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## Tanners Take First Round O.H.A. Play-offs -- Eliminate Pt. Dalhousie

Second Straight Win over Port Dalhousie Entry Earns Right to Continue for Championship Title — St. Patrick Benevolent as Tanners Bring Home a 5-3 Win but the Shamrock Looked Wilted in the First Period — Penalties were Numerous as Two Teams Battled It out in St. Catharines Arena Last Night

Shure and the good St. Pat must have had a benevolent smile for Acton Tanners last night (at least though we failed to detect an "Irishman" on the club). The 17th of March is a gala day and it was a performance of it the Tanners dished up. For you who haven't heard from the "wee people" who are reputed to be most confident on said day, you might take it from us they would make any native of Erin proud.

Acton won the first round of the O.H.A. playdowns from Port Dalhousie by virtue of two consecutive victories. Monday night it was 5-2. Last night they again downed the Ports 5-3 in the St. Catharines arena. And it would have melted your Irish heart to have seen them do it. A five goal edge was their victory on the round.

True to the traditions of such an occasion the Tanners spotted the Dalhousie club — one goal lead and then knotted the count, forged ahead and were never again headed. Back splendidly by the top notch net minding of Woods, who in our opinion played the game of the year. Acton survived a lengthy string of penalties and cashed in on five opportunities with a polish deluxe.

**Galaxy of Stars**  
They faced an entirely different crew from that which played in Acton on Monday. Not in body maybe, but in spirit. The Dalhousie club have three former Jr. A players on the roster and the majority of the squad hails from St. Catharines. Coupland, the net mander, was sub goalie with Hamilton's Senior Tigers and he was on deck for the entire series. It was no mediocre aggregation that bowed out of the picture.

Herb Woods held the fort with all guns blazing last night. His stellar performance between the pipes, in the last frame especially, prevented any major scoring outbreak while the Tanners played shorthanded. Which was practically the entire second and third periods. A laxity on the whistle in the opening session paved the way to a donnybrook that bulged the penalty box to overflow heights in the second and the Tanners partially filled it in the final. Seventeen violations of code were recorded on the black side of the ledger.

Leno Marzo, Morton and Ilio Marzo were most effective for the locals. Morton was "Johnny on the spot" while the Marzo Bros. swooped down the long link with abandon. Adamson, the Ports pivot and Gatecliff, sparked the home club's efforts.

**First Period**  
Port Dalhousie pressed from the opening whistle. Gatecliff caught a pass in front of the goal mouth and banged it over Wood's inert body to put the Ports on top at 2-2. Croft and McCoustra in the corners relayed the biscuit to him. Norm Morton was banished at the 9:00 mark but the solid Tanner defence held. As the Dalhousie club went all out for goals, Leno Marzo caught a loose puck at centre and scooted in, drawing Coupland yards out of the cage — but his shot was snuffed and Morton, back again, plunked it into the mesh. Adamson, the Ports drew a holding penalty at the 16:00 minute mark and Kentner went right in but Coupland surpassed himself to block the shot. The Tanners completed the stanza shorthanded as Riddall was assessed a tripping penalty while the Ports surged. But Woods sparkled in the nets and foiled their best scoring chances. Score 1-1.

**Second Period**  
Boles was banished for interference at 2:42. Coupland held the fort until he returned. A face-off in the Port's end on which Morton got the draw enabled Goy to put the Tanners in the lead. He slapped the pill in instantaneous with the pass on an opportunistic effort.

At this juncture Ilio Marzo and McCoustra staged a "rhubarb". Both players were given major penalties. But tempers were too frayed. Another melee broke out within the space of 10 seconds. This time Boles and Bayliss took the nod for a 5 minute term in penance. Bayliss also received a minor for holding, giving him 7 minutes to kill. Seconds later, Duddy of the Ports went hence (Continued on Page Five)

## Neil McDonald Old-time Fiddler Dies in 60th Year

Neil McDonald, well known in this district as an old time fiddler and holder of the Canadian old-time fiddler's championship, died Sunday in Guelph General Hospital in his 60th year.

He was born in Eramosa Township, one of eleven children of John McDonald and Margaret McFadden. Until his retirement, he had farmed in Eramosa, Mimosa and South-West-Townships, going to Guelph about 10 years ago where he made his home with his son, John McDonald, 107-110-112-114 St. Catharines. Last year the late Mr. McDonald reached the acme of success when at Dundas in July, he captured the championship of Ontario in competition with 21 other old-time fiddlers. Last August he won the old-time fiddler's championship of Canada when he was adjudged best in his class at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

He had followed his forte until the end for on Saturday night he led his orchestra when they played for a dance held by the Daughters of the Empire. When the dance was over, he complained to friends of a pain in his heart, and he was unable to drive his car home. Two hours later he was rushed by ambulance to hospital, where he died at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

Predeceased by his wife, the former Marion Scott, some 20 years ago, he is survived by three children, Mrs. Geo. Wilson (Margaret), Miss Annie McDonald and John McDonald, and one grand-daughter, all of Guelph. Six sisters also survive, Mrs. Jane McFadden (Sarah), North Dakota; Mrs. Mary Alexander, Vancouver; Mrs. Flora Harvey, Toronto; Mrs. Maude McCall, Guelph and Mrs. Annie Phillips, Orton.

