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The report of a speech or interview gains interest if the reporter can remember the exact words used by the speaker or the person interviewed and if he can quote specific incidents as told by the speaker. Newspaper work develops powers of observation and this form of training gives people the ability to see the most important and vital features in the things they describe.

Sometimes a man thinks he is ahead of his times because the times aren't going in his direction at all.



By H. COLES

Last Minute Notes

Announcement that group play-offs would commence this week both in 'A' and 'B' circles preceded an episode of warm air that shuttled in, which threatens to disrupt the play-off schedule. On one artificial ice arena is available and it has been utilized for 'A' squabbles. . . pestiferous Orangeville Greenshirts are cast in the opposing role to the Tanners and the initial game is set for tonight here. . . it is a sudden death round, 2 out of 3, with home and home contests. . . by this time next week the Tanners will be either eliminated or contesting the group final with the Oakville Army-Fergus victor. . .

In our books it will be Fergus. . . don't underestimate Orangeville though. . . they will fight until they drop or emerge clutching the laurels. . . remember their 4-2 decision over Acton on February 12. Georgetown just edged a 6-5 defeat on the same Greenshirts a week before. . . incidentally, this pillar favors Georgetown in the Int. A "set-to". . . it's a foregone conclusion.

Georgetown Intermediates, one of the best teams money can buy, (under present authority conditions in Credit Valley Row) may thank their lucky stars that they had a trace of fortune with them when they minced into town on Thursday last. . . With equal candor, it might also be said that they realized it. Casting no aspersions on our nearest neighbor's sublime and undefeated club, we, without any biased intent, think that it was just that touch of Midas that enabled them to return home rejoicing on a text they have never been able to be jubilant over before. By that we mean—two straight defeats to the Acton Tanners in twenty years of O.H.A. hockey. Few Georgetown fans now are aware that it was Acton who ruled the roost with equal magnificence in the golden era when a player foolishly cut capers just for the heck of it. He pictures Acton as a monstrous sort of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde who is transformed into an even uglier creature when he jousts with Georgetown. Why, we wouldn't know, unless the honest burghers of Acton laughingly provoked him into such a characterization when they used to (past tense) down the Papertown in monotonous regularity.

It's actually laughable when a Georgetown fan places so much esteem on a victory over Acton and then moments later rants that Acton is a place where morons live. The other night while attending a juvenile game in Georgetown we overheard a conversation that made us wonder if their remarks were confined to the sports whirl. Two oldish chappies were assuring each other that Fergus had beaten the Tanners. "You know," said the most acidulous gentleman, "I'd like to see Fergus trim Acton in the play-offs. I'd give anything to see those . . . '7 beaten," he said in effect with hatred as bitter as any we have heard. But what really was eating our friend was that Acton Juvs were administering an 8-2 defeat on the Georgetown entry and his prejudices were aroused. He probably inherited them from his father, who got them from his father, etc. because it appears to have been forever such.

Losing their last game in the schedule to Georgetown leaves the Tanners with 15 points in the final compilation. As it stands now the matter of clinching the third position is assured. Only one A team Georgetown, haven't been defeated at least once by the Tanners. Of their six losses, two were to the Papermakers, one to Weston, Oakville L., Fergus and Orangeville respectively. A 5-5 stalemate with Milton-Roadbirds gave them their fifteenth point.

A Group Champion!

It was only a matter of how many goals Acton Juveniles would win the Georgetown round with. They withheld their scoring punch until the latter two periods and then filled the Brave's net to overflow with rubber. As the series has been completed we won't comment on the tactics of Brill's mayhemish defenses. Only hope the next round produces less violence.

U.S. APPLE VARIETIES

Commercial apple production for 1947 in the United States, as estimated at 112,500,000 bushels, is per cent less than the 1946 crop and slightly less than average. In 1947 the six leading varieties in order of crop size were Delicious, Winesap, Jonathan, Rome Beauty and Baldwin.

