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Intermediates Win First Round O.B.A. Playdowns

17-1 Win from Walkerton on Saturday Left No Doubt on the Right to Continue—Locals Did Some Heavy Slugging and Good Fielding While Visitors Turned In Their Worst Game of the Series and Faded after Second Innings

A combination of two ingredients stirred Acton's diamond nine to commit mayhem in the third, and deciding contest against Walkerton on Saturday last in ye olde ball park. Firstly, a heaping big teaspoonful of hurling by southpaw Don Ryder and next in line, a superfluous dose of agate hurling. The local won all out as the visiting team was bowled by the prodigious count of 17-1.

Although originally scheduled for Waterloo Park, the game was played in Acton and Walkerton may as well have stayed home. Sparked by a home run clouted by "Dude" Lindsay, the triple A club knocked out 19 hits, giving the base paths the appearance of a merry-go-round in every frame with the exception of the first when they failed to count the only inning in which they didn't.

Acton now advance into the second round of the Ontario playdowns in the search for the Ontario championship—which, if appearances don't deceive, they are casting an eye or two at. The beating two of the Walkerton sinners received from the triple A bats substantiates this.

Zuber, the pride, joy and hope of the visitors started on the slab for seven innings at least they kept him in that long. During the seventh, Potts, the second baseman filled in on the hurler's platform when the management realized the futility of permitting Zuber to remain the route. Potts' offerings were blasted as mercilessly as his predecessors. Only moundsman who was worthy of the word was Ryder and what a game our Donald pitched!

He was robbed of a shut out in the opening stanza when Walkerton scored their only run. Only five hits were grabbed off him, although it could have been seven, although it could have been a long drive in left field with a one arm grab which we term lucky and Bob Footitt made such a superb catch in centre the people just gasped. Moos blasted the spherical into short centre and Footitt, stationed rather deep, ran in and flung himself at the descending ball like an Alouette backfielder. After a couple of under loops, Robert emerged clutching the ball—accompanied of course by the applause of a packed park.

Footitt did himself proud in the batting department as well. He clouted a ball over the fence, only trouble was it bounced over and he was allowed only two bases on the hit. Ground rules or something. Every player of the triple A team had the batting "itch." The "Dude" smacked a four bagger in the third with his own special club with no ducks on the pond. Waterhouse bashed four singles—we could go on indefinitely but space doesn't permit.

In general we could describe it as a grand field day for the triple A boys. They were in charge of proceedings from the first to the last agate thrown. Walkerton never had a chance. It was a grand conditioning session and batting practice which should show results in the coming series.

Two umpires from the inter county loops added spice to the program with a heady display of officialdom. There weren't many arguments on their decisions which they imposed with efficiency rarely seen in any Halton park. The plate umpire in particular bellowed every pitch—quite a contrast to the run-of-the-mill official.

Box score:

Walkerton	100 000 000 1 5 7
Acton	052 212 230 17 19 3

Line-ups:

Acton: Moos 3b; Caruso c; Cassidy ss; Craig 2b; McDonald rf; Bradley cf; Potts 2b; Kivpe lf; Zuber 3b.

Walkerton: Morton 1b; Evans 2b; Lindsay c; Kontner lf; Masses; Footitt cf; J. Waterhouse rf; Ryder p.

Mason Knitting Co. Charter Night of New "20 Club"

A unique gathering was held last Thursday evening by Mason Knitting Co. when a "20 Club" held its charter night at the club house at Cutton Golf Fields in Guelph. This Company, which many of us will look on as one of the younger of Acton's industries is observing this year its twenty-fifth anniversary.

The "20 Club" of the Mason Knitting Co. Limited will comprise only those who have worked twenty years or more with the company. Other members are the founder, Mr. Anna Mason, Mr. Ray Agnew, mechanical superintendent; Mrs. Dorothy Stapleton and Miss Millie Rowles. A delightful banquet was served the honored guests and following presentation was made by Mr. George Mason on behalf of the Company of gold pin set with diamonds and a cheque for \$20. It is planned to hold such a dinner for the club every year.

Wives and husbands were also guests and Mr. W. K. Graham, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia who has been banker for the firm since its organization and Mr. G. A. Dills, editor of the Free Press, who has been looking after the printing requirements of Mason Knit for the past quarter century were also guests at the Charter Night of the "20 Club". It was a delightful and unique evening in Acton's industrial history.

JUNIOR FARMERS FROM THIS DISTRICT IN JUDGING CONTEST

Revival of the Ontario Junior Farmers' Judging competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition brought out a keen group of 225 juniors for the livestock judging events, and some seventy for judging of grain, roots, fruits and vegetables, the programme being spread over two days of intensive judging at the Exhibition.

The contestants were divided into two groups, senior, composed of Junior Farmers under 26 years of age, and juniors, composed of bona-fide boys and girls club members between the ages of 16 and 20.

Local boys were high in the following classes:

Sheep, senior, Doug. Currie, 4th, Georgetown; John Currie, 5th (tied), Georgetown.

Sheep, junior, David Pelletier, 2nd, Milton.

