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Editor's Mail
 Dear Jim,
 Someone over at the Tribune must have been singing that old refrain "It's June in January" when the announcement for the library's ski ramble was inserted on page S-B3 last week.
 Cross-country skiing in Stouffville on June 30th! Let's hope not.
 Jan. 30th - that's the actual date of our ramble. If there is a substantial fall of snow between now and then, we'll slip off from the library at 1 pm. If not, we'll try again on Feb. 20th. If that's no good, then, to heck with it! We'll try for a plod through the goldenrod in June.
 Sincerely,
 The library staff.

Clippers hold one point lead in playoff battle

Smarting from their previous night's 12-3 loss against the Uxbridge Bruins, the A & S Construction Clippers came out with a full head of steam on Saturday night to face Lakefield in a do-or-die attempt to recapture the eighth and last playoff spot.

Storming on to the ice, they proceeded to hammer the fifth-place visitors with a merciless barrage of shots that had the scoreboard flashing like a pinball machine; ending the first period with a 6-1 lead and a change of Lakefield goalie.

First period goals came from Steve Carless, Craig McDonald, Zenon Byblow, and Trevor Tomlinson, along with a pair from master-goaltender Pete Bauer, who is still ahead in the race for the season's top point-scorer.

Lakefield paced the Clippers four goals apiece in the second period; Chris Brown opened for the home side followed closely by Mike Hall, both unassisted, while Ted Waite passed the puck for Baur to get his hat trick.

Third period action saw the Clippers slow a little, but they managed to match the visitor's three goals. Tim Yeomans scored unassisted, while Byblow got his second goal of the night on an assist from Carless. Ted Waite rounded out the Clipper scoring with what can only be hoped was not an ill omen for next Saturday's game. He made it 13-8 with only 20 seconds left to play.

With Uxbridge just one point behind, in ninth spot, the big showdown game is set for Stouffville Arena this Saturday evening when the Bruins and Clippers face off at 7:30 pm. It could prove one of the closest and toughest games of the season. Don't miss it.

In my opinion



By Jim Holt
 Sports Editor

It really is incredible when you think about it. Over twelve months - nearer 18 if the truth were known, have elapsed since the residents of that far-flung community, Vandorf, approached the parks and recreation committee regarding a ball diamond at Whitchurch-Highlands school; they even collected a \$1,000 towards the cost of the project. What happened? Sweet nothing. Is it any wonder that the citizenry get worked up to a lather when their simplest requests get shelved or, as in this case, completely ignored.

The truth of the matter is summed up in the old adage 'Out of sight out of mind'. Had it not been for Councillor Margot Marshall creating merry hell at Wednesday's parks and recreation meeting I doubt Vandorf would have ever received a reply. Incidentally, any doubts I may have had about Vandorf's representation on the committee are dispelled. Mrs Marshall's presence blows through the corridors of power like a breath of fresh (scented) air.

Revelations
 The long awaited answer to the oft repeated question 'What is happening in regard to our sports complex?' will be revealed, in part, at the upcoming Open House' being held on February 21. The proposals for the new building, location and cost will be tabled for representatives of all the Town's organizations to peruse, and you can bet your bottom dollar that controversy will rage thereafter. Whatever is decided will not please everybody and, no doubt, the proposals will receive rough passage from proponents who want the whole pie and those who are prepared to accept what we can afford.

Bright ideas
 It's amazing what ideas can pop up over a 45 cent cup of coffee (more about that later). Two people have recently mentioned the amount of idle ice-time at the Arena and suggested approaching the schools and letting them use the ice during the week. The idea has considerable merit. After all, why not have inter-mural and inter-school hockey; the high school is already using it for their students and it's proving quite successful. Also, it would help to sharpen the talents of a number of minor hockey members who presently are not receiving any practice time. Just an hour a week for each class would be ideal, and it would not detract in any large part from their education. The idea was put forward by Norm Ewing and Jim Wagg who, strangely enough, have never discussed the matter between themselves.

