

SPORTS

NEWS and VIEWS

Jim Thomas

Both the town works dept. and the arena were putting their services to the new arena this week.

The final ok has been given the tentative issue in Newmarket for renovations to the arena there costing \$25,000. The cost of the artificial ice will be an additional \$10,000 which must be raised by public subscription. To date \$12,000 of this amount has been put up.

Bob Hassard, popular intermediate ball player with Stouffville this summer, was sidelined while tending the Maple Leaf hockey rinks in St. Catharines. Bob injured his knee when he collided with a defence man during practice. He was in Stouffville last week, and we understand he expects to line up with Marlboroughs, Leaf's Toronto farmhands.

The first O.H.A. team to definitely sign up for use of the new Stouffville Arena for home games is the Maple Leafs of Toronto, an O.H.A. Junior 'B' Club backed by Maple Leaf Auto Sales of Toronto.

Joe: "Speaking about baseball, we got a baseball dog."

Sam: "What makes you call him baseball dog?"

Joe: "Because he wears a muzzle, catches flies, chases fowls and eats it for home when he sees the teacher coming."

Helen Snowball who played for the Stouffville girls softball team expects to play for Claremont next year. Maybe she will be able to say for both towns as her help is so needed at Stouffville.

Markham Millionaires got together last week to plan for a good season of hockey this winter. All the players of last year were present along with Coach Earl Robinson. They plan hockey practices at Oshawa and Stouffville very soon. Most of last year's regulars will be back with some additions. Bob Bangay will be a welcome addition to the club. Another Nick will also be welcomed back, if he can find a way

to break from the West Coast professional league which holds his playing rights.

"It always is fair weather when good friends get together," as the saying goes and on Saturday night that statement was certainly true. As the moon and stars shone brightly between the trees on the farm of Lester Wetherill, the sizzle of marshmallows and weiners could be heard. Yes, the Peaches ball club had reunited for a night of fellowship and enjoyment. Cider and watermelons added to the feast as all players indulged to the limit. With the exception of two or three all the ball players were present for the friendly party. During the night's proceedings Neil Brown told in his own way the time he had during his trip through the United States. The team also plans one last get-together on Saturday with a trip to Niagara Falls. This will probably break up the group for the season as the boys begin thinking of college and university. As the moon began to slide across the sky the boys painfully dragged themselves to their cars and proceeded home for a few hours rest. It was a good night and we only wish that it could have lasted forever.

The names of Bob Snowball and Tim O'Neill are both being prominently mentioned as managers of Stouffville's Intermediate or Senior hockey club this winter. Both men have had considerable experience in the field of sport management.

If Ross Wideman ever missed any balls during the baseball season with Peaches we know his mind must have been on the trip he was planning to the U.S.A. He just recently returned from Pennsylvania where he journeyed on his motorcycle.

The interior of the new arena is to be finished in walnut, or natural finish, with only the seating receiving any colour, according to word from the arena company meeting this week—should look quite nifty.

The painting of the outside has also improved the church property.

"Science has found that sound waves destroy bacteria in food." Sterilizing the soup by inhaling it, however, is frowned upon in the best of circles.

Tokyo Rose, on trial for treason, was born in Los Angeles.

Metropolitan Area of Hockey Big Sports News

The formation of the metropolitan area for hockey and subsequent throwing out of the contentious six-player rule is the big sports gossip in local hockey circles. Hitherto, only Junior 'A' and Senior 'A' ranks have had the privilege of drawing players from hither and yon, but now the O.H.A. propose lowering this privilege to Senior 'B' and Junior 'B', with just one string attached. Metropolitan areas would be set up, covering certain territories, such as Toronto to Lindsay, or a similarly large area surrounding Peterborough. Clubs would be privileged to draw any players they could from within these boundaries. The plan holds a particular interest for such centres as Stouffville, Markham, Newmarket and Aurora, where ranging year after year, resulting in much bad feeling, would be eliminated to a great degree. It would appear that the O.H.A. is returning more to the old days of having everything wide open, more in line to the eastern Canadian setup.

Definite O.H.A. decision on this question has been promised by Sept. 27th, which, incidentally, is just three days before the resident rule deadline.

The Metropolitan league as operated among Yonge St. neighbors last season, may reasonably be enlarged to take in Stouffville and Markham, with a Senior 'B' winner getting a bye into the O.H.A. play-downs.

