



SEVERE CRITICISM

On Thursday night of last week, the Markham Twp. softball league held its annual organization meeting. At this gathering, our own local club came in for some severe criticism from other team representatives. The Shamrocks were criticized mainly for dropping out of the running before the schedule was completed last season — a move that didn't go over too well with some of the rival clubs. Azincourt and Aurora complained that Stouffville failed to put in an appearance at scheduled games without first giving the home team proper notice, thus souring the supporting fans on attending future contests. This is not good sports publicity for our town and we hope it will never happen again. Those close to the Shamrock club know what difficulty the team had in fielding nine men during the latter stages of the schedule, but other clubs should not have to suffer for this reason. Opposition clubs felt so strongly against Stouffville that they voted unanimously to bar them from the league this summer unless suitable arrangements could be made. The Shamrocks didn't have a representative at the meeting to either dispute or agree with the remarks.

NEED CLEANING UP

Have you been down to the tennis courts lately? Well if you intend to go down later this week, don't take your racket — take a broom. Stouffville can rightly boast of having one of the finest courts in the district but at the present time they are an eyesore to the park. With summer sports rapidly increasing in popularity each week it's time some elbow grease was applied to these courts.

HERE AND THERE

Eddie Bush, former coach of Collingwood Shipbuilders and last year with Guelph, has signed a contract to handle the Biltmores for two more seasons at least. . . . Aurora Lions recently honored their bantam hockey club and among the hockey celebrities present was our own Clipper coach Bob Bangay. . . . Gord Wright, talented softball twirler with Richmond Hill in the Markham league has signed to hurl for the Oakridge Legion this summer. . . . Norm Stunden is expected to be the mainstay of the Aurora softballers again this season and no doubt his deceiving slowball will fool many an anxious batter. . . . Mark Mills, a former defenceman with the Clippers a couple of seasons back is still recuperating from a hockey injury received when he crashed into the boards a few weeks ago. . . . The Claremont ball diamond is being worked into shape and a number of clubs are anxiously awaiting the start of the community league. A couple of clubs have held practices already. . . . Lloyd Grove, well known hockey and softball player, will walk the aisle on Saturday afternoon. . . . The Stouffville Park Board will hold an important meeting on Thursday afternoon to study a number of important matters pertaining to the use of the park this summer. . . . The Tri-County League held the annual organization meeting at Sunderland on Wednesday evening. A complete report will appear in next week's issue. . . . Work has commenced on Brougham's new softball park. The thermometer now records \$4,400. . . . The Stouffville bantams will hold their initial practice on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. . . . The Shamrocks captured the town bowling championship on Tuesday night. . . . Wrestling moves into the Arena on Friday night, May 13th. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George Stark and family are now permanent residents of Stouffville. . . . Buttonville softballers are planning to play their home games under the lights here on Thursday nights. . . . Bob Davidson and Jack Christie, well known hockey personalities, will attend the Lions Sports Night on May 9th.

Jr. Baseball Opens Here On May 20th

Stouffville's new Junior baseball squad will swing into action on Friday, May 20th, when they make their home debut against the Oshawa Truckmen. Coaches Earl Cook and Geo. Smith have been working hard in an effort to round the boys into top playing condition. They have already held two practice sessions. The first tryout was held down at Leaside under the lights on Thursday night of last week and about eighteen players worked out in the

Initial get-together. The Cardinals will play their home contests on Friday nights. They are grouped with three other powerful clubs in Metropolitan Motors, Leaside Braves and Oshawa Truckmen.

BANTAMS TO HOLD PRACTICE ON THURSDAY

Stouffville's newly organized Bantam baseball club will hold their initial practice session on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Coaches Murray Stewart and Harold Hodgins will look over the prospects and will endeavor to pick out a contending club to operate in the North York league. The boys are in need of equipment but believe they can scrape through the season with their present uniforms.

