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Acton Wins Second Round Intermediate Play-downs

Put on Real Game on Saturday And Nosed Out Hespeler in Decision by 5-2—Tribute Paid By Teams to Red Ryder, Star Member of Acton Team Before Game Was Started

When Hespeler Orioles trotted out to meet Acton Intermediates in the deciding game of their Int. A play-down series last Saturday, they found a slightly different slant on the Acton club instead of reverting to the erratic game of the previous Monday, the Acton club knuckled down to the task grimly as if they were playing for keeps and sank the Orioles 5-2 by virtue of the victory Acton copped the set two games to one.

Acton's win eliminated Hespeler from further contention and sent A's into the third round of the Ont. Int. A play-downs in further quest of the provincial title.

The game was postponed until four o'clock to enable players and fans to attend the funeral of the late Red Ryder, a star member of the Acton club, who met a tragic death last week in an accident. Paying tribute to the deceased, both teams lined up on the base-paths before the game while a two minute silence was observed out of respect to a fine player and a great sportsman.

Nothing could testify more to the esteem in which this upstanding young man was held than the complete absorption of the hundreds who filed into Acton Park on Saturday afternoon during the brief intermission. An official explained to the throng that it was at the request of the deceased's family that the game continued as scheduled.

Both teams served notice right from the start that they wouldn't concede defeat until the final out and the game followed this pattern the length. Matt Tyler nominated Bill Leader to stop Hespeler's big bats while Brown started on the hill for the visitors.

Leader dished up an effective eight-hit restriction act scattering hits all along the route and with strong help from his mates never gave up more than one base on any Brown, however, had to be relieved in the first inning after allowing two doubles and issuing two walks. Hilker, an easy-going righthander finished the game for Orioles but already the damage was done.

Developments were later to prove that Acton was the better opponent. A first inning three run burst at the expense of Brown put the locals ahead and they never relinquished the lead. Orioles failed to get a man past second in any innings but the top half of the fourth, when, with two Acton overthrows to help, they plated two runs.

A double over first from "Dude" Lindsay with Masters and Footitt on board with a pass scored both runners in the initial. Then Owen Masales, in his turn, batted in Lindsay with a smashing double to left favour of Hilker. Hilker returned the next two batters but was to be tagged for two additional runs before his stint had ended.

In the second inning Scott landed on base safely when the first baseman muffed the throw. He advanced to second on Leader's sacrifice and got to third on an infield out. Footitt knocked Scott in with a timely single over second.

Hespeler got two on in the third through a walk and a safety but Leader bore down to retire the side on strike. A double play set A's down scoreless in the bottom half. Orioles pulled to within two runs of Acton in the fourth on two unearned runs. Hillis wrangled a walk. Schultz hit to Runastadler at short setting up a possible double kill. However, Hillis was forced at second and Masales heave to first was wild allowing Schultz to romp to second. Masters gathered Carroll's liner in flawlessly but on his throw to first was wild putting two on—one at third and another at the keystone. Here Hilker came through with a clean single to centre scoring both runners. A subsequent safety to Chitcock and a base on balls to Gowling loaded the bases with Aitchison, Oriole clean-up man at next. Two were on the base.

Aitchison had singled in two previous trips. However, he fled out to Footitt for the final out.

In reply Acton scored their final singleton in the bottom half when Scott tripled over the middle and came home on Masters' single. With the bases loaded, Lindsay whiffed.

From this point on both clubs stuck to business. Not another run scored.

Owen Masales drove a towering triple to the softball diamond in the

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Modern Shovels And Trucks Move Old Cobble Hill

It's said faith will move mountains. Backed by shovels and a fleet of trucks there isn't a doubt, and for the doubters we suggest a look at old Cobble Hill. Not a mountain, of course, but the elevation that has been the peak in these parts for more years than we care to recall, this eminence is slowly going down.

A couple of years back a big slice of this gravel and stone that compose "Cobble Hill" was hauled away to build a dam for one of the big filling jobs of Beardmore & Co. This season when it was found filling material was required in big lots for the construction of No. 25 Highway, the shovels were put into old Cobble Hill and 26 dump trucks are moving Acton's mountain and spreading it along the highway, building up the deep fills in many sections. These shovels are a red clay mixture are making a foundation that will carry the motor travel over the years.

