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Tanners Finish at Top Defeat Elora by 6-2

Final Game on Friday Was a Battle with the Rocks— Biggest Crowd of Year on Hand— Forced Elora to Meet Preston to Stay in Play-offs— Games with Guelph Arranged to Fill in Wait for Play-offs.

ACTON 6—ELORA 2

Acton Tanners got revenge on Friday night for the defeat the Elora Rocks handed them earlier in the season, when they trimmed them 6-2. The win landed the Tanners in top place in the League standing, and put Elora and Paris into a tie for the last play-off position. A tie for the Rocks would have given them an assured play-off place.

There was the biggest crowd of the season on hand to see these old rivals battle it out and a lot of the fans were from Elora. Early indications were that the going was likely to be rough. Elora started handing out heavy checks and the Tanners didn't back away. J. Quinn and Mooney drew the first penalties for mixing it up. Ridley and Klein made a nice break, and Elora got the first tally at 5.50. Then F. Rummels drew a penalty, which was costly. Norm Morton took Lindsay's pass and evened the count at 6.25. There were plenty of close ones on both goals, which only good net-minding saved from being scores. Blinco put the Rocks out in front again at 11.05, on H. Rummels' assist. Then Lindsay drew a penalty and Acton had a busy time. The score went into a tie again, at 15.30, when Terry scored on Mooney's assist. Kenner drew a penalty and was followed shortly after by R. Rummels. The period ended at 2-2 and the play was just as close as the score.

The Tanners put on the steam in the second period and Walser had a busy time while Elora was short. The rough stuff continued and J. Rummels went off. At 7.50 Norm Morton put Acton in the lead for the first time. Lindsay and Pipher were in on the assist. As the game got torrid again, Referee Guechy Brill got both teams in a huddle and gave warning that the rough stuff had to stop or else.

Klein boarded Terry and off he went. Then, at 18.25, the game went further in the bag when Lindsay scored from Norm Morton, and so the period ended, at 5-2 for Acton, and the Tanners as good as the score indicated.

Both goalies made some nice saves in the third period as both teams tried for goals. Marzoo drew a penalty early and Elora tried to use the advantage. Blinco dumped Terry and went to the cooler. J. Rummels went for a rest as Elora tempers flared at their shortage of goals. Both teams made nice breaks but the checking was close and the goal tending both good and lucky. Neither team scored in this period until 19.25, when Norm Morton grabbed a pass at the blue line, and with only one to beat, rattled it past Walser. We think Jack Kenner sent the rubber over to Norm for the break, but aren't sure of the play.

There were no cheers from Elora—mighty Casey had struck out. Final score, 6-2, for Acton.

The line-up was:

Elora—V. Walser, goal; J. Rummels, H. Walser, defence; Fisher, centre; L. Miller, right wing; R. Ridley, left wing; F. Rummels, J. Klein, H. Rummels, Blinco, Quinn, Marr, alternates.

Acton—Wood, goal; Baylis, Marzoo, defence; N. Norton, centre; Pipher, right wing; Lindsay, left wing; Terry, Bus Morton, Mooney, Kenner, Molozkie and Dawkins, alternates.

Referee—Evan Brill, Guelph.

IN PASSING

Tanners seem to get better with a good band. And the one on Friday put the pep in the game.

We knew Tanners could trim Elora, and they seemed to be determined enough on Friday night to really want to do it.

Preston fans were interested in the outcome, too. The win gave them another chance to get into the play-offs.

The crowd was better Friday night. With the brand of hockey the boys are now playing the place should be jammed for every game.

The Fergus News-Record says: "Editor Dils. of THE ACTON FREE PRESS, looks over the hockey standings and suggests that some other editor may have to sell his paper. He can't mean us. Now, if it had been lacrosse..."

Well, we didn't mention any names, but if the cap fits you, brother, it must be yours.