## KNOX W. M. S. HELD MARCH MEETING AT MRS. BUCHANAN'S

Knox Presbyterian Church W. M. S. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Dr. Buchanan on March 11th. Mrs. Blow opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer. The secretary and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. Mrs. R. M. McDonald read a letter that she had received from Mrs. W. P. Gamba, supply secretary of the W.M.S., also one from Mrs. Woods, convenor of the Finance Committee of the W.M.S. The business of the meeting was the arranging for the Easter thank offering meeting. Miss M. E. Anderson, missionary in Georgetown, British Guiana who is now on her way home is expected to be the guest speaker. Invitations are being sent to the W.M.S. and Y.W.S. in all neighboring towns also to the different churches in Acton.

Mrs. E. Barr gave a very interesting reading from the study book, the title being "Our Work in Canada." It gave much information on the activities of the Women's Missionary Society in hospitals, residences, camps and convalescent training schools. Mrs. Lantz gave a scripture reading and also gave a reading entitled "Who is our neighbor?" which was followed by a prayer offered by Mrs. Hollinger. The meeting was closed by Mrs. Blow. A dainty lunch was then served and a pleasant half hour spent.

## VARIED PROGRAM AT MARCH MEETING ACTON JUNIOR FARMERS

On Thursday evening, March 11, the Acton Junior Farmers met in Lorne School with the president, Kenneth McPhail in the chair. Calvin McIntyre was the chairman for the very splendid program. Readings by Mrs. Early; contest of questions and answers conducted by Doreen Ferguson; skit "Entertaining Sisters' Beau"; ice cream eating contest won by Barbara Turner and Leslie Swackhamer; readings by Eleada Britton; song song by Mrs. Early with Donald Switzer assisting. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

## Best Show in History for Halton Seeds and Bacon

Championships and Trophies Awarded at Milton on Saturday

The largest crowd on record attended the 13th Annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show held at the Town Hall last Saturday. Many fine displays of seed grain were in evidence, as well as the Junior Farmer club's displays.

"The entire Fair was one of the best since its inception," said J. E. Whitlock, Halton Agricultural Representative. "The export bacon show was somewhat different than in former years. The Bacon Show, sponsored by the Halton Hog Producers Association was classified in townships rather than having producers competing throughout the county. Directors of the different townships selected the best hogs by live weight and forwarded them to Canada Packers, where they were processed and dressed. From the five best sides winners and championships were awarded. The exhibition, adding to the seed fair was one of the very few commercial fairs in the province.

A new and interesting section was the display of seed by Junior Farmer groups, won by Norval, Palermo, Milton and Acton also competed in this class. Floyd Bridgen, Norval won the William Rennie special prize for his exhibit of barley. Winners of other seed classes included: late and medium oats, Gordon A. Leslie, Acton; early oats, Fred Nurse, who also won the championship for exhibiting the best bushel in the show; barley, Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; barley (smooth), George C. Wilson, Georgetown; red clover, R. H. Kingdon, Milton; 10 bushel of oats, Fred Nurse, Georgetown; 10 bushels of corn, W. E. Breckon, Freeman; field peas, Gordon Leslie, Acton; Timothy, Bruce Bridgen, Georgetown; J. E. Pearson won all the potato classes.

In the Junior Farmer's show, George Atkins, Bronte won honors for oats while Floyd Bridgen, Georgetown, took the honors in barley. John Bird was the highest competitor in winter wheat. The Norval group won a special prize for having the largest number of exhibits at the fair.

In his address to the large audience, Prof. J. C. Steckley of Ridgeway Experimental Station stressed the importance of crop rotation with the proper fertilizer as the only way to assure successful crops. He illustrated his address by outlining experiments at the station and the results obtained.

While Equesing township walked away with the prize in the bacon show, Roy Elliott, Nelson township was awarded the grand championship for his side of bacon. The reserve championship went to Thomas Appleyard, Equesing. In order of their standing, Equesing township was 1st while Nelson, Nassagaweya and Trafalgar placed in that order.