Sackcloth and ashes
 My apologies to the ladies at the Arena snack bar. Last week I did them a gross injustice by complaining that their coffee and tea was too expensive at 50 cents a cup. It seems it is only 45 cents. Sorry ladies!

Apologies must also go to all the students at High Quest Farm for not publishing any pictures of last Sunday's student show. It seems I am having considerable difficulty with my mathematics these days. Developing what I thought was a 32 exposure film, it turned out to be only 20. Consequently, not one solitary show picture appeared on the negatives. Never mind, I'll bring two cameras to the next student show in May.

Competition
 It seems a little far fetched to me. However, there is rumour afoot that a group of entrepreneurs are interested in buying the old arena. Somehow I can't see it happening; they might go into competition with the Town and end up with all the customers. Can you imagine Eldred the Unready and his boys (and girls) allowing that? Mind you it might not be a bad idea. Whoever took it over might even start their own minor hockey association. That would give Messrs Grimshaw, Hutchinson and Co something to chew over.



When playoff time draws close referees really earn their money: Saturday night's Junior 'C' game between Lakefield and Stouffville was not short of action, but when you are fighting for a playoff spot tempers can get a little frayed. Not surprisingly, there was no shortage of penalties. Jim Holt

Horse show

High Quest Farms had a full house for their student show on Sunday. Eleven classes attracted over sixty entries for the very popular annual event.

Kim Pendrith of Unionville was the high point winner at the end of the day, chalking up points in the Barrel Race, Western Pleasure, Equitation over Fences, Bareback Equitation and Musical Chairs classes.

Stouffville riders also put in some fine performances. Garilee Miles placed second in the Walk-Trot, with Colt Carcone fourth. Julie Roy placed sixth in the Senior Equitation, fourth in Equitation over Fences and second in Western Pleasure, and Laura Feltis came sixth in the English Pleasure class. Emma Young of Ballantrae placed sixth in Equitation over Fences.

Full results follow:
 Walk Trot (Never shown)
 1. Melisa Tant. 2. Marie Chew. 3. Stuart Layland. 4. Ko Chen. 5. Kathy Furtado. Walk Trot
 1. Anka Hecker. 2. Garilee Miles. 3. Lorena Furtado. 4. Colt Carcone. 5. Kim Hemingway. 6. Jan Holt-Zheimer
 Junior Equitation (Beginner)
 1. Janet Carcone. 2. Claudine Paton. 3. Miranda Smith. 4. Lorraine Smith. 5. Anka Hecker. 6. Gillian Casson.
 Senior Equitation
 1. Sarah Hill. 2. Sherry Hall. 3. Laura Johnson. 4. Evelyn Siebert. 5. Kim Hill. 6. Julie Roy.
 English Pleasure
 1. Sherry Hall. 2. Sarah Hill. 3. Anka Hecker. 4. Jocelyn Magahy. 5. Laurie Stephenson. 6. Laura Feltis.
 Equitation over Fences
 1. Jocelyn Magahy. 2. Elizabeth Richards. 3. Kim Pendrith. 4. Julie Roy. 5. Evelyn Siebert. 6. Emma Young.
 Western Pleasure
 1. Sarah Hill. 2. Julie Roy. 3. Janet Carcone. 4. Charmaine Miller. 5. Kim Pendrith. 6. Alison Wood.
 Barrel Race
 1. Kim Pendrith. 2. Laura Johnson. 3. Troy Thompson. 4. Evelyn Siebert. 5. Alison Wood. 6. Wendy Gayman.
 Bareback Equitation
 1. Laura Johnson. 2. Kim Pendrith. 3. Dianne McCarron. 4. Claudine Paton. 5. Evelyn Siebert. 6. Anka Hecker.
 Jack Benny
 1. Sherry Hall. 2. Norma Henderson. 3. Alan Heath. 4. Dick Francis. 5. Barb Tophen. 6. Heinz Tucker.

