

SPORTS SHORTS

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CONGRATULATIONS BROUGHAM
The Brougham hockey club under the management of Don Beere is to be congratulated on winning the Stouffville Arena Trophy in two straight games from Port Perry. This season the Brock Road squad was entered in three leagues, the ORHA Sr., Intermediate B and the Arena League. Although all the players do not hail from Brougham they do come from the surrounding districts of Clarendon, Cherrywood and Goodwood. They will no doubt be back again next season to defend their Championship.

LOCAL OMHA EXECUTIVE TRAVELS 4000 MILES A SEASON IN MINOR HOCKEY PROMOTION
Mr. Jim Austin, Stouffville's OMHA executive has travelled close to 4000 miles during the past hockey season to aid in the promotion of minor hockey in Ontario. During this time he has personally conducted five of the fifteen presentations to championship clubs ranging all the way from Peterboro to Port Colborne. In the 1952-53 hockey year just completed the OMHA operated 1,087 teams consisting of 16,655 players. Out of the fifteen series, St. Catharines was the only club to claim a championship for the second straight year. In Juvenile A the Mitchell Hepburn trophy went to St. Catharines. Weston captured the O. M. Welch award emblematic of the Juvenile A (minor) championship, while Wallaceburg was awarded the Lionel Conacher Cup for winning the Juvenile B honors. Blenheim won the Jack Roxborough silverware for Juvenile C and Bolton took the J. L. Christie Juvenile D championship. Toronto Marlboros won the Midget A cup donated by J. H. Stafford. In Midget A (minor), Port Colborne walked off with the Herb Parker trophy while Simcoe copped the Midget B award and the Dr. Leon Hipwell cup. Bracebridge won the Midget C title. Lucknow the Midget D and Peterboro the Bantam A (minor). Our neighbors, Newmarket, brought home the A. A. Morrison trophy emblematic of Midget B supremacy. Wingham captured the Midget C silverware and Schomberg was awarded the Midget D championship.

IS THAT FIRST PLAYOFF GAME SO IMPORTANT?
When a hockey team or baseball club hits the playoffs the coach will usually stress the importance of winning the first game. It is generally regarded that the team who can carry off the top honors in the opening contest has a decided edge in the series. This fact has been proven wrong during a number of hockey playoffs that have just been concluded. You may recall nearly the first game between Boston and Detroit in the semi-final round for the Stanley Cup when the powerful Red Wings mothered the Bruins by a score of 9-4. Boston recovered from this early setback to knock off the Wings and enter the finals. The Goodyears of the Senior 'B' grouping literally shocked the experts by losing the first game in each of their four playoff rounds and yet bounced right back on every occasion to win the championship. Kingston dropped their playoff opener to Belleville, Oshawa, Lynhurst Motors and Woodstock but each time they made a victorious comeback. At one point in their series with the Motor City squad, the Goodyears were down three games to one but pulled the series out of the fire much to the amazement of all concerned. One explanation may be that it takes some teams a game or two to size up their opposition especially on a strange ice surface but when they figure out their special style of play the story is often reversed. Such has certainly been the case on many occasions this winter.

STOUFFVILLE BECOMING A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE
You sports-minded fans who think that Stouffville is backward in the athletic field should take out a pencil and paper and list the activities that are available to all ages and groups throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter. Everyone must admit that with the construction of the new arena, Stouffville took a big step ahead in the sporting limelight. In the winter months, which in our town extend from the early week of October to the last week in April the ice palace is in operation providing pee-wee, midget, bantam and senior hockey as well as numerous community leagues which take advantage of the rink. Considerable time is set aside for public and figure skating during the seven month period also. In the summer months wrestling is enjoyed by many enthusiastic fans while dancing, bingo and other forms of entertainment has its place. Let us now move outside where we find three ball clubs in action. There is the famous Stouffville Red Sox baseball squad, the newly organized softball club and a Champion girls team that walked off with the honours last season. Stouffville has two types of bowling to offer; the five pin at the Arena Bowling Centre and lawn bowling which is carried on throughout the summer months in the park. The Stouffville Lions Club completed a fine job of hard-topping the once-shameful tennis courts and a tennis club will be formed in a matter of weeks. Those of us who find the above named sports too robust can wander down to the lower section of the park and take up the friendly game of horseshoes. Indeed, Stouffville has, and is blossoming out in the sporting world and with a little hard work on the part of every sports minded citizen his rapid growth will not be short lived.

