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Major McManus Guest Speaker at the Scout Dinner

Two Hundred Attend Third Annual Event — Washington Jamboree Described — Badges Presented

Two hundred friends, parents, Scouts and officials participated in the third annual dinner of Acton Boy-Scouts on Tuesday evening, in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium. This event is one of the highlights in Scout activities in Acton and receives the enthusiastic endorsement of most citizens.

To the Scout Mothers' Auxiliary is entrusted the care of providing the dinner for such a gathering. And it is agreed by all who attend that this part of the function is in very capable hands. Tuesday night's event was fully up to the high standard maintained at Scout dinners.

Each year Acton Troop is able to secure a speaker of note to give the address. This year Major D. Thos. McManus, V.D., Special Representative to the Washington Jamboree, came to Acton. He gave an address that conveyed a good deal of the immensity of the event last summer in which 28,000 Scouts, from all part of the world participated.

There were 350 acres in this tented city, in which boys and leaders had travelled in a number of ways, from bicycles to aeroplanes, to camp for ten days. The medical service, the cooking and serving of meals, the hospitality for officials, and the myriad of details were conveyed in the Major's story of "What I Saw at the Washington Jamboree."

He told, too, of the swapping that became almost a mania among the Scouts, the autograph seeking, the articles that only boys know how to collect, and the cordiality of everyone, from President Roosevelt down, for the Scouts and their camp. Representatives from 49 countries had attended. The Beasbrook Troop, one of the Canadian divisions, was in charge of Scoutmaster Mason, of Acton.

It was an address which appealed not only to the boys, but also to the parents and friends of Scouting.

Appreciation of the visit and address of Major McManus was expressed by the Scoutmaster, and Jack vanGoozen, on behalf of the Troop presented a beautiful sheaf of carnations.

Commissioner Geo. E. Elliott was also present and gave a message characterized by plenty of stories and apt illustration. He said the word "Scouts" in his opinion, divided itself into three major parts. SC stood for seek continuously. A Boy Scout is one who seeks continuously for ways of being useful. OU was the second division and stood for observe understandingly, which also should characterize the life of a Boy Scout. The last two letters, TS, represented Tender Service. Scouts can always give service and they should always be prepared to tender it. It matters not how small the task, service should be rendered cheerfully. He urged fathers and mothers too to look after the leisure time of their boys.

Other visitors who spoke briefly were Sam Smiley, of Milton, Dean Wilkes, of Oakville, and Dr. Miller, of Toronto.

The Scouts had a place on this program. A sextette of Scouts rendered a splendid vocal number. Miss Hunt was their accompanist. Another group presented an Indian ceremonial dance and a pioneering display was also a feature, with a message sent by signal from the watch tower erected to the head table.

Presentation of badges was a feature interestingly performed by Scoutmaster George Mason. Four new year badges. (Continued on Page Five)

GUELPH WINS FROM ACTON BADMINTON CLUB

The Acton "Y" Badminton Club were the guests of the Guelph Garrison Club on Thursday night. The Guelph Club were easy winners, reversing the result of the tournament in Acton. However, the local players enjoyed the privilege of playing on strange courts, with high ceilings and large floor space. With five splendid courts, everyone was able to have all the play they wanted during the evening.

Following the game refreshments were served in the club room, and a successful series of home and home games was brought to a close. Both clubs expressed the hope that another tournament could be arranged for next season.

GRAIN BRINGS HIGH PRICES AT FARM SALE

D. H. Gerrit, of Ermoses, held a very successful farm sale on Tuesday. Stock was in splendid condition. The highest priced cow, with calf at foot, brought \$78. Mixed grain went for \$1.90 per hundred. Oats brought 53c a bushel. R. J. Kerr was in charge of this sale.

ACTON U.F.Y.P.O. AND CHEERIO CLUB HOLD BOX SOCIAL

On February the 10th, the Actondale U.F.Y.P.O. held a box social in Lorne School, to which the Cheerio Club were invited. The President opened the meeting and conducted the business part of the program, after which Mrs. Bracken, President of the Cheerio Club, took the chair.

The first number on the program was a selection by the orchestra, Messrs. A. Near, Mac McLaughlin and Vic White. Humorous recitations by Flora Sayers were much enjoyed; and Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Bracken gave a vocal duet. A talk was given by Mrs. Young and a very humorous reading by Mrs. Near, followed by another selection by the orchestra.

