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Weather Stops Hockey Schedule Games this Week

Intermediates Now To Play Monday — Juniors Lose To Georgetown

An unpredictable mercury rising to new heights forced the postponement of both the Intermediate and Junior O.H.A. curtain raisers this week. The Intermediates were scheduled to play in Orangeville Thursday (to-night) and the Juniors to play there to Thistleton, here, on the same night. Natural ice conditions in both locations are poor and opening games will have to be played at a later date.

In the event of colder weather and suitable ice conditions, Bridgeport will open the Intermediate O.H.A. curtain against the Tanners in Acton on Monday night. The Junior Redmen, meanwhile, will play an exhibition with Carleton Place "B" club in Milton on Friday (tomorrow) at 7:15 at the first part of a double bill that sees Milton and Weston meet in an Int. A fixture in the late tilt. One of the stronger and rougher clubs, the Carleton outfit has lost five games this term to the best Toronto teams. This week the Tanners indulged in their first serious bid to select a permanent squad from the legions of hopefuls. Coach Johnny Goy hopes to have the club whipped into fair shape before they meet the blood and thunder Bridgeport Vets. Their appearance here last year precipitated one of the worst brawls in Acton hockey history. A record thirty-eight penalties were dealt and subsequent fan mix-ups in other centres were alleged to have originated in Acton on the same occasion.

Judging by reports from Waterloo the Vets haven't altered their rough and tumble tactics one whit and it's likely they'll be out to revenge the two defeats suffered at the hands of the Tanners last term.

At Georgetown last week Acton Redmen dropped a 6-4 decision to a smart passing little Georgetown club in the pre-season Junior tourney. It was their second defeat against a similar number of wins. Although they dominated territorial play, weakness in the nets and excessive penalties cost the Redmen the verdict.

"Pic" Dillon in the Georgetown net, played a stand-out game restricting Acton to four goals. First, Coulson and then Anderson, dominated the pads for Acton but neither was effective. They both fanned on shots a novice would have no difficulty muffling.

In the first game of the double-header, Brampton edged Oakville 3-2.

Townsend and Mowat looked best for Acton, although their marksmanship was hasty. Hamilton and Ingles were the pick of Georgetown.

Latest word is that the Intermediate game at Orangeville may be tomorrow night if the cold snap continues.

One Killed and Five Injured in Accident Tuesday

One Guelph woman was killed and five persons injured Tuesday morning when the side was ripped off a Gray Coach Lines bus which collided with a transport truck two miles south of Brampton.

Driver of the truck, Charles Telford, 41, of Grand Valley, has been charged with careless and dangerous driving by provincial police.

Mrs. Helen Agar, of Brooklyn, formerly of Guelph, died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton, two hours after being removed from the bus.

Most seriously hurt was Mrs. Doris Kemp, Scarborough, fractured arm and face cuts, Clifford McArthur of Scarborough, suffered cuts and George Gilchrist, driver of the bus, face cuts.

Police said the accident occurred when the southbound truck went into a skid and swerved towards the oncoming bus.

The impact ripped the side of the bus halfway to the rear. Following the collision the bus careened down a 13-foot embankment and ran 200 yards in a ditch before it could be stopped. Police said the presence of mind and coolness of the bus driver saved many more from being injured. He guided the vehicle to a stop although suffering cuts from flying glass.

The truck continued on for some distance before coming to a stop. The driver was uninjured. Eighteen passengers in the bus also escaped injury.

Prominent Canadian Native of Acton Died Suddenly

Many friends here learned with regret of the sudden death of Kenneth A. Henderson on Saturday at the Selgony Club, Montebello, Que. He was 45 years old and was treasurer and vice-president of Imperial Oil Limited.

Mr. Henderson was executive chairman of the National War Finance Committee in Ottawa during the Second World War. He organized the wartime Victory Bond sales and guided security operations of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. In recognition of his services, he was made a commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Born in Acton, he was a son of Mr. D. M. and the late Mrs. Henderson and a grandson of the late Hon. David Henderson who for so many years was Halton's representative in the House of Commons. He attended public school in Acton and High School in Galt where his father resides and graduated from McGill University in 1925. He joined the firm of Wood Gundy, Toronto as a Junior and two years later transferred to the Montreal office. Later he formed a partnership as an investment dealer and in 1934 opened a branch there. Shortly after he joined the staff of the Bank of Canada and moved to Ottawa in 1935. He became securities adviser to the Central Bank and also served as adviser to the Foreign Exchange Control Board. Mr. Henderson joined Imperial Oil Ltd. in 1948.