GRAND Opening Game SOCCER

ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION
Claremont vs. Oshawa Duplates

on
Saturday, May 7

in
STOUFFVILLE MEMORIAL PARK

Game Time 7 p.m.

Wrestling Fans

Don't forget the first show

in

STOUFFVILLE ARENA

Friday, May 13

8.15 p.m.

CENTRAL CANADIAN WRESTLING ASSOC.

Shamrocks May Enter Ont. County Softball

The Stouffville Shamrocks may place an entry in the Ontario County softball league. This group comprises clubs from Brougham, Brooklin, Whitby, Pickering and Ajax. For the last seasons, the Shamrocks have operated in the Markham Twp. Softball League. They were not represented at an organization meeting in Markham on Thursday evening of last week. The Ontario County League will hold their final meeting on Sunday.

The Management of the Shamrocks have called a practice for Wednesday night of this week under the lights. The outcome of this initial practice may decide the fate of the local softballers.

Get-together

The Stouffville Clipper hockey club will hold their final get-together on Friday evening, May 13th, at the local bowling alley. Following a tournament a vote will be taken to choose the club's most valuable player. He will be presented with the Maple Leaf Dairy trophy, last year won by Nick Bangay. The Bill Ball trophy will be presented to the top point scorer during the regular schedule. Hal Gibson and Ken McNeil were tied for the top position.

Black Hawks Coach Honors PeeWee Finalists

On Thursday evening, "Casey" Hilliard, coach of the Black Hawks, PeeWee finalists, honored his team with a turkey dinner at his home, complete with all the trimmings. Besides the hockey club, others attending were Dr. S. S. Ball, Mr. Bill Ford, President of the Stouffville Lions Club, Mr. Jack Byers, Mr. Cec Hendricks and your reporter.

Following the dinner, each member of the team was presented with "finalist" crests. Capt. Ron Stewart of the Hawks, thanked coach Hilliard for his leadership during the

season on behalf of the club, and personally thanked the players for their fine effort throughout the schedule and playoffs. Capt. Stewart then presented coach Hilliard with a dark blue blazer and Asst. Capt. Warren Hendricks presented Mrs. Hilliard with a beautiful cup and saucer.

President Bill Ford spoke briefly to the team and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard for their fine gesture. Following the dinner and presentations, coach Hilliard introduced each member of the club and personally thanked them for their co-operation during the season.

Wrestling to Re-open Here on Fri., May 13

Stouffville wrestling fans will have an opportunity to see their favorite performers on Friday, May 13, at 8.45 p.m. in the local arena. Three all-star bouts will make up the card with some new and really outstanding Canadian and international wrestlers appearing on the card.

Feature bout of the evening will be the one between Baron Von Sieber, German Hercules who hails from Stuttgart, Germany, originally but now residing in Branford. Von Sieber has lost only one bout in the last six months and was featured in that very famous wrestling magazine, "Wrestling as you like it". They rate him very highly and figure him one of their future stars. He is posing the Baron will be that very great French wrestling star, Sylvain Richard. These two have never met before and as both are very fast and strong, the fans will certainly

get their money's worth. This bout is two out of three falls, 90 minute time limit.

In the Semi-Final Stoney rooks great Campbellford grappler is going to tackle the Bald-headed and Bearded Turk, Hassan Bey. Fans may remember the match between the Bey and scissors Greenfields last year, well brother rooks says he is going to give a better one this Friday and will be going all out to beat the barefooted Turk. One other two out of 3 falls bout will round out this really outstanding card and will feature that outstanding speed merchant Ron "Wildcat" Osborne who will clash with Chivo Ward, an up and coming young mat. star. The referee appointed by the Central Canadian Wrestling Assoc. will be Joe Greenfield, a really great wrestler in his own right and also a good referee. Joe claims that the referee last year was very poor and he wants to start the show off on the right foot.

