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Tanners Keep Up Losses in Oakville Game Tuesday

Legionnaires Show Improvement and Trowace the Acton Team 7-3 in Tuesday Game in Georgetown — Last Scheduled Game is with Bridgeway To-Night—Acton and Georgetown will meet in First Round of Play-offs

It seems only yesterday when Acton was the hottest team in the league and Oakville deeply imbedded in the cellar. They were happy days for fans.

Now it's an altogether different story. Oakville are setting the pace again while the Tanners descend deeper with every game. Accordingly, these are gloomy days for intermediate fans.

Why? You have a team full on the strength of Tuesday night's game which Oakville won 7-3, we'd say simply because Legionnaires considerably strengthened, are much improved while the Tanners don't show one iota more than they did at the loop's start.

Knocking five goals in the first chapter, Oakville rode to an easy decision on Georgetown ice where the tilt was played due to soft ice conditions in Oakville. Tanners permitted them to beat a straight path to Evans in that chapter practically leaving them unopposed as they tested every angle. Oakville checked five times, empty margin to win the game but Evans net-minding blocked a dozen more shots with labels on them.

The latter two periods were brighter and featured good, fast hockey but still Legionnaires had an edge as they outscored Acton 2-1. Clinging tenaciously to their respective checks they wouldn't give Tanners a chance to break in on Leger, their stellar custodian. Tanners had a host of chances to bludge the bulb but as many times as they clustered around Leger, their efforts were fruitless. All three goals they scored were nice efforts and the culmination of smart passes but their shooting around the net missed up the whole show.

Oakville, on the other hand, continually beat Evans with screened shots released from well out. Their releases had enough velocity to permeate tangles of legs and arms without deflecting. Evans hardly caught a glimpse of them. O'Donoghue landed a snapper in the early minutes of the second period when he knocked one of the officials for a loop after the man in white met out a stint in the don-jon to him. For a minute fans suspected there was going to be another suspension but the referee decided it was unintentional and imposed only a minor.

Nip and Tuck

It was a nip and tuck battle in the early minutes of the first stanza with Trotter golfing a long one past Evans to put Oakville up. With Durant and McNally in penance for roughing, Leno Marzotto tied it up at 8:00 before Kennedy potted Oakville at 14:18.

Coxe and Durant paired up and finished off a pretty effort again knocking the count. Then three consecutive goals to Oakville gave a new slant to the game. One of these was scored while Oakville were short to give an indication of play. From here in Acton never threatened to tie it up.

Baylis banged in Durant's pass to end the Acton scoring at 16 seconds of the middle chapter. The only other counter in that canto came from Davidson's stick as Oakville's sixth goal. He snatched the pull from Durant and with line-mates Galbraith and Patterson went through easily to score.

Tempo in the final chapter was fierce with only one goal—to Peters of Oakville at 14:18.

Baylis and Coy turned in good performances for Acton while the ace line from Oakville, Patterson, Galbraith and Davidson stole the Oakville end of it. Terry, a big rearguard, showed defensively.

First Period

O: Trotter (Brown) 4:26
A: L. Marzotto (O'Donoghue) 8:00
O: Kennedy (Patterson, Galbraith) 9:30
A: Coxe (Durant) 9:30
O: Terry (Thomas) 11:20
O: Patterson (Galbraith) 14:07
O: Alumbrook 18:29

Penalty—Baylis, Durant, McNally, (2), Coy, Trotter.

Second Period

A: Baylis (Durant) 0:16
O: Davidson (Galbraith, Patterson) 10:35
Penalty—O'Donoghue, Davidson, Durant, Reddick.

Third Period

O: Peters 14:18

Swimming Pool Contributions Still Come in Winter

In spite of February weather contributions to Acton Community Swimming Pool fund continues although the pace has not the heat that characterized the project this last summer. This week's contributions put the total funds over the \$2000 mark. With the coming of spring it should be no problem to raise another \$2000 to put the first phase of the project over. It would be splendid if the funds were all on hand so that work could start on the project in early spring and the children would secure some benefit from the swimming pool this summer. Here is the way the fund stands at present.

Previously acknowledged	\$7,973.50
N. L. Roche	10.00
In Memory	25.00
	\$8,008.50

Telephone Lines Will be Removed from Mill Street

Bell Telephone Confers With Public Utilities Commission Re Use of Poles

Acton Public Utilities Commission met in regular session Tuesday evening. All members were present with Chairman C. M. Hansen presiding.