It won't take all of the hill to do the highway job but there will be another big bite gone from Cobble Hill and little of the peak will be left where amateur photographers for years have taken views of Acton. Someday in the not distant future the land may make fine building lots and fulfill the dreams of former owners who had it surveyed many years ago.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH MET AT MRS. WILDERSPIN'S

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Wilderspin on Tuesday with Mrs. J. Moore presiding. The devotional period was taken by Miss E. Hawthorne, Mrs. Pickett and Mrs. Drysdale. One of our oldest members Mrs. August Anderson passed away recently.

Roll call was answered by a verse of Scripture. A number responded to the quilt fund each lady was asked to make a contribution. A letter was sent to Rev. V. Pickering wishing him a complete recovery from his illness.

The meeting closed by repeating the mizpah benediction. Mrs. Wilderspin assisted by Mrs. Pickett, Mrs. H. Burns and Mrs. Lindsay served lunch. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Wilderspin for her home and also lunch assistants.

Benefit Fund Now Open for Citizens and Fans

Opportunity for Expression and Helpfulness—Give As Your Heart Dictates

At the request of a number of baseball fans and citizens who respected the citizenship and admired the sportsmanship of "Red" Ryder, the Acton baseball club in co-operation with the Banks and the Free Press, have decided to open a "Benefit Fund" to give tangible expression of appreciation. The entire amount subscribed will be turned over to the little family as a token of remembrance and appreciation from citizens and fans.

All contributions to the Benefit Fund will be acknowledged with a receipt and each week in the columns of the Free Press. If you desire you can use an anonymous name in the published list of contributions, but to keep the record clear it is felt all amounts should be acknowledged.

Contributions to the fund can be made at either the Bank of Nova Scotia or the Bank of Montreal in Acton or at the Free Press office, or to the following members of the Baseball executive, Ray Mason, F. Hawkins or M. Tyler. There will be no canvass or soliciting of subscription. If you feel in your heart you would like to be part of this benefit, just turn in what you feel you can.

Cheques should be made payable to "Baseball Benefit Fund". Each week the Free Press will carry a complete list of amounts turned in until Tuesday noon of that week. The fund will be placed in a special bank account and when closed in a few weeks the entire amount will be turned over to a trust fund for Mrs. Ryder and the family.

LAKESIDE CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENING SHOWER FOR BRIDE

The Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. held a combined business meeting and party, Tuesday September 6th. Important business matters were handled prior to getting into regular fall Chapter routine.

Several tables of court whist were played, prizes taken by Mrs. J. Croughan, Mrs. Chas. Woods and Mrs. Ivan Harris.

Miss Molly Curtis, the Chapter's efficient secretary, gave the happy opportunity of showering her with many good wishes and red and white kitchen utensils and various lovely gifts. Molly bedecked in a corsage, miles of ribbons, and knee deep in pretty paper wrappings, thanked the girls most sincerely. A very delightful party lunch was served, bringing a happy evening to a close.

OLD ESTABLISHED DAIRY BUSINESS CHANGES OWNERSHIP

Announcement is made in another column of a change of business in Acton. The Watson Dairy Bar has been sold to Mr. Lang of Rockwood. More than 25 years this business was conducted by the late Perry Watson and his family. The dairy business has had many changes in this time in methods and personnel and this business has been kept well abreast of the times.

Following the death of Mr. R. P. Watson the task of conducting the Restaurant and Dairy Bar by Mrs. Watson and Mr. Thomas Watson has become too heavy and the Dairy business has been disposed of so that they may devote their undivided time to the Restaurant and Dairy Bar. Mr. Lang assumes charge at once and the announcement gives other details.

166 Pupils Use Buses in North School Routes

More Pupils This Year From Rural Districts Are Attending Schools

166 pupils from the rural sections are being transported by buses in the North Halton High School District. It was reported at the meeting of the Board last Thursday evening. This includes 14 from Erin Township attending Acton school and five from Trafalgar. 147 pupils are from Esquesing and Nasagaweya and are carried in three buses. The total trip mileage of the routes covered is 129 miles and this is covered twice daily.

In a letter to the Board Mr. C. Nason, truant officer at Acton, submitted two applications for permits from pupils to leave school. The Board ruled these permits should not be granted and no permits were to be issued for children under 16 years that did not meet with school attendance regulations.

A. Low was allowed 75c per day for transporting two Nasagaweya pupils not on bus routes.

The Board decided to take the necessary legal action for collection of fees from Oakville for pupils attending the Milton School. The Oakville Board had allowed part of the account but had left in dispute an amount of about \$1400. Accounts amounting to \$1015 were passed for payment.

By motion the Board ruled that they would not be responsible for the fees for any pupils from the district attending the Georgetown High School unless a permit to do so had been approved.

Applications from pupils who desired to attend schools outside the district, including technical schools were dealt with and some permits issued.

