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## Georgetown Beats Acton by 9-4 on the Home Lot

Locals Put on a Poor Exhibition in the Field and Failed to Hit Effectively — Georgetown Hit Well and Outplayed Acton.

### ANOTHER SAD STORY

The Acton team certainly got a lot of bad baseball out of their system last night when Georgetown trimmed them, to the tune of 9-4. It looked like a bad case of the jitters, and while Gordon was replaced by Ryder as pitcher, the loss could by no means be chalked up against the pitchers. The boys just failed to field smartly and didn't make any impressive showing at the bat. But here is the sad story that dumps them down to the fourth position and puts Georgetown in third place. It's going to be a fight for them to make the play-offs.

Walters fled out to Mooney in the first; and Woods was the second, put out by Mooney; likewise B. Ritchie.

In Acton's half, Mooney went down swinging; Bus Morton dived; and Waterhouse fled out to Ward.

Georgetown's big inning was the second. Ward started it off with a nice one between first and second; Beaumont was safe on a hit to centre; Brydon's hit scored Ward. Casey fanned. Benham bunted, and with Morton off first when the ball was thrown, two more runs were scored. L. Ritchie fanned.

Walters was safe when Norm Morton fumbled, and Benham scored. Woods forced Walters out at second. The innings netted four runs for Georgetown.

Norm Morton hit a nice one past third. Cripps fled out to Walters in right field and Norm stole second; Lamb fled out to right, and Norm went to third on the throw in. Williams fanned.

In the third, Ritchie was called safe on a hit to third. Ward fled out to Waterhouse, and Ritchie stole second. Ritchie scored on Beaumont's nice hit to centre. Brydon walked. Casey hit and some more fumbling by Acton, and Beaumont scored. Ryder went in to pitch. Benham fled out to Ryder, trying to bunt, and Larry Ritchie fanned.

Acton's half was a feeble effort. Baylis was thrown out on his hit to third. Ryder fanned, and Mooney's hit was felled by the pitcher.

Walters was out in the fourth on a hit to first. Woods and Bill Ritchie each walked. Woods scored on Ward's hit to right field. Beaumont fled out to Ryder. Bus Morton failed to handle Brydon's clout and Ritchie and Ward scored. Casey fanned. Three more runs.

Bus Morton fled out to left, and Waterhouse to shortstop. Norm Morton singled and stole second. Cripps singled and Norm Morton scored Acton's first tally. Lamb singled, and Williams fanned.

In Georgetown's half of the fifth, Benham struck out, and Ritchie walked. Walters popped out to Ryder and Woods grounded to Bus Morton.

The fifth was Acton's threat. Baylis hit a two bagger to centre. Ryder was out on a hit to Casey, but Baylis went to third. Mooney went out swinging. Bus Morton hit over second, and Baylis scored. Waterhouse hit to centre, and Bus Morton scored. Waterhouse stole second and third. Ward bunted Norm Morton's hit and Waterhouse scored. Morton stole second, but Cripps was the third put-out on a hit to shortstop.

In the sixth, L. Ritchie was safe on a hit between third and short. Ward's hit over short was safe. Beaumont hit, but Ritchie was thrown out at the plate when he tried to score on it. Ward was caught between second and third for the second out. Brydon fanned. Acton pulled out of a nice hole in this inning and no runs were scored.

Lamb was out on a hit to third. Anderson, hitting for Williams, fouled out to Casey. Baylis fanned.

In the seventh, Casey walked. Benham hit to centre, and Casey was out going to third. L. Ritchie was out on a hit to first; and Walters went down the same way.

In the final act, Tyler went out on his attempt to third. Mooney went out pushing history against thin air, and Bus Morton's attempt was felled by the pitcher.

Final score: Georgetown 9; Acton 4. Oh yes, the Umpire, Joe Nicholson.

In the game on Saturday, Georgetown beat Hespeler, 8-7; and on Monday, Oakville won from Milton, 11-6.

Last night Milton won from Oakville, 6-5.

The following is the League standing:

Team	P	W	L	T	Play
Milton	13	9	4	0	3
Oakville	12	7	5	0	4
Georgetown	12	6	7	0	3
Acton	13	5	7	1	3
Hespeler	13	4	8	1	3

Postponed games have been arranged to be played as follows: August 2nd, Oakville at Acton, and Hespeler at Milton; August 16th, Acton at Milton; and August 16th, Oakville at Georgetown.