All resolutions passed at the special meeting of February 2nd pertaining to the power situation were carried as requested by the meeting of that date.

All restrictions imposed by the local commission re the domestic use of iron, washers, hot water heaters, etc. were cancelled at the request of the power users.

The regulations governing the use of power by industry were also cancelled. It is pointed out, however, that citizens generally must do their best to conserve power so that it will not be necessary for the restrictions in the use of electricity, to be reimposed.

It was decided to take out membership in the Canadian Section of Waterworks Association. The annual fee is \$10.00.

A letter was read from the H.E.P.C. which enclosed speech made by Chairman Saunders at the Empire Club in Toronto.

Superintendent Lambert told the Commission that Mr. Flynn was anxious to have the life fence at the spring property repaired. Details of the cost of this job are to be worked out with Mr. Flynn.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Henderson of the engineering division of the Bell Telephone Co. were present to discuss with the Commission the proposed changes in the telephone service. New lines are to be laid on Bower Avenue and Church St. with the poles being discarded on Mill Street. Plans for the joint use of poles were discussed. The representative of the Bell Telephone Co. and Superintendent Wilson agree to make a survey of the town and details worked out to the advantage of both parties.

The secretary was instructed to write to H.E.P.C. pointing out that the power conservation was costing the Commission quite a sum each month as the revenue will not pay the cost of power and operating expenses.

The following accounts were passed for payment.

Hydro Department	
H.E.P.C. of Ont.	\$3.75
Acton Free Press, Ad.	12.60
J. B. Mackenzie & Son, Coal	21.90
Highway Garage, Oil etc.	19.30
Mrs. H. McDonald, renewal	6.25
Masco Elec. Co., Supplies	16.67
W. Cunningham & Hill Supp.	
Can. Gen. Elec. Co.	42.92
Northern Elec. Co.	7.55
Rec. General of Canada, In-	47.30
spect meters	30.85
Jas. R. Kearney, Corp.	17.30
Express & Transport	5.30
	\$230.78
Waterworks Department	
Power and Heat at spring	\$56.87
Can. Brass Co. Ltd.	100.44
W. Cunningham & Hill	14.77
Wallace and Tiernan	7.91
Acton Garage	32.78
	\$212.77

OFFICERS FOR THE BOYS' AND GIRLS BAND ELECTED FOR THE YEAR

When the local Acton Boys' and Girls' Band procured their new navy blue and gold uniforms many ardent supporters were pleased to assist this organization in meeting the substantial cost of the uniforms. Although the band did not make any campaign or solicit any donations they received a great deal of support from people who had left Acton, old band members and many interested town people. The executive felt these contributions should be acknowledged and therefore are pleased to present a list of their generous supporters for 1948.

Natl' Union Shoe and Leather Workers, Local 26	\$92.00
Duke of Devonshire I.O.F.E.	50.00
Mrs. D. Lindsay	10.00
Miss L. Bentley	10.00
Acton Women's Institute	25.00
Miss K. Russell	2.00
Mr. K. Mackenzie	5.00
Anonymous	10.00
Hutchins Bakery	10.00
Mrs. J. Easterbrook	15.00
Mr. J. Wolfe	3.40
Anonymous	50.00
	\$277.10

At a recent meeting of the Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, the election of officers for the year 1949 took place on the basis of the constitution recently drawn up. Officers for the year are as follows: Conductor, C. W. Mason, President, J. Dills, Vice President, M. Burns, Secretary, S. Hinton, Treasurer, G. Ware, Uniform Officer, I. Simpson, Engagement Officer, J. Coke, Master at Arms, J. Zajac, Librarian, J. Spielvogel, Caretaker, J. Ware, Instrument Officer, C. Douglas.

INJURED HAND WHILE OPERATING AUTOMATIC PRESS

While operating an automatic press last Friday at the Free Press Office, Robt. MacArthur, foreman, had the misfortune to suffer a deep laceration on the back of his right hand between the first and second fingers. The feeding arm of the press came in contact with the hand. The injury is making satisfactory progress and Mr. MacArthur continued his work after the injury was treated.

PICTURES SHOWN AT MEETING OF MARCO CLUB

The February meeting of the Marco Club met Wednesday evening last, with Harold and Louise Baxter's group in charge of the evening.

Harold led in a sing song which was enjoyed by all. The devotion part of the meeting consisted of a hymn followed with prayer by Mr. Pickering. Mr. Ted Hansen showed two films of pictures, "Rivers of Canada" and "Peace River District." After about half an hour of recreation, lunch was served.