He was a member of the Selgony, Toronto, Rideau, Royal Ottawa Golf and Toronto Golf Clubs.

He leaves a wife, the former Catharine Beatrice Falconer, and two daughters, Ann and Janet. His father and one brother, David, survive him and sympathy of many friends in this community goes to all those so suddenly bereaved. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon with burial at Galt.

MASONIC BRETHREN PRESENT REGALIA TO GRAND LODGE OFFICIAL

A feature of interest at Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M. recently was the presentation by the Lodge members of the grand lodge regalia to V. Wor. Bro. Chas. Darby on behalf of the Masonic Brethren. Immediate Past Master W. J. Beatty read the address and V. Wor. Bro. Wm. Cooper and Frank Macintosh presented the regalia. The lodge work that evening was the installation of officers for 1950.

Nonagenarians Mark Seventieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couso, Cookstown's famous nonagenarian couple, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at their home on December 28th. Mr. Couso, in his 97th year, was one of the original boot-makers in Ontario as well as a seed buyer. The truly happy event was marked officially by the village itself, when Trustee Eldon Nelly proudly came into the home bearing a giant bouquet of 70 deep red roses to mark the event as it should be marked, he explained, "and as a token of the community's regard for a wonderful old couple." Mr. and Mrs. Couso also received many congratulatory telegrams from friends and relatives coast to coast and a cable from the King. Henry Couso started keeping bees at Beeton in 1875 and a few years later married Hannah Jean Richardson of Bond Head. The marriage took place in Pekin, N.Y. From Beeton they went to Cheltenham and in 1895 to Cookstown where grandsons Harry Couso is a village trustee, and son John R. the main grocer. "The fam", also includes another son, Alpine, of North Hollywood, Cal., an electrical engineer; five grandsons, one granddaughter and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Henry Couso is a brother of the late William Couso of Streetsville. Mr. Harold W. and Mr. Alan L. Couso of Streetsville, nephews, attended the celebration in Cookstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Couso are both in good health and Mrs. Couso does all her own housework and her husband handles his own share of the chores. Mr. Couso attributes his longevity to his profession which is so close to nature that a man can't help but live long. "Perhaps so," returns his wife, "four years' junior, but I give credit to a consistent diet of coarse foods. If you want to keep bright and spry as you near a hundred."

First Meeting of Acton Town Council Had Presentations and Ceremonies

Oldest Industry Presents Gavel and Newest Industry Supplies Holders for Name Cards — Reeve Jones Thanked for Progress and Conduct of 1949 Business — Turns over Offices to Mayor Mason and 1950 Council — Many Citizens Attend Inaugural Session — Committees Named — Sewer Plans Progress and Council Starts Year's Business

The inaugural meeting of the first town council for Acton had appropriate ceremonies in connection therewith that will make the event historical. A number of citizens attended this session.

The 1949 Council with Reeve Theron Jones occupied the seats at the table. Deputy Reeve E. Tyler, Councillors W. J. McLeod, L. Hotchen and T. Nicol. This was the last Village Council to hold office in Acton.

Reeve Jones took the opportunity of thanking Council, Clerk officials and Press for the courtesy and fair treatment and helpfulness that had been shown the Council of 1949. He also appreciated the co-operation given by Council during his term of office.

From Village To Town

In handing over the symbols of office to Mayor Mason the retiring Reeve Jones noted the progress made and hoped for continued growth in the year to follow. Mr. Jones pointed out the ratepayers of Acton had chosen Mr. Mason by a good majority to carry the office as first Mayor. He handed over office with the conviction that his successor was one who had always had the interests of Acton at heart and wished he and the Council every success in the year ahead.

Mayor Mason paid tribute to Reeve Jones and the Council of 1949. He had been a progressive and fearless leader and the Council had done a wonderful job in the past year. If the municipal work of 1950 could be carried on as efficiently he would be quite satisfied.

The oath of office was taken by Mayor Mason and administered by Clerk J. McGeachie. Similar declarations were taken by Reeve E. Tyler, Deputy Reeve W. McLeod and Councillors J. Greer, R. Thompson, J. Hargrave, T. Nicol, L. Hotchen and W. Rose. Each was welcomed by the Mayor and assumed a seat at the Council table.

With nine members officials and press the Council table is getting a bit crowded but we understand provision for needed expansion is already planned.

Reeve Mr. Luxton on behalf of the Ministers of Acton gave prayers for those who served Acton in the past and present Council and invoked a blessing on Council proceedings and the conduct of municipal affairs.

