the north country by Stouffville Motors.

Stouffville Intermediates handed out boys quite a trimming in their exhibition game last week. Outing lads were shorthanded and bolstered their lineup with a couple of Beaverton Intermediates. Bob Hassard bashed out two homers for the home club, the one, a 350 footer to centre field, and the longest ball ever seen clouted in Memorial park this year. The locals won gain handily 13-5 against Newmarket in the canal town on Friday night. The return game slated for Saturday night here was postponed.

Sunderland and Port Perry divided their first home and home games, Port Perry taking the first, and Sunderland the second. Sunderland protested the first game, since Umpire Murphy of Stouffville called the game on account of darkness, causing it to revert back to even innings at which time, Port Perry was leading. The rubber game of the series slated for this midweek.

We still haven't been able to learn the identity of the good American friend who stepped up to the Stouffville players' bench in Memorial Park here during the second Sunderland game, and handed the boys two nice new bats. We understand that this is the first time this "sport" from across the border has donated equipment to the local ball boys.

## D.B.A. Announce Lineups for Ontario Playdowns

A communication just released by the Ontario Baseball Association gives the group position for Stouffville in the coming Ontario playdowns, in Bantam, Juvenile and Intermediate divisions. In the Bantam 'B' section Stouffville is grouped with Newmarket and Bowmanville. While Newmarket have been lax in keeping their game appointments all season, Manager Joe Ouellette of the local squad expects to meet the local crowd first. Playoff time is several weeks off yet.

In Juvenile 'B', Stouffville is grouped with Aurora, Port Perry, and the Lakeshore champion. In Intermediate 'C', Stouffville will tee off with either, Cambray, Fenelon Falls, Little Britain or the Lakeshore winner. Jim Crombie, of Bowmanville, well-known hockey ref. and baseball ump, is the convener.

**FARMER BURNED BY TRACTOR BLAST**  
Owen Sound, July 30 — A tractor explosion here yesterday severely burned Earl Byers, 34-year-old farmer in the Tara district near here. He and doctors here that a blast almost tore his tractor apart after he stepped on the starter. Blazing fuel oil covered him and set his clothing on fire. He put out the flames in his clothes by throwing himself into a rock watering trough outside the tractor shed.

## Locals Grab Off Port's Ball Tourney

Stouffville Intermediates grabbed off first money in the baseball tournament staged at the big Port Perry sports day on Civic Holiday. The local lads trimmed up Port Perry's home team in the first round, while Sunderland was downed by Cambray.

Stouffville took the opener 7-6, after going into the last innings, down 6 to 5. They managed to squeeze over the tying run, and then with the bases loaded and two out, pitcher Bill Harper walked "Butch" Schell to force in the winning run. Hocus Miller did the pitching for Stouffville.

In the nightcap, Manager Murray Holden trotted out left-hander Lefty Bagg, for his first start of the season. Lefty went six innings, and although he was in difficulty in nearly every inning, managed to keep the score tied until he retired from the game in favour of Nick Procenko who finished the nine-inning stretch.

Bagg's support was wobbly in the infield, but his batting mates pounded out enough hits to keep the team in the running and finally win the decision 9-7.

Both Hocus Miller and Bob Hassard were dynamite at the plate, bashing home runs clean out to the race track.

The victory carried with it a prize of \$50.

## Holiday Bowling Tournament

The lawn bowling tournament held in town on Civic Holiday was mixed trebles, but the response by outside clubs was almost a wash-out, hence local rinks filled in and enjoyed a good time. Winners:

- 1st—C. Pipher's rink
- 2nd—A. H. Williams' rink
- 3rd—Robt. Johnson's rink

Players are reminded that they should be at the grounds by 7:15 on Monday and Friday evening in order to allow games to start on time. If you are likely to be late, be good enough to phone the club house so that your name may be entered for the draw.

## Stage Set for Softball Playoffs

Markham Township softball league is wound up and the stage is set for the playoffs commencing this week. The league finished with Buttonville on top, Unionville second, and then Peachs and Agincourt, in that order.

Buttonville will meet Peachs and Unionville against Agincourt, in the two semi-final rounds, best two-out-of-three games.

In order not to conflict with any possible Intermediate hardball games, Peachs will play their home game this Friday night on the Markham grounds. The first game is scheduled for Buttonville field on Wednesday night. Peachs have been playing their home games in the Stouffville field all season.

## W.L.M. KING TO VISIT JOHN ROCKEFELLER, JR.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, former prime minister, left Ottawa yesterday to meet an old friend on the Atlantic seaboard. He has been invited to spend a few days at the summer home of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., at Seal Harbor, Me. The two have been friends for more than a quarter-century.

## MAILED 39 YEARS AGO, CARD ARRIVES AT LAST

A postcard mailed 39 years ago from Chicago has been finally delivered. While on a visit to Chicago, Mrs. S. H. Godley of Winnipeg city addressed the card to her mother, Mrs. Shevman in Winnipeg. A postman brought the card to her door this week. In spite of the interval, the card bearing a color print of the Chicago Coliseum, is still in excellent condition, a report from Winnipeg says.

A baseball has a cork centre about the size of a marble.

Compound interest and advertising are very similar; the longer they are continued, the better the results.