Markham Twp. Softball League Opens May 17

The Markham Softball League will open its schedule on Tuesday, May 17th. Six teams signified their intentions of re-joining the league at a meeting held in Markham on Thursday evening of last week. Buttonville, Markham, Thornhill, Unionville, Agincourt and Aurora will comprise the clubs in the group. Stouffville Shamrocks were not represented.

Mr. John Young of Markham was re-elected President of the league for another season. Other executive members will be Messrs. Ernie Appleton of Unionville, Jim Murray, Aurora; Wilf Bundy, Markham; Harry Logan, Agincourt; and Tom Danby, Unionville. Mr. Bob Rae of Unionville is Hon. President of the League.

Buttonville, represented by Jack Watson, hope to obtain the services of the Stouffville Park for Thursday night home games. Markham and Thornhill are also expected to play in their own respective parks

O.H.A. Shows a \$5,000 Deficit In 1954-1955

The Ontario Hockey Association playoffs this spring saw five amateur teams capture their first OHA championships. The annual report of the OHA executive committee, tabled at the 66th annual meeting of the association, described competition as "unusually keen" in the nine classifications.

M. L. (Tory) Gregg, retiring president of the association, said the OHA was continuing to hold referee schools throughout the province with Pat Patterson, OHA referee-in-chief, in charge.

He congratulated the Pentecost V's on winning the world hockey championship this year and promised that the CAHA

will discuss the question of continuing in the world championships at coming sessions of the national group in Regina.

He said the OHA has contributed \$1,500 to its affiliated organizations over the past year.

Contributors: Ontario Minor Hockey association, \$3,250; Northern Ontario Hockey association, \$750; Western Ontario Athletic Association, \$500.

The association contributed \$2,000 to the Hurricane Hazel flood relief fund and \$100 each to the Red Cross and the Hospital for Sick Children.

The OHA spent \$15,305 last year. Total receipts were \$40,432.

The annual report of Treasurer George S. Dudley listed a cash balance of Jan. 1 of \$16,782 as compared with a balance of \$21,454 a year ago. He said the OHA also owns \$32,000 in bonds.

Frank Buckland OHA President

Frank Buckland of Peterboro has been elected president of the Ontario Hockey Association by acclamation.

Other county officers, also returned by acclamation are: M. L. Gregg, of Wingham, immediate past president; Lorne Cook, of Kingston, first vice-president; Ken McMillan of Georgetown, second vice-president; George Dudley of Midland, treasurer; and W. A. Hewitt of Toronto, secretary.

Four members of the executive will be elected at the annual meeting April 30. Those nominated are M. Cunningham, Lindsay; Jack Devine, Belleville; Dane Found, Toronto; T. A. M. Hulse, Aurora; J. C. McDonald, Orillia; Herb Parker, Stratford; C. G. Patterson, Brampton; Lloyd Pollock, Windsor, and Bruce Smith, Belleville.

Top Hockey Men to Visit Lions Club

On Monday evening, May 9, the Stouffville Lions club will entertain members of the PeeWee champion Maple Leafs and the Bantams. Mr. Bob Davidson, a former star left winger with the Toronto Maple Leafs, and Mr. Jack Christie, Sec. of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association will address the boys. Mr. Jim Austin, an OMHA Executive member and chairman of the Lions Club sports committee has procured an interesting film on the 1954 Stanley Cup playoffs which will be shown during the program.

Jack Skinner Lands Whopper

Jack Skinner of Stouffville topped the local rod and reel artists on Saturday when he landed a large 15½ inch trout. He pulled the whopper out of a stream near Flesherton.

More than twelve fishermen headed north on Friday night to reach their favorite haunts by midnight when the trout season officially opened. Mr. K. R. Davis pulled a nine inch trout out of the Uxbridge pond at exactly one minute after 12. A number of local men bagged their fifteen trout limit.