Two game split for Credit Union peewees

The Credit Union Peewees ended the week splitting a pair of games. In Wednesday night's performance against the Pickering 'AA' squad the team came from behind before being edged 5-4. Pickering took a 2-0 lead in the first period with Kent Smythe and Mike Ferguson tying it up half way into the middle frame with a pair of quickies (assistants going to Kevin Blacktop Dan Larmer and Aaron McWilliams).

Union third period goals came from Sven Hennze and Dan Larmer (assistants going to Kirk Smythe, Darron Baston, Mike Ferguson and Kevin Francis).

In league action against Oak Ridges on Friday night, early play was dominated by the opposition goalie who kept the Union team out of the net for the first period. Brad Tiley broke the spell in the second period when he scored unassisted, the momentum changing as Union went on to an impressive 8-1 win.

Both Smythe boys, Kent and Kirk, tallied hat tricks, while Darron Baston also had a good game with four assists. Other points went to Craig Stronach with a single and Tonio Trentadue with an assist.

Peewee playoff action starts on Tues. Feb. 1 when the team travels to Port Hope. First home playoff game is on Friday Feb. 4.

Hockey night

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is holding a "Hockey night in Stouffville" on Jan. 29, when the A & S Construction Clippers meet the Uxbridge Bruins for their final playoff game of the season.

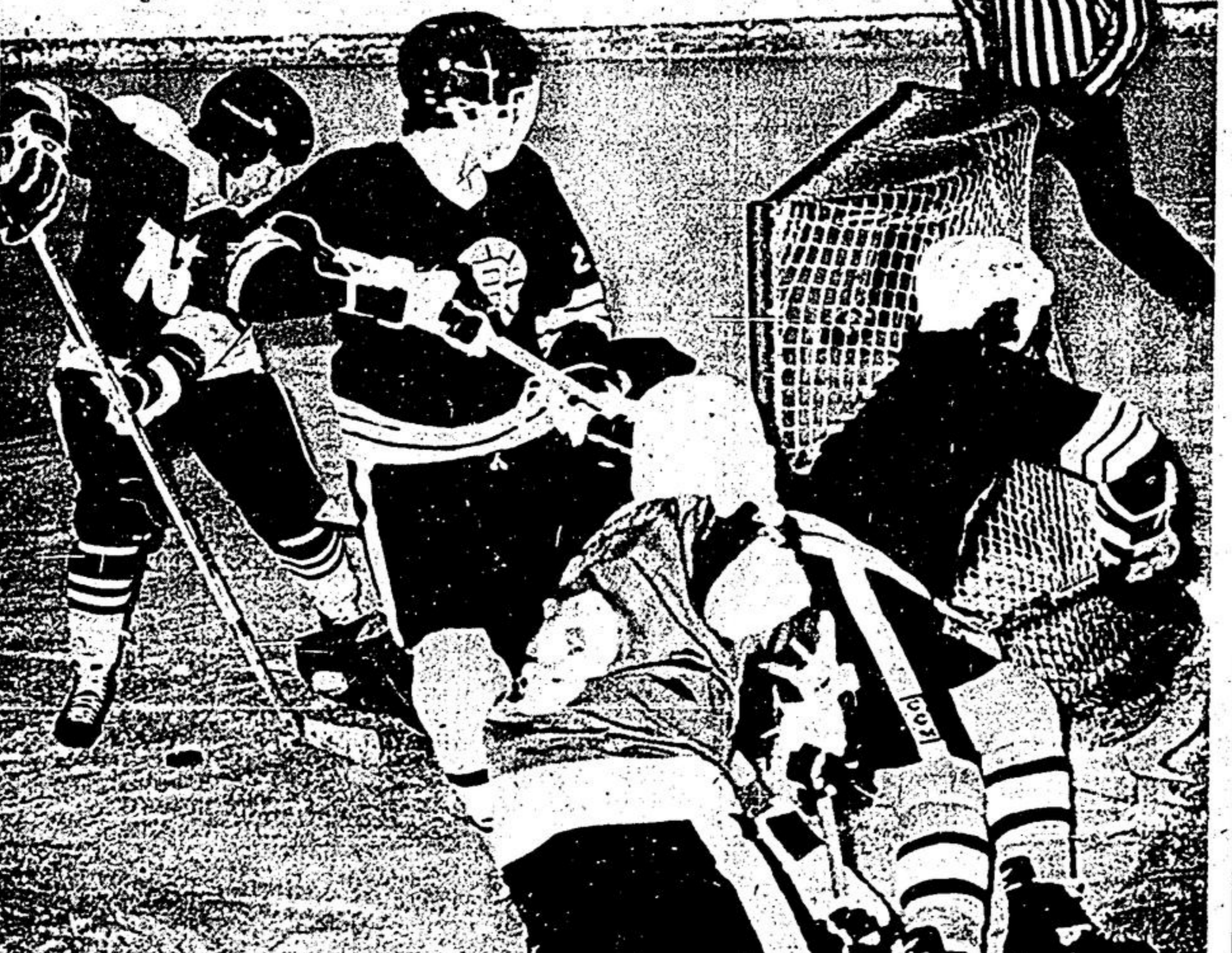
The first hundred kids (accompanied by an adult) will receive 'Clipper' hats, and a free admission ticket will be given to all registered members of the WSMHA. There will be a number of draws; with top prize a pair of tickets to a NHL game. The first hundred adults will receive free 'Clipper' buttons.

