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## Acton Slips to Second Place by 9-2 Loss

### Oakville Won on Saturday—Jr. Lawson Relieves On Pitching Duties

Absorbing a 9-2 defeat at the hands of Oakville Intermediates, Acton encountered their worst defeat of the current season last Saturday at the park here and as a result slid to the second rung of the league ladder. Oakville climbed into sole possession of first place; a position they have been seeking since they lost two consecutive games at the season's outset. League standing is practically a facsimile of last semester as the clubs swing into the last half of the fifteen game schedule.

Acton made things tough for Oaks until the eighth frame but substitutions for regular players, out with various complaints, were not adequate as Oaks exploded for four hits and four runs in the top half. Missing from the local lineup were Green, Mather, and W. Lawson, Gib and Mel Jordan. Up until that point in the eighth Acton held the invaders down to 4-2. Another run in the 9th gave Oakville their ninth and final run.

To stimulate their hurling staff the triple A club brought Harry Lawson, southpaw ace of the juveniles, up from juvenile ranks to battle Oaks from the rubber. Lawson delivered as if he had played Intermediate ball since he first donned a monkey suit but Oaks got through to him in the eighth and "Fireman" Snyder was delegated to relieve. For his first performance in an Intermediate jersey the kid from the juveniles was to use an understatement "promising." If more support had been forthcoming from his mates he might easily have kept Oaks off the sheet. Ten hits were smashed from the offerings of both Lawson and Snyder.

Oakville, nominated Devan to hurl the route for them. Restricting Acton to seven bingles, Chris Speyer's new addition, reportedly from the Queen City, seldom got into trouble after the fourth inning during which Acton scored their second, and last tally. They counted in the third for their other singleton. In the second the locals boarded three men but a cool performance in the pinches saved Devan from any further trouble. He issued three passes in those two frames in which the triple A scored, both of which later came home.

At the plate, Lindsay set a blistering .600 pace to spark Acton. Oaks divided their hits amongst one another.

The locals lacked the necessary punch to drive home seventeen men left on the sacks. The invaders were better with seven men left stranded.

Bobbles by the Acton in and outfield contributed to the defeat. Veteran "Bus" Morton joined brother Norm in the infield and held down the second base spot. It was his first appearance since 1946.

Leslie, the visitors blond centre fielder made several shoe-string catches in contrast to the Acton outfielder who continually lost the agate in the sun.

Box Score:

	R	H	E
Oakville	10	200	041
Acton	001	100	000

Line-ups:

Acton—Masters 3b; N. Morton 1b; W. Waterhouse lf; Lindsay c; Poottit cf; R. Ryder ss; Robinson rf; R. Morton 2b; Lawson p. until 8th; Snyder p. in 8th.

Oakville—Gillam 3b; Langway 2b; Davison 1b; Markey c; M. Pollock rf; Leslie cf; Blakelock lf; K. Pollock cf; Tuck 3b; Devan p. Umpires—Timmis and Goy

## MISS ANDERSON SPEAKER AT MEETING BANNOCKBURN W.I.

The June meeting of the Bannockburn Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. H. Jolley with nine members and five visitors present. Arrangements were made for the picnic to be held in the park. Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Jolley were elected to arrange the program.

Guests speaker was Miss Anderson, who gave a very interesting talk on missionary work in British Guiana. A delightful lunch was served by Mrs. Jolley and her assistants. After lunch Miss L. Warren sang "Coming Through the Rye," and "Believe Me if all those Endering Young Charms".

The "Forty-niner" is a new tea rose, rich yellow outside and vivid red inside.

## Car Missed Turn Plowed into the Railway Bank

When he lost control of his car early Monday morning Aldon Higgins of Breslau went over the Queen St. crossing of the C.N.R. missed the planking and travelled over the embankment twelve feet from the street crossing. Neither the driver or any of the three passengers were severely injured. With him were his sister Miss Ruple Higgins and Lyle Clark and his sister Miss Ethel Clark.

The group were returning to Breslau from a trip to Pleton. Instead of following the highway at the turn into Young Street, Higgins drove right down Queen St. Marks indicated he attempted to stop his car but he failed to gain control. The accident happened about 2 a.m. Monday. Damage to the car is estimated at between \$400 and \$500. One of the heavy rails was bent by the impact and railway ties were moved several inches. Constable Cecil Gibbons investigated.

