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A Visitor from India Addresses Knox Mission Band

In spite of stormy weather, a most delightful meeting of the Mission Band of Knox Church was held Monday evening in the Sunday school room of the church, when Mrs. Iris Errey, of Guelph, Ontario, was guest speaker. Miss Errey has worked among the Hindu children of India for five years and had a special message for the children.

ACTON LADIES ATTEND W.M.S. MEETING IN GUELPH

The 25th annual meeting of Guelph Presbyterial W.M.S. of Presbyterian Churches in Canada was held in St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, on Wednesday, February 1st, with morning and afternoon sessions.

County Crop and Soil Improvement Program Planned

The Halton Crop Improvement Association was inaugurated on Friday last, when delegates representing the Acton, Georgetown and Halton Agricultural Societies, the Halton Farmers and the County Seed Fair, to be held in Milton.

The Tail Wags the Dog - Same Old Delay Story

Fergus Takes Two Weeks to Finish Couple of Postponed Games and League Idle

Just when it looks as if local rink might get a break and have playoff games, the same old delay story begins to repeat itself. Lacrosse or carnivals or anything else can interfere in some towns, but it's about time Fergus was told to either play hockey or get out of the road.

All other games, except two of Fergus' games, were concluded last Wednesday. Friday night half the Fergus team went to play lacrosse and no game was played.

Last night Fergus and Preston played. Now along comes the alibi of an ice carnival in Fergus for Friday night and wanting the game on Monday. It's all very fine for Fergus, but what about the other four towns who have to wait on this team that it was very doubtful, a week ago, would even get a place in the play-offs.

We certainly give Fergus credit for the way they have come along in the last few games, but we don't like this way of spoiling the fun of the group on a little bit. And we can't find anything to commend in the O.H.A. for allowing such a delay.

Everyone knows that play-off games are always the big events. Often a club schedule will be able to make up the loss in the play-offs and end the season with the balance on the right side.

Delay in the play-offs means only one thing. The games go to artificial ice and the local arena loses the revenue and the clubs have to pay more for traveling and other expenses and incidentally it costs the fans more, too.

At any rate, it's about time that the O.H.A. made a definite ruling and made the decision of a group winner a matter to be settled the first or second week in February at the very latest.

THE GROUP STANDING

Goals	P	W	L	Fr	Ag	Pts
Acton	7	6	1	37	19	12
Elora	8	4	4	37	24	8
Fergus	3	4	3	34	37	8
Guelph	8	3	5	25	28	6
Preston	8	2	6	30	51	4

The only game of the week was played last night in Preston, when Fergus won by a 4-3 score. This eliminates Preston from the play-offs.

The only other game in the schedule is Acton at Fergus, and with the result of last night's game it seems unnecessary to play this game. Fergus has been eliminated, which was the object of the group games. If Fergus wins from Acton, they will then be in second place. But, on the other hand, if Acton wins, Fergus and Elora will be tied for second place.

Lately word from Mr. Badley, the Con- venter of the Group to Secretary Wm. Middleton, Acton, is to the effect that Fergus has an ice carnival on Friday night, and the arena management will not give up the Saturday night skating arrangements. Therefore, the game will have to be played on Monday night.

The Solution and the Winner of Puzzle Poem

The solution to last week's Puzzle Poem was "Pate". The winner of the weekly award is Bella May Rowell, Acton. Another poem by Mr. Cole is on Page Eight this week. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again, and your opportunity is waiting! Only answers submitted on the coupon are eligible for a prize.

NEW DEFENCE HEAD



In the most recent shuffle made in the British cabinet by Prime Minister Chamberlain, Admiral Lord Chatfield, former head of the navy, replaces Sir Thomas Inskip as Minister for co-ordination of Defence. Sir Thomas was appointed Secretary of State for the Dominions.

Two Losses This Week Eliminate Acton Juniors

Milton and Orangeville Both Won but Acton Lads Went Down Fighting Every Inch of the Way to Faster Teams - Both Games Were Good Exhibitions of Hockey and Enjoyed by Fans

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In the first period, after five minutes of play, Milton notched their first goal when Sprat was allowed to romp unchecked behind the Acton net. He rounded the net and poked the puck behind Holmes, while the Acton forwards reamed around the blue line. Learmont was penalized for Milton, but Acton gangling attacks were checked in short order when Baylis was penalized for tripping.

