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Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Church Building

Many Former Members and Friends Bring Recollections Of Fifty Years Ago

Impressive, successful and largely attended were the opening services in connection with the new Baptist Church at the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets opposite the store of Mr. Charles T. Hill last Sunday and Monday. This was the report of the Free Press fifty years ago on the completion of the Baptist Church.

Last Sunday many old acquaintances were renewed as the congregation celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the building. Large crowds from out of town attended the anniversary and a list of these people may be seen in the Personal column.

Of interest to visitors and to the congregation were the communion set and a quilt covered with 336 names. The inscription on the communion set read "Presented to Acton Baptist Church by the sons of Rev. R. B. Cook in memory of their respected father March 4, 1900." Flowers in memory of Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Cook from Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McLaughlin and Alice E. Cook surrounded the beautiful communion set presented fifty years earlier.

The proposal to erect the present building was first made about the year 1850 and the first money offered for the purpose was the proceeds of a photograph quilt made for the purpose by the late Miss Jessie Warren who in this way presented the church with \$40 as a nucleus of a building fund. This quilt mentioned in the Free Press report of fifty years ago was on display and very few of the 336 names that had been sewn on the quilt were represented at the celebration of the anniversary.

The Services on Monday

The Sunday services were conducted by the pastor Rev. C. R. Gower and were well attended by former members and friends. At the morning service Rev. W. S. McAlpine of Brampton, who was pastor at the time of the building of the church was present and spoke briefly. He said that the present members are heirs to a great heritage and urged that they leave an equally rich heritage to future members. He had prepared an outline of his ministry in Acton and this was to be read at the Monday evening service. Rev. R. E. Jones, Toronto, led in prayer.

Rev. H. C. Priest, Toronto, who followed Rev. McAlpine as pastor was the guest speaker. He recalled many experiences of his ministry, making special mention of the Cooks, McIntosh's, Secor's, Warren's, families who were active in the church at that time.

Mr. Priest based his sermon on Ephesians 5:25 Christ loved the Church. He suggested that as we look back over 50 years we must try to find what is especially challenging to us today. We must accept that challenge to look forward and realize that the vital factor of the Christian church is to make Christ known to the whole world. Miss Lillie Moore, Bethany Baptist Church, Toronto, was guest soloist. She sang very beautifully "The Holy City" and "Come Ye Blessed".

At the evening service Rev. Priest spoke on the challenge of Christian Missions taking as his text Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The challenge of Christian missions is a challenge of Divine Command. Christ on the Galilean hillside those many years ago had to give His followers the great mission which was to be theirs and this people's through all the ages. "All power is given unto Me and Lo I am with you always." He said "Go!" and they went. They were obedient to His challenge. Paul received a vision and a command. He accepted the challenge. We are under orders to make Christ known to the ends of the earth. Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. How can we call ourselves friends of Christ if we are disobedient to His command?

There is a challenge of inward computation to the Christian today is the desire to make the joy known. Many so-called Christians have no interest in the missions. The missionary enterprise is the acid test of our Christianity. The challenge of Home Service is best illustrated by early missionaries, Wm. Carey in India, Judson in Burma, Gilmore in Mongolia and Morrison in China. Mr. Priest told of many personal experiences during his term in India. He said that

MRS. O. E. ROBBINS WAS HOSTESS FOR ACTON INSTITUTE MEETING

The February meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Robbins, Brock Ave. Mrs. Davidson presided.

Donations were voted to the Halton Music Festival and to a local welfare benefit and the Federated and District County fees. Roll call was typical of February. Each member received a valentine and read the verse in response to their name. The motto "A merry heart doeth good like medicine" was read by Mrs. Holloway. Home Economics convener Mrs. E. Lambert gave some practical hints on children's clothing. Historical Research convener Mrs. Geo. Lantz gave the origin of famous sayings, namely Brass Tacks, Grass Widow and Blue Monday.

Mrs. M. McAuley read a paper on Citizenship and also paid tribute to Dr. Flora Little of Guelph, who was chosen a woman of the year by citizens there. Mrs. F. Hunter contributed a vocal solo "Flow Gently Sweet Afton." A lively sing song was led by Mrs. Robbins who also read a paper on Dea's and Dea's for W. I. members. A contest was enjoyed by guessing various kinds of berries and won by Mrs. Davidson.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. McAuley and Mrs. F. Anderson in serving refreshments. Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Anderson offered their home for social functions later in the month. Singing of "Love's Old Sweet Song" closed the meeting.