## CANADIAN MARRIAGES INCREASE 12 1/2 PER CENT., DEATHS 8 1/2 PER CENT.

An increase of 8 1/2% in the number of deaths in Canada during June, compared to June, 1937, was recorded by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. There was virtually no change in the number of births and an increase of 12 1/2% in marriages.

The report, covering sixty-seven cities and towns in Canada, with a population of 10,000 or over, showed there were 7,227 births registered, compared to 7,216 in June last year; 4,122 deaths, compared to 4,150, and 5,060 marriages compared to 4,521.

## Legion Zone Meeting Plans for Church Parade

The next Legion church parade of Zone 26 is to be held at Brampton on September 11th. It was decided at a Zone meeting, held at the Acton Legion Hall last week.

A full representation of delegates was present from Georgetown, Milton and Brampton.

The meeting approved the formation of a cribbage league and Comrades McDonald, Acton; Graham, Brampton; Armstrong, Milton; and McCartney, Georgetown, were appointed a committee to draft a schedule for the fall months, and set rules under which competitions will be held.

There was further discussion of the youth movement, as put forward in a resolution by the Milton Post at the last Zone meeting, held at Georgetown.

A new Legion Post has recently been formed at Caledon East. An invitation is to be sent to this branch to join Zone 26 and the Provincial Command notified Caledon East Post would be welcomed if accepted.

The report of the Softball League Committee indicated that the games had provided lots of fun, with no arguments. Brampton Veterans are real sports in spite of their goose-egg standing. Invitations are Acton and Georgetown will meet in the finals. Each team has two more games to play and the present standing is: Acton won 4; Georgetown 3; Milton 1; Brampton 0.

Zone Commander A. Hornsey, of Brampton, presided. He expressed his appreciation of the fine turnout at the church parade in Milton, and hope for the same splendid turnout at Brampton.

Comrade J. M. McDonald, President of the Acton Legion, took this opportunity to thank the visiting veterans who helped to make the Magna Charta parade here a success. He commended the splendid way in which local organizations and citizens took part, making the celebrations in Acton outstanding.

## Jury Decides the Highway Fatality Purely Accidental

Victim Apparently Unfamiliar With the Road—Recommend Erection of a Sign

A jury inquiring into the death of R. Currie Wilson, who was fatally injured in a motor accident on July 9th, at the junction of the Eden Mills road and No. 7 Highway, brought in the following verdict after only fifteen minutes deliberation.

"We, the jury, find that Mr. Currie Wilson came to his death purely accidental by not being familiar with the road coming from Eden Mills to No. 7 Highway, on July 9th, 1938.

"We further advise that there be a danger sign placed on the brow of the hill."

The inquest was held in Guelph on Friday night. Evidence of attending doctors showed that Wilson, who was an employee of the Forsyth Shirt Co., Kitchener, suffered a fractured skull. He was taken to Guelph General Hospital, but died within two hours.

Mr. Wilson had been driving a car a good many years, but was unfamiliar with the section of the road where the accident occurred. There is a stop sign 65 feet back from the intersection and a grade 340 feet back from the centre of the highway. Evidence seemed to point that Wilson had not known of the intersection in time to stop before entering the highway.

Occupants of Wilson's car, and of the other car involved, owned by Ernest Shull, of Guelph, gave evidence in the inquiry. Both drivers, it appeared, had done all possible to avoid an accident.

## Busy Days at Blue Spring Scout Reserve

On Saturday the two weeks' course for Scout Leaders closes at the Blue Springs Scout Reserve, just west of Acton, but the week-end and holiday will see the biggest group in attendance there at any time during the season. It is estimated that 250 will be in attendance from Saturday until Monday, inclusive, for the Ontario Rover Moot. From widely scattered parts of the Province and from the adjacent States these Rover Scouts will gather once the week-end at the Blue Springs Reserve.

At the close of the Rover Moot, the Rover Scout Leaders' Training Course opens and continues that week until Saturday, August 6th. This is followed by the Wolf Cub Leaders' Training Course. These are busy and interesting times at the Scout Reserve that was just opened last year.

The provision for feeding and housing these large groups is naturally quite a problem. Frank C. Irwin, of Provincial Headquarters, Toronto is the Camp Chief.

## ENGINEER IS APPOINTED FOR GRAND RIVER DAM

On the casting vote of Chairman Wm. Philip, the Grand River Conservation Commission, meeting in Galt on Tuesday afternoon, appointed H. G. Acres, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, as its Chief Engineer, to have full charge of the engineering supervision work necessary in the construction of the proposed dam, north of Fergus. Mr. Acres was the recommendation of the Committee, presented last Thursday.

