

Letters to the Editor

Thank you from coaches

Dear editor:

Whenever a team in any sport reaches an Ontario Championship, there are several underriding factors that must be on your side. There must be a perfect combination of desire, team spirit, ability, and leadership, just to mention a few. When two teams possessing these qualities meet, it's unfortunate that there has to be a winner and a loser. But, there is no shame in losing when you "play the game."

We, of the Stouffville Birkett-Hassard peewee softball team, from Jim and Scott, and two David's, the two Paul's, the two Robert's, Andy and Ted, Randy and Howard, Mark, Mike and Gary, and from George, Wayne and Peter, would like to thank the special people who made our year such a huge success. Sincere thanks to Mr. Hassard for his sponsorship, to the parents for their patience and support, to Messrs. Clark, Jarvis, Warby, Wagg, Kerr, and Honsberger for their support, to Ted Wilcox for his excellent coverage, to umpires Ratcliff, Morley, Ewing, Dart, and Dunkled, and to all those who followed us against Napanee and

Mining. It was a great year. **THANK YOU.**
Pete Sanderson
George Chilver
Wayne Mumford

No ball in Goodwood next year

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Goodwood Minor Softball Association I would like to thank you for all your co-operation in helping us promote our meeting on October 29. The meeting was held as scheduled with the usual expected results.

I was ashamed but not surprised that not one interested person could find time to attend this very important meeting. The only people in attendance were the 1975 executive and coaches. This seems to have been the case in previous years when our meetings got little or no response from the public.

If only one in ten of the people who have voiced criticism of the manner in which we have managed our operations over the past years would come out to these meetings and give some of their time instead of complaints, we would not have these problems. Since no obvious interest has been indicated and no new executive elected, I have no alternative but to suspend all operations of the Goodwood Minor

Softball Association for the 1976 season or until such time as a new executive takes charge.

To the kids and the coaches who have taken an interest in softball over the years and who were looking forward to the 1976 season, I apologize to you for having to take this stand. But, under the circumstances it was the only thing we could do. We regret that this decision had to be made.
BRIAN FLEWES,
President,
Goodwood Minor Softball Association.

P.S. We would like to thank those people of Stouffville and area for showing us something that we did not find at home — concern for the softball situation. Thank you Stouffville.

Immigrant question

Dear Sir:

Federal Manpower Minister Robert Andras recently said the Canadian government should "reduce" immigration now that unemployment has risen above seven per cent.

It certainly took him long enough to discover and accept the obvious. Economic conditions, including a shortage of jobs and housing, have not been adequately considered by our immigration officials.

WILLIAM E. RAE
Scarboro

13-5 vote

Trustees reject student lottery to raise funds

YORK CTY. — Newmarket High School's student council was turned down last week in a bid to stage a fund-raising lottery.

Trustees rejected the proposal on a 13-5 recorded vote about two hours after council representatives said an additional \$2,800 was needed above funds raised through the sale of student cards.

The money, said council president Chris Jackson would go towards school teams, dances, social activities, community charities, and the foster child sponsored by the council.

Programs within the school would also benefit, Mr. Jackson explained.

"Each club required a certain amount of money," he said.

The additional \$2,800 would enable the council to operate on a budget similar to previous years with no allowance for inflation, trustees were told.

A deficit from the previous year's council increased the pressure on the current group, said the president.

"We were left paying some of the bills from last year," Mr. Jackson noted.

But Markham trustee Gary Adamson termed it "amazing" that the students would need a budget that would total with current funds and projected lottery income, would total close to \$5,000.

In opposing the move, Mr. Adamson said residents throughout the region have been plagued by fund-raising campaigns.

"The homeowner sort of dreads the knock on the door," he noted. "It's about time we took a stand that education is not for money raising."

Georgina's Bill Laird blasted some of his fellow trustees for the attitude in dealing with the students.

Speaking in favor of the motion, he said the rejection of the lottery would kill the incentive on the part of students.

Students, he said, are criticized for being lazy and apathetic but when they do develop a valuable proposal, trustees "knock them and kick them."

