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Tanners Lose Two Games As Schedule Nears End

Lost to Oakville and Fergus by One Goal Margin—Last Period Rally Failed in Both Games — One more Game with Bridgeport—All teams are in Play-off Series

Fans are beginning to suspect the Tanners are beginning to disintegrate as they came up with two unimpressive performances last week against teams they had downed easily in previous contests. The ill-fated Tanners bowed to Oakville 5-4 last Thursday in their final home appearance of the season and then at Fergus on Tuesday emerged on the short end of an 8-7 score. Although one goal margin was the big obstacle in the first and second periods and fortunate the count stacked against them didn't exceed these digits considerably.

On both instances they staged sparkling third period bids that came within an ace of, and in the Oakville encounter succeeded, tying the score, but their despatch was too late to have any effect on the final count. With eleven seconds remaining in regulation time, Oakville sank a goal to win Thursday's contest while a penalty shot awarded Thistles in the last period, Tuesday, eluded Evans to nullify a six goal burst by the Tanners.

Their erratic performances had a widely divergent effect on fans divided into two camps of opinion as to what ails the Tanners. Contending that their lack of fight and leggy play was due to a revulsion by the O.H.A. in play-off ruling, since all teams are now included in the play-offs, critics obviously discouraged by recent defeats, say that the boys aren't even trying to play good hockey. Meanwhile, on the other side of the fence are those who attribute defeat to a lengthy string of injuries plaguing the club and additionally the loss of pivot Mike Cox.

Whatever their opinion, however, most fans agreed that a marked improvement is necessary if the Tanners are to make any impression on fans in the play-offs. In the last few games, a lack of a basic ingredient of hockey, old college try, has been increasingly prevalent.

Only two games remain to be played to fulfill the schedule, one against Bridgeport, postponed to tonight, likely to be played next week and finally a postponed tilt with Oakville in the port town.

Decidedly Strengthened
After holding off a gangling attack by Tanners while Walsh lingered in the don-jon, Speck sank the winning marker with only eleven seconds left in regulation time as Oakville shoulded Acton 5-4. The victory, Oakville's second, was well earned in spite of the fact Tanners overcame a 4-1 deficit in the last stanza to break even on O'Donoghue's goal with less than five minutes remaining.

Speck beat Rusk, substituting for Evans, injured in the second period by a flying stick, with a dead-on release from directly in front of the net. Previous to this Evans restricted what might have been a much larger count.

Oakville had a constant edge on play, showed more zest and skated faster than Tanners. On more than one occasion erratic shooting kept the Legion crew's sorties off the sheet. Galbraith, a shifty pivot, gazed through countless times but muffed his effort with a wild shot.

Patterson sniped two goals for Oakville while Brown, Speck and Davison accounted for singletons. Hasso bagged a pair for Acton, O'Donoghue and Hilson potting singles.

Legionnaires featured Harold Mooney, an Acton product and former Tanner on their western plea Bill Terry last year with Milton, on defence. They have improved greatly since their initial appearance in Georgetown with a couple more acquisitions on the forward line.

Acton Thistles Spark Fergus
On Tuesday in Fergus, Tanners had their perennial enemy to beat—lack of an O.H.A. referee—and a liberally Acton sprinkled Thistles to account for as well. Consequently Joe Woods and a Fergus man assumed the whistle-blowing job in the first instance but little could be done about the latter.

Protected in the rear by a stellar twin tending chore by "Ingie" Robson, Thistles couldn't do anything wrong in the first two chapters. (Continued on Page Five)

Narrow Escape of Pedestrian in Mill Street Accident

Mrs. Weadge, R.R. 2, Acton, escaped serious injury on Friday afternoon last as she was crossing Mill Street at the John Street intersection. Apparently Mrs. Weadge became confused as she crossed the street and fell in front of a truck belonging to the Town Transport and driven by Roy Nixon of Fergus.

She sustained a bruised thigh and a cut over one eye and was taken to the office of Dr. W. G. C. Kenney, where her injuries were found not serious. She was fortunate indeed that the front wheels of the transport did not pass over her but were held from turning by the prompt action of the driver. Snow clearing of the street was in progress at the time and it is thought Mrs. Weadge's attention was diverted as she made the crossing.

LOCAL 26 MAKES NEW APPOINTMENTS AT MONDAY'S MEETING

On Monday night with a fair attendance, Local 26 National Shoe and Leather Union held a very lively meeting. After much discussion, a number of changes were made by the President, with the consent of the members. Trustees and Stewards were appointed. The report of the Negotiating Committee was read. Local 26 will meet with other locals in Acton in the near future to try and organize a Labour Council. A delegate was appointed to attend the Convention at Toronto on February 18 and 19.