SPRING AND THE SPORTSMAN
Now spring is once again with us. With it will come ever-increased activity in the outdoors. Sportsmen will head toward their favourite lakes and streams in search of the big one that will take away; campers will plan hikes and camping trips; and acrobats will plan another year's outing.

These people will all have one thing in common. They will be making use of the natural resources of our Province, natural resources which are theirs by right. This is as it should be, but the tragedy of the whole thing is that people must be persuaded to protect this common property.

Every year we read of so-called "sportsmen" who are fined or taking many times the legal limit. Every year we read of campers who thoughtlessly destroy much valuable timber by cutting young trees for firewood, tent poles, rafts, etc. And, too, every year we read of destructive forest fires caused by the careless flick of a lighted cigarette, the hasty abandonment of an improperly extinguished camp fire, or by other careless acts.

This situation need not exist. There is no reason why sportsmen, true sportsmen, should disobey the game laws. Legal limits are not set to decrease outdoor pleasure, rather they are set to increase and implement the pleasure of a day in Ontario's outdoors. Legal limits today mean sufficient supplies for tomorrow. If we are to adopt a selfish attitude and recklessly take the fish from our streams, it is not difficult to foresee that the future would soon find us devoid of the inhabitants of our waters.

In the same way, if campers recklessly destroy young timber with no thought of the results of their actions, much of this valuable natural resource would be lost. The wealth represented by our forests would rapidly diminish and, in the end, the very people who disobeyed the code of sportsmen would be the ones to suffer. They would soon find many areas closed to them, thereby imposing limits upon their outdoor activities.

On the subject of forest fires, we cannot speak too seriously. To one benefits from a forest fire. Forest wealth is our wealth. When we destroy our tall, stately trees, we are systematically reducing the natural value of this great Province.

Last year an educational campaign of great magnitude endeavoured to carry the message of caution to people everywhere in the Province. Special radio programmes, magazine articles, newspaper stories and bulletins warned the people that caution was a necessity. But, when the final total was figured, over 55% of the forest fires were caused by human carelessness.

This year, let us all make a special effort to be sportsmen in every sense of the word. It matters not how we derive our enjoyment from the outdoors, what matters is that we, as citizens, owe it to ourselves to protect what is rightfully ours. By so doing, we will guarantee the preservation of the opportunity to enjoy many carefree holidays in this, one of the most naturally blessed areas in the world.

Red Sox Plan Holiday Tourney
The Stouffville Red Sox are making preparations for a four team holiday tournament on Monday, May 18th. It is expected that Little Britain, Sutton and Fenelon Falls will provide the opposition. At a Tri-County League organization meeting held at Seagrave, Ont., on Friday of last week, Johnny Learoyd, bottled Sutton hockey and baseball star, was appointed Secretary of the league. Stouffville, Sutton and Little Britain are definite entries in the group while Sunderland and Port Perry are doubtful starters at the present time.

The average worker in Ontario makes \$56.46 a week.

"MOLE MOTORS" SEASON'S BOWLING CHAMPS



The Mole Motors 5-pin bowling champions who headed the league all season with the exception of playoffs, are shown accepting the Mole Motor Trophy which "Boss Alf" had donated for the winners. Left to right shown are: Jerry Hooker, Joe Murray Sr., Walt Cook; Alf. Mole, Joe Murray Jr.; front, Roy Minton and Fred Woodland.

Local Arena Presenting New Wrestling Show

Commencing in May, the Stouffville Arena will present an entirely new wrestling show here with star mat performers fresh from United States tours. Many are seasoned grapplers from the Southern States, wrestlers from the grape-fruit belt where Toronto's film TV wrestling shows originate.

