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SOFTBALL

Buttonville Wins Local Softball Championship

(By Jim Thomas)

The fourth concession sluggers have again repeated their performances of last season as they downed their second place rivals in three straight games. The Unionville club put up a good battle but it was easy to see that Buttonville was the better team. They have one of the best pitchers in the league with Stunden on the mound and Clement back of the plate being a tower of strength on the team. Bill Hood's boys scored two runs in the first and added a couple in the second to take a 4-0 lead. Going into the fifth Unionville showed signs of getting back in the game as Blundell, Perkins and Cox loaded the bases but Stunden settled down to take out the next two batters and the third was tagged on a perfect play at the plate. Over again in the sixth innings the sixth concession squad loaded the sacks on a smashing double by Minton, a hit by Wolfe and a single from the bat of Blundell. All three runners were batted in to pull back into the running. In their next turn at bat Nick and Bob Bangay rose to the occasion with singles followed with a hit by Stunden. These three players crossed the plate to end the scoring. Cox went all the way for Unionville.

Buttonville Downs Thornhill

Playing before a good Sunday crowd at Thornhill, Buttonville smashed their way to a 21-3 victory over the younger Yonge Street boys. After being held scoreless in the first innings the Sluggers settled down for seven runs on the second and eight in the fourth. Thornhill never came close although they did show a little form in the 6th, scoring five runs. Stunden lasted until the seventh when Blundell, Unionville's contribution to the team, came in to hurl errorless ball. So blinding was his speed that batter after batter wilted away with the bats on their shoulders. Jack Watson who had gone hitless for the first part of the contest unwound himself to line a homer into the outfield. In the second game run off at Unionville, the same story was repeated as Thornhill proved no match for the homesters. Clement, Blundell and Nicholson homered to win the contest 21-3. Rumney batted for Buttonville with Clement on the receiving end. Nicholson and Blundell who were called from Unionville's team and Mark Mills from Agincourt have fitted in well with the Sluggers. Doug James handled the games.

Stouffville Girls Lose First Playoff Game

On Monday night the Elgin Mills nine defeated Stouffville girls by a score of 9-3 in the first playoff game.

Stouffville Drops First Game to Cooksville

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Swamp Little Britain in Opening O.B.A. Playoff

Stouffville Intermediates, who in addition to being engaged in the Tri-County league playoffs, also have a bye into the O.B.A. playoffs, swamped Little Britain 15-6 last Saturday night in the first of a best two out of three series in the Ontario playoffs.

Tri-County Playoff Still All Tied Up

Stouffville and Sunderland Intermediates are still all tied up in their current group semi-final playoff. Each team has won two games in the best of five series, and the clincher was slated for Memorial Park on Monday night. However, the league umpires named to handle the game failed to show up, and the game was turned into nothing but an exhibition contest, Sunderland winning 4-2. Both teams have complained of the umpiring in the four games played to date and it was agreed that outside league umpires should be brought in for this fifth and deciding contest. Just why the special ump's didn't appear is not clear, but apparently a slipoff somewhere. The date of a replay of the game was not yet known Tuesday.

New Hunting Law Permits Gun per Man

One hunter, one gun, is a new regulation in the voluminous set of rules laid down for those who go after game birds this fall. There are other changes in the order-in-council issued by the Resources Department covering the migratory birds, but the average hunter will find his season and daily bag limits about the same as last year. The orders are so complex that no generalization of them is possible, for they vary in each province, and in each meticulously-laid-out section of each province. The wise hunter will have to check his own district regulations before being safe from the game warden.

RINGWOOD

Mrs. James Ogilvy, daughters Caroline and Susan, and little son Jamie were holidaying with her parents at New Liskeard for two weeks, returning on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lawrenson and Netta, also Mr. and Mrs. Owen Halsted and Clara spent last week down in Pennsylvania. Mr. Tom, Cracknell is greatly improving his upholstery shop with new plate glass show windows and brick siding. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLean, Sharon and Barry spent last week with her parents near Owen warden.

Generally, the supply of game fowl seems to be up to last year's level at least, and the Resources Department, fixing regulations after careful consultation with the provinces and the U.S. authorities, has few new rules.