SEWER SCHEDULE CONTINUES ON SOUTH EAST SECTION HERE

Following is the schedule of sewer work in Acton for next week as submitted by the resident engineer:

1. Continuing on Church from Frederick to Fellows
2. Guelph St. from Church to Hillcrest via Queen
3. Frederick St. from Church to Agnes
4. Queen St. from Main to Victoria
5. Agnes, Main to Elgin

Beloved Minister of United Church Died on Monday

Rev. Louis Pickering Pastor Here for Two Years

The whole community was grieved to learn that Rev. Louis Pickering had completed his labor of doing good and passed away on Monday following a lengthy illness. For some time Mr. Pickering had labored in the work of the church and the preaching of the gospel suffering from a heart condition but he bravely kept to his task until last autumn when he was forced to rest. He passed away in the Toronto General Hospital in his fifty-sixth year.

Before coming to the ministry of Acton United Church Mr. Pickering had been minister of the Hanover United Church for eleven years and had a very successful pastorate in Barrie and other churches. When he came to Acton he put the same zeal and untiring efforts into his work here. He undertook the remodeling and furnishing of the pulpit and choir loft. In fact he planned and did much of the work with his own hands. It was quite common during the past year to see him with carpenter tools doing the actual labour in this work and always on hand to carry out the plans for beautification of the place of worship so dear to his heart.

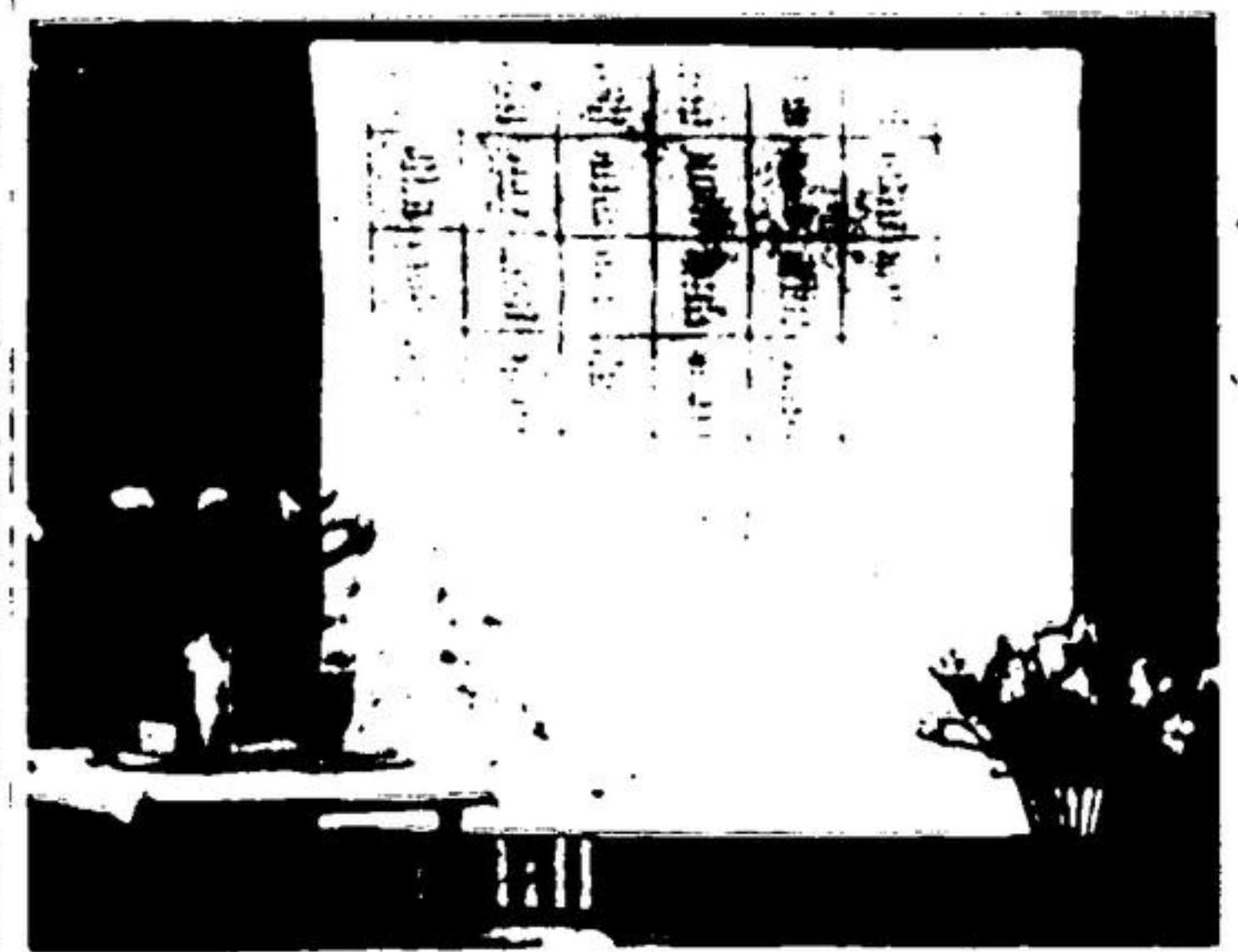
Only the last two weeks were the last furnishings put into place and the fine task completed and it is a great regret of the congregation that he was unable to see the fulfillment of his vision.