Game time is 7:30 pm. Come along and cheer on the Junior 'C' team to the playoffs.

Special program

The Parks and Recreation department will be holding a special Valentines Day program for children between the ages of 6 and 12 years at Latham Hall. The program will be held on February 4 and runs from 12 noon to 3:30 pm. Cost is \$1.50 per child.

The program is centered around activities of Valentines Day, which will provide a fun-filled afternoon of crafts, along with a movie. Program co-ordinators are Kathy Wilkins and Janet Smith, both students of Seneca College.



Big surprise in Sunday morning Amateur Hockey League action was Smurthwaite Bruins' tie with second place North Stars. The North Star net was one of the busiest spots on the ice as the seventh place Bruins tried to play giant-killers. Jim Holt

Atom Selects

In tournament play at Thornton on Jan. 15, the Family Trust Atom Selects went down 7-3 in their first game, against Beaverton, Trust goals came from Jeff Cowley, Jason Skinner and Brent Gould, with assists to Eilert Fraser, 2, Scott Ferris and Gae Blad.

Game two, against Angus, gave a well deserved shutout to goalie Todd Myles. Singles went to Jason Maskery and Dayle Lewis on assists by Brent Gould and Brett Yoshida.

Game three came close to being a shutout for the visitors when they went down 5-1 to their hosts. Stouffville's goal coming in the final two minutes of play from Jeff Cowley on assists from Mike Rozario and Jason Maskery.

On Jan. 17 the team hosted Markham in a hard fought game that saw a 3-3 tie, with goals from Jason Maskery, Gae Biadi and Eilert Fraser. Assists went to Jason Skinner, 2, Brett Yoshida, 2, Jeff Cowley and Gae Biadi.

Need members

Like most service organizations, the Kinsmen Club is having difficulty in raising new members; their current membership is down to nine.

The club is the mainstay of many Town events. It sponsors the annual Christmas Parade, hockey, soccer, baseball and a host of other sporting and non-sporting occasions.

To be viable, the club needs at least 20 to 25 members between the ages of 21 and 40 who wish to help contribute something to the community. If you have time to attend two meetings a month and donate 100 hours a year to help club projects, then you are the man they are looking for.

The club offers: 1. Meetings which cost just \$10 for dinner and drinks. 2. Fun and fellowship while helping your community. 3. The advantages of being a member of a large national organization with branches throughout the country.

Give it a thought. If you decide you would like to be a member, then get in touch with your local branch president, Jim Kidd at 640-5002.