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ACTON NOVICES won the O.M.H.A. Novice "B" southern zone championship last night in Caledonia, defeating the Caledonia team 2-1 in the zone finals. The victory means the Acton club has won everything in sight. Here they are after landing as finalists in the Brampton tourney Saturday. Front row, left to right, Kent Kentner, Steve Brunelle, John McCutcheon, Russ Van Fleet, John Scoyne. Behind Gary Barden, John Ashley, Joe Kentner, Jeff Townsley, Robin Inscoe, Ricky Holmes, Gerald Barden, Ron Chambers. In back are Grant Chambers, assistant manager, coach Barry Inscoe and manager Don Van Fleet.

(Staff Photo)

Novices win championship Caledonia Tuesday night

They've gone about as far as they can go!

Acton Novices took all the O.M.H.A. Novice "B" honors they can gather by defeating Caledonia 2-1 last night in the second game of the best of three southern counties' zone finals.

Playing a defensive brand of hockey which frustrated a Caledonia team bent on evening the series up, coach Barry Inscoe's charges came from behind a 1-0 deficit to cop the series. A large contingent of cheering, hooting Acton fans who followed the team to Caledonia whooped it up after the final buzzer announced their team had won the championship.

For Barry Inscoe who has brought the team along over the past few seasons the victory was the culmination of months of work but last night he was the happiest coach in the country. He took to the ice and hoisted the goalkeeper - who happens to be his son Robin - up in the air as the happy Acton players threw every loose thing, gloves, sticks and helmets, all over the ice in victory salute.

It was a good game to win. After chalking up a decisive 6-1 victory in the first game of the final series here Sunday, the Acton club had to be ready to win last night.

Dafoe's seemingly shot - the only one to beat Robin Inscoe all night - put Caledonia ahead at the three minute mark of the first period. They held on to the slim margin until 9.10 of the second stanza when Russ Van Fleet put Kent Kentner's rebound in the net to tie the score.

Gerald Barden, the hustling Eden Mills defenseman and forward scored the winning goal at the 3.50 mark of the third period assisted by centre Jeff Townsley. Acton fans raised the roof!

The Acton club held on to the scant margin until the final bell but not before giving fans nervous prostration. Kent Kentner got a penalty in the last couple of minutes and Caledonia yanked their goaltender with a minute left to play, then threw another forward on the ice.

Outnumbered 6-4, the Acton club held the Caledonia team off until the final bell with all its attendant hubbub. Fans counted the seconds off.

Although the coach was reluctant to shower too much praise on his own son, fans said Robin Inscoe in goal was almost fantastic.

"We played a good, clean checking game," said coach Inscoe after the game. "Caledonia had more of the play than we did but our defense stood up."

Sunday, here, the Acton kids ran up a 6-1 victory in a wide-open game which saw them sharper around the net. Gerald Bardan paced the win with two goals, Russ Van Fleet, Kent Kentner, Jeff Townsley and Johnny Scoyne each notched one.

There were large crowds at both games, approximately 400 watching the Acton team win the championship Tuesday night.

Union votes yes to strike plant

Local 23650 of the Saw Workers Union voted 71-12 in favor of a strike at the H. K. Porter (Disston) plant in Acton if no contract agreement is signed with the company.

Steve Woloshyn, president of the Acton Local, said the union is now waiting for a report from the Minister of Labor before establishing a strike deadline.

The company and the union have been negotiating for some time. Six general meetings have been unable to produce a settlement. There has also been a meeting with the conciliation officer which resulted in a recommendation that a vote be taken by the membership of the Union regarding strike action.

A vote taken March 14 resulted in a 71-12 margin in favor of a strike.

Wages is the main point of contention.

Malicious damage at J.B. Mackenzie's

Malicious damage at Mackenzie's lumber yard March 23 and 24 was reported to Acton O.P.P. detachment.

It was concluded holidaying children were to blame for entering lumber sheds, ripping open bags of insulation and throwing around the contents, kicking over and scattering piles of lumber.

School carnival is cancelled

Arena manager Harold Townsley reported a meeting with representatives from Acton and district schools Monday had resulted in cancellation of the school ice carnival this year.

