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Oakville Takes Opening Game 11-2 on Saturday

Triple A's Nine Depleted by Absentees—More Practice Will Make a Better Showing

The Halton County Baseball League opened its doors on Friday, May 24th, when Oakville played host to the locals and trounced them by an 11-2 score. A hard hitting club with a clammy hurler, the Oakvillians went strong throughout the game despite all efforts of the triple A's to dialogue them.

A brief opening ceremony featured the first few minutes in which Mayor Campbell of Oakville stood up to the plate with Dr. Deans as pitcher and Warden Hilmer as catcher. We might mention that he hit the ball on his third try.

The locals came to bat first and were put out 1-2-3 by the alert boys from the lakeshore. On Oakville's try they gained three hits and two walks to come out at the end of the first inning 3 runs up on the Actonians. Catastrophe seemed to threaten Acton as Bruah's finger was badly ripped on a foul tip in this inning but Goy retained him as catcher and Churchill occupied Goy's previous place on first base.

Acton remained hitless in the second and third innings while Oakville piled up two runs on three hits to lead 5-0 at the end of the third frame. Waterhouse finally "broke the ice" as he batted a single for Acton's first hit with Lindsay following in the same way but neither player reached home plate. In the second half of the fourth Oakville again reached the scoring column with 3 hits and 3 runs, one being a beautiful home run by Markey who dampened the locals' hopes every trip to the plate.

Neither team hit or scored in the fifth and sixth innings and again hope soared high for the locals to tie the contest after a better exhibition in these innings. But after a hitless and scoreless first half of the seventh Oakville picked up three runs on two hits the latter half, to fling any such hopes to the wind. Oakville led 11-0 at the end of the seventh inning and the score remained unchanged until the ninth.

At this point the locals seemed to shake off the gremlin who had crippled their hopes and Morton and Waterhouse scored when an overthrow at third base gave them an opportunity. Further "breaks" failed to show, however and the game ended in the lakeshore boys' favor 11-2.

Batteries for Oakville—Pollock and Markey.
Batteries for Acton—Snyder and Bruah (Goy).
Umpire—Politto of Toronto.
Base Umpire—M. Tyler of Acton.

Summary
Acton 000 000 002—2 3 5
Oakville 120 300 300—11 2 2

Lack of batting practice seemed to be the main cause of the locals' defeat with errors coming a close second.

Maybe the results of more practice will show against Milton on Saturday.

We certainly hope there are no more weddings concerning players on future game dates.

The outfield worked hard and all three made some nice catches.

See you Saturday.

FIREBOX LETTER LATE

REGINA (CP) — A letter marked "found in fire alarm box" was received by Mrs. Katie Erina of Hamilton—just 6 months late. City firemen found the letter in a small space just under the top of the box during an inspection.

WELCOME TO NEW HOMES

Mrs. Norman Price came to her new home in Acton on Sunday night and was welcomed here. She was a passenger from England aboard the Lady Rodney which docked on Friday. Before marriage last August, Mrs. Price was Miss Jessie Mitchell of Bristol, England.

Mrs. Mary E. Kenny with two-year-old Katharine was welcomed to the new home in Acton by Pte. P. A. Kenney to-day. They were passengers on overseas on the Queen Mary. Friends and relatives welcome these wives to the new homes here.

Baseball Season Opens in Acton Saturday Afternoon

Milton will be the contesting team when the curtain goes up to open the baseball season in Acton Park on Saturday. Every baseball fan knows that the county town team will be in there to win and have always fielded a nine that gave plenty of opposition.

Saturday will see the usual opening ceremonies. The first ball will be thrown by a prominent municipal official and we understand the Boys' Band is to be on hand for the opening ceremonies. We also hear there will be a loudspeaker system for the opening ceremonies.

The Acton Park never looked better. The grass is cut and a beautiful early summer green. The ball diamond has had a lot of work put on it and there is none finer in any park. With fine weather one couldn't think of anything better on Saturday than to go to the ball game.

LIEUT. COL. LAMBERT SPEAKER SUNDAY AT LEGION SERVICE

The church parade of Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion will be held on Sunday afternoon at Knox Church, Acton with service at 2:45 p.m. The speaker will be Lieut. Col. Sydney Lambert, O.B.E. This will be Lieut. Col. Lambert's first visit to Acton. He has just recently been released from hospital.

The parade which precedes the service will form at the Legion Hall moving off at 2:30. All municipal officials, members of patriotic societies, Boy Scouts, Cadets and servicemen are urged to take part. It will be led by the Lorne Scots Band and Mr. J. M. McDonald will be the marshal. The saluting base will be at the Y.M.C.A. Mill Street.