With each team a man short, Acton held the Milton boys well in check until Sprat broke away from his own defence zone and beat Holmes when he drew him out of the net. Milton ran into two quick penalties, when Timbers and Slazy were put out for tripping, but Acton were unsuccessful in their attempts to score.

Timbers came back on the ice to strengthen Milton, but Sprat was penalized for slashing and Milton again played two men short. Before Acton were organized for an attack, the period ended, with Milton scoring two goals and drawing four penalties, while Acton drew one penalty and remained off the score sheet.

In the second period, after many Acton gangling attacks, Timbers passed to Sprat in front of the Acton net, to score Milton's third goal. Acton notched their last goal when Martin passed to Baylis, who scored with a header. Jones was penalized for knocking Timbers and Acton scored when Saunders and Baylis broke away to beat McDuffe from close in. Saunders notching the twine. Acton started the third period gangling Milton, in their own end of the rink. McDuffe was called upon time and time again to keep Acton from tying it up. Timbers was at the Milton's blue line, when a pass came out to him, and he broke away and beat Holmes on a shot from just inside the blue line. This put Milton two up and Acton's hope of being the game were fading fast. A minute after this Tyler bludgeoned Kermshead, register Acton's third goal. All Acton's chances of tying it up faded when Brush was penalized for tripping with three minutes to go. The game ended as it started, with Milton proving they were the better team.

Acton tried hard but their passing was not clicking and Milton registered what few breaks there were. Sprat and Timbers were the pick of the pack for Milton, with McDuffe backing them up with a great performance in the second period. Acton having no alibi for the loss, but realize their chances for a play-off berth were with the game to Milton.

Dr. Vining Addresses the W. M. Societies

An interesting lecture, "India and the Crossroads," was given by Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining, Toronto, in the school room of the United Church on Friday evening. A large audience was present. Dr. Vining spoke under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Societies of the various churches. Mrs. B. Mowat, President of the United Church W.M.S., had charge of the meeting, and welcomed the visiting Societies. Rev. E. G. Baxter, of the Baptist Church, led in prayer. Mrs. Mowat introduced the speaker.

While speaking for over an hour, his audience realized he could only give a quick glimpse of conditions he found in India.

It is a land with great opportunity for mission work. While the caste system, superstition, Brahminism and Buddhism create a wide gulf to be bridged, the religion and teaching of the Nazarene is surely spreading it, the speaker stated.

Dr. Morrow thanked Dr. Vining for his splendid address and closed the meeting with prayer.

Bloomsbury Literary Guests of the Dublin Society

The Dublin Literary met at the school last Friday evening, and after the usual opening exercises, the President, Mr. Steer, welcomed the Bloomsbury Literary, who were the guests of the evening, who also presented the following very enjoyable program: Selection by the Orchestra, recitation, Mrs. Watson, duett, Mrs. Coulter and Alma Watson, accompaniment on the piano by Mrs. VanGooren; reading by Marion Watson, "Telling the Truth," "Bloomsbury Gazette," read by Ruby McPherson, guitar and mouth organ selection, Fred York and Jim Henderson, selection by the Orchestra, and in conclusion the play "In May with June," was given, which proved most amusing and was well presented. It was under the direction of Mr. Alex. Near, with the following cast: Marion and Alma Watson, Mrs. Alex. Near, Mrs. Charles Lassy, Charles Henderson, Dirk VanGooren, Mansell Nellis, Mr. Watson. Lunch was served, dancing and a social time spent.

PRIZE WINNERS AT GROUP SOCIAL OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Group Two of the Women's Institute held an afternoon euchre at the home of Mrs. G. H. Lantz on Wednesday. Mrs. Ross Burt won first prize and Mrs. Art McDuffe won second, with the white cards. Mrs. Brown won first, and Mrs. R. Spielvogel second, with the pink cards. Consolation prizes went to Mrs. Mellor and Mrs. Holloway.

Mrs. A. MacDonald and Mrs. H. McDonald were travelling by the group, and they were served by the group hostesses, Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Dobbie, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Collier, Mrs. S. Lantz, Mrs. Wids and Miss Grace Lantz.

Mothers Guests at Meeting of Friendly Circle

A unique and enjoyable event took place at the United Church on Sunday afternoon, when the members of the Friendly Circle entertained their mothers at a session of their class. Miss Bennett taught the lesson on "Peter Declares His Love."

