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Georgetown Wins Play-off by 12-6 Win on Friday

Tanners of 1949 Fail to Capture Group—First Loss Since 1946

Acton Intermediate bowed out of the O.H.A. play-off picture completely by absorbing their second straight defeat at the hands of Georgetown's high-flying Raiders last Friday night in Guelph Memorial Gardens. The Raiders exacted their most convincing win of the season by blasting Tanners 12-6 in front of 1500 spectators.

It was an early demise for Tanners who showed little of the power that led them to the I.H.F. final last year. Georgetown proved to be the better team in the end although they had no easy task in subduing the Tanners, who went down with colours flying.

In spite of the wide margin enjoyed by Raiders, the series was attractive to fans who flocked in numbers to watch the two arch rivals merge in a hockey classic. Intervention of mild weather forcing Acton to take their home game to Guelph didn't deter the majority of fans from watching the final game. Long lines of cars and buses made the trip to Guelph convinced it was going to be a good game. It was. And although the locals are out of the running they didn't concede defeat until a Raider victory was assured.

Georgetown are now engaged in a struggle for group supremacy with Bridgeport Vets, who ousted Ferguson in 2 straight games. Acton wishes our neighbors every success in adding the H crown to the A championship they won last year.

It was only the second time in all their years of O.H.A. hockey that a Georgetown team has ousted Tanners. They succeeded once before in 1946 by a one goal margin in the first game they ever won in Acton Arena. Previous to 1946 the Tanners eliminated the best Georgetown could produce in their role as perennial group champs.

This year several of the veterans who had worn Acton jerseys for a decade, retired and replacement had to be secured to fill vacancies attributed to a dearth of "home brew" talent undeveloped by the war. Since none was available in Acton, the Athletic Association eased restrictions and permitted players from Milton and district and nearby Guelph points a trial. They started off the season with a bang by winning five games out of six played in the Tost Memorial Cup series but then mysteriously faded in the semi-finals.

After a week start in the O.H.A. schedule Tanners racked up two decisive wins and then again did a fade-out, salvaging only two additional victories at the expense of Bridgeport and Weston. Hampered by injuries it just seemed one long grind for the boys.

Came the group semi-final and they couldn't ice a full squad. Mike Cox and "Dude" Lindsay both were on the injured list while Dooney Evans left a sick bed to play a magnificent game in the nets.

Exploding with a six goal burst in the second session, Georgetown materially rang up their wide margin last Friday with all the grace of true puck artists. Tanners, although they squeaked Raiders pace in both the first and final stanzas didn't respond in the second. Folding like a well read book, they allowed Raiders to roam, virtually unchallenged in front of the net. Quick to take advantage, the visitors fired five goals in less than six minutes.

At this rate of exchange, Acton's hang-up first period display was of little consequence. O'Donoghue sniped two goals in the opener to twice give Acton a lead. Kenner broke in the clear and unselfishly fed a pass to O'Donoghue who blinked the bulb for No. 1 at 8:21. But Del Beaumont flipped a back-hand pass Evans to tie it up and O'Donoghue had to nudge in again and pot one after everyone on the Acton team missed their chance. Once again Beaumont slipped one past Evans in the last minute on a lovely relay from Ferri to tie the affair up.

In the second period splurge, Storey accounted for three Georgetown goals while Junior Beaumont with two and Max Bradbury with a single bagged the remainder. Tanners, under an 8-2 deficit going into the third wanted until Raiders added two more before they banded in four themselves. Hilson went through twice to tally while Kentner and Durant potted

ECONOMICS PROFESSOR GIVES REALISTIC PICTURE TO Y'S MEN'S CLUB

Some rather grim, startling facts in Canadian economics were presented by Prof. W. M. Drummond to a dinner meeting of the Y's Men last Thursday evening. Professor Drummond is head of the economics staff at the O.A.C. He pointed out the great extent to which the present abnormal prosperity in Canada was due to Marshall Plan aid and post-war rehabilitation.