Waterloo trimmed Paris, 16-3, which puts Waterloo just two points behind (Continued on Page 24th)

Elliott-Reid Wedding at Windsor Wednesday

Spring flowers decorated The Manor, Victoria Avenue, Windsor, for the marriage on Wednesday afternoon, February 14th, at 4 o'clock of Miss Mary Shiells Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Reid, Comber, to Mr. Charles Harold Elliott, of Acton, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Elliott, of Comber. Rev. L. H. Currie, of St. Andrew's Church, Comber, conducted the ceremony.

Mr. Reid gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a lovely frock of Queen's blue, made in street length, with shirred bodice and puffed sleeves. She also wore the pearl brooch worn by her mother at her marriage. Her accessories were of matching shades and her corsage was white-roses and violets.

Miss Helen Calder was maid of honor, wearing a charming dress of white of roses, matching accessories and a corsage of white roses and cornflowers. Mr. Craig Auld, of Comber, was groomsmen.

At the reception following the ceremony, Mrs. Reid received in a gown of navy printed silk, with small black hat and corsage of roses. Mrs. C. G. Elliott received also, wearing two-tone grey printed crepe, a black hat and corsage of roses.

After the dinner, served at a T-shaped table, decorated with spring flowers in The Manor drawing room, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott left by motor, their destination unannounced.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott will reside on Frederick Street, in Acton—Comber Herald.

A PLAY AND DEBATE FEATURE MAPLE GROVE MEETING

On Friday evening last, Maple Grove Literary Society entertained Bloomsbury Literary Society at S.S. No. 8, Eramosa, Charles McNabb, President, was in the chair. The program opened by singing "The Maple Leaf Forever."

The President welcomed the visiting group, and at this time Mr. C. Henderson, President of Bloomsbury Society, presided for the following program: Reading, Mr. Anderson, followed by an orchestra number; Alma Watson gave a reading of the "Gazette"; a musical contest followed. The play, "Mail Order Wife," was very ably presented. Mansell Neils Iphrod directed the play and the characters. An impromptu debate, "Resolved, that a Good Looker is better than a Good Cooker," brought the program to a close.

Lunch was served. The remainder of the evening was spent in games and dancing.

LeRoy, Dale K. C. Injured in Motor Accident Thursday

Drove into Rear End of Truck on Highway Just East of Acton

When returning on Thursday last from a meeting in Brookville, Mr. LeRoy Dale K. C. of Georgetown, struck the rear end of a truck with his car, and sustained a fracture of the right knee cap, several broken ribs, facial cuts, and an injury to his arm. He was taken to the Peel Memorial Hospital, in Brampton, after receiving medical attention in Acton.

The accident occurred about eleven o'clock last Thursday, on the highway, about two miles east of Acton. Mr. Dale was alone in his car, following a milk truck, driven by J. E. Milton, RR. No. 3, Georgetown. After going over a hill, it is said the driver of the truck slowed down. It is also said he was meeting another car, and when Mr. Dale came over the rise he struck the rear end. The truck was apparently hit on the corner and driven ahead 40 feet by the impact, with the front wheels in the ditch. All but two of the lights on the car were short out.

In the truck, besides the driver were Misses Mary Cummins, Ethel Doyle and Bernice Hughes, all of Georgetown. Miss Cummins was the most seriously injured, while the others were badly shaken up. Miss Cummins did not suffer any serious effects until the following day, when it was found she suffered concussion and was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph. Her condition still remains critical.

Mr. Dale's car was badly damaged by the impact. Chief E. Harrop, of Acton, investigated the accident.

ENVOY TO EUROPE



President Roosevelt has announced that he is sending Sumner Wells, Under-Secretary of State, to Europe for a personal survey of conditions in Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain.

Third Shipment Red Cross Supplies Sent from Acton

On Monday the third shipment of three cartons went forward from Acton and District Branch of the Red Cross. This lot of goods included contributions from the various units of the branch, as follows:

Acton—Bed gowns, 28; pneumonia jackets, 14; bed pan covers, 8; pillow slips, 16; hampton bed pads, 6; gauze handkerchiefs, 156; face masks, 24; bed pads, 14; triangular bandages, 3; scarves, 9; socks, 22 pairs; wristlets, 6 pairs; helmets, 2; zero caps, 1; mitts, 5 pairs; sweaters, 10.