PRETTY ACTON WEDDING ON VICTORIA DAY

A very pretty home wedding took place at four o'clock on May 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Grant MacDonald when their only daughter, Hazel Ruth, was united in marriage to John Raymond Holmes, son of Mr. Frank Holmes, Acton, Rev. A. W. Fosbury, B.A., B.D., officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a charming floor length gown of white brocaded taffeta and carried a cascade of Johanna Hill roses. Her full length veil was held with a coronet of pearls and it was worn by the bride's mother at her wedding 37 years ago. Mrs. Alan G. MacDonald, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and was gowned in heaven blue taffeta with matching headress. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink sweet peas and carnations. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Wm. Holmes.

Junior Farmers Plowing Match Fine Success

Notwithstanding unfavorable weather conditions, Halton Junior Farmers' first effort in starting a Plowing Match was an outstanding success.

25 young men, 23 of whom were under 20 years of age, made entry. The event was held on the farm of J. A. M. Taylor, near Hornby.

The tractor classes were most popular with 19 tractors in action. Clark Young, noted veteran plowman and Judge of Milkens, was the official judge and coach. Milton Juniors won the W. J. Robertson Special with 12 of their members in action. The awards were as follows:

Walking plow (boys under 20 yrs), 6 entries—Jack Ferguson, Rockwood; Clark Armstrong, Acton; Gordon Ferguson, Rockwood; Chas. Lertche, Milton.
Tractor plow (boys 20 to 25 years), 3 entries—Don Ismond, Georgetown; Smith Griffen, Acton; Cameron Wilson, Milton.
Tractor plows (boys under 20 years), 16 entries—Wm. Brain, Norval; John Pickett Jr., Hornby; Keith Merry, Hornby; Jack Simpson, Hornby; Wm. Lawson, Milton; Chas. Hunter, Georgetown; Wm. Tully, Hornby; Ron Featherstone, Milton.

Northern Municipalities to Consider School Area

Meeting in Milton Last Week Hears Report of Committee and Information Regarding Present and Enlarged Cost Providing Better Educational Opportunities for Children of Urban and Rural Centres

Mayors, Reeves, Councillors, members of School Boards and municipal officials from Acton, Milton and Georgetown, Nasagawaya and Esqueping assembled at the Court House in Milton on Wednesday evening to receive information on the forming of school areas in Halton and particularly in the northern part of Halton County.

Mrs. W. Shipley, J. M. McDonald, M. M. Robinson and Inspector L. I. Skuce of the Consultative Committee appointed by the County Council and Inspector Wm. Stewart of the Department of Education on secondary schools were present to supply all the information possible on the project and answer any questions. After a session that lasted well over three hours it was decided to have the information of the committee forwarded to the Councils and School Boards. In view of the radical changes this new plan would entail, the representatives felt serious consideration should be given the proposal and there was nothing to be gained by a hasty decision. A resolution was passed thanking the members of the Committee and Inspectors for their fine explanation and the fund of information supplied. Reeve Chas. Larkness of Acton presided at the meeting.

The report of the Consultative Committee was read by Inspector L. I. Skuce and Mr. M. M. Robinson of Burlington gave a fund of information in an address which showed the trend and need for larger school areas in Ontario so that more scope of subjects could be given pupils and the rural students have equal educational opportunities with those residing in the cities and larger centres.

Most of the facts obtained by the Consultative Committee have been presented to our readers in reports of County Council and special articles. The Committee has agreed to furnish further information and we will be glad to present it to our readers.

Perhaps there are some points to clarify and they might be tabulated.

- (1) The forming of a school area is not compulsory in any section, but must be on mutual agreement. County Council must receive the petition before the June meeting in any year, to ensure action and become effective on January 1st the following year.

- (2) The location of the school to serve the district will be decided by the Board which will be appointed by the municipalities involved. It need not be Speyside. The report of the Committee is only suggestive.

- (3) A Northern district which includes Milton, Acton, Georgetown, all of Nasagawaya, Esqueping and parts of Nelson and Trafalgar would give sufficient pupils and assessments to provide a school of high standard and give the desired new courses.

- (4) The Board to supervise this suggested Northern Halton Area would have five members, one each appointed by the Municipal Councils of Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Nasagawaya and Esqueping; three members appointed by the School Boards of Milton, Acton and Georgetown; one or two members appointed by County Council; a total of eight or nine members.

- (5) Oakville and Burlington have already decided to form school areas. Two schools will serve Oakville and Burlington, one located in each town. They will also serve the lower parts of Trafalgar and Nelson Township. These areas provide about 400 pupils for each school.