Markham is already preparing to hit the ice at Oshawa, with future exhibition games at Stouffville. Coach Earl Robinson will again handle the Markies with Harry Watts managing.

While various meetings and rumours are on the go in Stouffville, nothing material has resulted so far. Word from Chicago to Stouffville is that the Black Hawks would not put up any cash for a Junior 'B' farm club here, but would supply players from their Junior 'A' farmhands at Galt. The Junior Maple Leafs handled by Cec. Hendricks, well-known Maple Leaf Auto chief is also interested in putting a Junior 'B' Club into Stouffville.

One thing is sure, with the local possibilities, and daily calls for ice time, and game time, coming from Toronto clubs; local fans are in for plenty of hockey before too long.

Population Jumps 662,000 in Year

Canadian Total Now 13,545,000 Largely Due to Newfoundland

Canada's population shot ahead by leaps and bounds in the last year and now is estimated at 13,545,000, of the Bureau of Statistics reports. The increase is the largest for any year on record.

Spurred mainly by the addition of Newfoundland's estimated 348,000 and a high entry of immigrants, the population advanced by 662,000 in the year ended June 1. All provinces shared in the increase except Prince Edward Island.

During the 12 months ended June 1, approximately 342,000 children were born in the nine provinces excluding Newfoundland, while deaths numbered 117,000. This meant a natural increase of 225,000.

At the same time, nearly 125,000 immigrants entered the Dominion, although this was offset to some extent by emigration of more than 30,000 persons.

The bureau makes annual estimates of population, bringing its figures into line every 10 years with the official census, due to be taken again in 1951. Canada's total population was 11,507,000, according to the official census of that year.

"Canada's population has been rising at an increasing rate in the postwar years," the report said.

Latest net gain—excluding the addition of Newfoundland's population—of 314,000 compares with 301,000 the previous year, 275,000 the year before and 188,000 in 1946.

Newfoundland's population also has increased. It is 26,000 higher than the 322,000 shown in Newfoundland's last census of 1945.

Ontario took the lion's share of the new population, with an increase of 114,000, while Quebec followed with a gain of 95,000.

Increase for British Columbia was 32,000; Alberta, 25,000; Manitoba, 21,000; New Brunswick, 13,000; Nova Scotia, 10,000 and Saskatchewan, 70,000. Prince Edward Island's population was down by 3,000, while figures for the Yukon and Northwest Territories were unchanged.

The bureau gave these estimates for the provinces and territories (1948 figures in brackets):

Ontario, 4,411,000 (4,297,000); Quebec, 3,887,000 (3,792,000); British Columbia, 1,114,000 (1,082,000); Alberta, 871,000 (846,000); Saskatchewan, 861,000 (854,000); Manitoba, 778,000 (757,000); Nova Scotia, 645,000 (635,000); New Brunswick, 516,000 (503,000); Prince Edward Island, 90,000 (93,000); Northwest Territories, 16,000 (16,000); Yukon, 8,000 (8,000).

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O.B.A. Junior 'A' Ball Playoff Staged Here

The third and deciding game in the OBA Zone 3 junior playdowns saw Oshawa Hunt Club advance when they eliminated Peter Pan of the North Toronto Baseball Association, 12-8, in a game at Stouffville Monday night.

A seven-run burst in the opening proved too much of a handicap for the Cleaners to overcome. In this frame, the Hunters pummeled Yank Lipka for five hits and finally drove him from the box. Third sacker Teddy Morris relieved, giving up eight hits and fanning nine.

Bill McTavish struck out ten, walked three, but gave up 13 hits. He was good at the plate pounding a homer, double and single. Don Hall helped the cause with three singles, followed by Mike MacArthur singling twice. Itsy Ler was best for the losers with three singles. Teddy Morris hit a triple and single while Bobby Brown and

Johnny Evans managed to get two-base hits each. An unfortunate incident occurred in the 8th innings when the Peter Pan first baseman sustained a dislocated shoulder when he collided with a runner.

MUST TEAR DOWN ILLEGALLY BUILT ADDITION

Persons who contemplate proceeding to erect a dwelling without first obtaining the necessary permit in any of the surrounding townships and in Stouffville may take warning of what can happen: The village council at Port Stanley, Lake Erie resort, caught up with the owner of a summer cottage who added another room to his haven in a twilight-to-dawn building bee, and without obtaining the necessary permit.