Judging of the fine display of (Continued on Page Five)

## ACTON RESIDENT STRUCK BY CAR HERE ON MONDAY

Walking along the pavement on Mill Street on Monday evening during the heavy rain storm, Mr. A. M. McPherson, Arthur Street was struck by a car and sustained cuts and bruises on the head and his left leg badly bruised. It is believed the car was being driven by R. Rogers of Georgetown. Mr. McPherson was dazed by the accident and was taken to his home, and later a doctor was called. His recollection of the accident is not clear and he is suffering from shock. The mishap occurred at the corner of Mill and Frederick Streets.

Pavements were slippery and sidewalks were covered with water in many spots Monday evening and the heavy rain made visibility very poor. Friends hope the injuries are not serious.

## MISS MAIME MAINPRIZE IGNORED BY ASSOCIATES IN TEACHING PROFESSION

Miss Maime Mainprize, who has come to Acton to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mainprize, was a guest at a dinner in her honor at the Alexandra Palace, Toronto, last Friday evening. Her friends and fellow teachers on the staff of the Board of Education of York Township presented her with some beautiful gifts in recognition of her outstanding contribution to education and their personal appreciation of their association together.

Mr. N. A. McDonald, the principal of D. B. Hood School; Mr. W. J. Thorburn, former principal of John R. Wilson School; Mr. H. A. Griffin, superintendent of schools in York Township; Mr. W. Saunders, chairman of the Board of Education; Mr. Fydel and Miss Cross, inspectors of York Township, all expressed their appreciation of her long and excellent services to the children of the district and everyone united in wishing her many happy years in retirement.

## MR. FRED COLES TELLS MARCO CLUB OF VISIT TO ENGLAND

On Wednesday evening, March 10th the Marco Club of the United Church met in the Sunday School room where Garnet and Mary McKenzie and their group were in charge of the evening. Ann Mowat was in charge of the Devotional period during which she gave us a very enlightening talk on "Communism and its relationship to the Christian Church".

During the business session plans were made to present a variety show in the spring. Mr. Pickering conducted a song show. The topic for the evening "What Makes Us So Ignorant?" was taken by Dick Bean, who presented some interesting facts on the Communistic organizations in Canada and gave leading questions on the subject to the two discussion groups which followed.

Mr. Fred Coles gave an interesting and humorous account of his trip which he recently took to England. Ken and Joanna Riddler conducted a short recreation period and refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

## Change in Snow Removal Cause of Dissatisfaction

### North Halton Board Holds March Meeting in Acton

North Halton High School District Board met in Acton on Monday evening with all the members present and Chairman C. Martin presiding. Accounts were passed and insurance on the Milton building was increased to \$90,000, with \$10,000 on the equipment and deletion of the co-insurance clause. Report was made of the visit to the Department regarding new courses and also of a conference with the Georgetown High School Board. Accounts and requisitions were passed for both schools. Mr. Minervellus reported that the table tennis equipment in Milton was very popular with the students at noon hour and after school.

Plans were tentatively made for starting additional courses in Milton and Acton in the next term. These will likely be shop practice and Household Science in Milton and a commercial course in Acton.

### COLORED PHOTO OF ACTON GUN CLUB TAKEN HERE IN 1891

There came to our desk a few weeks ago a colored photograph of the Acton Gun Club taken on the slopes of Cobble Hill in the summer of 1891. It was the work of the late C. C. Speight and shows that color photography goes back many years. The photo was sent us by Mr. Mitch Cobban of Winnipeg, Man., who says that since he is now nearing the four score mark, he has given up collecting souvenirs.

With the help of some of his friends he named the group of J. J. Moore, Charlie Quinlan, George Wilds, J. J. Pearson, John Kennedy, Edward Nickel, John Harvey, Wm. Stark, Wm. Frick, Dr. W. H. Lawrey, Will Jeans, Hiram Worden, George Agnew, Mitchell Cobban and Charlie Speight.

Mr. Cobban inquires if he is the only survivor and we can assure him that he isn't, since both Will Frick and George Agnew are residing in Toronto and have marked diamond and golden wedding anniversaries respectively. The picture is on view in the Free Press window and is a very fine photo for those early days.

### THE ALTON-ROBINSON WEDDING AT ERIN ON SATURDAY MARCH 6th

On Saturday, March 6, Mr. W. Charlton officiated at the wedding of Nancy, second daughter of Mrs. Robinson and the late Mr. James Robinson, Edinburgh, Scotland and Albert Edgar Alton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Alton, Everton.

The bride was charming in a navy crepe dress trimmed with white lace and a dove grey hat with matching veil and wearing a corsage of pale pink carnations. She was attended by the groom's sister, Mrs. R. Patton, Guelph, wearing a rose wine coat with matching hat and a corsage of deep pink carnations. Mr. Kitch Head was the groomsmen. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlton, Erin.