In the pulpit, in the homes, in the choir, among the young people and as a citizen of the town he worked quietly and faithfully doing what his hand and mind could do. He had a fine voice and splendid qualities of leadership which he gave freely in the service of his Master. He will be missed and mourned throughout the community but his good works and his sincere teaching will live on.

Besides his wife, the former Ella May Rowan, he leaves two sons, John of Capreol and Louis R. of Toronto. One son Robert paid the supreme sacrifice in the last World War. The congregation and community mourns with them the loss that has been suffered.

The funeral service is being held this afternoon with a private service at the home followed by a service in the United Church and interment in Fairview Cemetery.

FIFTY YEARS IN CHURCH BUILDING



Many revisited Acton during the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Baptist Church building. On view were a communion set presented by the sons of Rev. R. B. Cook and the quilt which bore the names of 336 people who had been members of the congregation set up in honour of Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Cook and presented by their grandchildren. The book on the table in the foreground is the fifty-year-old roll of the church members and has the Free Press account of the opening services printed in the front of it.

Taxi and Pool Room By-Laws are Discussed

No Charge in Age Limit for Those in Pool Rooms—Amendments to be Made to Taxi By-Law—Protest from Wartime Housing Tenants re Change of Rents—Fair Board Discusses Relocation of Ground to Build Swimming Pool—Many Items Get Attention at One O'clock Session

Acton Council met on Monday evening with Deputy Reeve W. McLeod and Councillors J. Green, J. Hargrave, T. Nicol, R. Thompson, W. Rowell and L. Hotchen present and Reeve E. Tyler presiding.

Mr. H. Waterhouse requested that the by-law regulating the age of persons in the pool room be amended so that those 16 years of age could be in the pool room. The Ontario Statutes set the age at 16 years and the Criminal Code stated the age was 18 years. Council agreed to investigate before making a decision.

Mr. C. Lindsay, on behalf of the tenants of Wartime Housing, presented a petition objecting to the action of Council in raising the rents to take care of additional taxes. Mr. Lindsay told of the lack of conveniences in this section and felt that rents were sufficiently high.

Acting Mayor Tyler explained the action of Council and explained that Council had no power to raise rents and the question of increased rents might be based on the fact the town required more taxes. The matter of rents was, however, one to be settled by Central Mortgage. The Clerk was to give to the delegation the name of the official of Central Mortgage who had agreed to the regular by-law and the tenants were to take up this matter with their landlords.

Town Foreman asked Council's ruling regarding the collection of garbage from industrial plants. The Committee on garbage collection was to make a recommendation for the approval of Council and present arrangements were to continue until the rules were clearly defined.

A letter from the Halton Music Festival requested the usual grant of \$10. The matter was delayed until the position of County Council could be made clear. It was understood all grants were to be centralized from County Council funds instead of present duplication.

A letter from the Public Trustee stated that the funds from the Soldiers' Monument could be invested with the Public Trustee. It was decided, however, to re-invest the money in approved securities when it became due this year.

A letter from Dr. Mather stated that he had approved of the house of Mrs. Maplesden for a nursing home.

A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners regarding the installation of a wig-wag on the C.N.R. crossing, stated they would not decide responsibility for costs between the Dept. of Highways and the town. The question was left until a reply had been received from the C.N.R. officials.