The Marshall Plan aid may be counted upon less and less in the near future due to the fact that Europe is on the road to rapid recovery, hence will have more goods to export and fewer to import. This means a shrinking in Canadian export markets. Furthermore the U.S.A. has reached a surplus position in respect to many commodities formerly supplied by Canada to Great Britain and Europe. Hence, the Marshall Plan dollars will be diverted to the U.S.A. since it was made clear by the States when the Plan was launched that purchases were to be made there as soon as the States reached a surplus condition.

He reminded his audience that the Canadian economy or productive capacity has almost doubled as a result of the war. The gain in the struggle for export markets will soon be here in earnest, he declared. Canadians must import much more than they are if they do not wish to be shut out of the export markets by tariffs and embargoes. Canadians of all professions on the face of the earth, must be internationally minded. To be anything less is to commit economic suicide. He deplored the lack of knowledge by the average man on the street on the subjects of economics and social philosophy. He predicted a rude awakening for these people unless some unforeseen circumstance clears up "this hell of a mess we have got ourselves into."

The speaker was thanked by Roy Thompson. Earl Cooper acted as Fines Master for the evening.

Given 22 Months On Charge Heard In Milton Court

Murray Long, 23, of Toronto, found guilty by a Supreme Court jury here a week ago on two charges of attempted rape and the other of assault with intent to cause bodily injury, appeared before Mr. Justice Wilson in a Toronto Assize court for sentence, last Thursday and was sentenced to 22 months in the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph.

His Lordship added that this case was different in the generality of such offenses in that Long, a married man, had a background of interest in Boy Scout work and painting, and his wife expressed a willingness to help him upon his release from custody. His Lordship said he would have imposed a two-year term had not the accused already been held in Milton Jail two months, adding it would afford the accused time to learn a trade.

Evidence at the trial disclosed Long had gone to the Trafalgar township home of the young mother of two children for the purpose of purchasing an oil-burner. It was while the young woman was looking for the dis-assembled parts in a chicken house store-room, the accused brutally attacked her with a mechanic's hammer, knocking her down and causing severe hemorrhage from scalp cuts.

The complainant told the court, Long stated he was sorry for what he had done, and called medical aid before he left for his Toronto home.

ACTON GROUP MAKES PRESENTATION IN BRITISH WEEK

British week is being observed this week at the Roxy Theatre and in keeping with this, the Acton Branch of the Canadian Legion, Women's Auxiliary, made a presentation to Sunnybrook Hospital on the stage of the theatre, on Monday night.

Acton Juniors Win Group Defeat Queenston 32-1

Final Game With Georgetown on Friday Night was Close—Met Queenston Beavers in First Round Last Night and Won by Outlandish Score of 32-1 as Visitors Gaily Fought off the Avalanche

In a keenly contested game at Georgetown on Friday night Acton Juniors eliminated Georgetown by a score of 34 to win the group and play-off series in five straight games. Georgetown had nothing to lose and put up their best game of the series with wide open clean hockey.

The locals now venture into the Ontario playdowns with the first series against Queenston Beavers slated to start last night and likely recurring on Friday night in St. Catharines.

Georgetown scored first when Hamilton beat Rusk from close in Vaughan and K Fay led in succession to put Acton one up at the end of the first period. The lead was never threatened for the rest of the game.

Other Acton markers came from singles by Arbie, S Fay and Mowat while James, Louth and Inghs had singles for Georgetown.

Louis Arbie deserved special mention for a grand exhibition of playing his wing and sticking to his check. Fred Kentner for his work carrying and Keith Fay for being in the right spot at the right time.

G. Scott played a strong game for Georgetown going both ways. Both goalies, Rusk and Dillon stopped plenty of shots which looked labelled.