COMMUNITY "Y" COLUMN

A Synopsis of Various Sport and Athletic Activities

The Acton Badminton Club took its worst beating last Wednesday night when they were the guests of the Guelph Garrison Club. . . But since that Club is about the biggest in the district with about 100 members, five beautiful courts, a number of 'A' group players and last but not least, the home of the World Champion, Jack Purcell, the Acton team don't feel too bad over the beating. We were treated royally, we had a lot of fun, we enjoyed the trifling very much and we are looking forward to going back again. On Tuesday, February 24, the Acton Club will visit and play the Guelph O.A.C. Student Team on the gym at the College.

A number of boys in the three boys' classes at the Y are enjoying showers, each group having them every other week so if you should see shining, smiling faces coming out of the building some day, you will know they had the treatment.

Girls' classes are enthusiastic about ping-pong and are making use of an extra period provided for them during the week to play this game. Ping-pong is no small game despite the fact it's played on a table with a small white ball and a wooden bat. It's very fast and requires control, quick thinking and lots and lots of speed.

In the Teen-age Department, the Penguin Club is a going concern. You may be interested in knowing that it has members coming all the way from Milton, Georgetown, Rockwood and points in between. It's one of the few clubs which serve refreshments every Friday night and although a good many members help in the preparation and cleaning up of this feature, a great deal of thanks goes to Frances Chew, Muriel Burns and their very reliable male helpers. The Drama Club, which meets every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. has a very enthusiastic following of about 18 members. Last Friday night it took on the appearance of a "Little Theatre" with 2 separate groups, one at each end of the room, working on two skits and under the capable leadership of Mrs. Canham and Mr. Parker who are enjoying these sessions with the teen-agers.

Swim time is a popular session with the Y members every other week when they take off from Acton under the supervision of the Y's Men's Club who plan the transportation up to the Guelph Y Pool and back without charge. It only costs the boys and girls 10c for their swim and they take their own towel.

An archery range has been set up on the gym floor in the Y and provides another attraction for Y members every Saturday afternoon. Mr. Alf Long, a champion of this ancient skill will be on hand to coach and help anyone who is interested. If you think this isn't exercise come out on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and try pulling back one of the bow strings. Membership in this group will be limited so be on hand if you are interested.

KNOW YOUR SWITCHES

Resist that first impulse to pour on water when fire breaks out in the home, warn fire authorities. When fire occurs in or around electrical equipment, never use water or other fire extinguishers until the electric current is cut off completely at the switch.

Be sure all members of the family know how to "throw" or "pull" the main switch to "dead" the wiring system in case of fire emergency. When the electricity is turned off, the proper extinguisher can be applied to the fire. Wire inside motors and other electrical equipment are covered with insulating material which burns much like an oily rag.

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A large, appreciative audience enjoyed the program at Trinity United Church last Thursday evening, provided by the Hutton Male Choir, under the capable leadership of Alec. Pudwell, with Wm. Lothbridge as accompanist.

With proper ceremony and a large number of invited guests the Canadian Legion are planning to officially open their newly renovated Club House on Saturday, February 28th. The dedication ceremony will take place in the evening at 8 o'clock, with Colonel the Rev. Sidney E. Lambert, O.B.E., as guest speaker.

At the regular meeting of the town council on Thursday evening last, Engineer Swift reported to the members that the Department of Health had approved of the plans submitted to them by the town for the addition and enlargement of the sewage disposal plant. This meant that specifications could now be drawn up and every effort made to submit an estimate for this work.

Joe Nenet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nenet, Bellevue Road, arrived from Hungary on Tuesday morning. Mr. Nenet had not seen his son since he was 9 months old, and he has now reached the age of nineteen years. The family met him in Toronto, and Joe says he is more than pleased to come to Canada, and will take up residence here.—Gazette.