Another letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners gave notice of the hearings in Ottawa on the request of the Bell Telephone Co. for an increase in rates.

Reeve D. Gray Provides Prizes for Public Speaking

The Eramosa Township School Board met at 1:30 in Rockwood School with all the members present except Mr. Hugh Adsett. Mr. G. F. Swanson was in the chair.

Reeve D. D. Gray attended the meeting and made his usual annual offer of \$50 for Public Speaking. The Board gratefully accepted the offer and in consultation with the Reeve and a representative of the teachers, the details of the competition were referred to the Eramosa Unit of the Teachers' Federation.

The Board accepted the tender of Mr. John A. Smith for 100 single coats of 16-inch Beese, delivered and piled at 6 schools at \$2.60 per single coat.

Instructions were given that \$1 per single coat of 12 inch Celar trunks delivered and piled to be at 8 schools to be offered to Mr. Chas. A. McNabb.

A new radio and electric clock were ordered for Everton School. It was agreed that the salary of the janitor at Rockwood School should be raised from \$550.00 to \$600.00 per annum dating from January 1st, 1950; this increase having been promised by the Board early in 1949.

A representative of the National Film Board was present and was advised that schools must not be closed before the statutory hours for the purpose of instructing teachers in the use of moving picture machines, except by permission of the Board.

Plans for a new school and some unsatisfactory teaching standards were discussed with the Inspector.

Accounts passed for payment amounted to \$3718.01 and the Board adjourned to March 15th, at 1:30.

EXECUTIVE PRESENT PLAY AT MEETING OF KNOX CHURCH SO-ED CLUB

Wednesday night of last week saw another successful meeting of Knox So-Ed Club. The scripture lesson was read by Mr. Alex Hendry and this was followed by prayer in union.

Five of the senior pupils of Mrs. Gowdy, Sheila MacNab of Rockwood, Jane Elliott, Elaine Huffnagel, Denise Coles and Crawford Douglas, played delightful piano solos. The members of the Executive then presented the play, "Lady Clare", with the following cast: Lady Clare, Inez McLellan; Lord Ronald, Bill Mainprize; Alice, the Nurse, Bella Roszell; Lily, white-dress, Mrs. Ted Hansen; Curtain, Clarence Coles; Background, Mrs. "Mam" Hill and Russell Patterson.

Narrator, Isabel Anderson.

Principal Robbins showed splendid films of his travels through Western Canada and the return trip through the United States.

Prizes for a target game went to Mrs. Ted Hansen and Mr. Robbins. Lunch was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

"Nepotism" means favoritism to relatives.

Erin Council Makes Agreement for Fire Protection

\$40,179 Spent on Highway Last Year and Grant is Requested

Erin Council met on February 6th as per adjournment. All members were present. Reeve Goldwin Bart presided. Minutes of the January meeting were read and confirmed.

A by-law to amend by-law No. 7, 1949 relative to licensing of dogs under the Livestock Protection Act was introduced and given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 4. The by-law as amended reads as follows: "The respective licenses shall be procurable from the Mayor of the municipality on and after February 15th of each year and shall be paid by the owner on or before the 15th day of June of each and every year."

Resolutions were made and passed as follows:

Appointing Reeve Bart as delegate to attend meetings of the Grand Valley Conservation Authority.

The Clerk was instructed to notify the Hydro Electric Power Commission that the amount of \$29.59 owing the Hydro has been collected and the Treasurer authorized to forward same to the Hydro Commission at Orangeville.

The Reeve and Clerk were instructed to petition the Minister of Highways for the statutory grant on road expenditures of \$40,179.97 being the total amount spent on roads in the Township in 1949.

The report of the Township auditor was received and accepted and the auditor's fee of \$250 plus \$9.29 postage and telephone was paid.

The tender of the Erin Advocate to do the Township printing for 1950 for the sum of \$400 was received and accepted.

An agreement between the Township of Erin and the Fire Department of the Village of Erin whereby the Township agrees to pay the Fire Department the sum of \$50 for each and every call responded to by the Fire Department from the Township of Erin. The Police Village of Hillsburg and the Police Village of Orton was drawn up and that a copy of this agreement be forwarded to the Ontario Fire Marshal's office.

Accounts were passed as follows: General accounts, \$623.00; relief accounts, \$106.81; charged to City of Toronto, road accounts, \$2,425.05.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, March 6th, 1950 or at the call of the Reeve.