Before closing the program, Harry Smethurst moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Cheerio Club for the program which they had just presented; it was seconded by Mr. Davidson.

Thirty-three boxes were then auctioned off by Mr. Davidson, and, after a social hour, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

FOREIGN SECRETARY RESIGNS



Anthony Eden

Former Foreign Secretary for Great Britain, who resigned this week. The significance of this resignation in Europe and its bearing on Great Britain's policy may have a far-reaching effect on world affairs.

THE DUBLIN LITERARY HOLDS BOX SOCIAL

The regular meeting of the Dublin Literary was held at the school on Friday evening last. The main feature of the evening was a box social. The meeting was called to order by the President, and, after opening ceremonies and business, discussion the following program was given. A play, dramatizing "The Highway Man," reading of the Rocky Roadster, by Sheila Green, a selection by the quartette, a violin solo by Douglas Frank, a short play, entitled "The Train to Munroe."

The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem. Mr. G. Somerville acted as auctioneer for the sale of boxes. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing.

ICE OF LAST WEEK ACCOUNTABLE FOR BROKEN ARMS

The ice that covered sidewalks, road ways and every place out of doors last week was accountable for a number of falls and some serious injury. Mr. H. N. Farmer, former Clerk and Treasurer, had the misfortune to fall on Wilbur Street on Thursday. His left arm was fractured just above the wrist.

Mrs. Morris Sayers, Church Street fell on Wednesday while returning from the home of a neighbor. Her right arm was fractured, between the elbow and shoulder.

The week previous, Mrs. Wm. McMillan had the misfortune to fall on a slide made by the children in the school lane. She too sustained a fractured wrist.

A READER OF FREE PRESS SINCE ITS FIRST ISSUE

A week or so ago we intimated that we would like to hear from subscribers who had been Free Press readers fifty years or over. We also stated that we didn't think there were any remaining who had taken the Free Press from its founding in 1875.

Mr. G. H. Brown in renewing last week told us he has been a subscriber since 1875. In this respect Mr. Brown, we believe, holds an unique record. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have passed their golden wedding anniversary and been residents here practically their lifetime. We have appreciated the lifetime association they have had with the Free Press.

Acton and Preston Play-offs Both Teams Win One Game

Series Has Now Stretched Out to Four Games — First Game a Tie in Preston — Game in Acton Won by Preston, 3-2 — But Acton Goes to Town in Galt Last Night, to Win by 6-3 Score — Third Period Rally Netted Four Goals for Tanners.

The Acton Tanners showed they had that fighting spirit when they knotted the score at 6-all in the first play-off game in Preston on Saturday night. The Tanners, after a shaky start, made a third period rally that had the Riverides thinking themselves lucky to break even at the finish. Terry was the big scorer for Acton, with three of the counters to his credit. There was a good crowd, with plenty from Acton. The Preston Band was on hand, and the ice surface was fair.

When Smith scored in the first minute of play on an assist from Knack and Zeigler, it didn't look too good for Acton. It was really the first shot on goal, and Acton defence didn't click on the play at all. Then, at 2:24, Zeigler got another one, with the assistance of Smith, and Preston fans declared the game was in the bag and likewise the series. Norm Morton came close on a pass from brother Bus. Culcra missed the corner of the net after accepting a nice pass.

For an opening period, the body checking was pretty heavy. Walker was down to save on Bus Morton. At 11:00 minutes Terry put heart into Acton fans when he scored on a pass from Gibbons. Bus Morton drew a penalty for tripping, and Preston ganged Acton. At 14:33 Zeigler rubbed at Woods, but he turned them aside. I. Marz went right through and Walker came out to save the score. Walters went off for tripping. At 11:03 Tilk made it 4-1. A drunken brawl back of the press box made it impossible to get this play on the time.

Culcra tripped Norm Norton when he was right in, and got a penalty. Walker came out to save a long one. Culcra drove a hot one at Woods. Bus Morton was close with Terry, and Arbie's long one was right on. Culcra went off for kicking Walters when he turned them aside. With four seconds of the period to play, Mooney got Acton's second goal on an assist from Marz. The score was 4-2 for Preston. The period was rough, but Acton, was much improved in this frame.