For example, the daily bag of woodcock to be taken in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is cut from eight to four, and from 100 to 50 for the season.

There are new regulations covering the killing of loons in Quebec, great black-backed gulls in Saguenay County and Newfoundland, American and red-breasted mergansers in Newfoundland, the Maritime provinces, Ontario and British Columbia. These birds, a menace to fish conservation, will be killed only under permit. Hereafter they have been subject to a fairly open season.

The new regulations are effective Sept. 1, 1950. Seasonal dates are only slightly changed, largely to offset the fact that Oct. 1 falls on a Sunday.

The rule against multi-gun carriers is humanitarian and in the interests of conservation. Officials said the habit of carrying two or more loaded guns enabled hunters to fire a large number of shells in quick succession with the result that many birds were hit when nearly out of range, beyond possibility of retrieving. It caused unnecessary waste and suffering. The one gun carried may not be loaded with more than three cartridges—no more than two in the magazine with one in the barrel.

Mr. Ross Lee, who has lived in New York City for the past 28 years, spent last Friday with his cousin Roy Grove. Miss Ada Barkey, accompanied by Mrs. Leo Jaynes of Toronto, called on friends here on Saturday. Mrs. Tate and daughter Doris of Toronto spent a few days with Mrs. Ab. Summerfeldt last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Penny were guests at the Wilson-Brodie wedding in Trinity Anglican Church, Aurora, on Saturday afternoon. Mr. George Johnson, employed by the Good Roads Commission, is holidaying this week. We are glad to see Mrs. George Gower out again after her recent illness.

9th Line Markham

There passed away on the evening of Aug. 16, at the East General Hospital one of our highly esteemed residents in the person of Obadiah Peacock. The late Mr. Peacock was a man of sterling qualities, loved and respected by all who knew him, a loving husband and a wonderful father, friend and neighbour. We mourn his passing, and extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

Latest word from the Arena Co. is that the local ice palace will open for skating during the week of Sept. 25th.

Big Ross Hochberg is not expected to be with the Stouffville Clippers this winter when they line up in Senior 'B' company. Hochberg has been released by the local club to go to the West Coast league. Several former members of the defunct Meteors, including the fiery Formica, will also go along.

Stouffville is not expected to be grouped with the northern teams of Collingwood, Midland, Orillia or Peterborough this coming hockey season. Camp Borden, we are told, will have artificial ice, and several teams in competition. Stouffville will be shifted to the Georgetown, Milton section where it is expected other senior clubs will operate. Woodbridge is also named as a likely Senior 'B' starter.

In the Pickering Softball League Brooklin and Pickering are now battling out for the championship. The six team league has now been cut down as Brougham was defeated by Brooklin in a 2 out of 3 game series. Whitby and Westmount who were joined in the group have now been shifted to an Intermediate 'B' group of their own. Pickering, Brooklin, Ajax and Brougham are Intermediate 'C' rating. Crowds have been very good all season with a considerable jump in attendance over last year. More results of the Pickering-Brooklin series should be forthcoming.

Harry Shuttleworth of Stouffville, and an ardent fisherman tells us he came across a rarity while fishing in a Collingwood stream recently. Harry hooked an Albino speckled trout, an absolutely clear species and very unusual. The catch was made on a Silver Doctor fly.

Bill Wilkinson, chubby player with Aurora Junior hockey team this past several seasons met with a motorcycle accident recently which may cripple him permanently, or at least, incapacitate him for many months. Last winter the same lad suffered a broken leg, and later a broken hand while at work.

Star Third Sacker Sidelined by Operation

Bob Hassard, star third sacker of the Stouffville baseball nine has been sidelined for more than a week during which time he has undergone an operation on his nose. Hassard is, being readied by the Maple Leaf Hockey Club to go in training shortly at St. Catharines with the Leaf regulars, and the Leaf doctor advised the operation.

Of the fifteen or more members of Toronto Marlboros, Leaf farm club, Hassard was one of four picked to go to the big league camp this fall. Lewicki, Armstrong and Bolton are the other members of the quartette who are going to be given the acid test for N.H.L. hockey. Several others will be shipped to the Leafs' Pittsburg, American league camp.