The last minute and a half was played with the Georgetown net-minder yanked in favour of six forwards who bombarded Rusk with rubber. Shammy withstood the attack but had the crowd on the edge of their seats.

Acton line-up: Rusk G. Townsley. Jason defense: S Fay, Vaughan, K Fay, wings, Keith Kentner, McEwen, Mowat, Rusk, Arbie, Lawson, Goalie.

Georgetown: Dillon G. Haines, G. Scott, Ed. Hewitt, K Scott, Inghs, Wines, Hamilton, Gibb, Hoffman, King, Baxter, Louth, Huff, Golden.

Queenston Beavers supplied Acton with one of its most tragic hockey yarns last night as they ground under an incessant flow of goals from the sticks of Acton's lusty Redmen. In sixty minutes flat, the Acton Club punched home 32—that's what we said, 32 goals while Beavers notched only one solitary marker.

The Queenston team, lacking adequate equipment some actually playing with bare hands—put up only token resistance to the goal scoring efforts at their expense. Play was confined inside their blue line practically the entire game with only brief "breathers"—after a whistle or when they somehow managed to clear the puck out of their zone. It was a question to the Redmen who would occupy the pay-off slot most, as they applied relentless pressure. Even short-handed Acton dominated play, rapping in several goals in the interim.

Counting ten times in the first, twelve in the second, and ten in the third period all but net-minder "Shammy" Rusk shared in the scoring. Rusk with little to do could have brought his knitting along. He was tried approximately ten times and found wanting only once in the early seconds of only second stanza when Queenston, with a man-advantage, potted one to avoid a whitewash.

True, their goal robbed Rusk of a shut-out but did add variety to the contest which was too one-sided to be of much interest. Nevertheless a large crowd of spectators stayed on to the end to see if the locals were going to establish a new scoring record.

If another game is deemed necessary in the best two of three series it will be only to adhere to convention. The Redmen should win just as easily and advance into the second round of the Ontario play-downs.

Tattered, faded jerseys, pants rolled into stockings and probably magazines or catalogues under them, the Beavers aroused the sympathy of Acton fans as they gamely tried to provide some vestige of opposition. They haven't played any organized hockey this semester other than a casual game of "blinny" amongst themselves at St. Catharines. With a bye into the play-downs they indulge in hockey just for the fun of it, caring not how much they are defeated by as long

Local Play by St. Alban's Choir Fine Presentation

The St. Alban's Choir presented a three act musical comedy, "The Minister's Aunt" to a capacity audience in the Town Hall here last Friday.

Mr. Charles Cutler, the entertaining Master of Ceremonies extended a welcome to the large audience and introduced such outstanding numbers as Miss Joanne Stout, L.H. C.T., educational, who presented several very excellent numbers. Miss Edith Turner, the gaily costumed tap dancer, and Mr. V. Hirstow who gave very fine recitations of Galway Bay and Fair Adonis Phlox.

The plot of the Minister's Aunt was woven in very fine musical dialogue by a cast of fifteen. On the play the congregations of the parish from their newly acquired minister who unfortunately was ruled by his very dominating widow and the minister's adoration for a certain young parish girl met with the Aunt's stern disapproval which vanished only when one of her old beaux appeared on the scene.

This excellent cast of local players indeed presented a very enjoyable production.

The minister, young and unmarried, Mr. Les Dubs, Mrs. Ada in Pickett (his widowed aunt who keeps house for him), Mrs. Les Dubs, Mr. Carroll (Choir Leader), Mr. William Denny, Miss Meggs (choir member not so young given to writing poetry), Mrs. Frank Oakes, Bob Bentley (Cattleman former beau of Aunt Adeline), Mr. Vir Hirstow, Ruth (Choir Member), Miss Barbara Turner, Irene (choir member), Miss Caroline Oakes, Mrs. Harper (choir member), Mrs. H. G. Turner, Mrs. Watkinson, Mrs. Right Cross, Mrs. Dobbs, Miss Marjorie Fountain, Mrs. Hagley, Miss Lela Denny, all these members of the Ladies Guild, Don, Mr. Ed Foaditt, Don, Mr. Don Perkins, (Young men choir members), Music and dances were under direction of Miss Lydia Stewart and Miss Esther Taylor and charge of the play dialogue.