More Donations Help Scouts to Complete Hall

The ceiling rafters have been completed in our Scout house and it is hoped that it will be possible to arrange to have the floor in place this Saturday.

Monthly Meeting Public School Board Thursday

Routine Matters Dealt With and Accounts are Passed

Chairman Jones presided at the regular meeting of Acton School Board held on February 4th. Trustees Baird, Howles, Oakes and Heard were present.

The Board approved a grant of \$25.00 to the Halton County Music Festival.

The Property Committee was authorized to purchase a sump pump for use in the boiler room.

The subscription to Ontario Trustees' and Ratepayer's Association was renewed.

The Finance Committee passed the following accounts:

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES FOR ACTON SCHOOLS

On last Wednesday, February 2, a large group of parents and citizens interested in the formation of an organization known as the Home and School Association met in the Acton Public School. Mrs. Grant, organizer for Halton and Peel County and Mr. Roy Smith, vice-president of the Home and School Association for Ontario were present and answered questions explaining the organization of the group.

After thorough discussion, the group present drafted a motion that an organization known as the Acton Home and School Association be formed. The nominating committee appointed to present candidates for the various offices was made up of the following: Mrs. I. Lovell, Dr. F. G. Oakes, Mr. H. Chandler, Mr. C. Cook, Mrs. Chas. Landborough, Mrs. G. Cunningham, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mr. G. McKenzie.

Mrs. Grant and Mr. Smith will return next week on February 14 to install the officers elected at that time to continue the organization. The meeting that evening will commence at 8:15 p.m.

The aims of this new organization attempt to bridge the gap so often prevalent between the home and school. The group will hold regular monthly meetings and the membership is open not only to parents of students but to adults interested in education, the welfare of youth, the care and protection of students, and interpreting the schools to the people.

More Improvements Made at Store of Harold Wiles

For the past few weeks, Harold Wiles' store and the Bus Depot have been closed while extensive repairs and alterations were made. Saturday it will be re-opened and customers will be greeted with many improvements.

An attractive brown mottled tile floor has been laid and new ceiling installed in ivory finish. The walls are a light tint of green stucco finish. The new floor goes back to the living room at the rear of the store where a nice fireplace has been installed.

All the improvements, however, do not meet the eye for the entire floor joists in the basement were renewed and a new heating and air conditioning system is being installed for the entire building.

Mr. Harold Wiles and Miss Laura Wiles have been in Acton for many years. We won't say how long but we went to school in Acton with both of them. Harold secured the business of confectionery and baking that was located in a store about where the Bank of Nova Scotia now stands. It wasn't long until he secured the present larger building. They have added new additions, made permanent repairs and improvements from time to time, and this latest is another in the line of business achievement. We join in congratulations to both Harold and Laura Wiles and best wishes for continued success in business in the home community.

ACTON INSTITUTE DONATES TO HALTON MUSICAL FESTIVAL

The February meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Fred Hunter.

The President, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, presiding. The roll call was answered by a "Verse of Praise or Poetry" of your own choice. The motto, "Our Home, Our Effort" was read by Mrs. Drysdale. A paper "Citizens Life in a Rural Community" written by the Winery of the Junior Farmers' public speaking contest was read by Mrs. Earl Lambert. A worthy contribution by Mrs. W. Maddox on Sunday Observance based on the 4th Commandment resulted in the branch sending their opinion to "What's Your Beef" program conducted by Don Sims as definitely opposed to an open Sunday.

Business items included a donation of Ten Dollars to the Halton Musical Festival; plans for a Euchre and Old Time Dance to be held, the date to be set later, proceeds for community work.

A vote of thanks was expressed to Mrs. Evans, convener of the month for a fine program and also to the hostess who with their help served refreshments. Volunteers were appointed for the Child Health Clinic and meeting closed with the "Maple Leaf".

This is wonderful food for foxes, and so they moved in until now those birds and animals are almost down to nothing. Besides a large number of farmers attribute huge

Induction Services At Knox Church for New Minister

Rev. R. H. Armstrong, M. A., Formerly of Bracebridge Assumes Work Here

Last Thursday evening, before a finely representative congregation, the Presbytery of Guelph conducted, with impressive solemnity, the induction services of Rev. R. H. Armstrong, M.A., late of Bracebridge, called to the ministerial charge of Knox Church, Acton.

After the usual preliminary exercises, Rev. Earl F. Smith of St. Andrew's Church, Hespeler, in speaking to the members of Presbytery assembled, chose as his text "The Church of the Open Gates". He stressed the thought that the Church of God must have her gates always open toward God and toward men in order to meet the increasing materialism of the world, the fundamental task of the Church is to bear witness to Christ and Him crucified. She must declare this message boldly, so that those who are without may hear and accept the Gospel. Christ must have a vital place in all the church activity, so that the people of the community may come to know Him as their all in all. The church must be a place where Christ meets, not only the sinner in need of forgiveness, but also the saint saved by grace. She must, he said, be an expectant Church, opening by prayer, the channel to the power of God and receiving His blessing by faith. "Too active to freeze" must be the motto of the church, her members working with God to bring about His kingdom.

