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Acton in Group Finals Eliminate Paris Last Night

Won in Paris on Monday by 3-1, But Lost Last Night in Thriller by 1-0 — Will Meet Either Waterloo or Elora for Group Championship — Games Will Be Played Next Week — Probably Monday and Wednesday.

QUELPH 10 — ACTON 6
Acton Tanners lost their home game, too, in the exhibition series with the Quelph Junior A team. The game here was 10-6 for the visitors. Kentner led off the scoring for Acton in the first period, but Quelph got the next two. Quelph got three more in the first twenty minutes, to make it 5-2 for them.

In the second period Quelph scored two while the Tanners collected three. In the third period Quelph got three more to Acton's lone counter. Play was fast and clean.

Johnny Jones, of Quelph, referred the game.

ACTON 3 — PARIS 1

With a first place win in the schedule games, Acton Tanners met Paris, the third place winners, in a home and home series, in the first of the group play-offs. The first game in Paris on Monday night was won by the Tanners, 3-1, and on the night's play the Acton boys were the best over the team that has been meeting them every so often.

Paris has always had some teams that since the first year Acton was in O.H.A. have given Acton a tussle and you'll note the score on Monday was no run-away. The Blackhawks check too close for any big scores. It was one of those kind of games that doesn't give much of a story but isn't decided until the final bell.

Both sides did some scramble hockey for the first five minutes, and shot plenty of long ones on goal. It was 7:51 when Farmer scored for Paris, on an assist by Wilson and Easto. Acton did not seem to get untangled and Paris passes clicked pretty well. Paris made an error, however, when they eased off after scoring that lone counter, and Tanners carried the play. Fair got right in and Woods and England made some nice stops. The period ended 1-0 for Paris, and we think the Blackhawks had the best of the play.

Lindsay put the Tanners even at 4-56 of the second period. Mooney, playing defence, drew a penalty, and Paris tried the pressure. Lindsay scored again at 10:04, and Acton sure put on steam. Norm Morton and Bayliss were both close, and finally, at 12:27, the combination did click, with Bayliss getting the goal and Norm Morton the assist. Kempthorne drew a penalty, but Acton failed to use the man advantage. The Tanners were just as good as the score indicated in this period, 3-1, and every score was an earned goal.

Norm Morton missed a glorious chance in the third period when he hit the goal post and had a sure shot, with England out of his net. Paris was the tangled team in this period, but made some nice breaks, too. Woods spoiled some nice efforts by Wilson and Granton. Fair got through an drew a penalty.

Hayward and Fair made some nice plays. England came up to the blue line to stop an Acton break, and was away in the corner on another scramble. Paris was pretty well done when the period ended.

The 3-1 win gave the Tanners a two-goal advantage for the game at home on Wednesday.

The line-up was:
Acton—Woods, goal; Bayliss and Molozine, defence; Norm Morton, centre; Piper, right wing; Lindsay, left wing; Bus Morton, Terry, Brush, Marzo, Mooney and Goy, alternates.

Paris—W. England, goal; Granton and England, defence; Kempthorne, centre; Midgley, right wing; Hayward, left wing; Wilson, Easto, Fair, Pinkett, McCutcheon and Farmer, alternates.

Reference—Ivanoff, Brantford.

The "Beer Barrel Polka" and other melodies were played after the first period in Paris. After the second period there was no music.

The Paris dressing room has the reputation of being the coldest of any rink in which Acton plays.

The freeze-out didn't work on Monday night, however.

Paris fans were there in good numbers. Hoping, we suppose, for a similar outcome of the game as the last one Acton played there.

Perhaps the biggest upset of the night was the 4-2 trimming Elora gave Preston and put them in the play-offs with Waterloo.

PARIS 1 — ACTON 0
Acton Tanners were fortunate in the (Continued on Page Five)

W. R. REEK TO ADDRESS HALTON SEED FAIR

Plans are now rapidly nearing completion for the annual Halton Seed Fair, which this year is to be held in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on March 8th and 9th. We understand from President W. E. Brockton, that a very attractive prize list has been issued. As in former years, only those with seed for sale are eligible to make entry and furthermore, the exhibits must be typical of that offered for sale. This very practical Seed Show thus serves as an excellent medium to bring together those who have seed for sale and others who will be in the market for seed grain, clovers, timothy and potatoes.

With the likelihood that Canadian farmers will be called on for increased production to meet the needs of the Empire under war-time conditions, Hon. P. M. DeVan, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, is requesting every producer to

the only effective food supply. The best varieties along with the best cultural practices to meet this demand. Mr. DeVan also stresses the advisability of using land now under cultivation rather than depend upon new or marginal areas.