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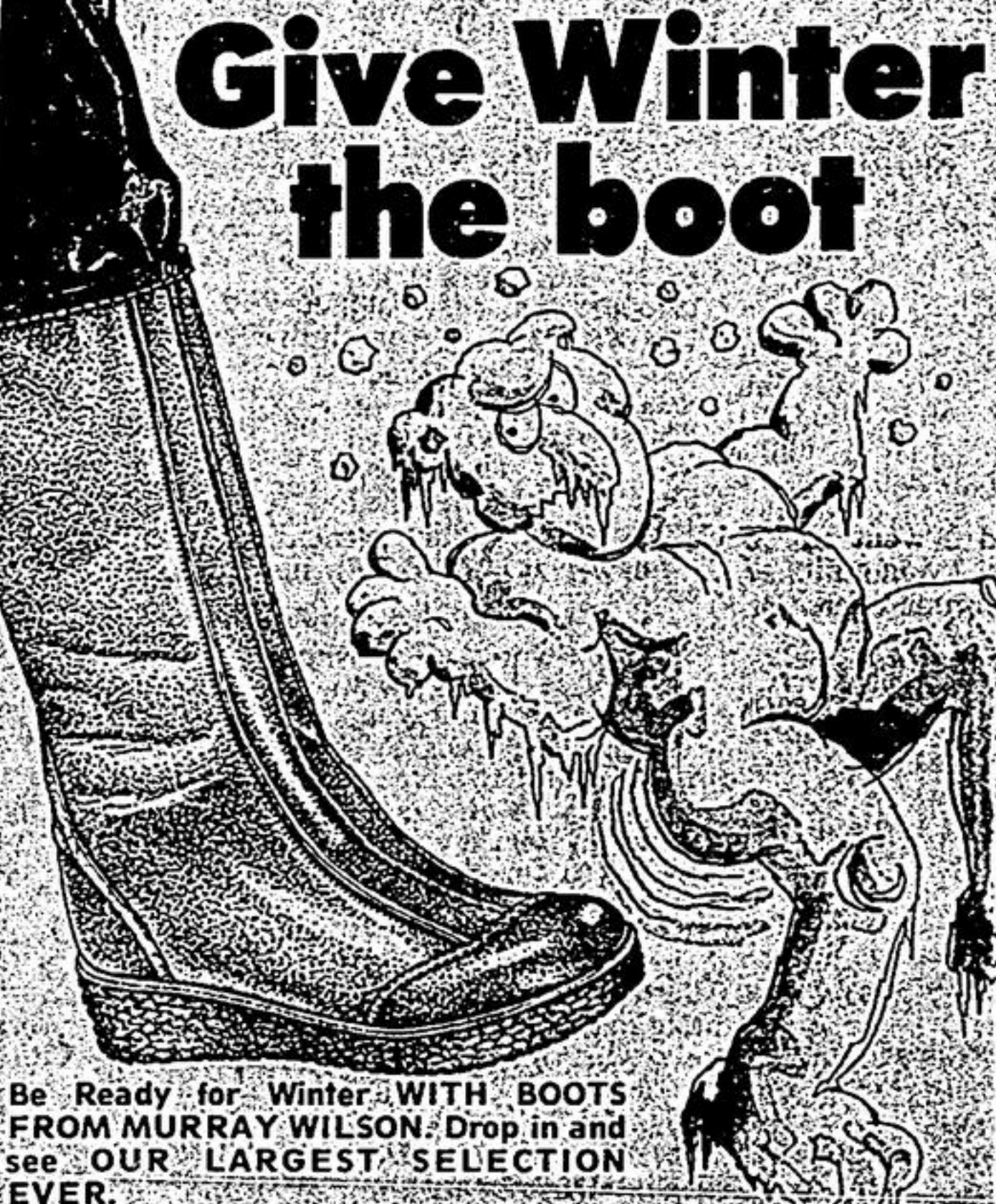
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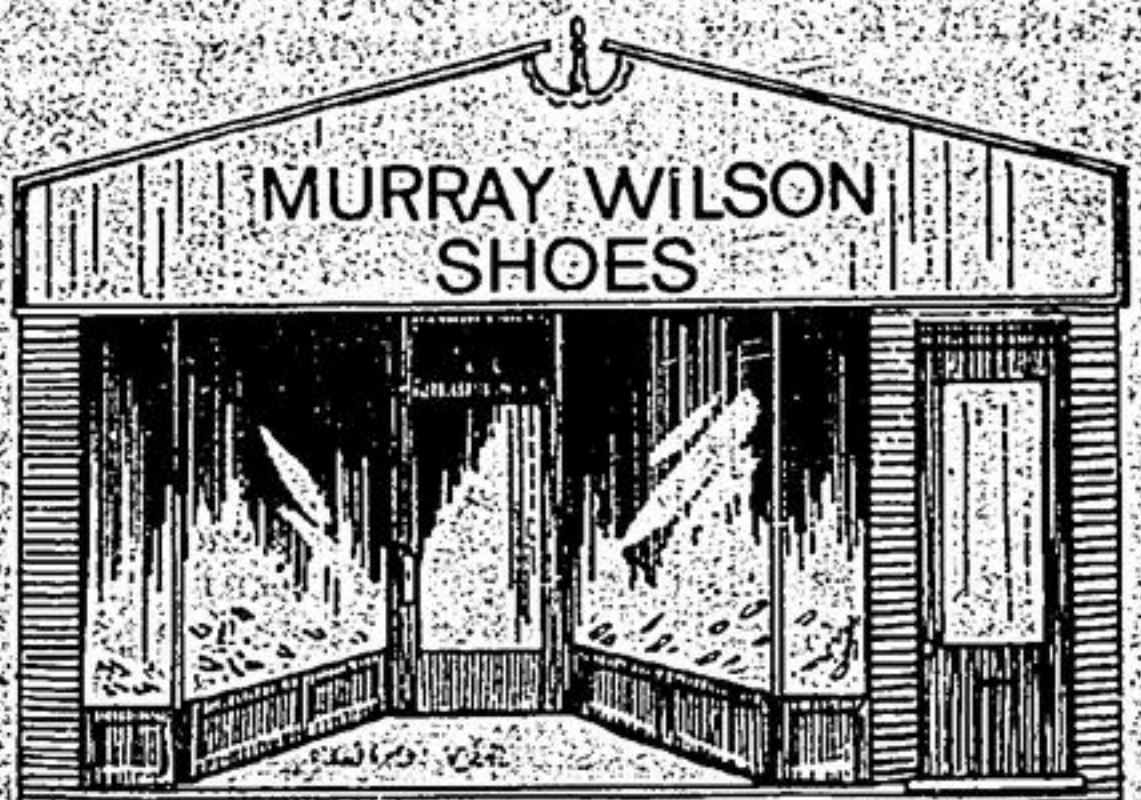