The Mayor's Remarks

In his address Mayor Mason said he was happy in being elected the first Mayor of Acton and the newly formed town. He would use his best endeavour to carry out his duties. He congratulated Council who had been elected by a good vote of Acton ratepayers. He asked their co-operation and consideration of each transaction on its merit and vote always in the best interests of Acton.

The installation of sewers was a major undertaking. There would be much turmoil and inconvenience during construction. He asked for the understanding co-operation of all citizens during this period. When completed Acton will take its place in top rank with any town in the province. The Mayor gave some figures and explanation of the new assessment and its relation to the amount of taxes paid.

Presentations and Good Wishes

There were several presentations showing appreciation of services performed and marking the town's status.

Reeve E. Tyler presented to retiring Reeve Jones a box of cigars from Council of 1949 in appreciation of the conduct of the year's business and expressed their appreciation of his courtesy and efficiency.

If the head of the Council in Acton ever had a gavel it hasn't been evident in the past thirty years. It was indeed appropriate therefore that Acton's oldest industry should see that the new town had the proper symbols of office. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Boardmore and Co. Mr. W. J. Beatty presented a fine gavel to the Mayor. It was made from a walnut tree-grown in Acton by Mr. Tom Ware. With the gavel Mr. Beatty brought greetings from the Company which has been part of Acton and its community life since before incorporation as a village in 1873.

Mr. Beatty said the company was proud to be a part of Acton's

progress and they had substantial plans which it was hoped would continue to provide a full share in community growth. While it was primarily industry's duty to provide employment it had been very advantageous to have the full co-operation of all groups that make up community life. With the gavel went the best wishes of Boardmore and Co. directors for the continued success of Acton.

On behalf of Council Reeve Tyler thanked Boardmore and Co. for the thoughtfulness and presentation Acton and Boardmore's had grown together over many years. Attention was drawn to the further evidence of co-operation between Acton and Boardmore and Co. in granting a site for the sewage disposal plant and the right of way for the trunk sewer.

Acton's newest industry, Micro Plastics made a presentation to Council of holders for name plates to be placed in front of each member of Council. Mr. Alfred Long on behalf of the Company made the presentation and conveyed with it the best wishes of the company to Acton for continued progress and growth.

Councillor J. Greer on behalf of Council thanked Mr. Long and Micro Plastics for the name holders and the interest in Acton.

G. A. Dill, editor of the Free Press presented to Council a supply of printed cards for the holders with the office and name of the member. Mayor Mason paid tribute to the editor for his fair reporting of Council and faithfulness in so many years in keeping the public informed on municipal affairs.

The thanks of Council for this expression of helpfulness was conveyed by Councillor Ray Thompson.

This concluded the inaugural ceremonies. All were invited to remain for Council business meeting and appreciation was expressed by the Mayor for the interest of so many citizens in attending the meeting in such unfavourable weather. Flash bulbs flared and cameras clicked as newspaper representatives and photographers made a picture record of the first Council meeting of the Town of Acton.

The Council business session began shortly after nine o'clock.

Notice was received by Council that Mr. Vyse was appealing the decision of the Court of Revision and it would be heard before the County Judge in Acton on January 18th.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with the Mayor presiding to appoint committees for the year.

The following committees were suggested and approved for the year:

Finance — Reeve E. Tyler, J. Greer, J. Hargrave.
Streets, Walks, Fire and Garage Collection — Deputy Reeve W. McLeod, L. Hotchen, E. Tyler.
Park, Arena, Public Buildings, Light, R. Thompson, T. Nicol, W. Rose.

Special Committee, Police and Sewers — The Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve.

The recommendations of the committee were accepted. First named to be chairman and the Mayor to be an ex-officio member of all committees.

A resolution was passed that the regular meetings of Council be held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Council discussed the work of committees and a better method of meeting delegations and hearing complaints.

The Clerk was instructed to have printed a number of cards showing committees and names of officials and telephone numbers and other general information that would be helpful to citizens.

A resolution was passed that Mr. Harrop receive a car allowance of \$100 for the year.

The Mayor and Treasurer were authorized to pay A. Clifford his salary twice monthly upon presentation of time sheets at the rate of \$60 per hour.

Another resolution authorized the salary of E. Harrop monthly at the rate of \$208.33 per month.

A resolution authorized payment of the salary of Gordon Allan at the rate of \$75 per hour.