There can be no question about the soundness and wisdom of this request and, therefore, the directorate of the Halton Crop Improvement Association, with which is affiliated the Halton, Acton and Esquesing Agricultural Societies, Halton Holstein Breeders, Halton Plowmen and Junior Farmer Associations are leaving no stone unturned to ensure their annual commercial show being of the greatest service to Halton farmers.

W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, is to be the special speaker on the afternoon of the second day. Educational exhibits pertaining to field crops, soil fertility and forestry will be on display. The program also includes the annual judging competitions in grain, seeds, potatoes, fruit and cream grading which will be open to Halton Junior Farmers.

HALTON FARMERS PLAN CONFERENCE ON FARM MANAGEMENT

Farm Management has long been recognized by most leading "dirt farmers" as the factor which largely determines success or failure in the operation of a farm business. With this in mind, Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitelock is arranging for a two-day forum on the subject, to be held in Milton on March 14th and 15th. H. R. Hare, former Agricultural Representative for Halton, and later in charge of the Cost of Production Survey in the Milk Production, will be the chief speaker. Mr. Hare will be assisted by G. C. Retzoff, of the Economics Division, Ottawa, and F. M. Garsline, of the Ontario Agricultural College. We understand from Mr. Whitelock that many Halton farm operators have already expressed their intention of availing themselves of this timely conference.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION UNITED CHURCH MET AT MRS. T. WATSON'S

The Woman's Association of the United Church held a tea at the home of Mrs. T. Watson, on Tuesday. All the ladies were busy on Red Cross sewing.

A short program was presented, including readings by Miss M. Nelson and Miss E. Hawthorne. The winner of the contest, "Ship Voyage with Soap," was Mrs. B. Mowat. Mrs. Caldwell led in a sing-song, each couple singing their own number.

Miss E. Hawthorne and Mrs. R. L. Johnston were appointed to take charge of church Red Cross work, and request all ladies to take work.

A lunch was served by Group No. Two Leaders, Mrs. H. Denny and Mrs. L. W. Agar, and their other members. A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Watson for her hospitality and use of her home, who always has an open door for church activities.

MISSIONARY NIGHT ON TUESDAY AT UNITED YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The United Church young folk met on Tuesday evening in their regular weekly meeting.

This meeting was conducted by Mrs. John Pell, and was the monthly missionary night. Miss Kay Wedge read the scripture.

Miss Audrey MacArthur sang a solo, "Smilin' Through." Mr. John Pell played several instrumental numbers, combining the Spanish guitar and mouth organ pleasingly.

The topic of the evening took the form of an illustrated lecture on "Pioneering in Northern Ontario," and was given by Rev. G. C. Gifford.

Fire Insurance Rates Reduced in Acton Now

Word has been received this week that the Canadian Underwriters' Association have promulgated a 10% reduction in fire insurance rates in Acton. This reduction became effective on Monday. It applies to all properties in Acton within the protection of the fire department, except sprinkler risks, saw mills, grandstands, and grain elevators. Risks outside the municipality will be subject to a 5% reduction.

These reductions follow the consistently good experience that the companies have enjoyed in the Province of Ontario for the past five years, and while they are not as large as might have been expected, the reduction is a move in the right direction. Particulars of the rate reduction and exemptions may be secured from any of the local agents.

MEETING OF KNOX LADIES' AID ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Knox Church Ladies' Aid held their regular meeting in the Church on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was opened

President, Mrs. Blow and the singing of a hymn. It was decided to hold a hot supper shortly. After the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Gamble gave a reading entitled "I love the Ladies' Aid."

TWO MEETINGS OF THE BLOOMSBURY LITERARY SOCIETY

The regular meeting of Bloomsbury Literary Society was held on February 23rd. The meeting was opened by stringing "The Maple Leaf" followed by the business of the society.

The program followed, Reg. Wilson being chairman. Recitation, Mrs. G. Watson; speech on Lord Tweedsmuir's life, by Ross Patterson; piano solo, Mrs. Lasby; violin solo, Mansell Nellis; mouth organ solo, Reinhardt Stokes; reading, Mildred Wilson reading, Drew Fulton; quartette by Messrs. Reg and Clarence Wilson, A. Near and C. J. vanGoozen. The National Anthem closed the meeting. Enchire followed, the prizes being won by Mrs. N. McLaughlin and Mr. R. Patterson.