The late date and lack of enthusiasm contributed to cancellation of the event which Mr. Townsley says is not to be confused with the figure skating carnival to be held this year Saturday, April 6.

It is hoped the school carnival can be revived next year at an earlier date.

Cars damaged two accidents

Damages totalled $20 when H. H. Hinton, backing from the Bank of Montreal parking lot, was in collision with a car owned by Bill Benson, March 22.

Another two-car accident was reported March 23 when a car driven by Albert Vlietstra, backing out of a drive on Main St. North, was in collision with a car driven by Carl Timbers. The Vlietstra car received $100 damage to the right front fender and the Timbers car $75.

Pull ice making switch in arena Sat., April 6

Last event in the community centre before arena manager Harold Townsley pulls the switch on the ice making machinery will be the annual figure skating carnival April 6. The next day will likely be a public skating session designed to assist the ice leaving the floor.

In his report to the recreation and parks committee at their regular meeting Thursday the arena manager also told members that the system of charging spectators for Sunday skating was "working wonderful." An average of 220 to 250 skaters turned out each Sunday for the session and behaved themselves.

Mr. Townsley said painting the inside of the community centre would start as soon as the ice was out but he asked the committee to pick out suitable colors.

Both Mr. Townsley and his assistant Don Price will attend a refrigeration course at the University of Guelph in May at the committee's expense.

Chairman John Goy said he read an "alarming report" in The Free Press about cancelling the school ice carnival and asked the arena manager what happened to plans for the annual event.

The schools aren't too interested was the reply. "The music festival and a couple of other things are interfering and I got the impression the teachers didn't want one this year." Mr. Townsley said the future of this year's event would hinge on a meeting Monday.

Members reviewed the projected revenue expected from the carnival and to a question from the chairman Mr. Townsley said ice rentals have been very good. Revenue from skating has already surpassed that of last year, he explained, with still a couple of weeks to go.

Mr. Goy emphasized that the opening and closing periods were critical times for successful financial operation of the arena.

Summer playground director Don Price attended the meeting to explain the program he had lined up for the committee. Everything is going well except for finding swimming instructors.

Despite trips out of town and scrutiny in the district Mr. Price has been unable to get instructors. He blamed it on the lack of qualified instructors and new regulations regarding swimming pools.

"Even if you swim in a tea cup the instructor has to have a bronze medal and a life saving certificate," he exclaimed. He agreed to keep on trying to locate someone.

Summer playground leaders have all been contacted and agreed to terms, the supervisor said. Senior leaders are Jo-Marie Marchment, Kathy Krul, Edie Hopkins, Brenda Aherne and Paul Cooper. They'll receive $35 a week while Miss Marchment's and Paul Cooper's experience merits them $40.

Junior leaders signed to $15 a week for the six week period are Britta Larsen, Ellen Wissenz, Mark Hurst, Keith Smallwood and Mary Freuler. They'll attend a training camp at Bolton for a one week period.

The chairman was assured by Mr. Price that at this stage anyway there was no hindrance from using the wading pool for swimming.

John Goy presided at the meeting with new member Herb Dodds, Art Cooper, vice-chairman Brendan Aherne and council representative Earl Masales also in attendance.

Railway signal wires cut two days in succession

Eastern Ave. railway crossing signal lights were out of operation twice last week, and school children with time on their hands were blamed.

Wires near the dump were cut on March 20, making the warning signals inoperable. Repairs were quickly made but the wires were cut again the next day. Emergency repair work was repeated and there was no further tampering with the wires.

Children had been seen playing in the area, investigating O.P.P. constables were told.

The trouble with the fellow who talks too fast is that he is likely to say something he hasn't even thought of yet.

"TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN TRAFFIC"

Acton, Esquesing ask County take over affected roads

The tremendous increase in traffic caused by the operation of Industrial Minerals Ltd. (Acton Limestone Quarries) has precipitated joint action by Acton and Esquesing councils on roads.

The two municipalities will request that the County of Halton take over the arteries most affected by the abnormal traffic and operate them as county roads. J. M. Tomlinson and Associates who are presently making a Road Needs Study in Esquesing made the recommendations.