Manager Rumley put five forwards in at the opening of the third period, when Preston was shorthanded. They ganged Preston, but failed to score. Walker saved nicely on a scramble. Woods had a close one in the corner. Walker saved a nice one when Mooney was right in, and Woods did the same thing for Smith. A hot one from Culcra was stopped by boarder Arbie, and Acton pushed the play, with Preston shooting down the ice to relieve the pressure. Norm went off for holding Smith with his stick and Acton was pushed to hold the Preston stick off Walters. The play was a scramble, with four nice shots. Every body tumbled in the goal. The puck stayed out.

Acton put everybody down to even the count. There was another scramble, but no score. Smith drew a penalty for boarding Arbie, and Acton pushed the play, with Preston shooting down the ice to relieve the pressure. Norm went off for holding Smith with his stick and Acton was pushed to hold the Preston stick off Walters. The play was a scramble, with four nice shots. Every body tumbled in the goal. The puck stayed out.

Just thirty seconds of the third period had gone when Knack scored for Preston. I. Marz went on a scramble when Greer was down. Mooney's drive was close on the corner. Greer went down to save on a scramble. Culcra went for a rest for (Continued on Page Five)

THE NEXT GAME

The next game to decide the group winners between Acton and Preston will be played in Galt Arena on Saturday night. In order to accommodate Acton fans who will want to go to the game, a group of 200 seats in the centre section has been reserved. Tickets for these are available from E. Ryder, Secretary, Acton Arena, at the regular price of 50 cents.

SIX MONTHS IN REFORMATORY FOR DRIVING WHILE DRUNK

Clarence Dobson was sentenced to six months in the Ontario Reformatory on the charge heard at Brampton by Judge Archibald Cochrane, which dated from August 28th, 1937, when his truck collided with a car driven by Gordon Sharpe. Sharpe's arm was severely injured in the accident, and he had been unable to appear as witness in the case until early this year.

Two Brampton doctors, Collin Heggie and Alan Noble, testified that there had been a strong odor of alcohol on Dobson's breath after the accident, and Dr. Heggie said that Dobson had been unsteady on his feet, and restless.

Dr. Heggie advanced the opinion that blood tests to ascertain whether or not a driver was under the influence of liquor were not an accurate means of distinguishing whether or not the person tested was actually drunk. "The individual capacity to assimilate alcohol varies to such an extent that I do not regard these tests as infallible," he told the court.

ACTON ORANGE LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1938

Wor Bro. John P. Searrow was made a life member of the Orange Order at the annual meeting of Acton O.O.L. 467. The following officers were elected for 1938: Immediate Past Master Wor Bro. J. B. Chalmers; Worshipful Master Bro. G. Carnite; Deputy Master—Bro. W. Evans; Chaplain Bro. W. Allan; Recording Secretary Wor Bro. C. K. Browne; Finance Secretary Wor Bro. J. Maslar; Treasurer Bro. V. B. Rumley; Marshal Bro. W. Frank; First Lecturer Bro. G. Holmes; Second Lecturer—Bro. F. Greymore; Tyler, Bro. W. Hall; Auditors—Wor Bro. Allan and Searrow.

MISSION BAND EXHIBITS WORK PROVIDED ENJOYABLE TEA

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria Mission Band of Knox Presbyterian Church held a very enjoyable afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. O. Ritchie. The girls displayed many articles which they have made to be sent away to unfortunate children of the West. The visiting ladies were entertained with a vocal solo by Joyce Desoreault, piano solo by Audrey M. Kinnon, Dora Hansen, Mrs. Warden, Kenneth Haddard and Margaret Somerville, and duets by Mrs. Warden and Gladys McEllan and Florence Salt with Dora Hansen.

The tea tables looked beautiful with lighted candles and spring flowers. During the afternoon Miss Emma Cole of the Y.W.A. and Mrs. Blow of the W.M.S. poured tea. A dainty lunch was served to the girls and a very pleasant afternoon was spent by the many guests.

On Tuesday evening Bloomstury Literary Society held its regular meeting in the school with the President in charge. After the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, and the roll call answered by your favorite actor or actress, the business took place.