- (6) The proposed area affects only High and Continuation Schools.

- (7) If a decision was made to form a Northern Halton Area, the joint board appointed would administer the three schools already established in Milton, Acton and Georgetown until a site was decided upon and a new building constructed for the area.

The Committee gave a very full report of present school costs, the division of grants and costs to each municipality and estimates of the expenditure in the proposed arrangements. They will require careful study before a fair decision can be reached.

A further meeting will be arranged by the County Council when the question has been given study and the municipalities concerned express a desire for further consideration of the matter.

The number of motor vehicles registered in Canada in 1944 declined 1 per cent compared with the preceding year.

Softball Season Sees Win For Rachelin Team

In the Softball picture Benny's Bunkhouse Boys (Rachelin's) to your defeated Force's try, suffering from many casualties by the tune of 21-18 thus winning the opening clash in the triple A softball league.

Force's were hardly in the game until the last few innings when they started to slam softballs back at the lean Rachelin pitcher and came out only a few counters behind.

Umpire Lindsay and Masters handled the game and were called on several times to handle disputes, which were amicably settled. However, fans went home satisfied and this year promises to bring out some good softball fixtures. Friday night Canadian Wool versus Baster's and both teams have some good talent so be sure to see them in action!

On Monday last Baster's played an exhibition game with the top-flight Smith & Stone team from Georgetown and handed them a 15-7 setback, which straightened out a few of Georgetown's mistaken ideas.

FARMERS' HOLIDAY JUNE 21st BIG GATHERING IN HALTON

Farmers have declared June 21st Farmer's Holiday. All other occupational groups have their special holiday, why not the farmers? Our farm folk have done a marvelous job throughout the six long years of war with little or no recreation. It is therefore unanimously agreed by all farm people to take one day off, June 21st, for complete relaxation and enjoy a day of sports and entertainment.

The County Directors of Halton Federation of Agriculture have now prepared a full afternoon and evening program for June 21st, to be held in the Fair Grounds, Milton. The several committees appointed to take charge of this event are doing everything possible to arrange a most enjoyable day for both young and old. It is proposed to have inter-township events for all rural school children. The softball fans throughout the County are warming up to the suggested inter-township softball tournament. As games progress each township is becoming more confident in their township picking a team that will carry off the Milton District Cooperative Silver Trophy. The Junior Farmers county teams are playing some real gaudy games. At the moment it looks like a toss up as to which team will carry home the Shield to be presented by Halton County Federation of Agriculture when they play off their finals at 7:30 o'clock.

So pack your lunch and come to the Fair Grounds, Milton, June 21st where you will be given a free ticket for the lucky draw for the Registered Bacon Sow.

OVERSEAS BRIDE MADE WELCOME AT CREWSON'S CORNERS

The Orange Hall at Crewson's Corners was again the scene of a happy event when friends and neighbors numbering 80 held a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Guthrie for Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Guthrie. It was also a welcome to Canada for Mrs. Guthrie who just recently arrived from Scotland to make her home at Crewson's Corners. Mr. J. Airdie acted as chairman for the evening and after calling the young couple to the front they were presented with a large number of gifts by James and Judith Meek. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie expressed their thanks. A sing song and dance followed by a bountiful lunch, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

A FEATURE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO INDUSTRIAL HEADS

A film showing of particular interest to plant foremen and heads of industry will be shown in the Legion Hall this evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The picture is entitled "The Third Freedom" and illustrates splendidly the rehabilitation and fitting into useful occupation that can be accomplished for veterans who have sustained casualties which incapacitated them for their usual vocations. The showing is under the auspices of Acton Branch of the Legion and all industrial foremen and executive will be welcomed.

The Public School Staff Now Complete For Next Term

Two Teachers Engaged at Special Meeting of Board Monday Evening

At a special meeting of the Acton School Board on Monday evening teachers for the public school staff were engaged and all vacancies are now filled for the next school term. Miss J. Shorjill of R. R. 1, Georgetown will teach in Grade III at a salary of \$1200 and Miss Elizabeth Bydon of Paisley for Grade VI at a salary of \$1250. Miss Dora Hansen, Acton has formerly been engaged for Grade IV at a salary of \$1200. This completes the staff of the Public School for next term.

The resignation of Miss Jean Barber from the staff of the Continuation School was received and the Secretary was instructed to advertise for applications for the vacancy. When this vacancy is filled the staff of the Continuation School will be complete with four teachers.

It was arranged that the June meeting would be held at the call of the chairman so that applications for the remaining vacancy could be considered at this one meeting.