BUYING AND COOKING OF MEATS STUDIED AT DUBLIN MEETING

Dublin Institute held an evening meeting on the Meat Cookery Project, at the home of Mrs. C. VanGooren, with the men as guests. After studying the buying of meats and different cuts, the leader, Mrs. Barber, and her assistant, Mrs. VanGooren, prepared and cooked prime rib roast, sweetbreads, escaloped meat, Dixie style. Mr. Lovell, a local butcher, then demonstrated the different cuts of beef by cutting half of a carcass, which was very interesting, and educational to all present. Cards and lunch were enjoyed and a social time spent.

Brief Session of Utilities Board Thursday Night

Routine Matters on the Agenda for the Fortnightly Session - Delegates to Convention Named

Acton Public Utilities Commission met on Thursday evening last, with Commissioner C. Hansen and Reeve F. McCutcheon present and Chairman R. J. Kerr presiding.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 4.90
H.E.P.C. of Ontario power	2,333.45
H.E.P.C. of Ontario miscellaneous expenses	12.22
Canadian Line Materials, material	18.02
Low-Martin Co. cards	11.02
Superior Electric Co. supplies	14.99
Fawcett Electric Ltd. time indicator	28.50
MacDonald Electric Ltd. supplies	1.96
C.N.R. and Transports, cartage	3.51
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	3.00
	\$2,331.57

Waterworks Department

Canadian Brass Co. supplies	\$5.13
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Reeve McCutcheon and Superintendent Wilson were appointed delegates to the Hydro Convention in Toronto on February 7th and 8th.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued to the Superintendent for their disposal.

The question of range campaign and installing three-wire services was discussed by the Commission. Decision was left for a future date.

New final notice slips for notification to consumers in arrears were to be secured.

Halton Company Shows Year of Progress in 1938

The annual meeting on Monday of the Halton Union Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. held in the Town Hall, Acton, showed a year of progress for this company. A surplus of assets over liabilities of \$32,221.42 was shown in the annual report. Losses were lower during the past year and the movement in risks showed the Company making good progress.

Mr. Leslie Kernis, of Freeman, was elected a Director of the Company to fill the place on the Board made vacant by the death of Mr. C. E. Wood. Mr. J. E. Pearen was elected President, succeeding Mr. Daniel Gray, while Victor Hall is First Vice-President and Chas. Readhead, Second Vice-President. Other members of the Board are: Daniel Gray, Duncan Campbell, W. A. Lasby, Leslie Kernis and E. P. Ford.

DUBLIN INSTITUTES MONTHLY PROGRAM GIVES VARIETY

The Dublin Women's Institute held their January meeting at the home of Mrs. T. A. Storey. The President, Mrs. Somerville, was in the chair. Roll call was answered by "My Favorite Song."

The reports of the Convention were given by Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Webster. Mrs. G. Robertson, Conventioneer, gave a paper on "Noted Composers," and had the school children to sing. Mrs. Barber, leader of Meat Cookery, read a paper on project work.

Mrs. Kennedy tendered a vote of thanks to those who took part on the program, and also to the hostess for the use of her home. Lunch was served and a social time spent in conclusion.

JOINING CANADIAN PRESS



J. A. McNeill, managing editor of the Acton Free Press, has been appointed General Manager of the Canadian Press, to succeed J. F. B. Lynam, who is retiring on June 20th.

Rural Hockey Has Most Play This Week

The usual delay in the Intermediate hockey schedule came this week and gave the Rural League plenty of time to get in a group of games.

Thursday night had three games, with Rockwood and Brookville setting the decisions and Everton and Hornby deadlocking in their game.

Rockwood defeated Huttonville by a 2-1 margin in the first game.

Huttonville scored in the opening period and Rockwood answered it in the middle frame and counted again late in the last period to get their second win of the season.

The greatest scoring punch was in the second game with Everton and Hornby, resulting in a 5-5 tie.

Hornby scored the only goal of the first period. Everton had a 2-1 margin on the scoring in the second period and tied the count. Each team added three more goals in the final frame.

Brookville beat Lorne Scots 2-1. Brookville had the edge in the first period and the Scots rallied in the second session.

With a minute to go, Brookville notched the counter that split the Scots fifth defeat in as many starts.

Friday night had only two games on the card, and as a result the Georgetown Pirates went into the league leadership.