It is estimated the engineering cost will be about \$75,000, which represents 4 per cent. of the total cost of the first stage of the development. All the Commission were attendance except E. T. Sterne, of Brantford, who was a member of the Special Committee, appointed to interview engineers.

## Post Office Hours Changed For Holidays

Postmaster Matthews has been notified of a change to apply to Post Offices for statutory holidays. While the change will perhaps not be as convenient for local conditions, it is in accord with the ruling.

On all statutory holidays, the wickets will be open from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. The Post Office lobby will be open for box holders, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. According to the new ruling only box holders will be able to secure mail on statutory holidays, as the first morning mail does not arrive in Acton until 10 a.m.

## STEADFAST LAD!

First Bellhop—What were the last words of Bellhop No. 3?  
Second Bellhop—"Don't give up the tip."

## TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Old-time Mosquito to young mot-quito—"And to think that when I was your age I could bite girls only on the face and hands."

## Funds Transferred From Operating to General Accounts

Further Tenders Received for the Painting of Water Tower and Contract Not Yet Awarded

Commissioner C. Hansen and Chairman R. J. Kerr were present when Acton Public Utilities Commission met on Tuesday evening.

The Secretary reported that a letter had been written the Ontario Commission requesting a reduction in rates to the consumers, but as yet no reply had been received.

The matter of repairs to the frost casing on the water tower was discussed. A tender, with specifications, was received from the Ajax Engineers, Acton.

Mr. Adams, of Norway, who had painted the tank previously, was present to discuss the work with the Commission. Mr. Adams did not desire to enter into competition on the construction of the new frost casing, or supplying material, but on the labor. He suggested making the casing in sections, so that repairs could be made in case of emergency.

Mr. Adams was requested to supply a written tender on the various parts of the work separately.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Department	Amount
Hydro Department	
Dell Telephone Co., services	5.27
Alex. McIsaac, truck repairs	3.60
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, June power	1,709.85
Jas. R. Kearney Corporation, line material	23.53
Canadian General Electric Co., supplies	53.47
Superior Electric Supply Co., supplies	19.75
Line & Cable Accessories, Ltd., supplies	11.50
Gargano Co. Ltd., metres	110.00
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies	156.50
C.N.R. and Transports, express	2.54
	\$2,151.03

Waterworks Department  
Hydro Department, June operations

The Secretary was instructed to transfer \$500 from the waterworks operating account to the general account of the Corporation.

A letter was received, outlining a plan to install a control system on the flat rate water heaters. It was not, however, considered advisable to make this change.

Charges for special lighting for the Band Tattoo were considered and the amount set at \$10, which included lamps that were not returned.

The Superintendent reported that maintenance work was fairly well completed and extra labor was to be discontinued after the end of the month.

—August's holiday is on Monday. Plan a safe time for Civic Holiday.

—The Canadian National Exhibition sports program is always of keen interest to athletes and onlookers alike. One of the highlights will be the 15-mile canoe Marathon, the outstanding event of its kind on the continent, and one which attracts many participants as well as throngs of eager spectators who crowd the waterfront grandstand.

## Prize Winners in Field Crop Competition Here

Secretary F. L. Wright, of Acton Fair, received on Tuesday the results of the Standing Field Crop Competition, sponsored by Acton Fair. In giving the results, Mr. J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario, complimented the winners and the officers of the Society on the success of this important project.

Eight prizes were awarded, with the following scores: J. E. Peare, R. R. No. 3, Acton, 90 points; W. C. Chapman, Rockwood, 84; M. Smith, R. R. No. 4, Rockwood, 84; Miller Bros., R. R. No. 1, Georgetown, 83; H. L. Griffin, R. R. No. 2, Acton, 80; H. Reid, R. R. No. 2, Acton, 80; Robt. Kerr & Son, Acton, 80 1/2; A. McVabb, R. R. No. 4, Rockwood, 80.

The judge was Mr. R. J. McCormack, of R. R. No. 8, Brantford.

## Eighteen Rinks Play in Bowling Tournament Here

Guelph, Grand Valley, Milton, Bronte, and Georgetown Send Teams

Last night a splendid Men's Double Tournament was held on the Bowling Greens, when eighteen teams competed for the prizes offered. Three games of twelve ends each were played. Guelph sent two rinks and the O.A.C. one rink. There were three rinks from Grand Valley and one each from Milton, Bronte and Georgetown.