## FOSTER-KIRKPATRICK WEDDING AT CHURCH IN LIMEHOUSE

A very pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. Hodgson of Anglewood when Margaret Jane, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kirkpatrick of Limehouse and John Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Foster of Cheltenham were married in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Saturday June 19th.

The bride was lovely in white net and satin with full trimmings, halo headress with a short veil and carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by Misses Vera Speers and Peggy Willett who wore green and yellow brodered net with satin trimmed halo hats to match and each carried an old fashioned nosegay.

The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Jim Foster and Messrs. Jas. Kirkpatrick and Lloyd Foster were ushers.

Mrs. J. E. Roughley was at the organ and Mrs. E. Karn sang "Because" during the signing of the register.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents where the bride's mother received wearing grey printed jersey with grey and black accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother also received in plaid jersey with black crepe one-piece costume, white accessories and wearing sweet peas.

Before leaving for her honeymoon the bride donned a grey gabardine suit with white accessories and wore a corsage of sweetheart roses and sweet peas.

Prior to their departure for the north, the young couple visited the bride's aged grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Standish at Stewarstown who were unable to attend the wedding, with whom she left her bouquet. On their return the couple will live at Stewarstown.

Guests were present from Lindsay, Cheltenham, Brampton, Elora, Stewarstown, Glen Williams, Georgetown and Limehouse.

## "First In" for Some Boy and Girl Decided by Vote

Some boy or girl from Acton and district is going to win a distinction that will go down in history. The committee in charge have arranged what they term a "First In" contest for the children and here is how a boy and girl can win that honor in the new Community Swimming Pool when it is completed in Acton Park.

With every \$10 invested and paid by subscribers they will receive two votes, for the popular boy and the popular young miss. The boy and girl who secures the most votes will be the ones to earn the right to first dive into the pool on its official opening. In addition each will receive a fine new bathing suit and a season ticket good for a swim anytime during the first season. The voting coupons will be issued only when the total subscription is paid up and two votes allowed on every \$10 unit subscription.

More complete details will be given later, either from your caller or by public notice. This is just the preliminary announcement but some Acton boy and girl is going to be very prominent when the pool opens. Ask about it. Work for it. It's going to be a big day in the lives of the young people when Acton opens its new swimming pool.

## OPENING CEREMONIES OF HALTON HEALTH UNIT



The residence of former gael governors recently remodelled, was the scene of opening ceremony in Milton Saturday afternoon. Over 125 guests from different parts of the province included officials from the Ontario Department of Health as well as directors from other Health Units. In the photograph on the right are shown members of the staff of the Health Unit. Front row from the left: Miss Dorothy Sanderson, Miss Sarah Cameron, Public Health nurses; Dr. James M. Mather, director; Miss M. Jennette Gillespie, Supervisor of Nurses; Miss Audrey M. Anderson, Public Health Nurse. Back row: J. A. Powell, Sanitary Inspector; Miss Marion Higginson, Public Health Nurse; R. M. Campbell, Sanitary Inspector; Mrs. Anna Scott MacNabb, secretary was not present when the photograph was taken. Photo on the right shows pretty little Anne Mather, daughter of Dr. Mather presenting Mrs. Mary S. Pettit with a bouquet during the ceremony.

## Official Opening Saturday Halton County Health Unit

### Many Officials of Province and County on Hand and Visitors See the Arrangements made for Operation of Unit—Remodelled Residence Makes an Ideal Place for the Work

Beautiful flower gardens dotting the spacious lawns afforded a picturesque setting for the official opening of the Halton County Health Unit here, last Saturday afternoon.

Official from the Ontario Department of Health, members of the Medical profession, Directors of Units of other Counties, and a host of friends attended the ceremony and tea at the residence of former governors, which adjoins the historic County buildings.

"While Halton is not the first to organize this service, we of the Department of Health congratulate the officials of the County into one of the most important fields of public service," declared Dr. R. G. Struthers, Director of the Division of Public Health when he officially opened the Halton County Health Unit. Dr. Struthers performed this duty in the absence of the Hon. Russell T. Kelly, Minister of Health, who had planned to be present for the ceremony.

"The Department has for the past 25 years looked forward to the day when this service would be available to both rural and urban centres alike, and we were all aware that Halton County Council could be relied upon to institute this service," Dr. Struthers said adding that the townships had already been providing dental treatment to the children of their municipalities.

