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Juniors Lose Two Games in Playdown Series

Milverson Has First Two in Best of Five—Redmen Fade Badly Tuesday

Milverson Lions took a stranglehold on the second round of the O.H.A. Junior "D" playdowns by vanquishing Acton Redmen twice within the past week. Trailing the Redmen most of the way in both games, Milverson overcame a small deficit in the first and a big one in the second game forcing both contests into overtime. In overtime they threw their "Sunday punch" at the Redmen sniping two goals in both instances to wrap up the verdict before Acton could fire a salvo in return.

The Lions clawed Acton 5-4 in Milverson on Friday and in Acton on Tuesday in front of the season's largest crowd over 1000 fans snuffing them again 9-7. The Redmen must win the next game to avoid elimination in the best of five series which resumes in Milverson on Friday.

Have Edge on Play

Holding a wide edge on play in the two games, Acton blew a four goal lead in the third period of the Tuesday tilt for their most disappointing showing of the term. In a ten minute span of the fatal third period Milverson never looked better while the Redmen never looked worse. They gave the Lions a clear path to Coulson's doorstep and the Acton net-minder didn't have much of a chance against the sharp shooting Milverson first line of McCarty, Dunmore and Spencer.

By the ease with which they plunked in goals it looked as if the Lions had kept their power in reserve in the first two chukkers. "Fancy Dan" McCartney in the No. 3 sweater suddenly underwent an amazing transformation from a tepid in-and-outer into a stickhandling fool and he personally led Lions back into contention with four markers. McCartney is typical of the Milverson club deceptively conserving their energy for any "breaks" that may come in their direction, the club permitted Acton to force the play. Deceived by this strategy, the Acton club was ripe for the knockout punch and the overtime kill the Lions delivered in convincing fashion.

Milverson—Acton 4

The first game of the "serious" in Milverson was similar to Tuesday's game. The issue was in doubt until two quick overtime goals that had only one reply. Milverson had an edge on play only in the first period and fine net-minding from Coulson stymied their best chances to run up a lead. Come the second and third chapters, the Redmen stormed Locke in sustained assaults only to be rewarded with a single goal in the third period enabling them to tie the score.

The narrow ice surface in the Milverson arena didn't permit much passing and proved disastrous to Acton when clearing pucks from their own end. On two occasions they passed right in front of their own net to waiting Lions who drove the pases in to oblige.

A blistering drive that rebounded off the backboards forced Sangster Lions regular net-minder to vacate the nets in favour of Locke in the early minutes of the first period. McGat fired the first Acton goal as he steamed in from left wing and J. Westman tied it up a minute later by drawing the defense out of position.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION TRIBUTE TO PASTOR REV. L. PICKERING

The regular monthly business meeting of the Woman's Association of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Evans on Tuesday. Mrs. J. Ralston and Mrs. F. Cleave took charge of the devotional.

Letters of appreciation were received for overseas boxes which had been sent out recently. Roll call was answered by a verse of scripture with the word "Faith" in it. A donation of 10c a member was sent to the March of Dimes appeal and also a donation to the Silver Anniversary Fund for the Woman's Association Assembly. One new member Mrs. George Simpson, was received into the Association.

A silence was observed in memory of the beloved pastor, the late Rev. Louis Pickering, who had passed away since the last meeting. His favorite hymn, "Abide with me" was sung at this time. Deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Pickering and family in the loss they have sustained.

The meeting closed with prayer and lunch was served by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. C. L. Poole, Mrs. D. Lind say and Mrs. R. L. Johnson.

Road Subsidy \$8,892 for 1949 in Erin Township

Officials Named in By-law Same as Last Year—Other Items March Session

Erin Council met at Hillsburg on March 8th with all members present and Reeve Goldwin Burt presiding.

A by-law for the purpose of appointing fence viewers, pound keepers and sheep valuers for the year 1950 was introduced, given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 8. Officials appointed were the same as 1949.

Resolutions were made and passed by Council as follows:

That the treasurer be authorized to make a complete settlement with the telephone company regarding the issue of debentures.

The collector was instructed to take the necessary steps to collect all outstanding taxes in accordance with the law governing same.

That Rockwood Fire Brigade be paid \$50 for services at the McDonald fire at Crewson's Corners.

The Road Supt. was authorized to advertise for tenders for the supplying, crushing and delivering of 8,000 yards of gravel more or less in Erin Township during 1950. Tenders to be in the hands of the Road Supt. not later than Friday, March 31st, 1950.

The treasurer was instructed to collect all outstanding accounts of private work performed by Township road machinery.

That the delegates to the Good Roads Convention receive their expenses as follows: Albert Wheeler, 2 days \$18; Geo. Wallace, 1 day, \$8.

The treasurer reported the receipt of \$8,892.15 from the Ontario Highways Department, being the balance of subsidy on Township roads for 1949.