The loss of Hassard is keenly felt by the local ball club, coming just at this crucial time in the playoffs.

Still in the Running Despite Loss of Arena

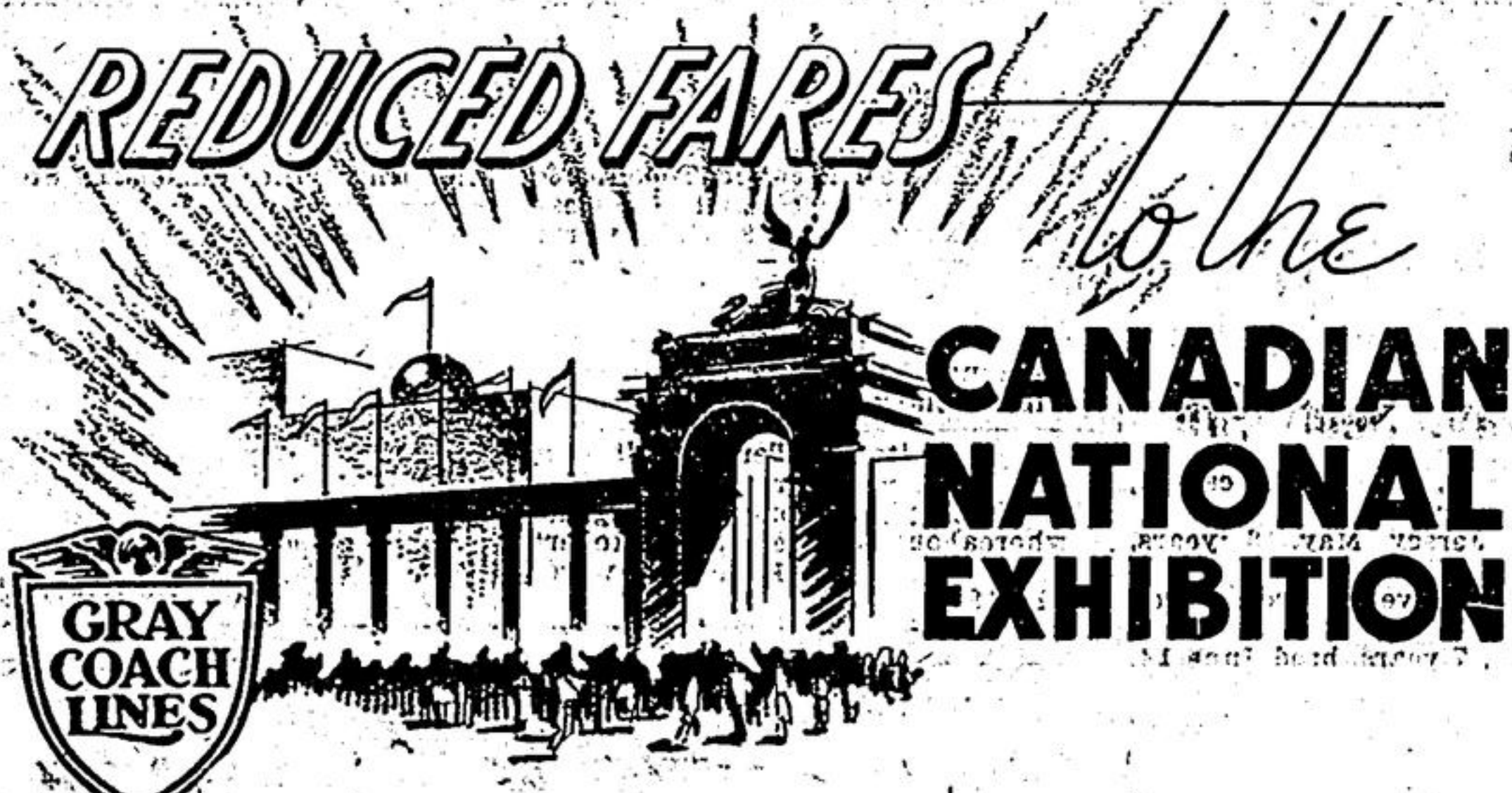
Hockey rumours are flying thick and fast during the past few days in Markham as puck chasers begin thinking about the steel blades and hickory. It seems a bit early to think of boys donning the pads when the baseball season is still with us but since it is the most popular local sport no doubt it is already on everybody's mind. At the home of Carl Sellers the Markham squad got together for a night of corn roasting, and enjoyment. No definite plans have been drawn together by any means although a team seems to be in the making. Once again the old trouble of "where do we play" has cropped up and the boys must face the facts that their home arena will not be available. Newmarket rink has been considered but is inconvenient for both players and fans alike. The hockey talent around this community is on the increase and it seems too bad that a greater majority of the boys cannot prove their worth.