## The Beginning Of Ice Hockey

(Courtesy: Linde Canadian Refrigeration Company)

(continued from last week)

**The Drafting of the Rules** — "Bobbie" had a book of rules of English rugby football and we studied each one carefully, criticizing them from every point of view until we were both satisfied that the game could be successfully played on ice. The next day, I told R. F. (Dick) Smith, one of my class mates, about the new game and, following further discussions, he undertook to write out the rules which we had decided upon. With very few changes, they are the rules which are used today.

"At that time, hockey players' uniforms were not padded, and the sticks used by goal-keepers were the same as the ones used by the other players. The first sticks were fashioned after Robertson's field hockey stick. They were made in the Indian village of Caughnawaga, about fifteen miles from Montreal, and cost thirty-five cents each.

"As soon as we procured the sticks, we rented the Crystal Skating Rink, a public rink situated on Dorchester Street near Windsor Square, for Saturday mornings. We started playing with fifteen men, as in rugby, but soon found that there were too many skaters on the rink. Before long, we had eliminated all but seven men on each side—three forwards, one centre, two guards; and a goal-keeper.

**How Ice Hockey Spread** — We had been playing for only a short time when a number of the fast skaters of the Crystal Rink, who had been watching the game, asked for the loan of some of our hockey sticks in order that they could form another team. Later, a delegation of skaters from the Victoria Skating Rink, who had heard about the new game, borrowed sticks from us and organized a team. During the rest of the winter the Indians were kept busy making sticks and the three teams played about once a week, sometimes on one rink, sometimes on the other. It was not long before the general public became hockey conscious, while the small boys of the city played the game on the streets.

**The First "World Championship"** — At that time, ice palaces were being built in Montreal as an experiment—large palaces made of blocks of ice cut from the river were erected during January and early February. The blocks—frozen together with water—were four feet long, two feet wide, and eighteen inches thick. The walls were over sixty feet high, with towers at intervals, and the palaces were over one hundred yards long and about fifty yards wide. A platform—strong enough to hold two regiments of militia—was built three feet below the top, on the inside of the walls.

On the night of the attack on the palace the soldiers were stationed on the platform, each being supplied with a number of bombs and Roman candles and other varieties of fireworks. About 15,000 snowshoers, dressed in white blanket suits and supplied with torches, assembled at Windsor Square and, at a given signal, put on their snowshoes and started towards the mountain, zig-zagging back and forth over a selected route up its side. From a position atop the ice palace it appeared as if an immense snake was moving back and forth on the mountainside. Finally, the procession worked to the foot of the grade, and then marched down to the palace. When the pre-arranged signal was given, all the snowshoers stuck their torches upright in the snow and lit their fireworks. As they directed them over the top of the palace, the large sixteen arc lights within suddenly blazed forth, and then the soldiers lit their Roman candles, bombs and other fireworks aiming their fire to cross that of the snowshoers. The "cross fire" was a magnificent spectacle.

"This was one of the attractions arranged by the ice palace committee to bring visitors to the city. New stunts for attracting tourists were always welcomed and I suggested that it would be a great thing for ice hockey if a series of matches were played during Carnival Week. A committee of hockey players placed my proposal before the Carnival executive and, after witnessing a game between McGill and Victoria, the committee offered to award a \$750 silver cup, emblematic of the hockey championship of the world, to the team winning the most games during carnival week.

Six teams entered the contest, which was played during the week ending February 12, 1883—McGill, Victorias and the Crystal teams, of Montreal; the Ottawa's of Ottawa; the Quebec's of Quebec; and the Toronto's of Toronto. Each team played the other twice during the six days, or almost two games each day. Under the rules of hockey, as played at that time, if a substitute player replaced one of the regulars, that substitute had to play for the remainder of the game.

"In order to play ten contests in six days, two rinks were insufficient so the Carnival committee cleared off the ice on the river, opposite the centre of the city, to make a regulation rink and, when it was scraped and flooded, this

## "Salute To Canada Pageant" At Midland Is Great Success



Seven thousand people, from all over the country, flocked to see "Salute to Canada pageant," put on by 500 residents of Midland and outlying districts at Martyr's Shrine, Midland. The event, which was a great success, marked tercentenary of the massacre of Jesuit missionaries by Indians at spot where shrine

now stands. Composer and director of pageant was Father Daniel Lord, seen above, with

Joan Faulkner, member of Toronto ballet group who performed in pageant.

## GREENWOOD

Miss Dian and Joan Williams have been spending a few days with Miss Caroline Webb.

Rev. and Mrs. Luffman of Baltimore called on Mrs. Strange last Thursday.

The W.A. are holding their picnic at the park next Thursday afternoon. The worship service will be taken by Mrs. E. Pascoe, followed by the business part of the meeting and a picnic lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hare and Mrs. A. Blakely of Toronto were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. F. Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Tweedie are spending a few holidays in Ottawa.

No. 7 Highway has been a busy road over the long weekend, a person sometimes wonders where all the cars come from and where they are going.

The W.M.S. meeting will be held this Thursday at the home of Miss E. Green with Mrs. Morden in charge of the program.

The Firemen's Garden Party, held at the park last Tuesday night, drew a large crowd somewhere between six and seven hundred people.

Mr. Wootton of Whitby was our minister last Sunday, and Mr. F. Chapman of Audley will preach this Sunday. It will be a joint service.

playing surface was just as satisfactory as the two enclosed rinks. It was appropriate that the McGill team, first team to play ice hockey in the world, was declared the winner of the world championship trophy after several hard-fought games. The names of the players on the team were engraved on the cup and each player was given an individual silver trophy bearing his name."

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