Sports Tribune

Greenwood Community Centre

A proud project

GREENWOOD - On Saturday evening, a red ribbon will be cut, to officially open Greenwood's new Community Centre. The ceremony, to begin at 8 p.m., will include Members of Parliament, Norm Cafik (federal); Bill Newman (provincial) and other government officials.

While the spotlight of attention will be focussed on the present, and perhaps even the future, the history of this proud project goes back almost 20 years.

It was back in the 1950s, that boys in the area played ball in a farm field north of Gerry Fisher's Garage. The diamond disappeared when the property changed hands, and the search began for new quarters. It was George Moore who suggested the purchase of a 7-acre site on Old Greenwood Road, then owned by the late Bill Lawson. A meeting to discuss the recommendation, was held Jan. 6, 1961. In attendance were George Staley, president; Gerry Fisher, vice-president; Marion Wilson, financial secretary; George Moore, recording secretary; Ross Scriver, Ken McTaggart and Doug Morden, board members.

It was learned that the Province would pay 25 percent of the $4,900 and the Township agreed to match dollar for dollar on the remainder. The $2,000 was raised locally and by March, 1961, the land was acquired.

In May, the ground was levelled; the grass burned off and a backstop screen erected. Dozens of folk gave freely of their time.

In October, 1971, Ottawa announced the Local Initiatives Program of grants for community projects. It was Pete Byberg who sparked the idea that, with the help of civic-minded residents, the L.I.P. grant and other assistance, a Community Centre was a distinct possibility. That started the ball rolling. The ground was broken in December and the project is now almost finished.

Said Ken Spratley, secretary of the Greenwood Community Association: "The existence of our park and building was made possible by the willingness of three levels of government to work hand in hand with a public-spirited local group, to provide much-needed facilities."

The banner day, to include a ball tournament (beginning at 9 a.m.; a barbecue, a home-baking sale and a dance at night, will see all proceeds turned over to the Community Centre Fund. Executive members include - Gerry Fisher, Peter Byberg, Ken McTaggart, Ken Spratley, George Staley, Doug Morden, Stan Outhouse, Les Wilson, Milton Pegg, Betty Pegg and John Beelin.

Blast Uxbridge 26-0

STOUFFVILLE - Unless nine players go on vacation, Friday, Stouffville's Peewee team is pretty well assured a spot in the second round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs.

The club travels to Uxbridge for the series' next game. They walloped their rivals in Stouffville, Tuesday, 26-0.

Harold Wideman coasted to victory, giving up 6 hits and striking out 10 in seven innings.

Weekend Fastball Tourney

VANDORF - A free-swinging softball tournament - hopefully the first in an annual series - will be held in the Vandorf Park this weekend.

Eight teams in all will be present to compete for the $100 first prize or $50 consolation prize. They included two clubs from Mount Albert; two from Vandorf, and one from Queensville, Zephyr, Pine Orchard and Markham.

The first contest is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Play will resume at the same time Sunday, with the finals at 7:30.

The tournament is backed by the Town Recreation Committee.

H.S. football

Shelved this fall

STOUFFVILLE - Football has been dropped from the fall sports program at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The decision, reached prior to the conclusion of the June Term, was revealed this week by J. H. Rehill, Staff Physical Education Director.

The reason? Lack of coaches, Mr. Rehill explained, members of staff with sufficient time to work with the teams.

The director said a minimum of two men were needed, and preferably three. Since schedules are arranged several months ahead, the league wanted an answer in May. Mr. Rehill said the whole football issue would be re-assessed when the matter comes up for revue in 1973.

While expressing regret at the sport's demise, the instructor said it would create no permanent vacuum in the school's athletic agenda. He mentioned tennis, volleyball and soccer as three main areas of interest that would be continued. He noted too, that cross-country competition had also become very 'big' at S.D.S.S.

Mr. Rehill said that for Stouffville to proceed with its football program, and then 'fold' midway through the season, would not be desireable. He said such a thing had occurred in one of the County schools last season.