Nassagaweya, Ward 2—Bed gowns, 7; pneumonia jackets, 8; bed pan covers, 19; pillow slips, 12; handkerchiefs, 12; triangular bandages, 12; abdominal binders, 6; socks, 14 pairs; sweaters, 3.

Esquimaux, Ward 5—Bed gowns, 3; pneumonia jackets, 6; bed pan covers, 12; face masks, 24; triangular bandages, 6; socks, 6 pairs.

Dublin—Bed gowns, 16; pneumonia jackets, 26; bed pan covers, 9; pillow slips, 8; face masks, 12; handkerchiefs, 36; triangular bandages, 15; abdominal binders, 6; T-binders, 12; bed pads, 16; scarves, 1; socks, 18 pairs; wristlets, 1 pair; sweater, 1.

Private individuals and the following groups are at work on these articles, in town: Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E., Lakeside I.O.D.E., Women's Institute, St. Alban's Church, St. Joseph's Church, and the United Church.

REEVE GRAY ADDRESSED ROCKALONG INSTITUTE MEETING

The February meeting of the Rock-along Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. McNabb, with a good attendance of members present. Mrs. C. O. Plank, President, was in charge. The Opening Ode was sung, after which the roll call was responded to by "One thing I would like to do better this year."

Red Cross material and yarn was distributed among the members. Plans were discussed for a Gents' Night.

Mrs. Ingle, Convener of the Program, took charge. Mr. D. D. Gray, Reeve of Eramosa, gave a very interesting talk on "Community Activities and Relief." Miss H. Bayne gave a talk on the motto, "A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed." Mrs. H. Maude and Miss M. Maude favored the meeting with a vocal duet. The National Anthem was sung, after which refreshments were served.

The Halton County Library Association Met in Milton.

Acton Library Board joined Halton County Library Co-operative Association last year. Acton's representatives at the annual meeting, held at Milton on Thursday evening, February 15th, were Mrs. R. P. Watson, Messrs. Malcolm Leitch and Charles Leatherland. The year's work was discussed and arrangements were made to continue the same system of circulating a number of books every three months among the members of the Association, which are Oakville, Burlington, Bronte, Milton and Acton. The lists of books were checked in order to assure all the books circulated would be different.

After the meeting Mrs. George Elliott, of Milton poured tea, and Miss Mockridge and Miss Baily served lunch, and a delightful social time was greatly enjoyed.

Juniors Lose Game to Bolton First of Series

Bolton Scored 7, to Acton's 1, But Locals Go Down Fighting— Play in Bolton To-night

By "COOKIE"

Acton Juniors held Bolton scoreless for twenty minutes, but after Bolton scored the opening goal, Acton opened up plenty and Bolton proved themselves the masters from then on. In the first play-off game here on Tuesday night. In the first period Acton broke up play considerably at their own blue line, and retaliated with many fine plays around the Bolton net. Both teams missed many fine scoring chances in this frame. Holmes in the Acton net, was really brilliant and was the backbone of his team. Acton were in on the Bolton net time and time again, but their shots were not on, although they kept right on peppering shots at the Bolton citadel. Only penalty in this period went to Fraser, of Bolton.

Scoring was opened in the second period, when from a face-off, parallel with the Acton net, Francis veaved to the side of the Acton cage and passed to Hyton, to beat Holmes from close in. This, the first goal of the game, came after 25 seconds of play in the second frame. Acton came back strong, but were unable to penetrate the Bolton defence. Bolton scored their second goal when Smith was left uncovered in front of Holmes and he batted in Scarrow's rebound. Calhoun made it 3 to nil for Bolton when he broke away from an Acton gangling attack and drew Holmes out before placing the rubber disc behind him. Bolton ran into two quick penalties, Shropshire and Fraser being the offenders. Acton were unable to score with a two man advantage, and their gangling attacks were poorly organized. The period ended 3 to 0 for Bolton and it looked like a fair edge on the night's play.

