

# COMMUNITY "Y" COLUMN

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

BY JOHNNY GRAY

Christmas is just a matter of days now and it's party time around the Y.M.C.A. Every year the girls and boys classes look forward to their Christmas parties and the chance to give something. There are no less than three girls' classes ranging from the age of seven to thirteen. Junior girls age seven, eight and nine will have a Christmas party on December 23rd, Intermediate girls age 10 and 11 on December 18 and the Senior girls age 12 and 13 on December 20th.

There are three boys' classes with the same age groupings as the girls. They will have their parties during the Christmas holidays along with special programs for all groups such as sleigh parties, ski parties, hikes and varied indoor programs such as ping-pong tournaments, floor hockey tournaments and game competitions. A unique event will be held in the park in the form of a "snow ball" competition. All groups will be in on this event using their regular class teams.

A lot of the parents will be interested to know that the swimming trips organized by the Y's Men's Club last year for boys and girls of the Acton "Y" will start January 6, 1918. For those who are not familiar with what took place last year, these swimming groups were taken to the Guelph "Y" where they had a swim under supervision by a competent leadership. This year the girls will go on Thursdays and the boys Tuesdays. Transportation and organization of the groups will be handled again by the Y's Men's Club. All the boys and girls have to do is bring ten cents which pays for their swim and a towel. Strict regulations have been laid down as to the care of these groups from the time they leave the Acton "Y" until they return.

The "Y" building will be closed December 25 and 26 and December 31 and January 1. The Board of Directors of the Acton Y.M.C.A. would like to extend to everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## SHORT DAY PHILOSOPHY

As the short days give us relatively little of the sun's healthful light, people seem more liable to disease of some types. Colds and influenza are likely to be prevalent. Many persons are likely to be coughing and sneezing. People may ask what they can do to keep well and healthy through these short days, when they get relatively little sunlight.

If the sunlight is weak, it should help them if they could be outdoors a little more than usual, and thus get the benefit of fresh air and come in contact with sunlight as long as possible. This may seem difficult amid the wintry days but if they can form the habit of doing some brisk walking through the short days they will find it invigorating.



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## SPORTS CAMERA

BY H. COLES

A lot of criticism has been directed against the Acton Athletic Association since their inception as an active body to promote sports in Acton. Periodically there are fiery bursts of it. But when the Association holds its annual meeting in the latter part of the year, it is unusual for anyone to publicly attend and interrogate the retiring officers on the wisdom as a mentor through the past year, even though it is held with this intention. This year there was an exception. One citizen did present himself accompanied by innumerable questions. His queries were answered in detail and it can be said to the credit of the Athletic Association that he went home, apparently satisfied. We aren't going to name the questioner. That is incidental. What we do wish to emphasize is that his questions were typical of what you, or anyone would ask.

"How is it that ventures in Acton sport always seem to go in the red," the visitor asked quizzically as he reviewed the triple A financial report on last semester's hockey. Here, he asked with one breath, a veritable mouthful of questions. The financial statement itself contained the answer however. Acton, probably had more success at the "skull custodian's window" last year, than they have had in any similar season. But the expenses were higher in comparison also.

An article in the Montreal Standard on the high cost of equipping a player with the bare essentials of hockey equipment is an example. Under the heading "Hockey Gear is Dear," the scribe reminds Pop that he isn't whirling around the back pond on "cheese cutters" for the "Goose Village Mulcats," when he purchases a hockey outfit for junior. An itemized account set a \$25 minimum for a minor's equipment. Imagine then, what it would cost to outfit the Tanners on such a basis. Add to that travel, expenses, meals, etc., and what have you? Answer a complete picture of the Athletic Association's expenditures.

We admire this incoherent who had the interests of "Joe Blake" at heart when he personally queried the triple A about their action. If the "Told You So" boys had been there, along with their pal brother "Sarcasm," they would have got their ears full.

No matter how your opinions sway, you must admit that the triple A have done a bang-up job on the local sports scene. In spite of some formidable obstacles placed in their path, they have progressed steadily until the approaching season of hockey glows in a rosier hue than any time hitherto.

## SPORT BRIEFS

Quite a surprise to some was the triple A's decision to sponsor an Int. hockey club, especially after previous statements, like the idea of their minor set-up, deserves great support. "Dooney" Evans is home again. Back in Milton from the Maritimes it is reported that the Tanners' former net-minder will guard the pipes for the county town in '17. Hespeler are installing seats in their new arena, and are also sponsoring an Int. hockey club '18-'17.

## MESSAGE OF THE CAROLS

One can imagine that the hearts of people are deeply touched as they hear the Christmas music sung in Church and elsewhere. A vivid picture of the influence of Christmas carols was given in the famous poem by Henry Longfellow called "The Norman Baron."

These verses told how a Norman baron lay dying in his castle on Christmas eve. In the hall of the castle the minstrels and serfs and vassals were singing the old carols. The dying man heard these tuneful airs telling how "Christ is born to set us free." He was so touched by these songs, that he ordered that freedom be given to all his serfs and vassals. Thus this grand deed, prompted by the Christmas songs, has gone down in the pages of history and poetry. One can imagine that countless such acts have been inspired by the Christmas music.

## CANADIAN SCOUTS TO HELP GREEK BROTHERS

To replace scouting textbooks destroyed by the occupation forces in Greece, Canadian Boy Scouts are now having printed, in the Greek language, 15,000 copies of Baden-Powell's book "Aids to Scoutmaster-ship." The books will be a gift from Canadian Boy Scouts whose contributions to the "Chins-Up Fund" will pay for it. To date some 61,000 scouting textbooks have been given to European Scouts by their Canadian brothers. These books have been printed in Canada in the language of the countries concerned, by the photo-reproduction method and have been supplied to Scouts in Poland, France, Norway, Czechoslovakia and Holland.

## SAADDIES

As a kid we used to watch the passing herds dividing them neatly. The glum looking people were saddies, the cheerful folk gladdies. If a General Motors Corporation survey goes for anything the saddies group must have been heavily overloaded. It seems according to the motor company's analysis it is the people who live in bright, sunny climates that go for the high colored and pastel shade cars. We southerners are reported to favor colors. We have a feeling that there is many a gladdy driving about in a somber looking car. During the depression days 75 per cent of the car buyers wanted their cars black or dark blue. We fancy however that it was more a matter of utility than a state of mind.

During World War II the grand total of cables and messages handled by the Canadian National Telegraph amounted to 61,005,000.

## "BEHIND THE PRESENT MOVE"

Almost every country is seeking a loan from the United States but we do not believe that she is able to make these loans and keep her own economy stable. By easing her import restrictions she is able to open up markets for the goods from other countries and thus give them the needed dollars without actually making a direct loan. It will have been noticed that Canada can have a loan from the States, but it is not anxious to take it until a more favorable trade balance has been achieved. By clamping down on spending in the States, by Canadian people, she is conserving her dollar reserve and stands the chance of building it up. Great Britain which is also in need of dollars can do more trading with Canada and the United States, and thus in time will be able to rebuild its supply of dollars. It is this, we believe, that is behind the present move of Canada and the United States. Huntington Gleason, Que.

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