Praising the compactness of the remodelled residence Dr. Struthers added, the Halton unit was ideally situated for the Department to send students in Public Health to examine a workable Public Health Unit, and this unit is so handy to source of study at Toronto. Concluding he said the Halton Unit would receive the fullest co-operation from the Department at Queen's Park.

Mrs. Mary S. Pettit, reeve of Nelson and chairwoman of the committee set up by Halton County Council, was in charge of the ceremony. In her address of welcome to the many guests, she praised the work of her committee as well as the County Council for their co-operation in "furthering the best Health Unit organization in the Province".

The Warden, George E. Cleave, praised Mrs. Pettit's untiring efforts and organization work, in having the Public Health service organized in Halton. "Under the capable guidance of the director, Dr. Mather and his staff, I am sure it will be an unqualified success." Stating in years past, it seemed to be that the intellectual part of a child was more important than the physical well being of a child, L. L. Skuce, P. S. I., for Halton stated, "However we are pleased that day has long gone and to-day it is important the health of the child is equal to that of the intellectual being."

"We are all one hundred per cent behind this unit," said Dr. A. C. Bremer, president of the Halton County Medical Society, as

he congratulated those responsible for the new organization. "I am sure this movement will go a long way toward caring for the health of the people in the county."

Miss Moore Director of Public Health Nursing recalled the first meeting back in 1944, to consider such a health program.

Mrs. Pettit called Dr. Mather, director and members of his staff to the speakers stand, to introduce each of them to those attending the ceremony. Briefly Dr. Mather thanked Mrs. Pettit and the committee for their assistance since the Unit was organized last Sep. He also welcomed the guests and directors from other similar units attending.

During the program Mrs. Pettit was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little Ann Mather, daughter of the director.

Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. J. M. Mather and Mrs. Dr. Stevenson poured tea while ladies of Knox Presbyterian church served lunch.

## DUBLIN FOLKS HOLD PICNIC AT S. H. WEBSTER'S FARM

About 65 people gathered on the spacious grounds at S. H. Webster's on Friday, June 25th, for Dublin School and Community Picnic. Soccer, races and softball were completed before lunch. After the lunch senior and juniors joined together and played softball until dark. Everyone reported a good time and plenty of eats. Following is the result of the contests:

Girls, 7 years and under—Ruth McIsaac, Jacqueline Surbey.

Boys, 7 years and under—Bruce Elliot, Kermit Hepburn.

Girls, 9 years and under—Melba Williamson, Marie Hepburn.

Boys, 9 years and under—Albert Roberts, George Brown.

Girls, 11 years and under—Barbara Marshall.

Boys, 11 years and under—Matt Elliot, Billy Hepburn.

Boys and Girls 13 years and under—Matt Elliot, Tommy Ritchie.

Boys and Girls, 14 years and under—Ray Webster, Allan Ellerby (tied).

Single girls—Miss N. Krantz, Verna Webster.

Single boys—Bob Adams, Bud Webster.

Married Men—Len Adams, Bill McPhedran (tied).

Sack Race—Bud Webster, Bill McPhedran, Jack Marshall, Harvey Sprawl.

Wheelbarrow Race—Bill McPhedran, Allan McIsaac, Bruce MacPherson, Billy Hepburn and Allan McIsaac (tied).

Kicking Shoes—Allan McIsaac, Doug MacPherson, Jr.

Sack Race—Allan Ellerby, Melba Williamson.

Three Legged Race—Bud Webster and Bob Adams, Eugene Villamaire and Allan Ellerby.

The British government has asked Canada's participation in a food growing plan to cope with a threat of world food shortage within the next ten years.

A caviar industry has been established in North Bay.

## Bands of Acton And Georgetown at Waterloo Tattoo

Bands competing from Acton and Georgetown on Saturday at the Waterloo Musical Festival encountered stiff opposition and while they made a good showing did not bring home the trophies as on previous occasions.

Five bands in the intermediate class for those under 21 years of age competed with the following results: London Police Boy's Club Band 92 1/2 points; Ingersoll Band 87; Dundas 83; Acton Boy's and Girl's Band 82 and Waddington School, Hamilton, 79 points. Meeting such heavy competition from city and large town bands Bandmaster Charles Mason and his boy's and girl's have no reason to be discouraged.

The Lorne Scots Band of Georgetown played in a higher class this year known as the open class. In this group London Technical Concert Band scored 91 pts., Brantford Memorial Concert Band 90 1/2; Lorne Scots 89; Canadian National Hallways Employees Stratford 87; and 22nd Reconnaissance Band of Windsor 84 1/2 points. Here too it will be noted Bandmaster Perrott and his band were against city competition and made a good showing.