Perhaps you noted a change in our type face last week. The new face now in use in the reading matter is one of the most easily read group of Linotype series and is known as Excelsior with italic and small capitals. It is used on the second Linotype machine we installed earlier this year.

It makes a very readable and clean appearance both in newspaper and book work. We neglected to mention some weeks ago that another new Linotype face that gives our commercial printing department four faces of Gothic type was also put into fuller use on the additional Linotype now in operation.

We hope you like this new, easy to read type face. It is in keeping with our policy to keep the Free Press a well printed newspaper and the commercial printing department one of the best in Ontario towns.

Many Helpers Make Scout Home Almost Complete

Continual help of willing workers and generous help of financial assistance is pushing to completion the new Scout Hall for Acton Scouts and Guides. This week the committee reports the following donations: C. H. Harrison, Toronto, \$10; Local 721 Textile Workers of America, Acton, \$12.50; Force Electric Products \$75.00.

The builders and help have had another busy week. A third of the wall and ceiling wiring is all completed and the two doors are in transit and will be put on as soon as they arrive. A small portion of the sub-flooring remains to be laid.

Temporary heating will have to be arranged until the fireplace can be built. But it won't be long until the Acton Scouts and affiliated organizations will have a home for meetings of their own.

MRS. W. McLEOD HOSTESS FOR THE KNOX LADIES' AID

The February meeting of the Knox Ladies Aid was held last Friday at the home of Mrs. Wm. McLeod. The President, Mrs. F. McCutcheon presided. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Cuthbert and Mrs. J. Buchanan offered a prayer. Many items of business were dealt with including plans and committees to look after a St. Patrick tea.

Mrs. F. J. Hazzard gave a reading "The Ladies Aid Goes on Strike." Mrs. Geo. Ritchie conducted an interesting contest with Mrs. David Holmes winning the award. Singing of a hymn and all repeating the Lord's Prayer closed the meeting. Mrs. Geo. Ritchie offered her home for the next meeting. The hostess was assisted by the committee of Mrs. Cuthbert, Mrs. C. Lashburn, Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. Ritchie and conducted by Mrs. A. J. in serving refreshments.

Mrs. Hazzard expressed thanks to the ladies and committees for a delightful afternoon.

Another Subscriber To the Free Press Of Half Century

This week we received with her renewal a very fine letter from Mrs. Kennedy, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who was lately married. Miss Edna Miller, for over fifty years Mrs. Kennedy has been a reader of the Free Press and since 1902 (47 years) has been receiving her copy at the same address. There is so much of interest that we have taken the liberty of publishing the letter so that more of our readers may enjoy with us the recollections of this former resident.

Dear Editor: Sorry to be so long in sending in my renewal to the Free Press. Thought some of letting it drop, but find the urge to keep in touch with the old home town was too great to really stop. At times there seems so many names I do not know, I would not want to miss and still numbers of people that are still there I knew when I left Acton in 1898.

I was interested in reading of the band and thinking of when the band was under Mr. Hill, Charlie Mason's father was in it. Yes there are many things of interest still after fifty years.

I was interested in Mrs. Cameron's letter. I do not know just when I had the Free Press first but I left Acton in 1898, was married in 1901 and still living in the house we built in 1902 on an acre of land. In 1906 the property was divided and part of it being taken off our property and our house moved back and although a change of address, it is the same house and property, 913 Portage Avenue and 372 Banning St. In 1902 Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moore were in Winnipeg and came to see me walking anyway one and a half miles, as we were quite a ways out of Winnipeg proper.