Next week's Tribune will carry the full card for the first show. One of the feature performers from Chicago will be O'Toole, the wild Irishman, a 225-pounder. In the semi-final on opening night, local fans will be treated to a real thriller when the Masked Red Demon from Florida, a drop kick specialist, will match muscles.

School for Forest Guides at Dorset

In expectation of a record influx of hunters and fishermen into Ontario's justly famed hunting and fishing grounds and resorts this year, the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests is holding a week-long school for licensed guides, April 13 to 18, at the Forest Ranger School near Dorset. This is a continuance of an educational plan begun last year when the course was of evident benefit to guides and public alike.

Aim of the Department is to provide the best in experienced guides, able to discharge not only their duties to their parties but also their responsibilities to the Province in the care and conservation of all natural resources, so as to ensure perpetual enjoyment of those sports which attract so many thousands here every year.

Nearly 300,000 hunting and angling licenses were issued last year, for instance, to non-residents—206,000 angling and 16,700 hunting permits. Residents need no angling permits but took out \$8,000 deer and 1-150 moose hunting licenses. Hunters from across the border will be here in greater numbers this year, it is expected, with the lifting by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, of the embargo which existed last year against import of all cloven-hoofed animals, due to concern at the time over foot-and-mouth disease.

Guides, some with 30 years' experience or more, will receive intensive training in latest techniques peculiar to their special craft. Lectures and demonstrations will cover such important subjects, as water safety, first aid, handling of marine motors, fishing gear and latest firearms and, believe it or not, cooking.

Replace Clarendon In Softball Loop

Secretary of the Markham Township Softball League, Mr. Ernie Appleton informed the Tribune this week that an attempt was being made to bring Woodbridge into the group to replace Clarendon who have decided to move into the Whitby League. Woodbridge had requested an entry earlier in the season but had been turned down due to the distance factor. Woodbridge has no floodlights. The secretary had completed the schedule for the season but due to the replacement the copy will have to be revised.

People take advantage of the fellow with a heart of gold—so he has little of it in his pocket.

Peaches in Clancy Finals

Peaches A.C. came up with two important wins on Saturday and Monday nights to enter the King Clancy Intermediate finals. On Saturday night at Unionville they battled Lewis Cartage in their first semi-final encounter and edged their rivals by a score of 2-1. Lewis struck for the opening tally midway through the first period and held the lead going into the final half. Peaches evened the count as Murray Lewis fired a low drive into the bottom corner on passes from D. Smith and J. Thomas. Both teams tried desperately to notch that all-important clincher but the goaltenders held the fort in spectacular style. With but five minutes remaining in the game, J. Thomas picked up a loose puck inside the opposition's blueline and backhanded the rubber into the corner to give Peaches a one goal lead. The seventh concession squad continued to press and in the final minute of play, M. Lewis drove a bullet shot behind the goaltender but the official claimed the puck had bounced off the post and the goal was not allowed. Peaches played the game with but six forwards, two defencemen and a goaltender.

On Monday night the locals assured themselves a spot in the group finals as they downed Lewis Cartage 3-1 to clinch the series. D. Thomas with two goals was the main cog in the Peaches machine. His first tied the score on a quick pass from M. Grove and his second tally came on a wild scramble around the opposition cage with the goaltender sprawled completely out of position. D. Smith sewed the game up in the final minute when he teed off from a face off in his own zone and golfed the puck down the ice into the empty net while the goaltender sat on the bench in favor of an extra-forward.

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Kingston Wins O.H.A. Senior 'B' Championship

Kingston Goodyears won the Ontario Hockey Association Senior 'B' hockey championship with a 12-0 win over Woodstock Athletics. Goodyears won the best-of-seven series, 4-2.

The Kingston win was a startling reversal from last Wednesday night when the Athletics edged them 4-3.

The Goodyears went into action from the start, scoring three goals in less than six minutes of the opening period.

From this point, the Athletics appeared completely disorganized.

Kingston knocked home six goals in the first period and in the second outscored the Athletics, 2-0, and followed through with four in the third.

Goodyear scorers were Cliff Tinkess with three; Ted Nicholson, Don Murray and Walt Gerow with two each; and one each by Jack White, Ken Partridge and Jack McKeown.

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