KNOX W.M.S. HELD MEETING AT HOME OF MRS. R. M. McDONALD

Knox Presbyterian Church W.M.S. held their meeting in the home of Mrs. R. M. McDonald on February 10th, 1949. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. H. Mainprize who asked the members to stand for a brief period of silence in tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. W. J. Gould, a beloved member of the Auxiliary for many years. The Worship Service was conducted by Mrs. E. J. Hazard and Mrs. A. Young.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. The business of the meeting was the appointing of two ladies from the W.M.S. to take part in the World Day of Prayer Service which will be held in St. Alban's Church on the 14th day of March.

A letter from Mrs. E. Barr was read thanking the members of the W.M.S. for cards received by her while she was a patient in Toronto General Hospital.

The Study Book this year is on China, and Mrs. Buphanan gave a very interesting talk on the religious of China, introducing the topic "To Whom Shall We Go?"

Mrs. E. J. Hazard spoke on Buddhism and Mrs. Blou on Buddhism. The story of how Christianity became one of the recognized religions of China was told by Mrs. Buchanan, who spoke of the life and work of St. Francis Xavier, Matteo Ricci and the first Protestant Missionary, Robert Morrison. The meeting was closed with prayer after which a very delightful lunch was served and a social time was spent.

NEW MINISTER AT KNOX



Rev. Robert H. Armstrong, M.A., formerly of Brackbridge, who has assumed charge of the pastorate of Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton.

Council, Engineer Confer on Plans Sanitary Sewers

Advise Revision of Former Plan And Arrange For Work Next Year

A special meeting of Acton Council was held last Thursday evening with Councilors W. J. McLeod, T. Nicol, I. Hinton and Deputy-Reeve Tyler present and Reeve T. Jones presiding.

Council spent some time in reviewing the estimates for 1949 prior to setting the tax rate.

Mr. R. K. Anderson, town engineer was present to discuss with Council the plans for sewerage in Acton and review the work that had thus far been done.

After going over the plans and specifications that had been prepared by Mr. Anderson and considering the changes that had taken place since these plans were made it was thought best to have the engineer make another survey and submit the details to Council in a letter within the next few weeks. This would also give an estimate of the cost of the work involved by the engineer if revised plans were submitted.

It was considered that these plans could be prepared and tenders could be called in the summer when contractors could make a survey of the town. Under this plan the work of sanitary sewers would possibly start in 1950.

The Clerk was authorized by a motion to order a new vault door for the vault in the town hall for keeping municipal records. Cost of the door was about \$25.

A by-law to provide for the 1949 expenditure on roads and bridges and streets in Acton was read as required and passed. The sum of \$7000 was appropriated for maintenance and building of roads and bridges.

Solicitor C. F. Leatherland gave to Council information regarding transient traders, licenses etc. and the new regulations governing hawkers and peddlers. Further inquiry was to be made regarding the fees paid in other municipalities and a by-law was to be prepared in accordance with new regulations.

Council also discussed the building by-law and regulations and changes that should be made to meet present requirements.

ALTAR SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church held their annual meeting and a Valentine Party in the Church Hall last Thursday evening. Rev. Father Morgan opened the meeting with prayer and the annual reports were presented. Mrs. D. Gordon, president, thanked Father Morgan, the secretary, Treasurer, Miss D. Gibbons, and all the ladies who had helped in any way to make the year 1948 the success it was. Father Morgan also expressed his thanks to the Society for their good works during the year.

A special Valentine program was thoroughly enjoyed by the members. Father Morgan told the story of St. Valentine and Miss J. Lesniuch gave a reading: Miss L. Zetter and Mrs. P. Kenney, attired in o'd-fashioned costumes entertained with a few favourite songs. Lunch was served and a most pleasant evening closed with "God Save the King."

Board Named for Norval Athletic by Esqueving Council

K. C. Lindsay is Appointed Assistant Assessor to Make Assessment for 1950 Levy

Esqueving Township Council held their regular meeting on Monday afternoon, February 15th. All members were present and the Reeve, George Currie, presided. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted and correspondence read.

Mr. Arthur Beaumont and Mr. Wm. Schenk attended in connection with the cemetery at Glen Williams. The Reeve promised to enquire as to the proper procedure in this matter.