Reservoir Repairs And Tower Painting Almost Completed

Reservoir Property All Cleared Again After Filter Bed Damage

At the meeting of Acton Public Utilities Commission held on Monday evening, Chairman C. M. Hansen and Commissioner J. R. McArthur were present.

A letter was read from Haster Laboratories requesting that that firm be notified at once if at any time an accident happens to affect the purity of the water supply or any repairs were undertaken as it affects the whole of their manufacturing process.

A screen is to be installed over the end of the overflow pipe at the spring. This will prevent anything from getting into the reservoir.

Supt. Wilson reported that the roof on the reservoir and the grounds around the pump house had been cleaned up since the filter bed overflowed. Grass seed has been sown around the enclosure and in time it is hoped that the grass will prevent the earth washing around the reservoir.

MISS MARIE CLAYTON WON PROFICIENCY AWARD IN CLASS

Miss Marie Clayton, Acton, was one of the prize winners in the graduating class of nurses in St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton last week, winning the award for general proficiency given by L. I. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E) and presented by Mrs. Playfair. Marie is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Acton and is spending a brief holiday at her home here prior to going to Detroit for a three month's course in the study of children's diseases.

The graduation exercises were held on Wednesday of last week and attending from Acton were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clayton, Mrs. E. M. Schroeder and Mrs. E. E. Harrop. We join with other friends in extending congratulations on the award.

THE HUBBELL-ANDREWS WEDDING IN ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH HERE

In St. Alban's Church on May 18th the wedding was solemnized of Mary Virginia Andrews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Andrews, Point Leamington, Newfoundland, and Charles Edward Hubbell, son of Samuel Hubbell and the late Mrs. Hubbell. Rev. E. A. Pulker officiated. The bride wore a slipper satin gown with full length veil. She carried a bouquet of cerise roses. Her only attendant, Mrs. M. Courtney, was gowned in blue silk jersey and carried pink roses. Milford Courtney was best man. Guests were received by Mrs. Morris Courtney. For travelling the bride chose a green wool suit with brown accessories. The couple will reside in Acton.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CLOTHING YOU CAN SPARE, GIVE IT

The local committee who found such a generous response to the first clothing collection, have been asked to make a second appeal during the month of June. If in your homes, you have any article of clothing that you can spare, that they can wear, please lay aside. The date of the collection will be announced later.

Four Youths Get Terms and Strap On Robbery Charge

Alfred Taylor, 18, Hamilton, was sentenced to three months in jail at hard labor and 15 strokes of the strap. Leonard Simson, 18, Hamilton Beach was sentenced to 2 months at hard labor and 10 strokes of the strap. Harold Smith, 18, Hamilton Beach, got one month in jail and 5 strokes of the strap. Betty Chapple, 18, Hamilton was placed on suspended sentence in the custody of her father for two years and to refund the money taken from George Cooper, 17, Hamilton, and to pay all court costs.

The four young people were convicted last week in Burlington by Magistrate K. M. Langdon of robbery with violence. They had enticed Cooper out of the barn dance hall at Nelson and robbed him of \$33. In passing the sentence Magistrate Langdon said that he had watched the trial of four youths in Toronto. "In that case you had a gun and you didn't. I could give you life for this crime."

Convicted of carrying two bottles of beer in his pocket on Main St., Milton, Gordon Titus was fined \$10 and costs or five days.

George Taylor, Oakville, waived a preliminary hearing and consented to a committal for trial in higher court when he appeared on the charge of gross larceny.

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Acton Boys' Band Garden Party, June 27th. Russ Creighton's entertainers in attendance. Further details published later.

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DUBLIN INSTITUTE ELECTS OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Dublin Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Anderson for their May meeting with Mrs. Barber in charge. The roll call was answered with payment of fees. Miss Edith Nellie presented the auditor's report showing a balance of \$25.24. Mrs. Near took the chair for the election of officers with the following officers elected:

Hon. President—Mrs. VanGonzen.
President—Mrs. Barber.
1st Vice-president—Mrs. Moffat.
2nd Vice-president—Mrs. Robertson.
Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Somerville.

Assistant Mrs. McLaughlin.
District Director—Mrs. Anderson.
Branch Directors—Mrs. Storey, Mrs. J. Britton, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Ferguson.

Auditors—Mrs. McIntyre, Miss Edith Nellie.
Scrap Book Editor—Miss Minnie Somerville.
Pianist—Mrs. Robertson.

A donation of \$5.00 was sent to Acton Fall Fair. It was decided to pack a box of food each month for some family overseas. The ideal monthly program was judged with Mrs. VanGonzen winning the prize. This program is to be presented at the District Annual.

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