The joint appeal to the county is as follows:

1. Continue the county road on No. 22 Sideroad from the 5th Line West to the 4th Line North on the 4th Line to the Given Road, West on the Given Road to the 3rd Line, North on the 3rd Line and Churchill Road in Acton, to No. 7 highway.

2. Continue No. 22 Sideroad from No. 22 highway east to the 3rd Line, and north on the 3rd Line to the Given Road.

He who does good for good's sake seeks neither praise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

MR. AND MRS. DAVID RUSSELL celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their son and daughter on Main St. Both still active they have spent most of their life on the family farm on the fifth line, Erin township. Story is inside.

(Staff Photo)

Big Orange parade

A big Orange parade which should be at least twice the size of the one in Acton for 12th of July celebrations four years ago was projected for members of the Parks and Recreation Committee at their meeting last week.

Norm Fryer, Gary McFaddin, Bill Carnochan and Ralph Barlow of Acton L.O.L., said celebrations in Acton would take place on Saturday, July 6.

At the last celebration here which poured rain there were lodges from four counties. There could be marching lodges from 10 counties this time, spokesman Norm Fryer told the meeting.

The delegation attended the meeting to book the park and the community centre for the big day which they expected would eclipse any Orange celebration ever held here before. The community centre would just be used for registration except in the case of rain, a possibility, said Mr. Fryer with a smile which shouldn't be overlooked.

A price of $50 for use of the park and the foyer of the arena was agreed upon with an additional $10 tacked on if the public address system was used. Concessions would be the responsibility of the sponsors.

A dance to close out the day was also suggested by Mr. Fryer with the Shaynes providing the music. His committee did not have time to stage the dance but he thought the parks and recreation committee could do well financially if they sponsored it.

Arena manager Harold Townsley was instructed to look into the possibility with Shaynes manager, Mr. McIntyre.

Office staff back in roomy Y

On Monday the town office - staff and equipment - had Operation Return when they moved from the council chambers back to the renovated town offices in the Y.M.C.A. building. The bright new expanded quarters include the former library area.

Main entrance is the former centre door of the Y. To the left are private offices for clerk administrator Jack McGeachie and office manager Joe Hurst. To the right is the office of assessor Bill Erskine, and there is a separate "machine" room. The roomy general office has another room beyond it for specialized office work, and in here auditors were established right after the move. Washrooms are in the basement.

Office staff included Mrs. Lorna Clark, Mrs. Lorna Marshall and Mrs. Joan Harrison.

Zorge Construction was general contractor for the renovation program with local subcontractors. New desks and furniture have been added to the existing equipment.

Only a few details remain to be completed, including the installation of heating grilles.

Acton teenager killed in Highway 25 accident

A tragic accident which claimed the life of a 17-year-old Acton youth shocked this district Saturday night.

Brian Robert Carriere, R.R. 2, Acton, was walking with a friend, Leonard Varey, 16, of Acton, along No. 25 Highway two miles south of town in a blinding snowstorm when he was struck by a car. North Halton O.P.P. said the youth was almost instantly killed. His companion was uninjured.

Police attached no blame to the driver, James Alexander McNabb, of 47 Cobblehill Road, Acton. They reported the two youths were walking on the pavement on the wrong side of the road. Their car broke down and they were on their way to seek assistance at a neighbor's.

It was snowing heavily making visibility poor when the McNabb car came along about 7.30 p.m. Damage to the vehicle, a '67 Ford was $300.

A former Acton high school student, Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Carriere, R.R. 2 Acton.

North Halton O.P.P. Constable Terryberry called Acton coroner Dr. Robt. Buckner to the scene.

Funeral service for the youth will be held here this morning (Wednesday) with requiem mass in St. Joseph's church.

- BRIEFS -

—Acton Rotary Club is sending a rink to play in the Milton Rotary bonspiel tonight (Wednesday).

—Don't let April Fool's Day take you by surprise next Monday morning.

—It's hard to believe the library used to be so small it could be accommodated neatly in the left hand side of the new town offices.

—Council committees are so involved in special budget meetings they aren't holding the regular meeting this week.