Allan Kirkness' salary of \$87.50 twice monthly was also passed for

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Baxter Announces Retirement and Profit Sharing

A Retirement and Profit Sharing Plan was announced last month by Baxter Laboratories of Canada Limited for its employees here. Contributions by Baxter and its employees to a trust fund will accumulate to purchase annuities for employees at retirement.

This plan assures all Baxter participating employees of a regular income upon retirement, as long as they live. The plan, scheduled to be put into operation December 31, 1949, is complete and operating subject only to the approval of the Canadian Government.

"This is a concrete example of our interest and concern for the personal security of our people," said H. N. Falk, president of Baxter Laboratories of Canada, Limited, in a message received today.

A small percentage of the participating employee's salary plus a percentage of the company earnings will be deposited with an independent trust company. These deposits will be reinvested by the trust company and the earnings from the investments also added to the trust fund.

Once the payment of the company contribution to the trust is approved by the government, it cannot revert to the company but becomes the sole property of the employees participating in the plan. This assures that the efforts of the employees will be rewarded beyond the compensation they receive in wages.

In case an employee leaves the company before retirement age, he receives a share of the trust fund. If he remains with the company until retirement age, a monthly income is paid to him for the remainder of his life and, in some cases, to his survivors for a period beyond this time.

"This plan is not compulsory," said Mr. Falk. "However, it is my sincere hope that all Baxter employees will take advantage of it."

Golden Wedding Anniversary of J. E., Mrs. Pearen

Living Now in House in Which They Were Married Half Century Ago

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearen, R.R. 3, Acton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Tuesday, December 27th.

Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Pearen were married in their new home on Maplewood Farm. Mrs. Pearen is the former Alice Leslie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel W. Leslie, who owned the farm now made famous by Mr. Pearen. It is unique that this couple are living in the house in which they were married and in which Mr. and Mrs. Leslie celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Maplewood Farm has now been taken over by Calvin Aikén, a son-in-law, and the Pearens plan moving into a new house across the road in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearen have three daughters, Mrs. Ross Allan, of Toronto, Elva at home and Mrs. Calvin Aikén, also of Acton. There are six grandchildren.

Mrs. Pearen is a life member of the Rockwood Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, in which she has been a faithful worker for many years. She is also an active member of the Greenock Women's Institute.

Mr. Pearen, now retired, was a noted Shorthorn breeder and distinguished himself at many of the fairs and exhibitions. He is active in civic affairs and is a member of the Erin Township area school board. He is a staunch Liberal and a long-time member and elder of Rockwood Presbyterian Church. He is also a director of the Halfton Union Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director of the Acton Fall Fair Board.

A host of cards and flowers were received from friends and relatives on this happy occasion. We join with other friends of this well-known couple in extending congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together.

Seven Injured In New Year Car Crash

Seven persons were rushed to Guelph General Hospital late Sunday afternoon suffering painful injuries after their car went out of control and crashed into a 14-inch thick maple tree half a mile south of Rockwood on No. 7 highway.

Driver of the vehicle, 18-year-old Tilt A. Joe of 181 Park Street, Kitchener was reportedly attempting to pass another vehicle when his car went out of control and apparently skidded sideways into the tree off the shoulder of the road.

The car was a complete wreck with the right side being smashed in a "U" shape after it had wrapped itself around the tree.

The occupants are said to have been attending a New Year's Eve celebration at the Polish Hall in Guelph.

One of the injured, Uno Pold, 30, of 56 College St. Kitchener, had to be piled free from the wreckage. His right leg was jammed between the buckled floor and right side. The heel of his shoe still remained in the smashed vehicle after bars were used to release him.

Most seriously injured of the group was Mrs. Fernanda Kelmner, 27, of 184 Union Boulevard, Kitchener, who sustained a possible fractured jaw, lacerations and cuts to her chest and forehead, a fractured pelvis and undetermined back injuries. Uno Pold suffered a fractured left thigh, multiple compound fracture of the left leg and fractured pelvis. Both sustained considerable shock.

GOOD RESPONSE FOR APPEAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

A generous response was received to the appeal of the Children's Aid Society for contribution to assist needy families at Christmas. During the month of December cash donations totalled \$830. The money was used to buy quantities of toys, candy and oranges and even a few big fat chickens for Christmas dinners. Gifts of new and used toys and clothing were also received.

Through this generosity the Children's Aid Society was able to provide Christmas boxes for all the families known to be in need of help and Christmas was brightened for many little children of our County.

The Children's Aid Society wishes to thank the individuals and various organizations who helped to make this work possible. Your kindness was greatly appreciated, both by the parents and children who benefited, and by the Society.