The moderator, Rev. F. Williamson of Guelph then narrated the steps which had been taken in preparing the call.

The remainder of the service was conducted by Rev. F. Stewart of Kitchener. He put the necessary questions and heard the solemn answers and vows of both Mr. Armstrong and the congregation. He then called upon Rev. W. J. Walker of Knox Church, Galt, to address the minister. His text was taken from Timothy, "The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men." He compared the ministry to the position of Peter, James and John, the "inner three". (Continued on Page Five)

FERGUS MIDGETS DOWN ACTON TEAM IN TWO GAMES

In Fergus last week Acton after taking a 2-0 lead dropped a close hard fought game 3-2. London, Earl and Brown scored for Fergus with Brown scoring in the dying minutes of the game. Bill Hutt and Iroy Hutt were the marksmen for Acton.

The following night, Fergus made it a little more convincing by pining a 4-1 defeat on Acton. Hanna led the way with two goals while Tweddle and Mooney bagged singletons. Roy Hutt was the big gun for Acton by garnering their only goal to avoid a shut-out.

County Council Approve Bounty Paid for Foxes

losses of chickens to these animals," he declared adding he thought it advisable for the county to assume the bounty allowing any person the privilege of collecting bounty if they kill a fox. Council set the bounty at \$5.

Assize Court judges and county judge will henceforth have a more comfortable chair to sit on while hearing many cases. Council approved of spending \$250 for a new chair appropriate for the Justice Inn. It will replace the cumbersome, straight-back half century old uncomfortable chair which has been the bane of many winter mornings in past years. This correspondent can appreciate the feeling of their Lordships regarding the uncomfortable chair, as it has been used during court meetings for nearly ten years. While the chair is a relic in keeping with the office, it is very impractical, as one has to sit on the extreme edge while using the desk in front.

The educational committee in their recommendation regarding the Trafalgar high school matter, dumped it right back in the laps of the Trafalgar council.

The recommendation read: "The committee decided that no action could be taken on the petition presented to Trafalgar township council by ratepayers in North Trafalgar, asking that the portion of the township be joined to the North Halton High School Area."

The committee also decided that for county council to take any action in this matter, it would be necessary to have further petition from Trafalgar township council asking for a change of boundaries from those defined in by-law No. 815.

At a previous meeting Trafalgar township council presented a petition signed by ratepayers in wards 1 and 2, who were seeking to break away from the Trafalgar

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YUKON VISITOR SAYS THIS YEAR'S LOW WAS 67 BELOW ZERO

Mr. Christopher McPherson, of Mayo in the Yukon, made a brief visit with Acton friends recently and was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Charles Hynds of Toronto. Mr. McPherson, while a native of this district has spent forty-eight years in the Yukon and it is eight years since he last visited Acton. He is a brother of the late Robert McPherson who was municipal officer in Acton for many years.

In conversation with Mr. McPherson the weather of course was one topic and he told us he has felt a low in the Yukon of 84 below zero and this present winter has had a low of 67 below zero. He said one didn't go far in such temperatures and the diesel engines on the tractors do not operate until the temperature moderates. Mr. McPherson made the trip east by plane and says that such travel is now easy and safe even in this remote district.

Fire Damaged Truck and Garage Here Yesterday

A truck owned by Tom Harris and one of the garages in the group on Church Street owned by Mr. L. Starkman were badly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. Both truck and building were burned almost beyond repair.

The Acton Brigade was promptly on the scene and the blaze was confined to the one building although about a dozen garages are in this one group of buildings.

Some Late Items Of Hockey News For Local Fans

On Tuesday evening Mr. J. H. Royston appeared with "Mike" Cox before the O.H.A. executive in Toronto and after hearing the details of the incident in Georgetown under which the referee had suspended the Acton center, the suspension was lifted and it was considered punishment for the misdeed had been sufficient in the games already missed. The referee corroborated Mike's claim that the attack was not deliberate but in the heat of the game. The player had gone to the referee after the game and offered a sincere apology.

Tanners have two more scheduled games to play. The Bridgeport game due for tonight at Waterloo has been postponed. It may be played on Monday of the first opportunity in Waterloo. The Oakville-Acton game is slated for Wednesday of next week and that winds up the schedule and decides play-off positions. All teams are in.