Swine, senior, Ward Brownridge, 2nd, Georgetown.

Swine, junior, Fraser McNabb, 2nd, Georgetown.

Beef Cattle, senior, S. R. Griffin, 4th, (tied), Acton.

Grain and roots, senior, S. R. Griffin, 4th, Acton.

SCOUT AND GUIDE MOTHERS' ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association held their first meeting of the fall on Tuesday, September 9th, at the home of Mrs. F. Gibbons, Church St., with eleven members present. Sylvia Jones gave the secretary's report and Lil Bradshaw gave the financial report. Mrs. Betty Footitt was appointed to represent the Association at the Scout Committee meetings. Ways and means of raising money were discussed. Mrs. Gibbons assisted by Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Stuckey served a delightful lunch.

DOUGLAS DAWKINS RECEIVES FACIAL BURNS IN ELECTRICAL ACCIDENT

Douglas Dawkins, an electrician at Boardman and Co., received severe facial burns last Friday when a short circuit on an electrical terminal with which he was working caused an intense flash in his face.

Mr. Dawkins was unable to return to work until Wednesday.

REID FAMILY GATHER AT OLD HOMESTEAD FOR REUNION

A family reunion was held last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Reid and family of Lot 8, Concession 3, Erin Township when the following members of the family were present: Mrs. R. H. Reid, Miss Laura Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. N. Reid and daughters and Mrs. F. E. Kennedy, all of Hamilton; Mrs. Chas. W. Landsborough and family of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffin, Mrs. Smith Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hilliard all of Erin Township. It was a happy occasion for Mrs. R. H. Reid to be with her four daughters, two sons and ten grandchildren.

SID JOHNSON SPEAKS AT YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Sid Johnson of Toronto was the guest speaker at a Young People's Rally which was held in the Acton Baptist Church this week and which was attended by about seventy young people from Georgetown, Hillsburg, Erin, Everton and Acton.

The meeting opened with a song service with Mr. Johnson in charge and with Charles Lansborough at the piano. Following this, President Helen West of Acton took charge.

The devotional period was conducted by Herb Lambert of Everton and the Scripture was read by Bill Stewart, also of Everton.

Doug Peck of Georgetown and Charles Lansborough of Acton played a cornet duet, "In the Garden". After the roll call, Donald Graham of Hillsburg sang a solo which was unfortunately interrupted when the lights went out. The services of an electrician were called and soon the situation was under control.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. C. O. Plank of Rockwood. Mr. Plank commented that this occasion was Mr. Johnson's thirtieth visit to Acton to speak, and added that while the speaker was a busy man as moderator of the Toronto Association of Baptist Churches, he always had time for the work of the Christian church.

He chose as his text, "It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful", and he spoke on the subject, "What is Stewardship?"

The speaker said that he wanted to impress the young people with the importance of being faithful.

Christian young people, the speaker continued, must be stewards in the home for Christ was a home man. We should thank God for Christian parents. Also, Christians should be stewards in business or at school. "It is a high tribute to be called a person who lives near Christ", he said.

In stressing the fact that to-day's record and what it said are gone forever tomorrow, Mr. Johnson remarked, "The life I live to-day cannot be lived again. Time marches on."

"I am appalled at the apathy to church-going which is no longer a matter of service but a matter of convenience. It is unfortunate that we use our Christian church for funerals, weddings and baptisms; just a spare tire in the timely lurches," the speaker added. "Let us face the future with the thought in mind that we must be faithful."

The speaker was thanked by Helen West, Doug Peck and Charles Lansborough played another cornet duet, "Sweetest are the Years Go By". The group adjourned to the basement of the church where a Bible contest was conducted and lunch was served. Representatives of the visiting groups thanked the Acton B.Y.P.U. for the hospitality shown them. In reply Helen West thanked all those who had taken part for their co-operation in making the evening a success. Mr. Johnson dismissed the gathering with prayer.

Nassagaweya Twp. Buys New Truck And Snow Plow

When Nassagaweya Township Council met on Monday, September 8th, payment was authorized for the purchase of a new truck and snow plow which are to be delivered immediately.

Council opposed holding a deer or pheasant hunt in Nassagaweya this year.

The resignation of S. R. Reid of Hamilton as auditor was accepted, and a by-law appointing Mr. H. A. Lever of Toronto as the new auditor for 1947 was passed. The Road Superintendent's voucher for \$866.92 was passed along with other accounts. The Reeve and Clerk were authorized to petition the Minister of Public Works and Highways for interim payment of statutory grant on road expenditure to August 31st.

Council agreed to renew the fidelity bond covering the tax collector for \$2,000.00 and the treasurer was authorized to pay the premium to A. T. Moore, Campbellville.

All members were present at this meeting. Reeve Crawford adjourned the session until September 29th.

NEW IMMIGRANT CRASHES TRUCK WHILE TRYING TO PICK UP MILK BOTTLE

Attempting to pick up a milk bottle which had tumbled over on the side of his truck, caused the ghehile Thomas Miller was driving to go out of control and crash into a tree on Martin Street Friday morning. Miller, 35, employed at Glenespie Farms, told police he had only been in Canada two days, having come over on Premier Dew's immigration plan. He said that if it hadn't been for the milk bottle the truck would not have swerved over to the left side of the street. He received two cracked ribs, while the front of the small truck was badly damaged. Provincial Constable Alec McNeiven investigated.