First prize of an electric clock was won by J. M. McDonald and Tom Bailey, Acton.

Second prize went to Grand Valley, with James Landborough, and his partner winning silver pyrex pie plates.

Bronte took third prize, and Mr. Hanna and his partner took home blankets as their award.

W. D. Talbot and W. Burton, Acton, won the mystery prize.

A splendid social evening on the greens was enjoyed by the players.

## MELODY BOYS HIGH FEATURE ON PROGRAM NEXT WEEK

Acton Baseball Club have arranged for a garden party program of merit for Thursday, August 4th. The famous Melody Boys Concert Co., with Vivian Morgan and her guitar; Bill Davies, ventriloquist; Art Wright, the melody boy, and Murray Pallas, pianist. In addition, local artists will assist with cornet and vocal solos, and tap dancing numbers. It is the only garden party program scheduled for Acton Park this year, and promises to be one of merit. Acton Citizens' Band will contribute selections. The event will go on, rain or shine, and the arena used if weather outside is unsuitable. The Ball Club feel that they are presenting a real worth-while attraction in this event, that will undoubtedly draw a crowd, not only locally but from a wide area. A loud speaker system will be used, so all may hear the numbers.

## Band Tattoo Drew Big Crowd Here on Saturday

HERE IS THE SOLUTION TO THE PUZZLE POEM

The prize this week for the correct solution goes to Geo. D. Brandford, of Georgetown. The correct word in the poem was "blundered." We don't know exactly why Mr. Cole chose that particular word last week. But knowing something of his keen sense of humor, we have a sneaking idea. Well, you will find another one this week, on Page Five. Just turn to that page and see if somebody did blunder.

## Smethurst-McEachern Wedding at Limehouse Thursday

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smethurst, of Limehouse, on Thursday, July 21st, 1938, when Vera Isabelle, elder daughter of Mr. Norman McEachern and the late Mrs. McEachern, of Acton, became the bride of John Applebe Smethurst, of Sudbury. The Rev. D. D. Davidson, of Georgetown, officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in white sheer, with white hat and veil and carried white carnations. Miss Anne Burgess, of Toronto, was bridesmaid, attired in white sheer over pink, pink hat and carried pink carnations. Mr. Fred Brooks, of Limehouse, attended the groom.

The groom's mother received the guests, wearing blue figured sheer, with a corsage of red roses. After the buffet luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Smethurst left for a short honeymoon trip, the bride travelling in navy blue crepe, with white accessories. They will reside in Sudbury.

## JERSEY COW OF HALTON FARMER WINS AWARD

The Canadian Jersey Cattle Club announced yesterday that Broadview Farm's Miss Jersey cow owned by Ward Muldoon and Sons, of Georgetown, has been awarded the gold and medal of merit certificates for milk production. The animal produced 14,510 pounds of milk, containing 936 pounds of butter fat, the records show. Weighing 997 pounds, the cow has produced more than its own weight in butter fat.

## Friends Hold a Farewell Picnic For the MacRaes

Sponsored by Acton Y.M.C.A. — Presentation of an Electric Floor Lamp

Between sixty and seventy Y.M.C.A. members and friends in Acton and Mrs. D. A. MacRae honored this couple at a picnic gathering in the Park on Monday evening. Secretary George Emery was in charge and made splendid arrangements. The picnic supper had variety, quality and quantity and was most enjoyable.

On behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, Mr. Charles Kirkness, Vice-President, spoke of the regret all felt in having Mr. and Mrs. MacRae leave Acton. Mr. MacRae has been Secretary of the Board for some time, and Mrs. MacRae has been an enthusiastic and useful worker in the Y. activities. For both of them and the family the best wishes of friends here follow them to Uxbridge and the hope for continued success was expressed.

On behalf of the gathering, Miss M. Z. Bennett, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y., presented them with a beautiful floor lamp. Miss Bennett also expressed her appreciation of the help Mr. MacRae had been in school work and regret in his leaving Acton.

In replying, both Mr. and Mrs. MacRae expressed appreciation of the friendships that had been formed during their residence here, and the place that Acton would always hold in their memories. A cordial invitation was extended Acton friends to visit them in their home in Uxbridge. With, of course, the understanding of not all at once.

Mr. A. T. Brown, Chairman of the Free Library Board, expressed the regret of that Board in losing Mr. MacRae as Secretary and wished them success wherever their home.

A few contexts, a delightful social time with the MacRaes, made the evening a most pleasant one. Mr. and Mrs. MacRae leave this week for the new home in Uxbridge, where he will assume the Principalship of the High School.