Another Collision at C.N.R. Crossing Here Saturday

The level crossing of the C.N.R. in Acton was the scene of another collision early Saturday morning. Again the motor driver escaped and damage to the truck was estimated at \$200. This is the third crash this year and second within the week on this crossing.

A Direct-Winters transport was being driven by Wilfred Dickenson of Guelph to Toronto. On the main line at the crossing was a split freight train, so the truck went onto the crossing, but before it could get clear of the five sets of tracks, another freight train, going west, struck the left rear of the truck.

Fortunately the freight train was travelling very slowly at the time and the truck, damaged to the extent of some \$200, was able to resume its journey to Toronto.

Council to Make Inquiry for Town Incorporation

Consider Danger at C. N. R. Crossing with Numerous Accidents — To Secure Information for House Rumbling and Supplying Extra Mail Boxes — Snow Removal to be Extended to Other Places

Councillors I. Hotchen and W. J. McLeod and Deputy Reeve E. Tyler were present and Reeve T. Jones presided at the meeting of Acton Council on Monday evening.

Messrs. G. Hutt and L. McWilliam on behalf of the Athletic Association requested use of the arena for exhibition games for the midges and bantam clubs. They asked for all the receipts on the special night. Council pointed out that other local organizations had paid a rental of \$1000 and it was felt all should be used alike. The rink manager was to be contacted before the 4-talls were completed. The delegation also asked for a nominal fee for the arena for exhibition games for the midges and bantam teams which do not draw a big gate. The \$10 fee was approved by motion and also for 3 exhibition games.

Messrs. H. Hachlin, Clayton Lindsay and Hamilton Peal on behalf of other citizens pointed out the danger at the Mill Street railway crossing. The number of accidents and near accidents at this crossing seemed to demand that there be more protection. They felt the matter should go on record for Council's attention. Council agreed that the situation was dangerous but recalled the order that had been refused ten years ago. Council agreed to make enquiry and give the matter attention.

Arrangements were made to meet R. Anderson, engineer, at a special meeting.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

John Kocuk, welfare	34.21
Snow Removal	77.50
J. Gardner, truck license	4.00
Sam Tennant, labor	7.50
R. Arnold, labor	21.75
Dominion Hotel, dinner	10.00
W. Bruce Hiddell, Architect	
Certificates	2776.93
H. G. Turner, Blacksmith	3.00
Acton Cemetery Board re Wm. Churchill	287.00
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	18.23
H. F. Holmes, arena labor	2.10
C. F. Leatherland, fees and salary	90.29
L. W. Agar, coal	44.65
Acton Public Utilities	287.63
Personal Stationery Sales supplies	4.50
Thompson Motors	36.36
	\$3,847.75

Mr. Leatherland recommended to Council the securing of a large new map of Acton that would take in all the new surroundings and all sections which had been annexed. The map to be made when decisions now pending were settled.

A letter from the Rotary Club offered full support if Council would undertake to have the houses in town numbered and felt that the securing of mail boxes was worthy of consideration. Council favored both these suggestions and will deal with them later.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Hughes Chaver, Halton representative regarding securing additional mail boxes for town.

The Clerk was instructed to write the Department of Municipal Affairs to secure information about incorporating Acton as a town. Council felt that with Acton's population of about 2800, the village status was outdated.

Council made a donation of \$10 to the Halton Music Festival.

Council decided to enter a subscription for the new magazine, "Civic Administration" to be published in April.

Council received notification (Continued on Page Four)

Acton Residents Injured in Car Collision Yesterday

Mr. John Reid, President of Micro-Mastics, Acton, and Messrs. N. Howles and Ken Hazard, business associates, along with Mr. Reid's little daughter, Nancy, were badly shaken up and sustained painful injuries in a car collision on No. 7 Highway just south of Britannia yesterday.

Mr. Reid was the most seriously injured sustaining bad cuts on the head when the door of the car sprang open and he was thrown into the pavement. Mr. Howles saved little Nancy Reid from serious injury when he realized the collision was coming and shielded her.

The accident happened as a poultry dealer drove his truck from a farm lane directly in the path of the car on the highway. The front of the car was badly damaged by the impact.

BANNOCKBURN TO HAVE FARM FORUM IN THE SCHOOL

On Monday, January 31, Bannockburn Women's Institute called a meeting of the community to organize a farm forum. Mr. Brown of the Federation of Agriculture conducted the organization which resulted in the election of John Fox as president and Clarence Coles as secretary.

The forum met again on Monday February 7th, with D. F. Morrison acting as chairman. Before discussion on the broadcast, it was decided to purchase a radio for the forum and for the school. Misses Evelyn and Marjorie McDonald rendered two duets accompanied by their mother, after which a social cup of tea was enjoyed. Both meetings were held in the school house.

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Coming Events

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