S. Alban's Observes 75th Anniversary This Sunday

Seventy-five years ago, the Rev. W. F. Swallow, named the newly built Anglican Church in Acton after Saint Alban, the first British Martyr. Next Sunday, September 21st, the present congregation will give thanks to God for seventy-five years of organized Church life in this community. The Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, M.A., D.D., Lord Bishop of Niagara will be with the congregation at the morning service and the Reverend C. H. E. Smith, M.A., now of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who was rector of Acton from 1915 to 1917 and who is the oldest living rector will be the special preacher at the evening service.

At the morning service the choir will sing the anthem, "Praise Ye the Name of the Lord" by Ivanoff. The special music in the evening includes the solo by Handel, "Love Ye the Lord" to be sung by Mrs. E. A. Pulker, and the anthem, "Evening Hymn", by Douglas, to be sung by the choir.

For Monday evening, September 22, at 6.30 in the parish hall a special anniversary supper has been arranged. Because of limited accommodation only 100 tickets can be sold and members of the Church may obtain them while they last from members of the Anniversary Committee. In addition to the speaker, the Very Reverend R. H. Waterman, Dean of Niagara, there will be a brief musical program.

A special anniversary booklet has been prepared and will be off the press by Friday of this week. As well as telling of the past history of the parish, it contains many interesting items about the present life of the parish. They may be obtained from the Wardens at a cost of twenty-five cents a copy.

TWO CARS DAMAGED IN INTERSECTION COLLISION LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Two cars were damaged when they were in collision at the intersection of the third concession and number 5 sideroad last Friday evening, police reported.

Lorne Evans, Acton and Milton, was driving south to Milton to take part in the benefit hardball game as W. A. Marshall, Milton was travelling in an easterly direction when the accident occurred. Police said both cars were taking precautionary measures as a car and truck had been stopped at the intersection. Damage estimated at \$200 was caused to the right side of the Evans' car. Marshall's car was not so seriously damaged at the front. Provincial Constable Alex. McNeiven investigated.

Council Discuss Improving Rockwood Fire Equipment

The advisability of licensing vending machines in Rockwood was discussed by Erasmous township council and members of the Rockwood trustee board at a meeting in the township hall, Rockwood. The advisability of improving the capacity and efficiency of the Rockwood fire equipment was also discussed. No action was taken on either matter until further information becomes available.

Road liability insurance for the township was renewed at a premium of \$146.50. The reeve and clerk were instructed to apply for the interim road subsidy on road expenditures from January 1st to August 31st.

The drainage assistance from the Agricultural Loans Department was refused for the time being. Reid Marquis, township farmer will be informed that it is illegal to have pigs running at large on township roads. He will be informed to remedy the situation or the township will take action to recover damages.

William Hamilton, weed inspector reported that several lots of brush and 15 miles of weeds have been sprayed. Accounts totalling \$1,102.95 were passed for payment.

WESTON BAND GAVE FINE CONCERT HERE ON SUNDAY EVENING

Weston Silver Band, that well-known musical organization under the direction of Bandmaster A. E. Salas-Lury, gave music lovers a real evening on Sunday when they presented a concert in the Dance Pavilion in Acton Park. The band came to Acton under the auspices of Acton Boys' and Girls' Band who have played a concert in Weston this year.

Their program was varied and included solos and duet numbers as well as a wide variety of band selections. Their time was near perfection and the large audience attending showed appreciation of every number.

Following the concert the Acton Boys' and Girls' served refreshments and enjoyed a social time with the visitors in the basement of the United Church. Weston Band was twelve times winner at the Canadian National Exhibition.

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COMING EVENTS

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Acton Boys' and Girls' Band Concert, Acton Park Pavilion, Sunday evening at 8.15 p.m.

The Scout and Guide Mothers' Association will hold a euchre in the Legion Hall, Friday, September 26th, 8.30 p.m. Lunch, door prize.

Churchill United Church Anniversary Services, Sunday, September 28th, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. Charles Joliffe guest speaker. Special music.

Parents and public invited to Acton High School Field Day on Wednesday, September 24th, at 1 p.m. sharp, in Acton Park.

Dance, Acton Town Hall, Friday, September 19th. Bob Martin's Orchestra. Auxiliaries: Ladies' Auxiliary of Canadian Legion. Spot dances. Admission 50c. Dress optional.

Barn Dance will be held at Claude Pickett's new barn, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Hornby, on Tuesday, September 23rd. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. B

Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Anniversary Service, Sunday, September 21st, 11.00 a.m. service will be conducted by Rev. E. J. Phelan, of Milton. 7 o'clock service conducted by Rev. J. M. Anderson of Acton. B

Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church tonight presents the Halton Male Choir in recital assisted by Milton High School Double Trio, Wednesday evening, September 24th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. Alec Pudwell conductor. Admission 50c and 25c.