A list of books for Acton School amounting to \$125 was approved when submitted by principal Robbins.

The Board also gave approval of the appointment of Miss Unger on the staff of the Acton School.

Requisitions for workshop, girls' and boys' physical training and art were approved for Milton School. A proposal was advanced for the purchase of an additional lot at Milton School and for the purchase of tractor and equipment to put the grounds in better condition. These matters were discussed but no action was taken and in the meantime an effort is to be made to have a grader do some levelling.

Stocks of creamery butter in nine Canadian cities on April 22nd, 1949, amounted to 5,264,000 pounds—over three times as high as last year's 1,708,000 pounds.

Thrill-Packed Game Won by Acton Juniors

Eleven Inning Event Won Last Night by 3-2 To Tie Series—Back to Simcoe on Saturday

A spectacular eleven inning single with the bases loaded from the bat of Harry Lawson drove in the winning run in a marathon 11-inning Junior B playdown here last night, clinching a superb one hit pitching performance from the same Lawson and enabled Acton to share Simcoe's Homecoming Cubs 3-2. The lanky fork-sider came up with the year's best hurling feat as he set down one of Ontario's best Junior clubs on one solitary single.

Dropping the first game on Saturday, Acton's win last night squared the series. The third and final contest will be held in Simcoe on Saturday.

Down 2-1 in the ninth inning with two out, Harold Townsley who incidentally has headed the batting class all term, smashed a bases-empty home run into centre field to put Bill Holloway's fledglings right into contention again until an eventful eleventh frame. Townsley came through with the game-tying circuit clutch just when it appeared Acton could hang up their uniforms for this year.

A ringing two bagger from Bob McEneaney with Blow on base set the stage for the winning run in the eleventh. Simcoe's ace righthander appropriately named "Strike" King consulted with the coach after McEneaney's blow. With Townsley on deck King elected to walk Townsley in order to get at Lawson. But the strategy backfired as Acton's blond southpaw crashed his second hit of the game over second with the bases loaded scoring Blow with the glory run.

It isn't often a pitcher is called on to win his own game, especially after two long eleven innings of one hit ball. But last night Lawson would have fetched the moon for the asking. The only bangle he allowed Simcoe was off the first ball he threw down the alley and that runner, he rapped it second.

Cubs, behind a fine scattering of safeties from King scored both runs in errors. The Acton infield were bases on these but tightened up in the latter stages as both clubs settled down to play bang up ball. King got in hot water in the third, when singles from Rossell and Bruce scored Acton's first run. He wasn't in trouble again until the eleventh and that capped it.

Fans thought it was all over but the crying after the first game in Simcoe and didn't concede Acton much chance to even the series. They thought it was all over in spite of Lawson's one-hitter, in the ninth with two out and King still going strong until Townsley poked out the home run to tie it up. When Acton came through in the eleventh in what was undoubtedly the finest game in Acton Park this season, it tickled everyone and most are now confident the locals can take the series. Winner of this series goes into the Ontario semi-finals.

Acton collected nine hits from King, plus two free passes. Lawson set down the Cubs with one hit but issued six free tickets. In the strike-out department King whiffed fifteen while Lawson set down ten on strikes.

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Farm Home is Saved by Bucket and Fire Brigade

Nearly 80 neighbours and friends formed a bucket brigade to prevent a fire from spreading in an upstairs room at the home of Mrs. Edith Hitchon, at Haltonville, yesterday afternoon. Milton Fire Brigade responded to the call and soon had the blaze under control.

The smoke-filled room was first discovered by Mrs. Hitchon who said it burst into flame as soon as she opened the door. Neighbours responded to the call for help, immediately forming a bucket brigade, bringing water from Mrs. Britton's well, a next door neighbour. Bucket upon bucket of water was thrown on the blaze until Milton firemen arrived. They quickly extinguished the fire from hose and supply on the truck.

An investigation by firemen disclosed the fire started in the bed and quickly spread up the wall and over the ceiling toward the door. The heat was so intense, paint was blistered on woodwork in the hallway. Some water damage was caused to the room below. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

MRS. L. L. SKUCE WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT LAKESIDE CHAPTER

Lakeside Chapter, I.O.D.E. held their regular September meeting, Tuesday the 13th on the Legion Hall. Regent Mrs. Alex Orr presided and extended a welcome to members of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter as guests.

Previous minutes of business were read by the secretary, Miss Molly Curtis. Various items of business were handled and further plans made for the Chapter's booth at the Fall Fair and also for the film at the Roxy Theatre that the Chapter sponsors each autumn.