The director praised the efforts of past coaches and managers. However, he feels that football, as a high school sport, is "on the way out". He said the trend was apparent in other areas. "It's no longer the glamor game it once was," he said.

While the future of football at Stouffville High, and other secondary schools is uncertain, on one score Jim Rehill is sure - Hamilton 'Tiger Cats' will win the Grey Cup!

Arthur Latcham

Contributes $16,000 to golf tourney

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville's Arthur Latcham, the giver of many good things, has contributed the sum of $16,000 to the Ontario Professional Golf Association championship this year.

The competition is planned for Rolling Hills, Sept. 14 and 15. The event is 36 holes.

Mr. Latcham, who has never played a game of golf in his life, has designed and built five courses in the past 25 years. One of these is Rolling Hills.

Ben McCallum, executive director, (Ontario Branch), of the O.P.G.A., termed the donation "a fantastic lift".

Sponsor 8-team tournament

GREENWOOD - An 8-team fastball tournament will be held at the Greenwood Community Park, Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

The event is all part of a day's activity, to conclude with the official opening of the new Community Centre. A dance is planned for 9 p.m.

Entries include four clubs from Oshawa, Markham Jrs., Bay Ridges, Whitby and Greenwood.

Horse Show this Sunday

STOUFFVILLE - An All-Western Horse Show will be held, Sunday, Aug. 13, at Noral Acres, Vandorf Road, west of Hwy. 48.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

Host Port Perry

GREENWOOD - Port Perry will be the visitors, Thursday (tonight), at 8:30 p.m., against Greenwood Intermediates, in the first round of O.A.S.A. competition.

The series opener was in Port Perry, Tuesday.

Game time at Greenwood is 8:30 p.m.

Dave Lang (left) and Doug Feasby, sparked Stouffville's O.A.S.A. Bantam team to 7 - 4 playoff victory over Markham, taking the series, 2 games to 1. The club now goes against Brougham, with the opener in Brougham, Thursday. —Jim Thomas.

Bantam team takes advantage of shaky Markham start

STOUFFVILLE - With Markham vanquished, Jack Watson's Bantam boys are looking to new fields to conquer.

The team's current opposition is Brougham.

At Markham, Friday, the contest could have ended after only two innings, when Stouffville built up a commanding 7-1 lead. The final score was 7-4 in Stouffville's favor.

Mike Lunau, on the hill for the home-towners, was hit hard and often during the first and second. The likeable right-hander settled away throughout the remainder of the contest and fired shut-out ball. Rick Marshman on the mound for the winners, scattered 7 hits over the distance.

It was a 2-run double by Doug Feasby that put Stouffville in the driver's seat to stay. Dave Lang and Mark Davis were parked on base at the time. Earlier, Jack Watson had singled and scored on Scott Conner's fly to centre. Howie Jones pushed Feasby home with a single.

The first inning saw Scott Conner lead off with a solid double. Rick Marshman doubled Conner across the plate and came on to score himself, on Rod McDowell's smash to right that was 'muffled'.

Markham showed sufficient plate power, but they couldn't bunch their hits together to produce any threat of a rally. Lunau wielded the team's heaviest bat with a tremendous home-run in the 8th. He also belted a double in the second. Other safeties, all singles, were produced by George Field, Jim Cole, George Burkholder, Jim Malcolm and Murray McDonald.

Stouffville came up with two fine defensive plays, one by Howie Jones on a drive to left by Jim Cole, and another by Dave Lang, on a bunt attempt by Hugh McPherson. The latter 'grab', ten feet from the plate, drew loud applause from the packed partisan stands.

Host city rivals

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville's Novice fastball team will go against 'tough company', in the next round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs. They will meet either Toronto or Etobicoke.

While no dates are available, a Friday game is a possibility.

The winner of this series will advance to the Ontario Finals.

All-Stouffville final

RICH. HILL-It was an all-Stouffville final at the annual John Green Bowling Tournament held in Richmand Hill, Saturday.

The trio of Eleanor Crossen, Elgin and Dorothy Wagg, found themselves paired off against Agnes Wallace, Merv and Mabel Watts.

The Crossen-Wagg combination were the winners.