Baseball Benefit Fund Had \$1200. In Canada Bonds

Final contributions to the Baseball Benefit Fund brought the total amount so that \$1200 could be purchased in Canada Savings Bonds with accrued interest to date. Transfer of these bonds has been arranged by the committee composed of Messrs. Ray Mason, Fred Dawkins, M. Tyler and G. A. Dills through the bank to Mrs. Rod Ryder and family. The committee appreciate the whole-hearted support accorded by admirers of the late Rod Ryder in making this practical help possible for Mrs. Ryder and the family.

Spring Weather Reverts To Old Time February

Last week's signs of spring were soon shattered as the wave of sub-zero caused motorists untold trouble and home owners to stoke up, in order to be comfortable, during the early part of the week.

Following the heavy snow storm of a week ago, pussy-willows were seen to be breaking and buds on early leafed trees became somewhat enlarged. In the Speyside area most willow shrubs had several buds form on the tips of their branches. Old-timers were sure this was a sign of an early spring. But, early Sunday their hopes seemed to be shattered when a blanket of cold air swept over the countryside.

By midnight it was near the zero mark. Then by morning reports had the mercury as low as fifteen. Everybody stoked up a little harder as the mercury rose slowly. Finally relief was felt Tuesday as workers even then shuffled their way to business, with shivers. Just hoping it wouldn't last too long.

The Magic Piper Musical Operetta by Acton School

"The Magic Piper" was a delightful musical production by the pupils and teachers of Acton Public School. The three act operetta played for two nights and in spite of the severest weather of the winter drew good crowds both Monday and Tuesday.

The costumes were colorful and unique, the story interesting and the singing and presentation were splendid. When all the actors were on stage it was a full house with splendid opportunities for many of the 170 pupils enrolled in Acton Public School.

The story, of course, is the old one of Hamelin of rats and then again refused his reward marched all the children from their homes into the mountain. The poem was recited by Marjorie Gower as an introduction to the presentation.

In addition to the cast of characters are the following and of course, in addition there was the choir and the many children who took part in such as choruses and other features.

Reader of poem, Marjorie Gower; Town Crier, Robert Armstrong; Gretchen, Mary Madrox; Katrina, Betty Sinclair; Hans, David Cullen; Peter, George Fainton; Clown, Bill Ronald; Shaloh, Muttie Katschenbauer; Ronald, Jim Morrison; Yvonne, Bill Scully; Frieda, Dianne Dawkins; Erik, Raymond Brazda; Mayor of Hamelin, Bill McHugh; First Councilman, Wayne Arbl; Second Councilman, Robert Waldman; Third Councilman, Ronald Sheppard; Piper, Paul Lawson; First Man, Terry Coles; Second Man, Ross Martin; Third Man, Bob Coon; Fourth Man, Herb Dodds; Fifth Man, Joe Jany; First Woman, Jean Oakley; Second Woman, Frances Oakes; Third Woman, Helen Lupton; Fourth Woman, Peggy Oakes; Fifth Woman, Marjorie Winter.

Miss Linda Stewart, director of music in Acton School was in charge and played all the accompaniments and on Tuesday evening the pupils made a presentation in her. In appreciation of her interest in accepting the gift Miss Stewart gave credit to Miss McPhail and all the staff and pupils and others who had made the operetta possible.

Vocal solos were contributed by two new acts by Sheila Paul and recited solo by Emerson Baxter, Chairman for the performance were: Dr. F. G. Oakes, Chairman of the Board and Rev. W. G. Luxton.

THE UNITED CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FEBRUARY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. B. Mowat. The president, Miss M. Z. Bennett was in charge and Mrs. F. Cleave took the devotional.

Reports were received from the Secretary of the Mission Band, Mrs. L. Lovell; the Temperance Secretary, Miss D. Simmons and Community Friendship, Mrs. F. Cleave. Mrs. C. L. Poole favored with a solo. Chapter 5 of the study book "Growing with the years" was taken by Mrs. R. R. Arnold and assistants, Miss Mainprize, Miss Simmons, Mrs. F. Cleave and Mrs. C. L. Poole. It was decided not to change the day of the W.M.S. meetings. Mrs. Peter Bunnie was appointed Secretary of the Missionary Monthly. Plans were made for the World's Day of Prayer. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. R. E. Johnston. Mrs. Mowat, assisted by Mrs. R. R. Arnold and Mrs. Goldhuis, served lunch and a social time was spent over the tea cups.