Next Thursday, August 4th, a monster Garden Party in Acton Park. A galaxy of artists, headed by the Melody Boys Concert Co. It's the event of the season. Antepose of Acton Ball Club.

## Parade — Burlington Firemen's Drill Team and Fireworks Combined to Make Event of Acton Citizens' Band a Pleasing Spectacle.

PROF. THIELE, WATERLOO, IN CHARGE

A half-hour's downpour of rain failed to take the glamour from the Band Tattoo in Acton on Saturday night and beyond delaying the program for a half hour, did not interfere to any great extent with the success of the event. Five bands accepted the invitation of Acton Citizens' Band to participate in this event, and the combined effort made a spectacle that all appreciated.

At eight o'clock, with flags and banners flying, and bands playing, the parade moved off down Mill Street. With Miss Dorothy Dunn, dressed as a Red Cross nurse, and the Red Cross flag in the lead, Acton Citizens' Band was first in the parade; Georgetown Pipe Band; the Acton Platoon of the Lorne Rifles (Scottish); Oakville Citizens' Band; Galt Boys' Band; the Canadian Legion Bugle Band; of Guelph; and the Burlington Citizens' Band and Burlington Firemen's Drill Team, followed in that order. Each unit was headed by flags of the various nations carried by Boy Scouts and Legionnaires. It made a colorful and impressive showing.

Arriving at the Park, Prof. Thiele, of Waterloo, conducted the entire arrangement and made the announcements over the amplifying system. The Georgetown Pipe Band, under Major H. McKeel, and the Guelph Legion Bugle Band, under Bugle-Major Matt. Connor, stirred the audience in the parade past the stand and drew a great ovation.

An outstanding feature was the drill presented by the Burlington Firemen's Drill Team. Under the command of Drill Instructor Tom Waumale, this group, in their snappy black uniforms, with plenty of white braid trimming and white helmets, executed a splendid lot of intricate formations. Many times during the drill they were roundly applauded and when the final salute was given and the march grouped off, it appeared that the audience would be satisfied with nothing but an encore. Muldoon for the drill was ably supplied by the Burlington Citizens' Band.

Oakville Citizens' Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank Lockley, gave two splendid selections, "The Tenth Regiment March," and the selection, "Maid of Orleans." The Bugle Band paraded before the stand and the Pipe Band, with quick and slow marches, was also featured again before the stand.

The Galt Boys' Band, under the direction of Richard Ellis, gave a couple of well-rendered numbers that pleased everyone.

With Prof. Thiele at the microphone, and his experienced hand directing everything, the program went like clock-work. The march past of the bands was a colorful and stirring event. Bands formed in the west end of the Park and marched into the section, lighted by floodlight and flare. Each band was signalled off with a volley of shots and each unit was headed by flags of the various countries. The colors were drawn up before the stand and the parts of the Commonwealth of the British Empire represented were Canada, Great Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Jamaica, Burma, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Australia, and those two other great

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## Busy Days for Acton Tennis Club Members

Members of Acton Tennis Club have been enjoying the visits of other clubs, and incidentally the local enthusiasts have been very successful in the games against neighboring players. On Tuesday Acton visited St. George's Club in Uxbridge, and won by a score of 9 games to 7.

To-night the Acton players are scheduled to play in Georgetown, and on Thursday, August 4th, Fergus Club will be guests of Acton, with the visit to Fergus planned for Thursday, August 11th.

## Coming Events

Announcement of Wedding Postponed. The wedding of Miss M. Z. Bennett and Mr. J. P. Bennett, which was scheduled to take place on the 28th, with a minimum charge for my announcement of it.

A few contexts, a delightful social time with the MacRaes, made the evening a most pleasant one. Mr. and Mrs. MacRae leave this week for the new home in Uxbridge, where he will assume the Principalship of the High School.

## Missing Aeroplane Party Located



Nineteen hours without word from the aeroplane conveying Premier Mitchell F. Hespeler and the above party caused great anxiety for their safety. The plane left White Horse, Yukon, last night, and word just received is to the effect that the party was forced down at Carcross, near White Horse, Yukon, owing to unfavorable weather conditions. The machine is an all-metal twin-motored amphibian, well equipped and owned by J. P. Bickell, Toronto mining magnate. The members of the party are shown, Left to Right, First James Turner, J. P. Bickell, owner of the aeroplane; Premier Hespeler, and Ben Smith, New York financier.