Council's building committee reported that a permit had been denied previously because, under village bylaws, the property was not large enough for proper expansion of the cottage. So council voted to order the owner to remove the new room, or face a court summons.

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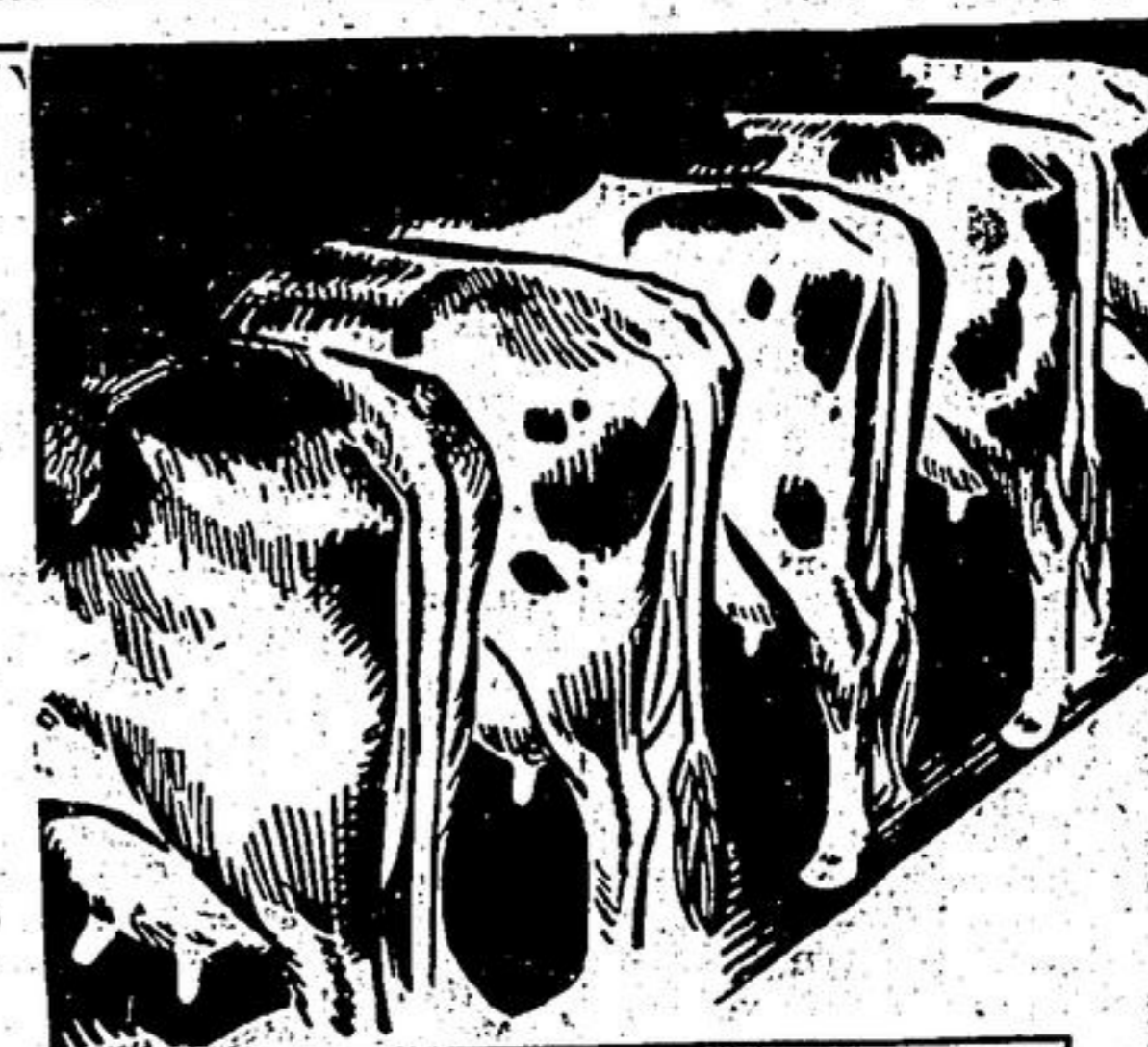
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