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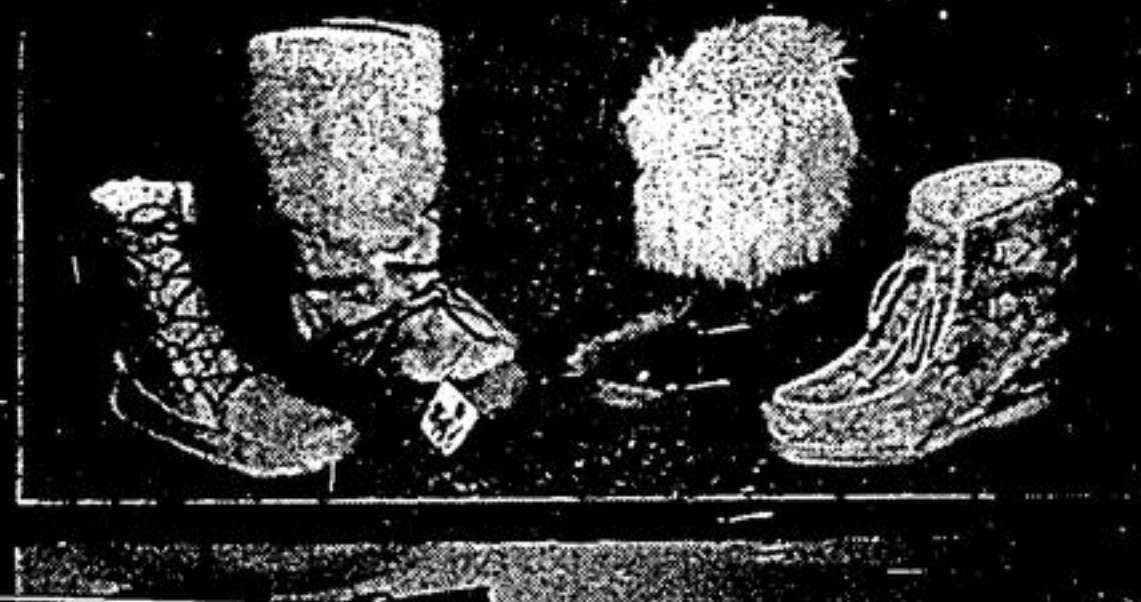
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