Semi-Final Won By Mount Albert

Though outhit, 9-6, in the fifth and deciding game of their Lake Simcoe Junior Ladies' League semi-final contest with Newmarket Saturday night Mount Albert managed to scrape out a 6-5 win. The loss eliminated Newmarket while Mount Albert will meet either Sutton or Keswick for the league crown.

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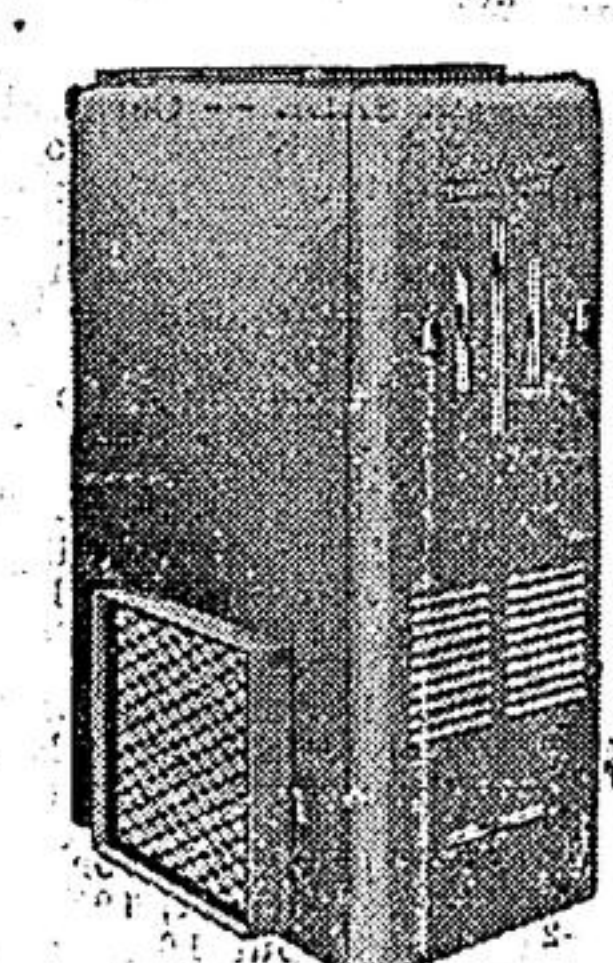
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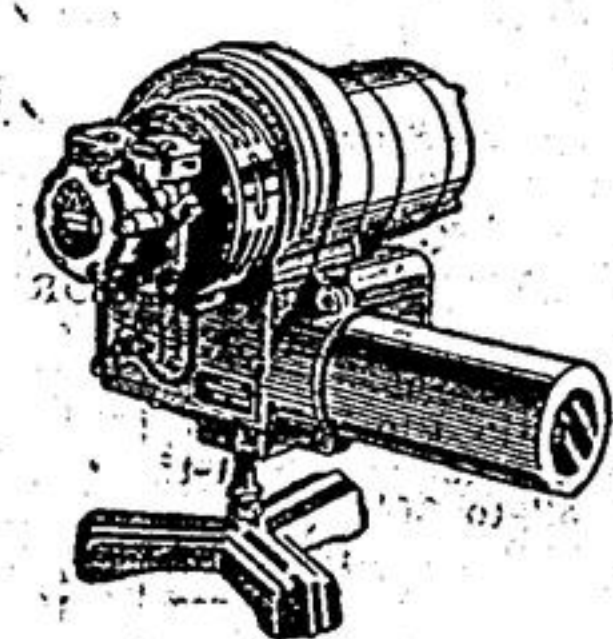
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