Bandmaster Martin Boudry of the London bands won three firsts in three different classes 2, 5 and 6.

## UNITED CHURCH PICNIC HELD AT HOME OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Last Friday afternoon, scholars, teachers and friends of Acton United Church Sunday School held an enjoyable picnic at the home of the Superintendent Mr. M. Nelles. Featured were the contests and races and a bountiful and delightful picnic supper. Following are the winners of the various contests:

Miss Jean Harris' Class—John McArthur, Douglas Baird.

Mrs. Cleave's Class—Peter McLeure, Wayne Hetric.

Miss Ethel Franklin's Class—Nancy McLean, Diane Baird.

Miss Dorothy Simmons' Class—Betty Mae Lambert, Carol Fletcher.

Mr. J. McGeachie's Class—Emmerson Baxter, Bobbie Brown.

Mrs. Mowat's Class—John Lambert, David Cullen.

Mrs. Pickering's Class—Lorene Roszel.

Mr. Pickering's Class—Ronnie Halston.

Girls Three Legged Race—Maurice Kinrad and Betty Mae Lambert; Lorna Brown and Joan Oakley.

Boys Three Legged Race—Allred Reach and Emmerson Baxter; Ronnie Holston and David Cullen.

Girls Sack Race—Christie Lamb, Elaine Deforest.

Boys Sack Race—Emmerson Baxter, Donald Soutther.

Relay Race—Lorene Roszell's team.

Three and Needle Race—Ethel Franklin and Mr. M. Nelles; Mary Sims and George Elliot.

Boys Day Relay Race—Mr. Pickering and Mrs. Soutther's team; Pe Pe Platt Race—Mr. M. Nelles and Jean Harris; Mr. J. McGeachie and Ethel Franklin.

Time Race—Mrs. Binnie.

More than \$200,000,000 in gold was mined in the Yukon.

## Knox Garden Party Provided Fine Entertainment

On Friday evening the choir of Knox Church held an old-fashioned garden party in the park. Ideal weather conditions, the natural beauty of the setting and a fine program added up to an enjoyable and successful event.

The highlight of the program was the I.L.I. Pipers' Band from Galt, under the direction of Pipe-Major Ward Louis Mampacy, a recent arrival from Belgium, delighted the audience with his accordian, and Mrs. Mighon of Fergus gave some fine elocutionary numbers.

Little Nancy Gordon of Toronto, a very accomplished dancer who was accompanied by Pipe-Major Forbes of Galt, won much acclaim with her numbers and lovely costumes. The Barbershop quartette, composed of Messrs. Chas. Kirkness, Ted Hansen, Norman Baird and Geo. Muselle, blended their voices in songs of long ago, attired fittingly and adorned with generous moustaches.

The Haystack Quartette, composed of Messrs. J. Duby, Chas. Landsborough, J. Black and Geo. Fountain were also in harmonizing garb and with guitar, mandolin violin and piano, contributed old-time music which was much appreciated as were vocal solos by Mr. Duby and Mr. Fountain. Mr. C. Landsborough gave a very fine cornet rendition of "The Holy City" and Mr. Geo. Muselle excelled himself as "The Sergeant Major".

His own share of the applause was won by Rev. Capt. J. M. Anderson, who in his capacity as entertainer always captivates his audience. Accompanists for the evening were Messrs. Ted Hansen and Chas. Landsborough and Mr. R. R. Parker was a very efficient master of ceremonies. The refreshment booth proved to be a very popular retreat and was a very appreciable factor in the financial success of the event.

## PRETTY JUNE WEDDING AT HOME OF EDITOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills, Acton, artistically decorated with pink roses, snapdragons and large baskets of pink and white peonies was the setting for the pretty wedding on Saturday of Frances Elizabeth Dills B.A. only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Arlof Dills to Clarence Rodrick Prosser B.A., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Prosser of Kirkland Lake. The Rev. Louis Pickering performed the ceremony. The wedding music was played by Mr. Frank Daley of Toronto.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of traditional white satin fashioned on princess lines with a sweetheart neckline and long tight sleeves. Soft shirring added h.p. interest to the gently flaring skirt and the front panel of the moulded bodice was encrusted with pearl beading in a scalloped design across the shoulder and down to a V at the waistline. A fingertip veil fell from her sweetheart headress of tulle illusion. Her cascade bouquet was of white and pink roses and stephanotis. Mrs. John Wray as Matron of Honour wore a hyacinth blue chiffon and lace gown with a square neckline, moulded bodice and full skirt, pink mittens and pink picture hat and carried a cascade of Talsman roses and daisies. The groomsmen were Mr. William Prosser of Kirkland Lake, brother of the groom.