The wedding supper was held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Alton, Everton. The table was tastefully arranged with a lovely three-tiered wedding cake in white and silver and flanked by tall pink candles in silver candlesticks.

After a short trip to Toronto Mr. and Mrs. Albert Alton, will reside on the Boy Scout Farm at Everton.

### NOT ALL THE IRISH ARE FAVORED BY ST. PATRICK ON THE 17th

The 17th of March wasn't all luck for the Irish. When Pat McCristall came down Mill Street on Wednesday evening driving his car he saw the three cars parked opposite the United Church but he failed to see the car of Dr. Douglas Garret parked opposite. A crushing of fenders and a breaking of glass and a grinding stop after the parked car had been driven high on the snow bank. There were no casualties beyond those to the cars, one the rear fender and the assaulting car the front fender and headlight.

When Chief Harrop investigated he felt Mr. McCristall should be incarcerated for a few hours and the March 17th incident will have a sequel in police court on Friday morning.

### Council Chamber Further Improved and to be Closed for Dances and Concerts—First Group of War-time Houses to be Ready on Monday

Council Chamber was further embellished when Acton Council met last night. There were new venetian blinds on the windows and the stove was shining in a fresh coat of aluminum paint. Councillors McLeod, McIsaac and Davison and Deputy-Reeve Coen were present and Reeve E. J. McCutcheon presided.

The change in snow removal from business places was again under discussion. There had been much dissatisfaction since the plan had been changed on Mill St. No change was made although it was admitted more snow clearance was advisable but it was felt the matter could be left since there would not likely be more snow this year to be removed.

Accounts were passed for payments as follows:

W. Coles, Division Court fees	\$ 8.90
Geo. E. Elliott, fees re by-law	10.30
Pub. Util., various serv.	243.65
Thompson Motors, supp.	32.84
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, coal	72.15
Dr. Garrett, medical treatment	24.00
Elliott Bros., supp.	1.49
Acton Free Press, supp.	20.24
Bell Telephone Co., serv.	18.56
C. F. Leatherland, acct's	153.36
B. F. Goodrich Rubber Co., supp.	260.00
C. E. Hickey & Sons, fog nozzle	60.25
Library Bd., part of grant	200.00
E. E. Harrop, postage & express	2.63
Fred Stewart re-snow removal	24.00

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The Navy League requested a grant. The letter was filed. A letter from the Red Cross was to be sent to the Secretary.

A letter from Mr. Hughes Cleaver acknowledged the communication of Council regarding pensions for disabled veterans and explained the situation in regard to pensions.

The Inspector of legal offices acknowledged receipt of Council's letter and enclosed a copy of letter sent to Godson Hutt regarding registration of subdivision plans.

A letter from the C.N.R. stated they were not responsible for the fill in widening Main Street for sidewalk.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. F. Anderson was, through her solicitor Geo. E. Elliott issuing a writ against the town for \$500 in regard to the accident to her mother, Mrs. Collier. The writ was to be forwarded to the insurance company immediately on receipt.

The Clerk reported on the arrears of taxes and instructions were issued for their disposal. Council decided that since the Council Chamber had been cleaned and redecorated the room should be locked and used only for meetings and the use of the room would be denied for dances and concerts. Council discussed putting mattresses and bedding in the cells but no action was taken.

Clerk McCaighe reported that five of the War-time Houses were to be turned over to the rental officer on Monday for allotment for occupancy. It was felt that groups of five dwellings would be ready each week or two thereafter.

### Coming Events

Announcements of Meeting, Concerts, or other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 50.

Hard time dance, Acton Town Hall, March 19. Elliott's Orchestra, prizes. Admission 50c.

Kidd Bakers' Radio Cowboy Show and Easter Dance, Monday, March 29, Town Hall, Acton. Admission, adults 50c, children 25c.

Thursday evening, March 25th, the Junior Farmers are holding a euchre and dance in Lorne School. Come early. Lunch provided and prizes. Admission 35c.

A 3-act very amusing comedy play "While the Sun Shines" by "Apprentice Productions" at the Town Hall, Friday, April 16th at 8:15 p.m. under the auspices of Acton Y. Men's Club. Watch this paper for further announcements.

## HALTON ANNUAL SEED FAIR AND BACON SHOW



Interest in Junior Farmer Club work has been increasing steadily during the past few years, and in most competitions special classes have been added to encourage their work. At the Annual Halton Seed Fair and Bacon Show, directors included for a first time an inter-club display of seed grain. Many interesting and decorative displays were seen by the huge crowd attending. In photo above, J. E. Whitlock, Halton Agricultural representative, and his Assistant Clarence Rennie, are seen at the prize winning display, won by Norval Junior Farmers. Others competing included Palermo, Milton and Acton clubs.