Christmas and Other Events Y.M.C.A. Activities

At the last regular meeting of the Acton "Y" Board of Directors, a large number of business matters were successfully dealt with. The General Secretary's report showed large attendance in spite of outside distractions prevailing at holiday time.

Further progress is being made in the establishment of a Thursday night Senior Volleyball League and all teams are selected out for preliminary practice games commencing January 5th. A regular schedule of games is to begin later in January.

A small gym class of Intermediate girls, 18 to 25 years of age, is reported functioning on Wednesday evenings and is showing good prospects of becoming larger in the near future.

Plans are proposed for a Family Night at the "Y" this month featuring a short gym demonstration and social evening for young members and their parents.

The special Christmas holiday program was successful with total attendance figures of 211 recorded.

Winners in the various competitions were as follows: Basketball Tournament, Grant Withers, Ross Morton, John Cunningham, Bill Skilling, Floor hockey, Bob Heatley, Bob Wallman, Alfred Roch, Emmerson Baxter, Bowling, Edna Jennings, Norma Wikis, Bob Heatley, Ron Sinclair Athletic meet, first, second and third in order of mention: Boys—"A" Class: Russell Arble, John Cunningham, John Hayden, "B" Class: Bob Coon, Wayne Arble, Bill Coon, "C" Class: Emmerson Baxter, Don Wilds, Bob Heatley, Girls—"A" Class: Joan Hodge, Betty Ann Barr, Kathleen McCristall, "B" Class: Chyril Morton, Norma Wikis, Fay Andrews.

Awards were presented at a well-attended evening of moving pleasures, games and dancing.

Dr. F. G. Oakes Chairman for 1950 School Board

Cost Of New Books For Grades 1 to 6 Must Be Paid By Board

Dr. F. G. Oakes was chosen Chairman of the 1950 Acton School Board at the inaugural meeting for the year on Tuesday evening. New trustees J. H. Creighton, Thos. Watson and W. J. Wolfe took the declaration of office.

The committees for the year are: Finance: Dr. F. G. Oakes, J. H. Creighton and T. Jones. Property: C. Heard and Thos. Watson. Supplies: F. G. Oakes and W. J. Wolfe.

By motion the Board ruled that all cheques must be signed by any two of the following: F. G. Oakes, J. H. Creighton, T. Jones and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Caretaker Geo. Mann was re-engaged at a salary of \$200 per year and Secretary W. Middleton at a salary of \$400 per year. The Secretary was instructed to advertise for a man to help the caretaker on Saturdays.

The Board authorized a petty cash account for the convenience of the Principal of \$5.

The regulation by the Principal for paper was approved. Principal McKenzie advised the Board that the Department of Education had informed him that new books for Grades 1 to 6 were to be in use in September and the cost of these books was to be borne by the Board. About 260 pupils would be affected.

The Secretary was asked to bring to the attention of the Town Foreman the bad condition of the school lane and request immediate attention.

Accounts were passed as follows: Bell Telephone, \$2.00; G. H. Wood, \$17.00; Masales Dairy, \$16.87; Acton Free Press, \$12.85; E. VanNorman \$53.11; Town of Acton, \$75.00; McLeod and Frank, \$164.00. Total \$340.83.

Maintenance to the North Halton High School District Board was passed at \$588.00.

The Secretary reported receipt of \$18.00 non-resident fees.

It was decided to hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST BABIES BORN IN ACTON IN 1950 AT NURSING HOME

The first new 1950 arrivals in Acton were born at the Nursing Home in Acton this week. Michael Earl was the first boy of 1950, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Yule of Rockwood. The first girl was a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Thompson, R. R. 1, Acton.

Sugar beets are saving the United Kingdom more dollars than any other crop according to Sir Francis Humphrey, of the British Sugar Corporation.

AMUSEMENT CENTRE

A salesman stranded in a small village asked one of the natives if there were a movie in town.

"None," was the reply.

"None?"

"What form of amusement do you have?" asked the exasperated salesman.

"Wal, come down to the drug store," said the old man. "There's a freshman home from college."

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 20.

Don't forget Kidd Baker and his Pine Ridge Mountain Boys will be at the Rockwood Town Hall, Tuesday, January 10, Dancing 9-11 Admission 50c. B

The January meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Parker, Park Ave., on Tuesday, January 10 at 8 p.m.

Kidd Baker and his Pine Ridge Mountain Boys will be at the Town Hall, Milton, on Friday, January 6 for a dance. Dancing 9-11 Admission 50c. B