

OAKVILLE

High praise from Major-General Chris Vokes, Officer Commanding Ortona Barracks, was bestowed upon the boys of Appleby College for the skill and smartness they showed in their gymnasium and physical training display at HMCS York, naval barracks in Toronto.

The Governor General and Viscountess Alexander of Tunis were guests of the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Ray Lawson at dinner in their Oakville home before going on to the Royal Winter Fair. Others at the dinner included some of the Fair officials and their wives.

The smart work as catcher for Oakville's championship Intermediate baseball team has won for 19-year-old Ray Patterson of Bronte the chance of a career in professional baseball. A few weeks ago this popular ball player and Oakville High School student was offered a contract with the Cleveland Indians of the American League by the club's Ontario scout, Claire Hoose. Last week he signed it. He will leave next March to join the Batavia, N.Y. team of the Pony League. Record-Star.



SPORTS CAMERA

By H. COLES

Goodbye Oakville!
In forming 2 new divisions in their ever increasing organization, the O.H.A. have sanctioned a move which has been about in the smaller circles for several years. A new Junior arm will operate this semester for places under the 1,000 mark and has been given a "B" status. The rating system was in Senior ranks. The former Senior "B" standings will be revised so that the smaller cities may have a chance to enter the Senior fort which has been a virtual stronghold for the larger centres in seasons past. The only significance this program can have on the district hockey scene is in the Junior grouping. Presently there are four clubs entered from Halton County in Junior "C". Now the number will have dwindled to a mere one Oakville. Georgetown, Milton and Acton are eligible for Junior "D" competition and if teams are entered from any of these centres, they can appreciate the actions of the O.H.A. in eliminating the bugbear of Junior squads in the County in years past. Oakville had practically a stranglehold on any season they entered a club. Situated as they are in the hub of the Q.E. Way, the port town clubs have been able to import and raise a progeny of talent that to the casual observer would have been capable of a Junior "B" rating any season of the year. With this formidable barrier removed, the remaining clubs will have a clear field, which we feel will have no dominant figure, to play a cat and mouse game with the other contestants, in any season.

Answer—Next Week!

The paramount thought in many a cranium during the last few weeks dwelled on the possibility of a 1948 Intermediate club. Especially in Georgetown do they ask whether Acton is to have a team. It has reached a stage where even we are musing continually on the subject. Where are we going to secure a net, mender to fill the shoes that "Donny" Evans recently vacated? Are some of the "old guard" willing? Is it correct that imports will be brought in? A few of many questions asked every day. We expect to have an answer in the next issue.

COMMUNITY "Y" COLUMN

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

Well, here we are, back in print again and under a slightly different heading but covering pretty well the same items of news as before. This column brings to you some of the many interesting things that are going on in your community Y.M.C.A. building so that those who are not active in the program and do not come into the building may still be familiar with what goes on inside.

Although there is no ice, the boys in town still get their hockey on. It's called floor hockey and is almost the same as ice hockey, the only difference being it's played on the floor and no one wears skates. The puck is round but much larger than the ice hockey puck. It is made of felt and has a hole in the center, the stick used is just an ordinary broom handle type. Rather than hearing about the game from the column, I am sure you would find it more interesting to come down to the "Y" and see the game being played. Come down any Monday night from 7:30 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

The Acton "Y" Badminton Club passed hosts and played the Brampton Badminton Club last Thursday night. It looked like a war for the home club but the visitors just managed to squeeze a win on the last match of the tournament and went home with a 10 to 9 victory.

This was the second tournament of the season, the first being played in Hamilton against the Dominion Foundation and Steel Co. at the Y.M.C.A. The home club lost this match, making it two straight.

An extra period of badminton has been added to the schedule this year giving the tournament players and the non-tournament players more games in a night.

The Y's Men's Club Christmas Dinner Meeting will be held this Thursday, December 11th. This annual affair is always a popular one and always brings out a hundred per cent. attendance.

There is a great deal of interest in the men's card room at the "Y" this year. So much so that a team has been entered in the very popular Guelph Club League.

Checkers developed from an Egyptian game played 3500 years ago.

NEWS and VIEWS

Of Halton Farm Interest

Plowmen Hold Annual Meeting
The Annual Meeting of the Halton Plowmen's Association is scheduled for the Agricultural Office, Milton, on Saturday evening, December 13th at 8:30 p.m. This Halton association which annually stages one of the top county plowing matches in the province, has had another good year, according to President J. A. Elliott.

Seed Requirement May be Short
All prospects point to a shortage of good seed grain for the 1948 spring seeding. True even though Ontario harvested a light grain crop in 1947, there is plenty of good seed in Ontario if it can be obtained for that purpose. The shortage of 1948 grain and the high price of this commodity is likely to result in a lot of grain which should be kept for seed, being used for feed, states Agricultural Representative J. E. Wiltchok. It is generally accepted by those who know the facts, that food is going to be the determining factor in many countries of the world as to whether they retain their democratic form of government, or adopt communism. Cereal grains consequently, are likely to be in strong demand for several years. This means that Ontario live stock producers must be prepared to produce more of their own feed grain requirements in the years ahead.

Halton farmers therefore, would be well advised to secure their seed requirements in the immediate future. Good seed is likely to cost 30 to 40 cents a bushel more than a year ago, but even at that Halton farmers cannot afford to use poor seed.

Halton Juniors on the Air
Halton Juniors added another laurel to their well hoarded crown, with their outstanding broadcast over CHML, Hamilton, on Saturday evening, November 29th. "What encouragement are there under present conditions for Junior Farmers to commence farming for themselves?" was the subject under discussion. Those participating in the broadcast which many unbiased listeners voted the best of the series to date, were Evelyn Pickering, Oakville; Cedric Hartup, Milton; Gordon Leche, Acton; Craig Reid, Georgetown and George Pollettario, Paletino. The script was prepared and the cast trained by Cameron Wilson and John Connah and Alex Campbell, the two British youths who recently spent some six weeks on the continent. While in Ontario, the two young men were guests of the Ontario Junior Farmer Association. During their last stay in Halton, as were made in Woodbury Orchard, Valley Crest Farm, and the farm of R. T. Wilson & Son of Milton. The musical end of their program included the songs of "Oklahoma". Our congratulations are extended to the Halton Juniors for their able and pleasing preparation.

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