Miss Mildred Wilson was then called on to take charge while the following program was being presented. Reading, Mrs. J. Dennis, recitation, Mrs. Coulter, piano solo Miss M. Near, recitation, Mansel Nellis, reading, Wallace Lauby.

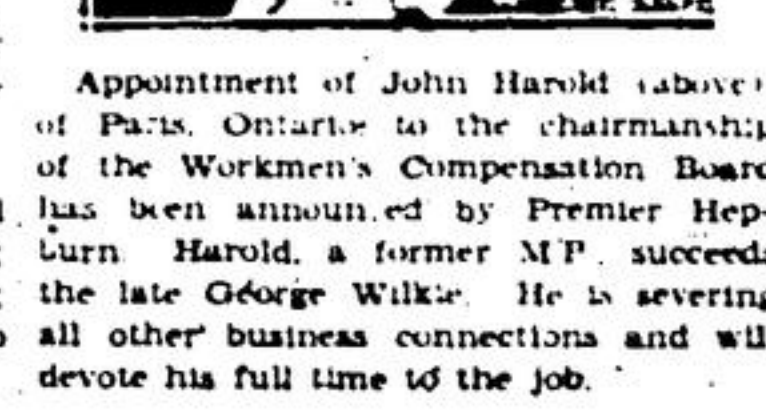
Lunch was served by the host and hostess Mac McLaughlin and Mrs. Coulter.

THE PUZZLE POEM WINNER IS IN ACTON THIS WEEK

The answer to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Iniquity" and the winner of the award is Miss Jeanie Russell, Acton. Answers were not so numerous last week. Perhaps it was more difficult to solve. Page eight has the "Puzzle" Poem this week.

NEW COMPENSATION HEAD

Appointment of John Harold (above), of Paris, Ontario, to the chairmanship of the Workmen's Compensation Board has been announced by Premier Hepburn. Harold, a former M.P., succeeds the late George Wilkie. He is severing all other business connections and will devote his full time to the job.



STUMP SPEECHES FEATURE MEETING OF ST. ALBAN'S Y.P.A.

After listening to two musical selections from the "Sizzling Swing Cats," Fred Turner, Bill Blanche, Douglas Mapielsen, members of St. Alban's Young People's entered enthusiastically into a stump speech competition. The speeches were as follows: "My Favorite Actress," Alice Gibbins; "My Ideal Husband," Lorna Dunn; "Should Canada go to War?" Annie Marshall; "If I Were Premier of Canada," Dot Fostell; "If I had a Thousand Dollars," Eleanor Joque; "My Opinion of Mussolini," Helen Withers; "My Favorite Movie," Margaret Scriven; "My Favorite Meal," Douglas Mapielsen; "If I had a Thousand Dollars," Fred Turner; "My Ideal Husband," Anne Holmes; "My Favorite Sport," Irene Pryer; "My Ideal Wife," Bill Blanche; "The Funniest Joke I Ever Heard," Alice Taylor; "My Opinion of Wally Simpson," Bert Pittman; "My Favorite Book," Percy Elliott; "Lil Fields' group were winners of the competition.

EIRE PRESIDENT?

An American citizen since 1919, John McCormack, the burly Irish singer, is being boomed by friends for the Presidency of Eire, the former Irish Free State, against a Czechoslovakian count and a veteran judge. McCormack, who sang his first in American concert audiences in March, 1937, is 53 and is a count of the Holy Roman Empire.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY PROGRAM FEATURE GREENOCK LITERARY

The regular meeting of the Greenock Literary Society was held in the school on Friday evening with the President, Gordon Leslie, in charge. At the conclusion of the business discussion, Wilma West occupied the chair while the following program was given by the junior members of the Society. Mouth organ selection, Ralph McKewon, speech, Elton Patterson, duet, Wilma and Helen West, tap dancing, J. McIntyre, piano solo, Evelyn Peavest, solo, Marion Leslie, saxophone solo, Leslie Swackhamer, accompanied on the piano by Isabel Swackhamer, solo, Margaret McPhail. Impromptu speeches were given by Arthur McKewon, Marion Leslie, Jim McIntyre, Henry Nellis, Bill Johnston and Annie Holsvick. The program ended with the singing of the National Anthem. Lunch was served and a social time.