Accounts were presented and ordered paid as follows: general accounts, \$753.15; sheep accounts, \$85; relief accounts, \$28.28 charged to city of Toronto; indirect relief accounts, \$52.46; road accounts, \$4,423.35.

Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, April 3rd at 10 o'clock a.m. or at the call of the Reeve.

Halton County Aged Home Again Under Discussion

Further Major Expenditures Not to be Authorized—Pension Plan Suggested for County Employees—County Rate Likely to be Increased by Mill and a Half—\$50,000 Additional for Roads

Almost everything concerning municipal affairs from roads to appointments was discussed at one of the lengthiest County Council meetings held at the County Buildings, Milton, Tuesday. Members toiled through a morning and afternoon session before business of the day was concluded.

Council approved of an additional appropriation of \$50,000 in a supplementary by-law, to provide for additional expenditures on county roads. This move tabled following the hearing of a deputation of Trafalgar township farmers who presented a petition signed by 360 ratepayers.

Headed by Emerson Ford, the group asked Council for improvements and hard surfacing of Number 5 sidewalk between the Boyce and county boundary at Peel, be made.

"This road is full of holes and all gravel that is put on it doesn't seem to do it any good. It is a desperate condition, and that is a mild way of putting it," declared Mr. Ford. The spokesman emphasized this road was an important link in the county system, but that people were forced to use other roads owing to its condition. He also informed members, Trafalgar Roads commission have made extensive plans for the straightening of dangerous curves on the Seventh Line. Presenting the petition, he said it contained names of ratepayers five lots above and below the road in question.

Both Clarence Ford and Robert Marshall spoke on behalf of the delegation. Mr. Marshall emphasized Trafalgar Township bears the heaviest assessment of any municipality in the county. All felt there was sufficient road-fee for hard-top surfacing.

While the County Engineer, Roy Smith, disagreed with the deputation that the road base was sufficient to bear the expenditure of hardtopping, he felt preparatory work could be commenced before a permanent base be constructed. Over \$10,500 had been spent repaving and graveling the County Roads during the first two months of 1950, the engineer explained.

During his financial report, K. Y. Dick informed members that with available figures, the rate for 1950 might be 4.8 mills an increase of one and a half mills over last year.

Members were still of the opinion that grants for charitable institutions or organizations should come from the County council instead of the individual municipalities. All agreed there was considerable duplication of grants under the former system. Members agreed the finance committee should be empowered to establish what county grants should be made and report back to council.

During his report on the operation of the Halton-Peel Home for the Aged, Warden Vansickle warned members not to be too hasty of the erection of the planned new Halton Home. He said he was not against building when the "time is right", but after Council had received resolutions from Nassagaweya and Esqueping townships, further action should be suspended until their financial standing is more substantial.

The Warden stated renovation of rooms at the present home was being made and the cost of a new boiler and boiler room would be \$38,000 adding this would have the approval of the Provincial Department, for continued operation there.

Continuing he declared nothing concrete had been done between both counties in regards to severance plans. He thought this was a business on the part of this council. The Warden suggested County Roads were of more importance and improvements should be made instead of continuing with the building plans. He also argued all townships were well supplied by highways with the exception of Nassagaweya which had none.

Referring to the report, Warden Vansickle said there was an average of 108 inmates at the Home over the past three years. Revenue for 1949 was \$51,000, while expenditures amounted to \$41,000 leaving a balance of \$9,000 on hand.

In concluding he said one of the reasons Nassagaweya was taking its present stand was that most

Acton Couple Escape Injuries When Car Skids

Roy Norton of Acton and his wife had a narrow escape from serious injury Saturday afternoon when their car struck an icy spot on number seven highway near the Ontario Reformatory and ended up on its right side in a four foot ditch.

According to Provincial Police the Nortons were proceeding to Acton when their 49 model light Ford car hit the icy stretch of road spun completely around and rolled over on its side in the north ditch.

Neither Mr. and Mrs. Norton received any injuries in the mishap other than a shaking up but the car was extensively damaged on the right side and part of the roof was dented.

A group of passersby who stopped to investigate the seriousness of the accident assisted in righting the car.

INTER-CHURCH FIRESIDE HELD SUNDAY IN UNITED CHURCH HERE

An inter-church Fireside was held in the United Church Sunday evening, March 12. Though other firesides have been held this winter, this one was the first in a series sponsored by an interdenominational committee of young people.

Miss Dorothy Simmons, president of the United Y. P. was in charge. Following the opening hymn, Miss Shirley Thompson read the scripture and Mr. Ernest West accompanied by Miss Olive Muscille in prayer. Miss Olive Muscille sang "Near to the heart of God". The plans of the committee for future worship services and social outings were outlined by the chairman.