Several Cases are Listed for Hearing in County Court

A lengthy docket of actions including one criminal are set down to be heard before Hon. Mr. Justice Treleaven during the sittings of the Supreme Court beginning in Milton next Monday.

In the only criminal action, Clifford Lawrence Bronte, is charged with rape of a Trafalgar woman. Civil actions include: Enright vs. Enright, mortgage action; Gilbert vs. Town of Georgetown; a civil damage action; Worthington vs. Anglin, dispute of an agreement; Hewson vs. Lang, promissory note dispute; Day vs. Russell, damage action over injuries. Divorce actions to be heard include: Hunt vs. Hunt; Johnson vs. Johnson; Bullock vs. Bullock; Beam vs. Beam; Sharp vs. Sharp.

In 1949 the United Nations stopped two wars.

Even Series With Convincing 10-3 Victory

Improved Redman Troupe Junior Raiders on Their Own Balliwick

Unleashing the reserve power they've been concealing in their hip pocket all season, Acton Redmen surpassed any of their previous performances on Tuesday night by overwhelming Georgetown Junior Raiders 10-3 right on their own balliwick. As a result the best of five play-off series is event at 3 points apiece.

Showing form they are capable of the Redmen had no trouble with the Georgetown club and indicated they could sweep the series with a win and a tie in ensuing games if they came anywhere near the form of Tuesday. The series resumed on Friday night (tomorrow) in Acton returning to Georgetown next week.

Jumping the line up in an effort to come up with a winner, coach Jim Mowat found the right combination on Tuesday as the Redmen took rough-hood over the hapless Junior Raiders. Led by winger Johnny Mowat who personally ended his own scoring famine by potting three goals, the issue was never in doubt. Zajak with two, Fay, Bethel, Vaughan, Bush and Kent, all with singles completed the scoring.

Georgetown found they faced an entirely different club from the last meeting. The Redmen skated faster and finished their plays off in improved fashion. Dillon who has been a tower of strength in the nets for the Raiders in this series could do little to thwart the Acton onslaught.

The red head from Haltonville, Coulson served up another good game in the Acton nets. Townsley was injected between Mowat and Bethel to form the stand-out Acton threesome.

Georgetown jumped into a one game lead by downing Acton 7-4 in the second game of the O.H.A. Junior best of five semi-final group playdown in Georgetown last Thursday night. Taking advantage of Acton penalties and generally being the better team on the night, the Junior Raiders were full value for the win.

Keith King was the pick of the Georgetown crew with a brace and an assist while Townsley notched three in a losing effort. One of the Townsley goals was scored on a shot from his own blue line. Off such a victory it had Dillon beat all the way.

Convincing from a bout with influenza, Fay and VanWeyck were absent from the Acton line-up. Coulson filled in for VanWeyck in the nets and did a commendable job. Dillon kicked out a lot of rubber in the first period when Acton made their best bid.

First Period	Goals
G. Scott (Hewitt)	6:15
A. Townsley (Brush)	6:40
G. Huffman	18:50
Pens. Baxter, Kentner, Zajak	
Second Period	Goals
A. Kentner (Brush)	8:03
G. Hewitt (King)	13:25
G. Hamilton	16:45
Third Period	Goals
G. King (Hewitt, Scott)	4:30
A. Townsley (Brush)	7:45
G. King (Scott)	9:10
G. Inglis (Huffman)	10:13
A. Townsley	14:35
Pens. Baxter, Townsley, Mowat, Kentner (3)	

Georgetown Dillon g. Baxter, Golden, Hepburn, Inglis, Huffman w. alta, Hewitt, King, Scott, Hamilton, Hamer, Blaud, Hiltz, Louth, Acton — Coulson g. Anderson, Kentner, D. Rowell, c. Bastell, Mowat, w. alta, Brush, Townsley, Vaughan, a Deforest, Zajak

Coming Events

The Friendly Circle is holding a tea at the home of Mrs. Mac Symon, Saturday, March 18th.

World Day of Prayer Service at the United Church, Friday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. All women invited.

On Tuesday, February 28, a birthday tea in the United Church at 3 p.m. Formerly announced as February 21st.

The Kansas Farmer and his Entertainers Concert and Dance, Ballinacree Hall, Tuesday, February 28, 8:30 p.m. Radio artists, vaudeville stars. Adults 50c, Children 25c.