I did not intend to make this so lengthy but I guess I have been taking the paper for nearly fifty years and have always looked forward to getting it.

So wishing you all the best for 1949. I remain, Yours sincerely, Edna (Miller) Kennedy

R. HEATHERINGTON SPEAKER AT FORUM AT BANNOCKBURN

Mr. R. Heatherington was present at Bannockburn Farm Forum on Monday night to show several films which were very informative and entertaining, after which he spoke briefly suggesting several projects for consideration by the forum and gave suggestions for improvements at the meetings. Chairman Don Matthews conducted the meeting and President Jack Fox expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Heatherington for coming. Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davidson, and Geo. Somerville served lunch at the close of the meeting.

MARCH MEETING OF ST. ALBAN'S GUILD AT MRS. C. COOK'S

The March meeting of St. Alban's Guild was held at the home of Mrs. C. Cook. The meeting opened with the Guild Prayer after which Mrs. Luxton gave a special Lenten Prayer. General items of business were discussed. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction and a delightful lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. Coon and Mrs. G. Hargrove.

Halton Male Choir Present Fine Program in Acton

The thirty voices of the Halton Male Choir delighted a large audience on Monday of this week in Acton United Church. Under the sponsorship of the Choir and the Marco Club, the group of male voices presented a varied and entertaining program.

Mr. Alex Padwell, the vivacious conductor, led the group in such beautiful songs as "All in the April Evening," "The Last Chord," and "Deep River." Also included in the program were such rousing songs as "Old Man River," "The Martyrs of the Arena," an arrangement depicting the death of Martyrs in the arena of ancient Rome, and "The Russian Picnic." Accompanist was Mr. Wm. Lethbridge.

Guest artist of the evening was the talented young Miss Winnifred Cater of Dundas. Miss Cater chose three very lovely songs as her first group and gave very good foundation to the claims of Mr. Padwell that she would indeed enjoy a fine career in the field of music. For her pressing course, Miss Cater chose one of Sigmond Romberg's immortal works, "The Serenade" from the Student Prince.

The enthusiastic audience was delighted with the fine choice and excellent rendition of this masterpiece of melodious singers on their second visit to Acton. We feel sure the Halton Male Choir, their conductor Mr. Padwell and the enchanting young Miss Cater will be warmly welcomed by any Acton audience.

MR. AND MRS. WHITELOCK HONORED AT GATHERING HALTON JERSEY CLUB

On Tuesday evening February 15th, members of the Halton Jersey Breeders and their families gathered in Evening Community Hall at St. Swartown for a party in honor of their secretary, J. E. Whitelock and his bride. Eucharie was played, Mrs. Devlin and Frank Deshurst getting high scores and Max Scott and John McCure consolation prizes. After lunch, Mr. E. H. Hartop expressed the good wishes of the gathering and presented Mr. and Mrs. Whitelock with a beautiful chandelier. An hour of dancing to the music of Doris Hulla Orchestra concluded an enjoyable evening.

SPECIAL PRE-LENTEN SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HERE

In preparation for the holy season of Lent, life-like stations of the Cross depicting the trial and crucifixion of Christ were blessed by Rev. Father Kingsmill, of Drayton, at St. Joseph's Church, Acton, on Sunday evening. Rev. Fathers Callaghan and Morgan of Rockwood and Acton, respectively, assisted him in the ceremony.

The fourteen stations hanging in the church portray fourteen incidents in the trial by Pontius Pilate, the painful journey to Calvary, the Crucifixion, and finally the burial of Jesus in the tomb. They inspire deep devotion from Catholics during Lent.

The bestowing of the Canonical blessing also marks the completion of the church interior redecoration program under the supervision of the pastor Rev. V. J. Morgan. The Stations of the Cross make an attractive addition to the nave of this church.