Lunch was served and a social half hour spent.

On Monday, February 26th, the Dublin Literary Society was entertained by Bloomsbury Society. The program provided by the visitors was as follows, Mr. G. Somerville being chairman: Selection by the orchestra, consisting of Annie Black, Stewart Elliot, Jack Black and John Black; a duet by Mrs. E. Sproul and Miss Annie Black; guitar solo by Ann Grant; piano solo by Margaret Somerville; a "True or False" Contest was conducted by Mr. Steele, the Bloomsbury side being the winners. A reading was given by Mrs. Grant. By request, Bloomsbury put on their short play to entertain their visitors.

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

FORCE BOWLERS DIVIDE HONORS ON TUESDAYS PLAY

The Force Bowling Team won and lost last Tuesday night in the Guelph Commercial Bowling League, defeating Abersfoyle 7-0 in the first half of a double finale. In the second half they lost to Wishing Well, 5-2, as the soft drink bowlers set a League record for a single game with a score of 1332.

The nine points picked up by the Force team moved the team up from fifth place to a tie for third. With only one week remaining in the third series, the best the Force team can now do is finish in second place.

The high scores for the Force Team were as follows:
High three games: W. Corry, 795; J. Adamson, 699.
High single game: W. Corry, 306; J. Adamson, 273.

J. E. WHITELOCK VISITS THE ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

The Acton Juniors held their regular meeting in Lorne School on Thursday evening last. With the President in the chair, the meeting opened with the singing of "The Maple Leaf."

After the usual business discussion, Mr. John Pell was called upon to take the chair for the program. Mr. Pell gave mouth organ and guitar selections and Margaret and Donald McPhail rendered piano duets.

Then Mr. J. E. Whitelock was called upon and gave the meeting a very splendid address on thoughts of agricultural interest. The chairman thanked Mr. Whitelock for his splendid talk and expressed the hope that he might soon be in Acton again. Mrs. Pell gave two humorous readings and the meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

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

ON R.C.A.F. STAFF



Squadron Leader W. K. Clements has just been appointed to the staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force Overseas Headquarters in London. Squadron Leader Clements has been serving with the R.C.A.F. in France for five months. He is the first Royal Canadian Air Force officer to see service in the field during the present war, and will bring to his new duties first-hand knowledge of his experiences in France.

Rural League Now in the Group Play-Offs

Last Friday night saw the finish of the schedule in the Acton Rural Hockey League. The results of the play game Hornby, Norval, Lorne Scots and Georgetown places in the play-offs.

Hornby defeated Rockwood, 5-2, in the opener, and as a result of the large score brought their goal average ahead of Lorne Scots, thus assuring themselves of a play-off standing.

This left Lorne Scots on the spot, as Norval and Milton Bruins met. Norval trounced the Bruins, 7-3, eliminated the team from Milton Heights. The Bruins needed a win to put the Lorne Scots out but the league leaders proved too strong for them.

The concluding game was a hard-contested affair, with Huttonville and Rockwood battling to a 1-1 tie.

The first of the play-offs on Monday night were real close battles. Hornby won from Norval Monarchs, by a 3-2 decision. In spite of overtime the Lorne Scots and Georgetown Pirates finished in a 2-all deadlock.

To-night will see more games in the group play-offs on the route for a decision for possession of the Ramsey Cup.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mr. Mrs. Thompson

Friends Mark Event by Presentations — Have Spent Entire Lifetime in This District

Last Wednesday was the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson and friends, who have known and esteemed this couple, did not let the occasion pass without showing them that they valued the gold of their friendship.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have spent their entire life in this district, never having lived on any farm over two and a half miles from Acton.

On Tuesday evening their friends gathered at the Willow Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and surprised them with the arrangements that had been made. One behalf of the gathering a floor lamp, flowers, wedding cake and basket of spring flowers were presented. The presentations were made by Mrs. A. B. McLean, Mrs. George Murray, Miss Hannah Wallace and Miss Annie Stalker.

The following address, written by Miss Isabel Anderson, and read by Miss Martha Orr, expresses the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are held:

To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson:
What a treasure of experience
Lies in fifty glorious years;
And how favored they who walk them,
Hand in hand, through smiles and tears—

All the way from love's young dreaming
To this milestone fine and tall,
To this land of golden windows,
Cherished Mecca of us all!