The Pirates blanked Brookville 4-0 in the first fixture, outclassing their opponents throughout the hour. The league leaders scored twice in the opening period and added two more in the middle frame.

In the other game, Rockwood and Norval played to a 1-1 tie. Taking the lead in the first period on a goal by "Red" Roehrer, Norval held the margin till midway through the final period.

Herb Saunders scored the tying goal.

Roads were so badly blocked on Monday night that all games had to be cancelled. Acton Band were the only team able to get to the arena.

Tuesday night saw three more contests in the Rural League in Acton Arena, with Georgetown Pirates, Rockwood and Everton emerging as the winners.

Georgetown Pirates defeated Lorne Scots, 5-3. While the Scots led in the first period, the Pirates went into the lead in the second and held the margin.

Rockwood trimmed Hornby, 4-1 in the second game. The winners took the lead in the first period with two counters, and added the other two in the second. Putting up a determined effort not to be whitewashed, Hornby were rewarded with a counter in the final frame.

The last game was a closely contested affair, resulting Everton 2, Huttonville 1. Huttonville counted in the second frame and held the winners scoreless until the final period.

Snow Clearance Was Well Done After Big Storm

The biggest snow storm of the year saw the snow problem tackled in Acton in splendid fashion. Sidewalks were all cleared on Tuesday, and a checking up by Chief McPherson saw the walks in the best conditions before evening.

On Mill Street the problem was tackled under the arrangement with the municipality and the Department of Provincial Highways. A snow plow showed the piles well over to the sidewalks yesterday morning, and a good crew of men and three trucks soon cleared the snow in the two blocks between John and Main Streets.

At the entrance to business places on the other blocks on the street the snow was also removed. On Main Street and on corners and intersections a real clean-up was made.

It was a big problem but well tackled and a job that was appreciated by all.

The clearing of the snow on Mill Street adds much to the business section and is a great convenience for all who like to shop in Acton and park their cars without danger of being stuck.

Acton certainly had a lot of splendid men on the snow job, and the leaders were the exception. They worked with a will and a neatness that soon removed inconveniences of the season's biggest storm.

THE STORM CHANGED YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

Plans for the meeting of the Young People's Society of the United Church on Monday evening. The Young People from Rockwood, who were to have presented a play were unable to get through the drifts. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Adamson took charge of the meeting, which a short devotional period was held in which Lillian Fields read the Scripture. The roll call was answered by "My Favorite Author." Mrs. Adamson conducted some contests. An enjoyable lunch was served by the social convener.

An Opportunity to Get Acquainted With Europe

When Miss Marion Walwyn comes to Acton on February 16th, to give the story of European countries as she saw them and show beautiful colored views of the countries visited, a rare opportunity is made available to all. Miss Walwyn went overseas as a V.A.D. nurse, and was later transferred to social hostess at the Beaver Hut in the Strand, the Canadian Y.M.C.A. headquarters for men on leave in London. She has visited Europe many times since the war and for a number of years has been conducting tours through Europe. Hers is a very intimate interpretation of that unique European charm which will captivate all who hear her. The event is under the auspices of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and tickets will be available next week.

Rockwood and Acton Schools in Hockey Again

Monday's storm did not deter Rockwood Continuation School from sending a hockey team to Acton for a game at the arena here. It was a good close game, but again the Acton boys were victorious by a 2-1 score.

In the middle frame Nino Braida broke away and scored, putting Acton in the lead, but Lew Hall scored before the period ended, knotting the count.

In a determined effort to break the deadlock, Gordon Beatty scored Acton's winning goal in the final period.

Harry Savage refereed the game. The teams: Rockwood—Goal, Frank Powke; defence, R. Laxerty, Dundas; centre, Jack Oakes; wings, Bill Livell, Alex. Howatt; alternates, Bruce Kinke, Wynne Graham, Hugh Allan, D. MacArthur.

Acton—Goal, Pete Vickers; defence, Martin Hassard, Jack Chapman, centre, Lorne Masales, wings, Len Lambert, Gordon Beatty; alternates, Jack Hollinger, Max Storey, Gilbert Romph, Nino Braida.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings of the various societies, clubs, and organizations are charged. No notice is given unless a minimum number of members are present.

Under auspices of Women's Association of United Church, a full four course hard, a little one jumped up and said: "A Plunkett Dinner will be held on February 7th, at 6:30. Moving pictures will follow the supper. Tickets 35c."