SORTING OF LOOT TOOK PLACE UNDER CRESCENT BRIDGE

Last Thursday Billy Greer and Theresa Arbie found the school bag house key, two broken banks and some Boy Scout material stolen from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills on Monday evening. The unwanted articles were thrown under a trestle of the Maria Street bridge and with them were also the car keys of Albert Loutitt which were taken from his car, parked on the driveway beside his residence the same evening.

SUPPER PARTY GIVEN TO CHILDREN

Knox Sunday School held a supper party for the children on Wednesday, February 23rd. Supper was served at 6 o'clock and about 70 children sat down to partake of the bounteous banquet served by their teachers. When their appetites were finally appeased, all went upstairs to enjoy a presentation of several films by Projectionist, E. A. Hansen. These included Ski Skills, Fun-Country-and-Water-Power.

Bank Robbers Face Trial at Criminal Court

For Campbellville Robbery in 1947—Court Adjourned When Witness Not Present

In Halton County Criminal Court last Friday, the trial of Leo Burnell, 22, and Adams before Judge Archibald Cochran was adjourned to March 17 in order to hear a Crown witness from Toronto, who is confined to bed with a fractured ankle.

Burnell is charged with the armed robbery of the bank of Nova Scotia, at Campbellville on July 8th, 1947, of \$10,000 cash and \$95,000 in securities. The accused pleaded not guilty when arraigned.

Most of the Crown's evidence was heard during the afternoon session with Harvey McCullough, Crown Attorney for Hamilton prosecuting. Crown Attorney W. I. Dick, K.C. assisted. Burnell was not represented by counsel, choosing to conduct his own defense.

Three persons, two of them marked entered the bank about 2:10 in the afternoon of July 8th, 1947. A testified Frank E. Goulan manager of the small country branch for 10 years. "One met me and signalled with his gun for me to turn off the dial on the safe. While I was working on the dial the telephone was smashed as they mentioned the bank's guns. They gave me three seconds to open the safe, but when they noticed I could go no further allowed Miss Holmes to turn the other combination."

"They scooped up the cash and three tin boxes containing securities. As they made their departure one ordered Miss Holmes and me to leave us walking toward the centre of the road. The three jumped into a new sedan car bearing license number 2377 slightly smeared with white substance," witness continued.

Mr. Quinlan described how he had made a memo of the serial numbers of new bills which arrived at the bank on May 31. Witness also identified five \$5 bills presented by Mr. McCullough and bearing numbers the same as those taken from the bank during the robbery. Witness said he had no record of the sixth bill.

Under cross examination by Burnell, Mr. Quinlan admitted he had attended several police line-ups and had made four wrong identifications. Accused also brought out that witness was unable to identify any of the police photos shown him as one of the accused.

A garage operator, a mile north of Lowville, Roy Coulter, testified he drove his car out on the road in an effort to stop the robbers after receiving a phone call from Lloyd Early who advised him they were travelling south on the Campbellville road.

"I yelled at George Coulson to go over to my house to get the gun. I had just drove on the road north of the intersection when I noticed a car speeding around the corner at the church. I backed off toward the side of the road when I saw I couldn't have time to get out of it," witness added.

Mr. Coulter told the court the driver of the car looked at him as it sped past about 50 miles an hour. Three other men were in the car, he said.

"Have you ever seen that man since?" asked Mr. McCullough. "Yes, that man down there," nodding in the direction of the accused sitting at the solicitor's table.

"The accused?" "Yes, sir," witness added.

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Coming Events

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

Eucharie and dance, Dublin school, Friday, March 4th, 1949, 8:30 p.m. Admission 25c.

Afternoon tea and sale of baking, Knox Sunday School, Saturday, March 10th, at 2:30 o'clock.

Acton Women's Institute eucharie and dance in Town Hall, Thursday, March 10th, 8:30 sharp. Admission 35c. Lunch bar and coats checked.

The first regular meeting of the Acton Home and School Club will be held at the school on Monday evening, March 7th at 8:15. Everyone is welcome and members and parents are urged to attend.