Some of the local residents who tried their luck were Elmer Daniels, Elgin Wagg, Milt Burk, "Shine" Davis, Ken Laushway, John Mathewson, Harry Noble, Jack Skinner, Jack Sanders, Jim Abel, Jerry Mahoney and Murray Hopkins.

Friends will regret to learn that Jack Smith, M.P., of Richmond Hill is ill and has been ordered by his doctor to take a complete rest for a month and a half.

Claremont to Open Soccer Season Here

Nine teams will compete this season in the Ontario County Soccer Association. Claremont will open the season here on Saturday night when they play host to Oshawa Duplates. The contest will start at 7 p.m. and will be completed under the floodlights.

Three new clubs have entered the group — Oshawa Hungaria, Oshawa Internationals and Port Union. The latter squad will be sponsored by Johns Manville of Canada Ltd. Last year's Ajax Bequicks have changed their nameplate to Oshawa Hollandia.

The league will now include six teams from Oshawa, namely Hungaria, Duplate, Strila, Internationals, Polonia and Hollandia. Ajax, Port Union and Claremont will round out the nine team group. The schedule has been completed and the playoffs this year will conclude a month earlier, on Sept. 17th.

Junior OBA Baseball Dates

Sat. May 14 — Met. Motors at Leaside, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. May 17—Oshawa at Leaside
Thurs. May 19—Leaside at Met. Motors
Fri. May 20—Oshawa at Stouffville
Mon. May 23—Met. Motors at Oshawa, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. May 24—Stouffville at Leaside
Thurs. May 26—Open date
Fri. May 27—Met. Motors at Stouffville
Sat. May 28—Leaside at Oshawa, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. May 31—Stouffville at Met. Motors
Thurs. June 2—Oshawa at Met. Motors
Fri. June 3—Leaside at Stouffville
Mon. June 6—Stouffville at Oshawa
Tues. June 7—Leaside vs Met. Motors
Thurs. June 9—Oshawa at Leaside
Fri. June 10—Met. Motors at Stouffville
Mon. June 13—Leaside at Oshawa
Tues. June 14—Stouffville at Met. Motors
Thurs. June 16—Leaside at Met. Motors
Fri. June 17—Oshawa at Stouffville
Mon. June 20—Met. Motors at Oshawa
Tues. June 21—Stouffville at Leaside
Thurs. June 23—Oshawa at Met. Motors
Fri. June 24—Leaside vs Stouffville
Mon. June 27—Stouffville at Oshawa
Tues. June 28—Met. Motors vs Leaside

Suspend PeeWee Coach From Newmarket 5 Yrs.

Francis Hollingsworth, coach of the Newmarket peeWee hockey team, has been suspended for five years and seven players have been suspended indefinitely following an investigation into the use of over-age players in a recent Ontario hockey tournament.

The decision of a sub-committee of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association was announced following the hearing