As again night's softening shadow
Falls upon your wedding eve,
We who harbor fondest memories
As that your gift receive,
We have met and learned to love you,
As we journeyed on life's road;
And we come with glad rejoicing,
Freed from many a weary load,
All life's way is filled with riches,
Waiting for a quiet soul
With the courage of conviction
And a vision of life's goal:
Waiting for some one to fill them,
Where the word may never know
Waiting for a Mrs. Thompson,
Mercy's angel here below.

Why should not the lovelight linger
In your eyes, serene and mild,
When your hands have soothed the aching
In the deep heart of a child?
Why should not your voice be gentle,
Which has shed salvation's light
Unto many a tortured trembler,
In death's cold and silent night?
Friend or stranger never wander
From your door with empty hands;
All are cheered by deeds of kindness
From a heart that understands,
They in spirit gather with us,
Though they may have naught to trade
For your gifts of sweet compassion,
"Coats and garments she hath made."

Surplus time you have invented
Surplus strength you have attained
To relieve the heavy-laden,
To refresh the travel-stained;
Time to lift your voice and being
To the One Whom you adore,
Though it be in public worship,
Or behind a fast-closed door.

Hand and voice and heart of loving,
Heard and home and worthy store,
All you've offered on life's altar—
"What could woman offer more?
So your grace is undiminished,
And your charm is but enhanced,
For you've plucked a "gleam of beauty
Out of every circumstance,
And your helpmate, by approving,
Of your sweet philanthropy.

Auditor's Report Received by Council Tuesday Night

PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENTERTAIN ST. ALBAN'S SOCIETY

St. Alban's Young People's repaid their visit to the Presbyterian Young People's Guild on Monday night. Mr. Eddy Footitt, President of the visiting body, took the platform and conducted the meeting.

The scripture was read by Irene Fryer, and Rev. Mr. Brooks led in prayer. A very amusing skit was presented by Gordon Gibbins and Bruce Pargeter. Miss Esther Taylor gave a reading on "The Selfish Giant." A piano duet was rendered by Miss D. McPhail and Herman Frueller, followed by an encore.

Another interesting skit was presented by Miss I. Fryer, Eddy Footitt and Herman Frueller, on how the song "Mademoiselle from Armentiers" was originated. A very amusing contest was conducted by Bruce Pargeter and Gordon Gibbins. Mrs. Ware gave a reading on "The Life of Lord Tweedsmuir," and George Holloway presented "The Monkeys' Game."

Miss Yvonne Brunelle favored with two solos, which were enjoyed by the whole audience. Rev. Mr. Brooks read several amusing poems, were also very enjoyed.

After the meeting a bountiful lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.

MRS. PALLANT ENTERTAINS AT FAREWELL TO MRS. YANTHA

On Tuesday evening a very delightful party was held at the home of Mrs. Max Pallant. The occasion was a farewell party and presentation for Mrs. Dan Yantha (nee Dorothy Dunn), who is leaving for her new home in Cobalt. Games were played and contests enjoyed.

At the proper time Mrs. Pallant read the address and Mrs. Thompson gave their entire life in this district, never having lived on any farm over two and a half miles from Acton.

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All the way from love's young dreaming
To this milestone fine and tall,
To this land of golden windows,
Cherished Mecca of us all!

As again night's softening shadow
Falls upon your wedding eve,
We who harbor fondest memories
As that your gift receive,
We have met and learned to love you,
As we journeyed on life's road;
And we come with glad rejoicing,
Freed from many a weary load,
All life's way is filled with riches,
Waiting for a quiet soul
With the courage of conviction
And a vision of life's goal:
Waiting for some one to fill them,
Where the word may never know
Waiting for a Mrs. Thompson,
Mercy's angel here below.

Why should not the lovelight linger
In your eyes, serene and mild,
When your hands have soothed the aching
In the deep heart of a child?
Why should not your voice be gentle,
Which has shed salvation's light
Unto many a tortured trembler,
In death's cold and silent night?
Friend or stranger never wander
From your door with empty hands;
All are cheered by deeds of kindness
From a heart that understands,
They in spirit gather with us,
Though they may have naught to trade
For your gifts of sweet compassion,
"Coats and garments she hath made."

Surplus time you have invented
Surplus strength you have attained
To relieve the heavy-laden,
To refresh the travel-stained;
Time to lift your voice and being
To the One Whom you adore,
Though it be in public worship,
Or behind a fast-closed door.

Hand and voice and heart of loving,
Heard and home and worthy store,
All you've offered on life's altar—
"What could woman offer more?
So your grace is undiminished,
And your charm is but enhanced,
For you've plucked a "gleam of beauty
Out of every circumstance,
And your helpmate, by approving,
Of your sweet philanthropy.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts and Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 50c.