At the reception immediately following the ceremony for the 70 guests present the bride's mother received in a floor length gown of dove grey crepe, with a corsage of sweetheart roses, galardia and ostrich feather; the groom's mother assisting chose a floor length gown of aqua faille with corsage of sweetheart roses, aqua galardia and ostrich feather.

For the wedding trip to Halliburton the bride donned an aqua silk crepe dress, white flannel shortie coat, white baku hat, red suede shoes and bag and corsage of gardenias.

The bride and groom served in the R.C.N.V.R. during the war and are graduates of Victoria College, University of Toronto, and Ontario College of Education. They will be at home to their friends in Hanover after September the first where the groom will be a member of the High School Staff.

Guests attended from Kirkland Lake, Ulster Pa., Clinton, Toronto, Hamilton, Georgetown and Acton.

A South African bird, the social weaver, builds a multiple nest to house groups of its apartment minded families.

## County Council Has Tour in Simcoe County

### Visit 450 Acre Farm and See Reforestation Projects Over 100 in Group

Winding around hill and vale, through fertile agricultural lands, and finally picking their way through dense forests, nearly twenty-five members and officials of Halton County Council toured through Simcoe County on Tuesday of last week, to inspect the Simcoe County's achievements in her agricultural, reforestation, and conservation programs.

The tour, planned by the Wardens of Halton, Peel and Simcoe Counties, attracted over 100 council members, county and Ontario Departmental officials, including this correspondent, who were amazed and thrilled at the immensity of Simcoe's projects. The outing was packed with valuable information as well as the social visits between members of the 3 councils. Members of Peel and Halton councils heartily appreciated the efforts of their hosts, making the day one long to be remembered.

Under threatening skies the group left Milton shortly after eight o'clock and were met by a second bus with members of the Peel County Council at the intersection of Highways 7 & 10. Travelling via Brampton, Bolton, Palgrave, the two groups wended their way to Glenafon Farms, the home of J. J. McCague, one of the largest breeders of Holstein cattle in the Dominion.

While entertained by Mr. McCague, he explained the farm consisted of 450 acres of land on which were raised 125 cattle and a large fow ranch. Every member was impressed at the immensity of the industry on this farm which employed twelve men. It was here Mr. McCague said that cows were milked three times daily.

From the Glenafon farm, where the Halton and Peel groups were joined by a third group containing members of Simcoe County Council, the party proceeded to Alliston and thence to Camp Borden, where they were escorted by military police through the camp.

On arrival at the Departmental Tree Seed Plant at Angus, the party was entertained to a dinner provided by the Essa Women's Institute.

J. T. Simpson, the oldest county clerk in the province, chairman at the dinner welcomed both Halton and Peel groups, adding that Warden George Cleave, of Halton was the first to mention a slight seeing tour of Simcoe County last fall. Finally plans were made and with the assistance of I. C. Marritt, of the Department of Lands and Forests, the tour was arranged for June 15th.

The speaker explained that Simcoe had over 10,000 acres planted under the reforestation program, which included over 10 million trees. Besides the dairy, fruit and agricultural industry only recently tobacco growing was proving a marked success in their county.

Warden George Cleave extended the appreciation of council, to the hosts for the welcome received by the 48 members of the Simcoe (Continued on Page Five)

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, 10 cents per line, with a minimum charge for 200 announcements of 30c.

Campaign for funds for Acton Community Swimming Pool opens July 5th.

Gospel Meeting, Sunday Night, Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. Not a new religion but the Gospel of Christ which is the power of God unto Salvation.

Barn Dance at Claude Pickett's Farm, Seventh Line, 1 1/2 miles north of Hurony, Tuesday, July 6th. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50c. D.D.

Opening W.I. and L.A. will hold their annual Garden Party at Abvin Fisher's farm, on Monday evening, July 5th. High class entertainment by Clair Rouse Concert Co. Adults 50c, Children 15c.

A meeting of the Itholders of Limehouse Cemetery will be held in the church Wednesday evening, July 7th at 8:30 p.m. D.S.T. Everyone having any interest in the cemetery is earnestly requested to attend.