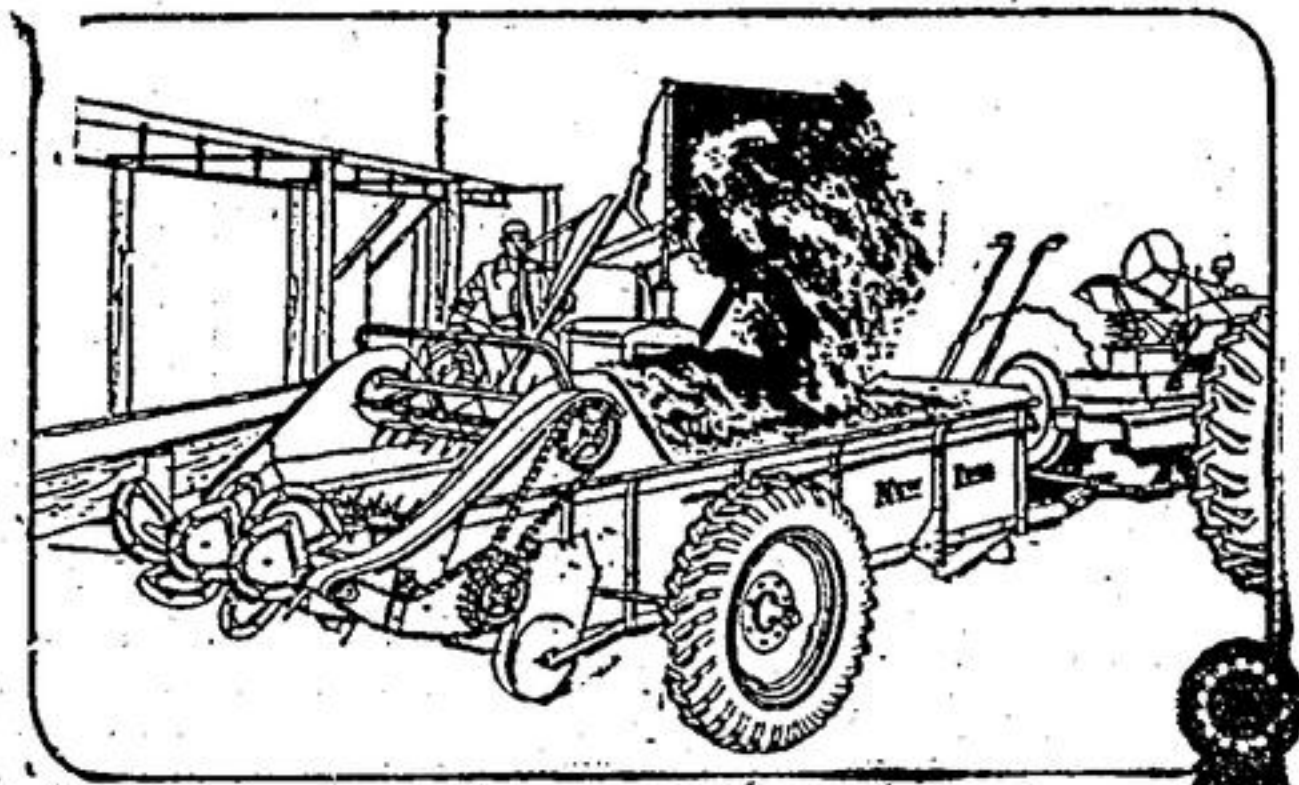
of evidence Saturday that the Newmarket peeWee team used over-age players in the Young Canada Week tournament at Goderich last month.

The Newmarket team was charged with presenting younger boys' birth certificates for the seven over-age players and using the illegal players to win the Series A championship in the tournament. The peeWee age limit is 12 years.

Thurs. June 30—Oshawa at Met. Motors
Tues. July 5—Stouffville at Met. Motors
Wed. July 6th—Leaside at Oshawa
Thurs. July 7—Open date.
Fri. July 8—Oshawa at Stouffville
Tues. July 12th—Stouffville at Leaside
Thurs. July 14—Oshawa at Met. Motors
Fri. July 15—Leaside at Stouffville
Sat. July 16—Met. Motors at Oshawa, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. July 19—Stouffville at Met. Motors
Thurs. July 21—Oshawa at Leaside
Fri. July 22—Met. Motors at Stouffville

Sat. July 23—Leaside at Oshawa, 2:30 p.m.
Tues. July 26—Oshawa at Leaside
Thurs. July 28—Met. Motors at Oshawa
Thurs. July 28—Stouffville at Leaside
Fri. July 29—Met. Motors at Stouffville
Tues. Aug. 2nd—Leaside at Met. Motors
Wed. August 3—Stouffville at Oshawa
Thurs. Aug. 4—Met. Motors at Leaside
Fri. Aug. 5th—Oshawa at Stouffville
Tues. Aug. 9—Met. Motors at Leaside
Fri. Aug. 12—Leaside at Stouffville
Wed. Aug. 10—Stouffville at Oshawa

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