1,500,000 jobs were filled through the National Employment Service in twenty-two months—January, 1946, to November, 1947.

421,146 of these jobs were found for veterans.

5,534 more were found for persons in the higher earnings bracket through the Executive and Professional Division of the Service.

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Int. Hockey Schedule 1947-48

Date	Visiting Team	Score	Home Team	Score
Monday, Dec. 29	Fergus	3	Milton	4
Friday, Jan. 2	Orangeville	7	Weston	11
Monday, Jan. 5	Georgetown	3	Milton	1
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Acton	13	Oakville Army	2
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Fergus	8	Orangeville	5
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Weston	8	Oakville Leg'n	6
Thursday, Jan. 8	Oakville Legion	5	Acton	4
Friday, Jan. 9	Orangeville	4	Fergus	5
Friday, Jan. 9	Milton	2	Georgetown	3
Friday, Jan. 9	Oakville Army	3	Weston	5
Monday, Jan. 12	Georgetown	6	Fergus	3
Monday, Jan. 12	Oakville Legion	3	Oakville Army	0
Monday, Jan. 12	Weston	6	Milton	3
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Acton	8	Orangeville	3
Thursday, Jan. 15	Weston	2	Acton	5
Friday, Jan. 16	Orangeville	2	Georgetown	14
Friday, Jan. 16	Milton	9	Fergus	5
Monday, Jan. 19	Oakville Army	7	Oakville Legion	5
Monday, Jan. 19	Weston	6	Fergus	6
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Acton	4	Georgetown	8
Tuesday, Jan. 20	Milton	4	Orangeville	1
Thursday, Jan. 22	Orangeville	10	Oakville Army	7
Thursday, Jan. 22	Fergus	4	Acton	11
Thursday, Jan. 22	Oakville Legion	5	Milton	10
Friday, Jan. 23	Georgetown	7	Weston	0
Monday, Jan. 26	Georgetown	8	Oakville Legion	1
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Milton	5	Acton	5
Tuesday, Jan. 27	Weston	3	Orangeville	6
Wednesday, Jan. 28	Oakville Army	2	Fergus	8
Thursday, Jan. 29	Oakville Legion	2	Georgetown	9
Friday, Jan. 30	Acton	3	Weston	4
Friday, Jan. 30	Orangeville	3	Milton	11
Monday, Feb. 2	Milton	11	Oakville Army	3
Tuesday, Feb. 3	Acton	7	Oakville Legion	6
Tuesday, Feb. 3	Georgetown	6	Orangeville	5
Thursday, Feb. 5	Oakville Army	4	Acton	14
Friday, Feb. 6	Weston	3	Georgetown	7
Friday, Feb. 6	Oakville Legion	7	Fergus	8
Monday, Feb. 9	Georgetown	9	Oakville Army	1
Monday, Feb. 9	Acton	5	Fergus	7
Monday, Feb. 9	Orangeville	7	Oakville Legion	5
Tuesday, Feb. 10	Milton	5	Weston	4
Thursday, Feb. 12	Orangeville	4	Acton	2
Friday, Feb. 13	Fergus	5	Oakville Army	2
Friday, Feb. 13	Oakville Legion	8	Weston	4
Monday, Feb. 16	Acton	2	Milton	4
Monday, Feb. 16	Fergus	2	Georgetown	13
Tuesday, Feb. 17	Oakville Army	5	Orangeville	7
Thursday, Feb. 19	Georgetown	6	Acton	4
Thursday, Feb. 19	Oakville Legion	10	Orangeville	4
Friday, Feb. 20	Oakville Army	1	Milton	10
Friday, Feb. 20	Fergus	5	Weston	7
Monday, Feb. 23	Milton	7	Oakville Legion	4
Tuesday, Feb. 24	Oakville Army	7	Georgetown	1
Friday, Feb. 27	Weston	1	Oakville Army	1
Monday, March 1	Fergus	1	Oakville Legion	1