The collection of garbage was mentioned by Mr. Beaumont and Council felt this would have to be handled in the same manner as street lighting, by taxing in certain areas.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Board of Highway Commissioners, Georgetown, street lights, \$74.75; Corporation of Acton, clerk's fees and hall rental, \$39.00; Georgetown Lumber Co., tables, \$100.00; Ontario Hospital, Woodstock, \$10.50; Ontario Dept. of Health, \$13.13; Acton Free Press, advertising, \$5.00; Canadian Champion, advertising, \$5.00; Salvation Army, \$10.00; I. M. Bennett registrar, \$13.50; Bell Telephone, \$8.61; Grand Valley Authority, \$5. A. W. Brenton, stamps, \$3.00; R. H. Thompson, stoker and feeder, \$35.00.

Council decided to petition the Department of Highways for the subsidy on an approved expenditure on roads during 1948 of \$48,555.03.

The treasurer was authorized to pay Wm. Cayes \$30.00 for rent. Relief accounts of \$35.10 as presented by the Relief Officer and road accounts of \$2,212.33 were ordered paid.

By-law No. 2-49 was passed appointing a Board of Management for the Norval Athletic Club, in the names of George Currie and H. Craig Reid as representatives of Council for 1949 and Rev. L. Se'l, N. A. Robinson, F. Fendley, W. Louth and W. Copeland as representatives of local organizations.

A by-law was introduced and passed appointing K. C. Lindsay assistant assessor for the township, to make the assessment on which the rate of taxation for the year 1950 shall be fixed and levied, as provided by Statutes of Ontario, 1946.

Council introduced and passed a by-law for payment of a bounty on red foxes killed within the Township.

By-law No. 5-49 was passed to provide for road expenditure for 1949.

The Reeve and Treasurer were empowered to re-invest the proceeds of Province of Ontario 5 per cent bond, due 1948, belonging to the Railway Bonus Fund.

Council adjourned to meet on March 7th at 1:30 or at the call of the Reeve.

Y'S MEN LAUNCH PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE IN ACTON

At a well attended dinner meeting in the Y.M.C.A. last Thursday, the Y's Men's Club decided unanimously to sponsor an eight-week adult course in public speaking. This project in adult education will be directed by the Department of English of the O.A.C., Guelph, beginning on Wednesday evening of this week, from 7 to 9 p.m. It was felt that many persons might wish to take advantage of this opportunity so it was decided to restrict the class to the number recommended by the English department. This course will be free to members of the "Y" with a small charge to non members, and held in the local Y.

Ray Canham was guest speaker and told effectively of his two week visit to England and Scotland. Ben Rachlin, was the genial Fines Master and tried as he said, "to distribute justice with no malice aforethought and tempered in mercy." Halfway through the dinner hour, a number of members were compelled to leave hurriedly to answer a fire call from the Tannery which proved to be a false alarm.

It was announced that Prof. W. M. Drummond, head of the Economics Department at the O.A.C. would be the guest speaker at the next meeting.

MR. R. R. PARKER CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF HOME AND SCHOOL

At the inaugural meeting of the new Acton Home and School Association Mrs. Grant, organizer for Halton and Peel County and Mr. Roy Smith, vice-president of the Home and School Association for Ontario installed the officers appointed.

Mr. R. R. Parker was appointed to the office of president with Mrs. Garrett and Mr. R. Chandler respectively. Mrs. W. D. Smith is the Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Creighton the Corresponding Secretary and Mr. B. Hinton the Treasurer. Those appointed to the Executive Committee were Mrs. H. Cullen, Mrs. L. Lovell, Mrs. H. Elliott, Mrs. H. Skilling, Mrs. C. Landsborough.

These officers will conduct this organization for the year and welcome interested (adult members) to their meetings on the first of each month in the Public School. A large group of enthusiasts attended the inaugural meeting of this organization and there seems every possibility that this new organization in Acton will meet with real success.

Northern District Discuss High School Problems

Representatives of adjoining municipalities who might be interested in joining a High School district if a central school was built at the northerly section of Esqueving Township held an informal discussion on the question in Acton Council Chamber on Monday evening. The various groups represented will continue to confer and secure information on the question and meet with other groups who might be interested in the district.

Acton Council were hosts for the meeting and coffee and sandwiches were enjoyed during the evening. No decisions were made but rather the meeting was one in which information was gathered and discussion enjoyed.

