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By H. Cole
SMILE! A WHILE!

Upon a ball club's hustle hangs a delicate thread that leads Lady Luck either to benevolently smile on your behalf or to cast unkind glances that bring crushing tears of remorse. This summer the "old gal" has had nothing but sour countenance for our boys who gallantly mixed to the diamond with machine like precision on two occasions per week to absorb their weekly trouncings. Each week, the crowds that ordinarily would practically leave seating room non-existent, grows noticeably thinner. In spite of purgant, caustic treatment thrown in their direction, the remnants of a once proud club stubbornly refuse to throw in the sponge. A once idealized Ontario title feels much like the Tower of London upon their crown—avoid-avoid-avoid weight and much too heavy. To hang insult upon injury under the strain of recent defeats Fergus exacted a 6-2 win over them in an exhibition tilt on Monday with 2 former Actonians lighting the way. Ghom is prevalent, deep dark unpronounceable gloom. The old spirit and college try is nearly broken. Then suddenly on Monday the club is infused with new life the will to win returns. They possessed it against Fergus only Pete Chabun intervened. Lucky, gangly, Pete and his sweeping side arm. But some semblance of last term has been found. It will require renewed development. Half-heartedness has made it only a shell of what it formerly was. The play-offs are in sight. Georgetown with their new additions are dangerous, Milton pack a punch and Oakville still the cream of the crop. Acton are going to win—more games, win back the confidence and pose that marked their play last year; strive to return the mug, emblematic of Ontario supremacy to Acton.

Milton, last Saturday, found it plenty tough to smash any hits off John Mowat's offerings. Elevated from Juvenile ranks to plug the vacancies in a depleted mound staff, Mowat for six frames had Milton tied down with a grand show of zip. Come the eighth and his arm virtually refused to last any longer. That was the turning point in the game's direction. Harry Lawson valiantly attempted to stem the attack of the invaders but it was of no consequence. Experience is essential in a situation like the foregoing. So Acton suffered as a result.

After the game, Milton's Grenke and Fay rushed back to their home ballpark to aid the County Town Juveniles against Bud Corbett's Oakville crew. Much to Corbett's dismay, they played the remaining innings of the affair in Juvenile togs. He wasn't the only one surprised by the recent ruling allowing players to compete in both Int. and Juvenile company. At Acton last Wednesday, Milton pushed the locals right out of the running with the same two players on the line-up. Although Acton have two games yet to be played in the schedule, it is solely for the purpose of propriety that these games are to be played.

Johnny Coy and "Doc" Striss are to be commended for the interest they took in the juveniles. This year's edition had more moxie and fight than previous clubs of Juvenile group hailing from this ville. If additional time had been available, it might have been a different story. As it is, they were Oakville's nemesis. They snuffed Oakville somehow, but found Milton a harder nut to crack. Strange as it seems, Oakville had little trouble disposing of Milton. Oakville and Milton will contest the play-offs with Oakville favored.

Recollections of Acton

BACK IN 1898

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 21, 1898.

Several farmers of this vicinity have their wheat all cut. A common complaint is that their barns are too small to hold the crop.

The sarcophagus to be placed at the head of the grave of the late W. H. Storey, Acton, is completed at the marble yard of Mr. J. H. Hamilton, and is one of the most attractive monuments ever turned out from a Guelph yard.

At a special meeting of Council Municipal Officer Graham was appointed overseer to superintend the laying of the new permanent pavement as per contract with Guelph Paving Company. Mr. Hutchinson, city engineer for Guelph was in town Saturday and prepared the levels for the new permanent pavement on Mill Street.

New residents continue to settle in Acton. Mr. Thomas Hamilton of Fergus removed his family here from that town, and intends shortly to erect a residence here. Chairman Murray of the Streets and Walks Committee has lost considerable property with the drought. This week by his action in having the round stones raked into the centre of the new road bed on Mill Street.

DIED.
McGREGOR In. Evanosa, on 14th July, David, second son of the late Peter McGregor, aged 22 years.

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 28, 1898.

Acton's rate of assessment for the coming year has been struck at 28 mills on the dollar.

Henderson's pond is very popular as a bathing place these days. A disease of a painful nature is affecting the eyes of number of young cattle pasturing in this locality. The eyes become inflamed, the eye balls badly swollen and the pupils enlarged. A number affected have lost the sight of one eye and in one or two cases they have become totally blind.

Two cent postage is an advantage soon to be enjoyed by Canadian letter writers. Last Friday Malcolm McPherson of the Scotch Block cut ten acres of heavy fall wheat in five and a half hours with a Frost and Wood header drawn by two horses. Mr. McPherson thinks this beats the record.

The new cement pavement was completed last night. It will be open to the public next week.

Messrs. John Kenney, P.M., and Dr. J. F. Uren, W.M. attended the session of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., as delegates from Walker Lodge No. 327 last week at Toronto.

A gang of swindlers are traveling the district claiming authority from the state to examine wells. They examine the water through a microscope and find all kinds of bacteria, cholera and typhoid germs and permit the farmer to look through the microscope, where, of course, they see the menagerie that always will be found in a drop of water. The frightened farmer is advised to apply certain remedies which the fakirs sell at a high price. The remedy proves to be a little plain soda.

BACK IN 1928

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 26, 1928.

Wool prices this summer range from 24c to 28c as reported by the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers.

A new traffic "trap" has made his appearance on this sector, of No. 7 Highway. The five mile speedway east of town is coming back to normal now.

On Tuesday a syndicate headed by Mr. T. Seynuck started drilling operations on his property, lot 32, Concession 7, Nassagawey, for gas and oil.

Last Thursday evening Acton Citizens' Band journeyed to Hillsburgh and had a surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Moore who recently moved there. During the evening they presented Mr. Moore with a fountain pen and pencil set.

DIED.
McQUEEN At Eganville, Sask. on Tuesday, July 17, 1928, John McQueen in his 75th year. PEARSON At her home, Willow Street, Acton, on Wednesday, July 25, 1928, Sarah Lucretia Brown, widow of the late J. B. Pearson in her 87th year.

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, August 2nd, 1928.

Acton and Guelph played a ball game in the Park Saturday after-

noon. Acton won with a score of 8-6.
Mr. A. T. Mann and Messrs. Mann Brothers have been the first farmers of this section to commence their wheat harvest.
Mr. Samuel Wiggins whose farm is about two miles west of Acton, lost his barn and contents when it was struck by lightning last Friday morning.
About a dozen of the members of the Milton Tennis Club paid the Acton Club a visit on Wednesday afternoon and spent a most enjoyable time.
Mr. L. Starkman started operations this week on enlarging and improving his store on Mill Street formerly occupied by McKeon and Powell.
Rev. F. T. Ware, D.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church for India for the past forty years was a guest at Moorecroft on Sunday.

BORN.
MATTHEWS At Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matthews a son.
DIED.
HEASLEY At his home, lot 12, 4th line, Eramosa, on Monday, July 10th, 1928, Henry James Heasley in his 37th year.

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