Keep in mind the Salvation Army "Red Shield Hat" Drive, early in March. Your support will be appreciated.

Scout Mothers' Auxiliary Euchre, on Friday evening, March 1st, in the Council Chambers, Town Hall. Prizes and lunch. Admission 25c.

You are cordially invited to a Special Meeting of the Ratepayers, to be held in Lorne School on Tuesday, March 5th, 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing and organizing "The Old Boys' Re-union of Lorne School." R. L. Davidson, Fred Denny, John Allan, Trustees.

The Citizens of Acton are in for a treat on Thursday, March 14th, when the Rev. Dr. E. Crossley-Hunter, minister of First United Church, in Hamilton, gives his illustrated address on "The Passion Play of Ober-ammergau."

Church here. Dr. Hunter visited Ober-ammergau; in person and is acquainted with some of the actors in the Passion play. Reserve the date and be there!

Grant to the Band of \$150 is Made and Reeve Chalmers Appointed Council's Representative on the Band Committee — 50 New Chairs to be Purchased for the Town Hall.

Councillors J. H. Creighton, W. J. O. Oakes and F. J. Davidson were present and Reeve J. B. Chalmers presided when Acton Council met, on Tuesday evening.

A deputation from Acton Citizens' Band appeared before Council and Mr. F. MacDonald was spokesman. The activities and finances of the Band were given to the Council. They started off the year with a deficit, which was largely accounted for by the lower grant from the municipality. An appeal was made to the Council to make the annual grant as liberal as possible. They asked for close co-operation between Council and Band. The books were audited each year and they asked Council to examine the books at any time. A statement of the

Council assured the deputation that consideration would be given.

Mr. George Simpson, on behalf of the Acton Concert Orchestra, requested use of a room in the Town Hall for a weekly practice. Mr. Chas. Mason, leader of the Orchestra, also addressed the Council. Consideration was promised.

Messrs. Gray and Conlin, municipal auditors, were present to give the Auditors' Report and explain the report to Council.

The report was gone over in detail by the auditors and all questions answered by the auditors. Some new recommendations were made.

The account of the auditors was presented, the total amount was \$328.07, including postage, etc. The balance due was now \$297.67. It was estimated that the fee for 1940 would be the same as last year, namely \$325.

A motion was passed, engaging Gray, Teskey & Hill as auditors for 1940 at the above salary.

Another motion was passed, receiving the Auditors' Report for 1939 and ordering the usual number of copies to be printed. The Council expressed pleasure in receiving such a fine and complete audit and the work of the auditors.

The Finance Committee, in their seventh report, recommended that the following accounts be paid:

Wm. Cooper, policeman's uniform and cap \$ 44.75
W. Fryer, wood for Arena 4.00
Canadian Legion, care of Soldiers' Plot 10.00
L. W. Agar, fuel for Arena 17.15
Postmaster, stamps for tax bills 10.00
Miss Young, assisting with tax bills 12.00
H. Fryer, time at Arena 30.00
R. J. Wallace, hauling and cutting wood 1.00
Bell Telephone Co., services 63
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising 19.17
Gray, Teskey and Hill, auditors' fees 273.67
Wages for snow shovelling and sanding 10.01
E. Harrop, postage76
\$439.14

A letter from the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.O.F., expressed their thanks for the use of the Town Hall for the dance.

Another letter of appreciation was received from the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, for the co-operation of the Council.

A letter from the Salvation Army acknowledged receipt of grant and expressed pleasure at this help.

Other letters were from the Toronto Police Department, with notice of the Police Training School; and the Department of Municipal Affairs, regarding the Provincial subsidy of one mill.

A motion was passed, authorizing the Treasurer pay a grant of \$150.00 to Acton Citizens' Band, \$75.00 of this amount to be paid now and the balance in July, when a financial statement is to be presented to the Council as requested by the Band. Reeve Chalmers was appointed as a representative of the Council on the Band Executive.

Council decided to leave over until the next meeting, the matter of granting use of the room at the Town Hall to the Acton Concert Orchestra.

Councillor Oakes and Chief Harrop were appointed to bring in a recommendation regarding traffic signs.

Council discussed the purchase of some chairs for the Town Hall and Councillors Davidson, Oakes and Reeve Chalmers were appointed a committee to make this purchase. It was decided to buy at least 50 chairs this year.

CARELESS FELLOW

"Do you think our boy will leave footprints on the sands of time?"
"He'd leave 'em anywhere. Just look out in the hall."