WOMAN'S PLACE SUBJECT OF DEBATE AT BANNOCKBURN

The Bannockburn Literary Society held their regular meeting last Friday evening. The President, Mrs. Roy McKewon, took the chair. After the business part of the evening was a debate. Resolved that a married woman's place is in the home and not in the business world. The affirmative side was upheld by Stanley Morrison and Lloyd James, and the negative by Mrs. Wm. McInnis and Mrs. Ada Phillips. The judges Mrs. James Mann, Roy McKewon and Fred Lemon, gave their decision in favor of the affirmative side. Lunch was served and dancing enjoyed by everyone.

MUSICAL PROGRAM FEATURES HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY

The literary meeting at a C.S. was held on Friday afternoon. Jack Chapman took charge after the opening exercises, and the following program was presented by members of Form I. Selection by the Girls' Choir, Long Distance Telephone Conversation, conducted by Jerry Parveter and Gordon Beatty, duet by Mabel Harris and Frances Lamb, paper, read by Harry Savage; piano solo by Marie Clayton, solos by Harry Savage, accompanied by Ken Blow and Martin Haddard, solo by Margaret McPhail. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Millionaires in First Place in Bush League

Two Nights of Rugged Hockey Played During Week — York Road Wins

In spite of icy road conditions and heavy fog, all four surviving Rural League teams were on hand last Thursday night to run off the second round of play-offs. Everton and York Road surprised everybody by turning up on time without any mishaps. Only a few fans were on hand to witness the best night as far as excitement is concerned, since the League began.

The Army and Everton started a little later than usual but the game was fast and finished up at the usual time. Everton again had tough luck, losing to the burly Army squad, 4-2. Army is noted for its willingness to play rugged games and it certainly lived up to its reputation. The Tyler brothers, on defence, were dropping the hapless Everton stars.

Walton Kentner played his usual game and drew plenty of leeches from the crowd. "Tinny" Massala had the wind taken out of his sails, when he folded up on the ice after a stiff body-check handed out by G. Tyler. "Bus" Nicol missed a glorious chance when he only had the goal to beat, but when he went to shoot, the puck had disappeared and with the time the flabbergasted Bus regained his wits, he was completely surrounded. The Everton team took a lot of punishment and it was a tough game to lose.

Millionaires and York Road contributed one of the strangest spectacles ever witnessed in the Arena. The game started out with both teams checking hard and often. Owing to Millionaires' lack of alternates, York Road had a little bit better of the play. T. Robson, in the Millionaires' net was fluking a steady game and it was only a fluky shot that York Road scored on. Millionaires came, right back and ran in two quick goals.

At this stage of the game G. Byrne ran into a high stick and had to be removed from the ice. While the Millionaire players and the referee were working over the stricken player, the York Roaders decided to have a little practice with their goalie. One of the forwards came right in on goal and then shot, the puck striking the goalie in the face with terrific force. Meanwhile, the game was ready to commence again, but it was found out that the goalie was out cold, and he had to be carried to the dressing room. Thinking the game was over, several of the fans left the rink and missed the latter part of the game.

After much discussion and, only when the York Roaders were convinced that they either had to play or forfeit the game play commenced again. "Barden" took over the goal-tending duties for York Road and did a fine job. Millionaires didn't have any aims, and the players were switched around to give each man a well-deserved rest. This latter part of the game was really good, with both teams turning on the heat. Millionaires counted twice to bring the lead up to Millionaires 4, York Road 1. Doug Bakus and Asperon Varty were the stars for Millionaires with Brunette and Ferris doing most of the play-making for York Road.

This win put Millionaires in first place and they intend to hold that position.

With everybody talking about Intermediate hockey, the Bush League was sort of forgotten on Thursday night, but nevertheless like a good circus, the show went right on and what a show it was.

To favor the evening as usual, with arguments and protests, York Road refused to enter the rink until the Executive had reached some definite opinion on the possibility of two of the Everton players. Since York Road didn't show up, and Everton did, the game was given to Everton, by default. To fill in time, Everton challenged a pick-up team of Juniors, Intermediates, etc. to a game although nothing was at stake (both (Continued on Page Eight))

Coming Events

A group of meetings, for the purpose of raising funds for the building, are being held at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, March 3rd, at 2:30 p.m.

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