Highlighting the evening was the guest speaker, Mrs. L. L. Skuce, Milton speaking on her trip to Victoria B.C. to attend the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire National Convention. Giving the important items of the convention, spiced with her own delightful wit presented a talk most informative and thorough. It was enjoyed by each and every member present.

On behalf of the Lakeside Chapter Mrs. J. Croughan presented Mrs. Skuce with a huge bouquet of gladioli. Her thank you brought forth more wit which endeared this delightful woman to everyone's heart.

A contest on Halton County proved a good crowd mixer, top honors going to Mrs. Wm. Evans. Partners were won for lunch and group four served a most delightful one.

Several newcomers in town were introduced and welcomed in our community. Miss McPhail was sitting on lucky chair number seven and this received a prize.

Scout Group Give Report on New Scout Home

Official Opening Arranged for October 28th—Basement and Kitchen to Come

Members of various organizations and friends who had helped in various ways to have an Acton Scout Home realized heard a very interesting report last Thursday evening when they met in the Acton Scout Hall. The main structure is almost completed and the Scouts have moved in their equipment. Official opening is planned for October 28th and the Scouts have now started to erect a basement workshop and kitchen at the rear of their hall.

Group Chairman J. J. Guy presided at the meeting and the story is best told in the report read by the Secretary, W. Middleton, last Thursday on the group committee's work followed by the financial report.

The Group Committee of the Acton Scout Movement in presenting the account of their stewardship covering the activities of the last year present Scout problems and progress.

Our new Scout Home for the use of the Browne Club Girl Guide Club, Cubs, Scouts, Scout Mothers, etc., has been realized.

It is 24'x40', cottage roof design, given asphalt shingles, log cabin siding, front double door entrance and has double side door and single rear door exits.

Interior is graced with a brick fireplace built gratis by Al. Louis and Kelly. The mantle by courtesy of W. J. Coon, Ajax Engineers Ltd. Walls are of donnacotta board with panel strips of fir. Floor is of alternate red and blue rubber tile, well and truly laid by many volunteers who worked on their first floor and who hope it is their last. Bunkers painted royal blue 18"x18" have been installed in all available wall space around the room for storage of equipment, etc. Each bunker will be equipped with hamp and lock so that each unit using the accommodation will have private locker space.

To augment our fireplace heating we are indebted to Len Lowell who donated a very efficient oil space heater.

Floors and walls are insulated and the ceiling is of ashlar blocks. If you happened to see any of the volunteers who put it on and wondered why they were looking heavenward, well, it isn't the new lets that they were looking for.

The accomplishment of our Scout Home to date has entailed some worry, grief, bruises and blisters but that has been more than compensated by the grand feeling of justification of faith in our community, the faithful volunteer workers, the co-operation of business and trade in securing needed supplies less 10 per cent and the financial support of the social organizations, business, industry and unsolicited donations.

A kitchen and basement workshop (Continued on Page Eight)

County Approves Site for New Home for the Aged

New Division of Wards in Acton For Town Purposes

In order to meet requirements for incorporation as a town, it was found necessary to adjust the Ward divisions in Acton so that each Ward would have a minimum of 500 population. The division was made at Mill and John Street and following are the population figures for each section.

Ward No. 1 East of John and south of Mill Streets, population 837.
Ward No. 2 North of Mill and east of John Street, population 517.
Ward No. 3 South of Mill and west of John Street, population 454.
Ward No. 4 North of Mill and west of John Street, population 459.

RECENT MEETING OF DUBLIN INSTITUTE HAD GOOD PROGRAM

Dublin Women's Institute met in Bloomsbury School in August and had as their guest, Mrs. R. H. Reeb, the county president. She chose for her talk "Family Living", and also read a poem, "Tomorrow". Roll call was answered by naming a Canadian tree.

\$50 was voted to be sent to Nasagaweya Council for the lights.

In September the Institute met at the home of Mrs. W. Frank Roll call was answered by each member telling of some interesting event of the summer. These included high lights of the C.N.E., the Women's Luncheon at the C.N.E., a trip north to Fort Frances, and one to the tobacco fields and others. Mrs. Robertson and Miss Minnie Somerville were appointed as delegates to the Convention in Guelph. A car load also planned to attend the Convention on Wednesday.