A.H.S. PUPILS PRACTISE HARD FOR THE COMMENCEMENT

For the first time in several years the Graduation Exercises at the Acton High School will be accompanied with a two hour program of song, dance, P.T. and such like. With only a week remaining the school time-table has been altered to permit last minute drills and rehearsals.

Miss Shantz and Mr. Hansen are assisting the pupils in their drama and musical numbers, while Miss McNeil and Mr. McLean give help in P.T. and gymnastics. Principal Stewart will preside at the Graduation Exercises and James Dilla is getting primed for Master of Ceremonies.

A fashion show designed to be different from any other ever staged is being prepared by Ted Tyler and his henchmen. After next Tuesday the school will probably once again settle down to the usual routine.

HIGHWAY REPORT BUT NOT FURNISHED BY ONTARIO DEPT.

Knowing that we travel the King's highway between Acton and Milton most everyday we are asked for and give information on road conditions to many inquiries. The Department of Highways publishes a weekly report of road conditions but of course it has to be condensed. If readers like it could include the following service each issue as the conditions grow worse. Here is our report on 25.

First half mile below Acton is rough and full of small holes. It's rough again, along about Stewart Elliott's place and it feels as if the corduroy was close to you down through the swamp section of the road. Get out of there and there must be a mile or so of fair going until you reach Speyside, but below is a liver shaking rough spot below the Steele farm before you reach Speyside.

From Speyside proceed with care. There are holes big enough to shake anything on your car loose. Some quarter mile after you reach the newly built section you may relax a little and with careful going you'll not get severely jolted until you reach the section where the highway crosses the base line north of Milton. You can't miss this one, so go easy.

That's highway No. 25 as we feel it.

County Council Urges Speed Up New Assessment

Check-Up Shows that None of Municipalities Have Assessment Nearly Complete

The new Equalized assessment program was thoroughly discussed at the regular meeting of Halton County Council following the tabling of a report of the newly formed committee.

Following a review of the progress in the different municipalities, members felt some deadline should be set to have the program completed. James Goodlet, chairman of the committee said a survey found some municipalities would not be ready for another year and others not until later. While some reserves announced additional assistance was being given their assessors in order to speed up the work, they thought completion would be made in time for the 1951 assessment.

In a resolution by Tyler and Goodlet, council approved of setting September 30, 1949 as the date for completion. They urged that every effort should be made by the municipalities to have it completed by then.

Mr. Goodlet said some municipalities only have a part-time assessor and his duties are taken up with the regular assessing job. He further urged these municipalities to hire a full time man.

Reeve J. Higgins declared this program was started four years ago and it has been dragging out costing considerable money. "I feel some date should be set to prevent dragging this out much longer."

Mr. Goodlet felt that with some municipalities having completed their work and others taking a year or so longer, would mean the efforts of the former would be fruitless. He strongly urged all municipalities to complete their work together.

The committee also recommended Ford Rogers to present a monthly report to council on the completed assessments from the different municipalities, so as to enable council to have a definite check on its progress.

The survey indicated Nassagaweya out of 700 units 200 were completed. In Esqueving out of 1516 units, 210 completed with 23 partly completed. In Acton 800 units, 341 completed. In Milton 1005 units all measured with 479 completed. In Trafalgar section 1, 962 units with 479 completed; section 2, 1000 to 1200 units not half completed. In Oakville 2215 units 711 completed. Georgetown, 1254 units, 321 completed. Nelson, 2400 units, 907 completed. Burlington, 1700 units, 565 completed.

WM. R. STEWART ASSUMES NEW POST IN EDUCATION DEPT.

William R. Stewart, high school inspector, formerly of Acton and Milton and son of Mrs. and the late W. H. Stewart has been appointed by the Department of Education as acting director of English instruction in the bilingual schools of Ontario. Some time ago public school representatives in a brief to the royal commission on education complained of what they called the anomaly of having bilingual schools inspected by French-speaking inspectors only. Mr. Stewart taught French in Harnford Collegiate and in U.T.S., and in 1942 was made a high school inspector.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, to cents per line, with a maximum charge for any announcements of 25c.

Keep Thursday, March 10 open for the euchre and o'd time dance sponsored by the Acton Women's Institute.

Don't miss Acton High School Commencement, Town Hall, Tuesday, February 22, 8 p.m. Varied program. Come early.

Returning by popular request Halton Male Choir, United Church, Monday, February 29th, 8 p.m. Get your tickets now.

Come to Bannockburns Farm Forum on Monday, February 21, for an evening of euchre. There will be door prizes. Admission 25c.