Penalties went to Barnett, Tyler, Shropshire, 2; Fraser.

This second period found plenty of wide open hockey and spills galore, the results of heavy body checking by both sides.

Bolton opened the third period, letting Acton carry the play and take the break-aways in their stride. Some fine clearing by the Bolton defence sent their forwards on scoring thrusts. Bolton bolstered their total to five before Acton counted their first. Goals for Bolton were the results of loose clearing by the Acton forwards around their own net. Schropshire and Scarrow were the marksmen. Acton's lone tally of the game came on a neat play, engineered by "Rusty" Brush. Rusty carried the rubber around the Bolton defence and, instead of shooting, passed back to Nichols, who made sure of bulging the twine. Bolton scored two more, on break-aways from Acton gangling attacks. Scarrow, on an assist from Francis, and Fraser, unassisted. This completed the scoring for the game, and Bolton left for their home stamping grounds with a 6-goal lead tucked underneath their arm.

Penalties in this period went to Fraser and Goy. Scarrow got hurt in the third period when he fell on his arm. Whether his wrist is fractured or not wasn't known last night.

Play was clean throughout, total penalties were Bolton 6, Acton 2.

Referee—Chester Brill, Guelph.

PARTING SHOTS

Acton's chances of over-coming a six-goal lead are slim, but, nevertheless, they will go down fighting. The game here Tuesday was great to watch and although Bolton scored seven goals to Acton's one, we really don't feel that was a fair representation of the play.

Acton Juniors, in three years of O.H.A. hockey under the management of Harry "Burrk" Holmes, have as yet to win a group championship. BUT, The local lads have had stiff competition of the best calibre right in their group. Two years ago they were beat out by Orangeville who went on to win the Ontario championship. Last year they were defeated by Milton, who went on to finals before being beaten by Aurora. Bolton, this year, will let the group down if they don't perform as similar feat, set by Orangeville and Milton.

Bolton imports into this group should advance far into the play-downs. They are a stacked team from Weston, with but one home-ster on the team. Why they are allowed to come out of Toronto to get in a group made up of teams from small towns and villages is a mystery, only explainable by the O.H.A. Markham, Kingsway and other Toronto teams would seem a fairer group for a Toronto entry.

Acton have had a great team for three years, and have always given their best, despite the feeble support tendered them. (Continued on Page Five)

KING'S REPRESENTATIVE



Rt. Hon. Sir Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, has been sworn in as the King's representative in Canada following the death of Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir.

Final Games in Rural League To-morrow Night

With the games to-morrow night closing the Acton Rural Hockey League schedule, interest is running high in the series. Last Thursday, Milton Bruins won from Georgetown Pirates, 2-1. Norval drubbed Huttonville, 6-0, and in the final game of the night, Lorne Scots won from Hornby, 5-3.

Monday night saw three more games. Lorne Scots and Huttonville tied, 3-3. Milton Bruins and Hornby were tied at 2 apiece, and Georgetown Pirates defeated Rockwood Bulldogs, 3-1.

Following is the standing:

Team	Plays	Points
Norval Monarchs	11	16
Georgetown Pirates	12	15
Lorne Scots	12	14
Milton Bruins	11	13
Hornby	11	12
Huttonville	11	5
Rockwood Bulldogs	10	3

Municipal Audit May be Completed Without Hydro Bill

Transfer of Funds Made to the Corporation General Account by Waterworks

Reeve J. B. Chalmers, Commissioner M. Symon were present and Chairman C. Hansen presided on Tuesday night, when Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session.

The Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$500 from the operating account of the Waterworks Department to the General Account of the Corporation.