Injured

Sixteen year old Inta Paulens, R.R.4, Stouffville, was injured, Monday, when her eastbound car went out of control on 19th Ave., Markham, between conc. 9 and 10, and hit a tree. Damage to the vehicle has been estimated at $1,500.

Flashback . 1947

St. Nick was there

In The Tribune issue of Sept. 4, 1947, the following article appeared on Page 1.

"The presence of a lot of youngsters on Mill Street, Tuesday morning, watching the veteran Newt Hill demolish an unused chimney on the side of the Spofford Block, is easily explained. Somehow, word was passed around that last Christmas, Santa Claus lost his coat, and the mason was tearing the chimney down to recover the article".

That was 1947 - twenty - five years ago.

Markham firm loses out on arena contract

MARKHAM - Markham Council awarded tenders for the Town's controversial new arena, Tuesday - but not without some dazzling footwork.

At the beginning of the meeting, councillors approved deletion of a clause from the minutes of a Council in Committee, Aug. 1. At that time, it was agreed to award the tender to Michael Wade Construction Ltd., with a bid of $670,600 - some $6,000 higher than West York Construction.

A special resolution was introduced by Councillor Murray Henderson, head of the Arena committee. Mr. Henderson reviewed the various factors leading to increased costs, to the point where all the tenders originally submitted were above the Town's budget figure. It was decided not to award the tender to Wade Construction on the advice of the Town solicitor, he said. He described the changes made, bringing the cost down somewhat, as not substantially detracting from the building itself.

"I feel this gives the type of building that will be useful to people in the Markham - Unionville area," he stated.

Mr. Henderson's motion, seconded by Councillor Norm Tyndall, would have the effect of awarding the contract to West York, at the lower price.

Councillor Roy Muldrew objected strongly to the deleted phrase.

"This gives everybody the impression that it was discussed at a meeting of Council in Committee," he said, "The first time this has actually been before Council is right now."

After considerable discussion, Mr. Muldrew was cut off by Councillor Jim Jongeneel, chairing the meeting in the absence of Mayor Tony Roman. Undaunted, Mr. Muldrew brought his 'guns' to bear on the question of funds for the project.

"This Council originally approved the expenditure of $580,000," he said, "Where is the extra $80,000 coming from?"

This, too, was discussed at considerable length, and Treasurer Alec Barton was pessimistic about future grants under a winter works program. He pointed out that the project qualified earlier, but delays intervened.

"I don't think it would be considered eligible under any future subsidy program," he said.

The vote on Mr. Henderson's motion, carried, with only councillors Muldrew and Adams opposed. The Arena committee will pursue the question of finance later.

Brougham next rivals

STOUFFVILLE - Its Stouffville vs. Brougham in the current round of the O.A.S.A. playoffs.

Brougham beat Bay Ridges in two straight while Stouffville downed Markham in a series that went three games.

The two teams, scheduled to meet last night (Wednesday), in Stouffville, square off in game two at Brougham, Thursday (tonight). The opener, Tuesday, was rained out.

The Brougham lineup has either Brad Staley or Danny Ellicott on the mound with Tony Binger back of the plate. Other positions are handled by - Don Miller, 1st; Rick Annis, 2nd; Danny Ellicott or Brad Staley, 3rd; Doug Rowe, short-stop; Wes Woof, Dave Allison, Billy Pointon and Kevin Beer, outfield. The club is coached by Earl Rowe.

Nowadays the accent may be on youth, but the stress is on parents.

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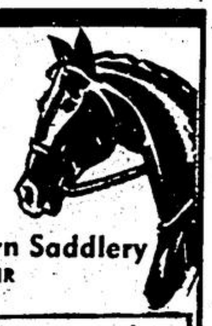

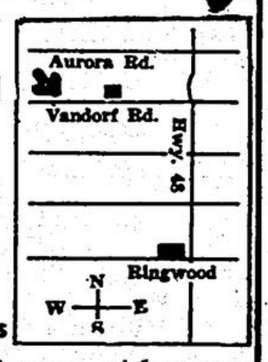

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