Georgetown, Milton and Acton Fair exhibits were arranged. Mrs. N. R. read a paper sent by Mrs. Steele on the origin of the Mary Stuart Collect and also a poem, "A fellow who had time to be kind". Mrs. Thompson conducted a contest which was won by Mrs. Near and Miss Mildred Wilson. Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Grants Made to Fall Fairs by Esquesing Council

Connection of Township Road On Highway Called to Attention

Esquesing Township Council held their regular meeting Monday evening. Deputy Reeve Gen. Leslie, Councillors H. Craig Reid, Wilfred Bird and Walter Linham were present. Reeve, George Currie, presided.

A deputation attended the meeting, asking that the St. Helena road entrance to No. 25 Highway be improved.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows: Bell Telephone Co., services, \$4.00; A. W. Benton stamps, \$7.00; Sheep Claims, valuator, etc., \$155.25; Relief Accounts \$116.40; Road Accounts, \$4,076.31. Grants were made to Esquesing Agricultural Society of \$75.00, Acton Fair, \$75.00; and Halton Agricultural Society of \$25.00.

Council will petition the Department of Highways for the status quo grant on road expenditures from January to August 31st, on \$33,783.81.

The Clerk was instructed to write Stanley Hall, M.P.P. for Halton in connection with the entrance off the Esquesing Township road, known as the St. Helena road, to No. 25 Highway.

The Road Superintendent was instructed to transfer from the capital account to the road account an amount of \$2,269.28 for garage construction, according to the Auditor's statement of expenses.

Mr. K. C. Lindsay was appointed assistant assessor with duties to commence September 15th.

A by-law was passed to amend the several school sections, Union School Sections, Township School Area No. 1 and Chinguacousy West School Area.

Council adjourned to meet October 3rd or at the call of the Reeve.

Propose To Purchase 20 Acres Adjoining Milton on Highway For \$4,000—Architects For Building Are Approved—Building Will Likely Take Two Years—Ask Permission To Build a Wading Pool in Victoria Park—Contract Given For Roofing of County Buildings

Written Exclusively for the Canadian Champion and Acton Free Press

The plan to establish a County of Halton Home for the Aged was implemented by County Council, in Milton Tuesday afternoon, when members endorsed a resolution favouring the purchase of property on which such a home could be erected.

The resolution, sponsored by Reeve J. T. Armstrong, Georgetown and Deputy Reeve K. Y. Dick and endorsed by members, stated that subject to the approval of the Minister of Welfare, 20 acres be purchased from Luigi Mauro at a cost of \$4,000 for the purpose of erecting a Home for the Aged, and that the chairman of the Building Committee be authorized to proceed with negotiations.

Reeve Armstrong outlining the progress made by his committee said five options had been taken on sites for the proposed Home. He said officials of the Ontario Welfare Department suggested such a home be erected on at least 15 acres of land be adjacent to a town and have both sewerage and water facilities handy.

The Committee he said had interviewed two architects and recommended the firm of Bouthwaite and Fairchild be employed. They further recommended 20 acres of the farm owned by Luigi Mauro be purchased and action be taken before the option expired on September 30th. This property was formerly owned by W. J. Mark.

Reeve Armstrong asked to operation of every member of council to hasten work in connection with the proposed building. He asked their advice adding it would assist both the committee and architects enabling Halton to have one of the finest Homes in the province.

All members approved of the progress made to date, while some questioned lack of action by the negotiating committee. However, it was explained, Peel County Council had been notified of Halton's move and Halton was now awaiting appointment of a similar negotiating committee from Peel to be appointed before further action could be taken. Purpose of these committees was to establish a fair rate which Halton would have to be compensated for their share of the equity in the Halton-Peel Home. While some members felt there might be some difficulty in this matter, Warden Mrs. Mary Pettit (Continued on Page Five)

Coming Events

St. Alban's Guild is holding a variety fair, Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, November 4 and 5.

Bazaar and rummage sale, home-made baking and tea table in the Y.M.C.A., October 22nd, at 2:30 p.m. under auspices of Acton Ladies' Legion Auxiliary.

Turkey supper and concert, Monday evening, Sept. 19th, Nasagaweya Presbyterian Church. Supper served from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Admission, Adults 1.00; Children under 12, 50c.

Anniversary services to be held in Nasagaweya Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Sept. 18th at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special speaker, Rev. Forbes Thomson of McNab St. Church, Hamilton.

The new memorial window in St. Alban's Church will be unveiled and dedicated on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. The Rev. E. A. Brooks, M.A., rector of Grimby will dedicate the window. Visitors are invited to this service.

The first Sectional Rally of the Women's Association, Georgetown, Ashgrove, Ballinacred, Melville, Churchill, Acton, will be held in the United Church on Tuesday, September 27th at 2:30 p.m. Light lunch will be served.