Accounts were passed for payment, as follows:

Bell Telephone Co. services	\$ 6.11
Highway Garage, repairs	61.45
Convention expenses of delegates	19.50
C.N.R. freight and express	90
Force Electric Products, supplies	1.63
H.E.P.C., power for January	2,563.81
H.E.P.C., supplies, etc.	47.89
Canadian Electric Ltd., supplies	8.93
supplies	159.81
Department of Highways, license for truck	4.00

Waterworks Department
Waterworks Department power at spring \$ 45.99
Hydro Department, January operations 112.22

\$158.21

A letter from the Ontario Commission gave the municipality power to make the municipal audit, prior to receipt of the thirtieth power bill. This would enable the municipal audit to be completed earlier and was effective this year and following years.

Details of the Domestic Appliance Campaign gave recommendations for a special combined commercial and cooking service. The matter is being investigated.

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued for their disposal. The Superintendent was asked to make inquiry regarding the cost of extensions for raising hydrants higher, to keep free from ice in the winter.

A report was given on the convention in Toronto and points that had been cleared up in the discussions there.

Big Crowd at Carnival Good Program Presented

Subsidy Asked on \$14000 for Roads by Erin Council

Other Items Dealt With at the Regular Meeting of the Township Council

Erin Municipal Council met at Hillsburg on February 12th, and the following business was transacted:

Ratepayers desiring trees for reforestation are requested to place their orders with the Commissioners of their respective divisions prior to March 15th.

The Department of Highways was asked for the subsidy on a \$14,000 expenditure on Township roads in 1939.

The County Treasurer was requested to forward Township money in his possession to the Township Treasurer.

The following amounts were ordered paid:

For Board of Health	\$27.90
Ror-Relig	61.41
For sheep destroyed	14.25
For Township stationary supplies	60.30
Royal Bank, interest on loans	44.92
Charity	23.99
Roads	221.97
Miscellaneous	41.93

Council adjourned, to meet at Hillsburg on March 12th, 1940.

The Letter from Home is Really Appreciated Away

It has enthused us just quite a little to receive letters of appreciation regarding THE FREE PRESS and the home news this week.

A soldier in London, Ontario, writes: "Thanks a million for THE FREE PRESS of last week. The home town paper certainly fills a large gap in any soldier's life and when I have read it, it just goes around the barrack room so the boys from Preston, Galt and Waterloo can see how their hockey teams are stacking up with Acton."

From Toronto: "I understand you have generously offered to send THE FREE PRESS to any of the men from Acton or vicinity who are with the C.A.S.F. I think that is a very thoughtful and helpful thing to do and I wish other editors through the country could be induced to do the same thing."

If there are any boys from Acton in the district, in Canada or overseas, who are not receiving the home news each week, just send us the name and address and THE FREE PRESS will be sent each week until they come back home. Our address is complete and correct, and any change is sent to us promptly. Failure to do this creates an inconvenience for the postal authorities and the office here when copies are returned for an address.

CROKINOLE AND CHINESE CHECKERS AT BANNOCKBURN MEETING

On Thursday evening, February 15th, the Bannockburn Literary Society held an enjoyable evening of crokinole and Chinese checkers. The prizes for crokinole were won by Mrs. Frances Wiles and Wm. MacDonald, and for Chinese checkers, Alma Finlay. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

PLAY-OFFS NEXT WEEK

We have just received word that play-offs in the Intermediate B Series will start next week. With present arrangements, Acton will in all probability play in Paris on Monday night, and Paris will play in Acton next Wednesday. Acton takes first place, owing to having scored the most goals in the season.

MEETING OF THE UNITED CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The United Church Young People's Union met in their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, under the direction of the Christian Fellowship Department, with Mr. Mansell Neils in charge.

The meeting opened with a song led by Rev. G. C. Gifford. The scripture was taken by Miss Erma Wilderspin.

Miss Dorothy Kitching favored with a piano solo. Misses Nettie Evans and Ethel Franklin sang a duet. Mr. Howard Switzer led in prayer.

The topic of the evening was taken by Mrs. James Adamson. The subject was "Humility."

At the close of the meeting games were enjoyed.

Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club and Miss Mary Kirstine Feature Event - Colorful Decorations Add to Big Event - "Sonja Heinze" Flits About - Races and Costumes for All - Y.M.C.A. Girls Present Good Number.

The Carnival last night in Acton Arena fulfilled and even surpassed all advance notices of the event. It was the biggest and best event of its kind held in Acton, and between 1,100 and 1,200 attending went home well pleased with the three-hour program. The Acton Legion, the Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapters of the I.O.D.E., spared no effort to make it a success. The Arena was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue. Big streamers hung from the steel girders, the boards around the enclosure had red, white and blue decorations; flower pot designs and pennants around the entire arena. The lighting was colored in the same effect and in the centre of the ice the three flags of the societies were grouped. It gave a real fairytale effect.

The fancy and figure skating was the big feature. This was presented by the Kitchener-Waterloo Skating Club and Miss Mary Kirstine, of St. Marys. It was splendidly given, with all the artists in colorful costume. The numbers presented were: Ten-step, by twenty skaters in pink and blue costumes; Mr. George Hoffman, stunts skater; solo numbers by Miss Grace Gough, Mr. W. Distelmeyer, Miss Marie Schurr, Mr. Hugh Watt, and Miss Isabelle Henderson.

Pair numbers were given by Misses Anderson and Schurr, Mrs. Smuck and Miss Tiny Tait; Mr. Hugh Watts and Miss Marguerite Bauer, and Mr. Wallace Distelmeyer and Miss Floraine Ducharme.

The last two numbers were of exceptional merit and drew vociferous applause from the audience.

Misses Henderson, Schurr and Gough presented a trio number of merit. Another featured artist was Miss Mary Kirstine of St. Marys, a member of the Stratford Skating Club. She is a junior skater and her solo numbers were splendid and pleased everyone.

The clown act of Mr. George Hoffman was hearty applause. And then "Sonja Heinze" was announced, and fitted out to the ice. Graceful, grown to six foot and a bit more, attired in gleaming white and gold, the number was one to which the crowd warmed. Sometimes the finish wasn't perfect and remediated, but Gordon Cook's number went over well.

The thanks of the crowd to the Kitchener-Waterloo Club and to Miss Mary Kirstine was seconded by hearty applause when Mr. J. M. McDonald, master of ceremonies, drew it to their attention. Dr. Brown, on their behalf, expressed the real pleasure it had given them to participate and hoped all had enjoyed the presentation. The final number by the Club, was a beautifully presented Waltz number.

A feature of special local interest, and one that was well presented was the skating drill by the Junior Girls of Acton Y.M.C.A., under the direction of Miss Helen Ostrander. In their Y.M.C.A. costumes, with twenty-four of them in the group, they went, through a number of difficult and pretty formations that made a splendid number and drew the applause of the crowd.

Costumes were plentiful and varied and when they were on the ice the score was indeed colorful. Following were the prize winners.

Fancy Dress, 10 years and under—Betty Masters.

Comic, 10 years and under—Kenneth Adamson.

Humorous or Cartoon, 10 and under—Elaine Arbie.

Fancy Dress, 16 years and under—Rens Braida and Armand Braida.

Comic, 16 and under—Bill Clayton.

National Costume, 16 and under—Marjory Nelson and Kenneth Hassard.

Fancy Dress, adults—Mrs. Vanhna, Mr. Chas. Kirkness.

Comic, adults—Mrs. Frank Gibbons; Mr. Emerson Patrick.

Advertisement, adults—Mr. Charles Landaborough.

Best Costume Couple—Mr. Charles Kirkness, Miss Dorothy Kitching.

Oldest Couple in Costume—Mr. and Mrs. James Adamson.

KNITTING, SEWING AT MEETING OF LAKESIDE I.O.D.E.

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held its enjoyable social meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Helwig, on Tuesday evening. Knitting and sewing for the Red Cross was carried on and some Chapter business items were discussed. Group Tea was hostesses for this meeting, serving a delightful lunch, which concluded the evening.

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