Feature of the fireside was a color film on life in Cape Breton, presenting social and industrial activities of the people of the island in the heart of every community in the church and here again the work of the church, through religious councillors, women's organizations and youth groups was emphasized.

Following the presentation of the film, a sing song was conducted by Miss Shirley Ralston with Miss Ethel Franklin at the piano. At the close, lunch was served by the United Y. P. Immediate plans of the committee include a nurse service in Knox Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday and a social night late in April. Increased attendance at the firesides and high enthusiasm point to a successful program of fellowship and worship among the participating groups.

Narrow Escape In Car Accident Here on Friday

Teddy Footitt had a narrow escape from serious injury returning to school on Friday afternoon. He was in collision with a car driven by Fred York, Acton at the corner of Wilbur and Mill Streets and was bruised and suffered abrasions. Fortunately no bones were broken. It is believed that the approach at the corner was hidden by a parked vehicle and that neither driver or pedestrian realized how close they were until the impact, when in stopping, Teddy slipped on the roadway. The lad was treated by Dr. W. G. C. Kenney and is reported as recovering favorably. The Acton police investigated the accident.

MRS. H. THORARINSON HOSTESS MARCH MEETING KNOX CHURCH W.M.S.

The Senior Auxiliary of the W. M.S. of Knox Church met on Thursday afternoon, March 9th, at the home of Mrs. H. Thorarinson, on Church Street.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. R. H. Armstrong. Mrs. Cor-diner, Mrs. A. J. Buchanan led in the missionary topic from the study book, "Towards a New Dawn in Japan." He was assisted by Mrs. J. Jany and Mrs. Hansen, all of whom wore Japanese costumes, as they depicted the people of Japan.

The Easter Thank Offering of the Auxiliary was planned. Mrs. Main-prize, the president presided and made plans for representation of the Missionary groups to attend the Presbyterial executive meeting in Guelph on March 14th.

MRS. ROBT. WARNE INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT SATURDAY

An Acton district woman was slightly injured Saturday in an unusual auto accident on Wyndham Street in Guelph.

Mrs. Robert Warne, R. R. 2, Acton, was a passenger in a car driven by her husband. Police said the car was double parked on Wyndham directly behind a car driven by Wilbert E. Wright, R. R. 6, Guelph that was parked at the curb. As Mrs. Warne opened the door of her car and put her foot on the ground to get out the Wright auto backed away from the curb and struck the open door, slamming it shut on the woman's left leg. She received painful bruises, but no serious injuries.

Daylight Saving Time Set for Eramosa Twp.

Deputation to Rockwood and Oustic Telephone Co. Meet With Council

The Council of the Township of Eramosa met in the Town Hall at 1:30 p.m. on March 13, 1950 with all the members present and the Reeve in the chair.

Correspondence from the following was read and ordered to be filed: Transport Commission, Mrs. Alice Sampson, secretary No. 3 Farm Forum, Grand Valley Conservation Authority, Mr. Alex A. Alexander, District Chairman, Assessing Officers of Ontario, District No. 4.

At the request of the Rockwood Trustees, the contract with Mr. C. Harris for garbage collection was renewed for one year at the existing rate of \$775 per annum.

The clerk reported that the statutory Railway Tax of \$137.22 had all been absorbed in the maintenance of township patients in Ontario Hospitals.

By resolution, Council reaffirmed By-law No. 10 of 1947, making Daylight Saving effective in the Township of Eramosa at 12:01 a.m. on the last Sunday in April.

The clerk was instructed to notify the Town of Durham that the Township of Eramosa would be the residence of an applicant for relief but that Council felt relief in this case is unnecessary and requested that any assistance be terminated as soon as possible.

A by-law for the purpose of licensing dogs in the Township for 1950, providing that the Assessor collect dog tax and that licenses be available Feb. 15 and payable by June 15 in each and every year, was given the necessary readings, passed and numbered 7, 1950.

On motion of Messrs. Hutchinson and Rutherford, the clerk was authorized to invoice Eden Mills P. V. for the expenses of the Rockwood Fire Dept. in fighting one fire in Eden Mills as paid by the Township in 1949 and that Eden Mills P. V. trustees consider making some arrangements for fire protection as soon as possible.

Several ratepayers interviewed Council regarding the petition re the Rockwood and Oustic Telephone Co. The Reeve explained that it was rumored that the Company had been purchased by a private individual and Council decided to take no action until the rumor was either confirmed or denied.

Accounts amounting to \$1440.51 were passed for payment and Council adjourned to meet Monday, April 3, 1950 at 1:30 p.m.

Blasting Soon In Rock Section for Acton Sewers

Preparations are being made by the contractors for blasting in the rock section on Scene Street and it is anticipated this work will be started next week. Depth of sewers here is about ten feet.

Queen Street from Guelph Street will be completed this week but this section is still blocked. The machine is operating in the last section and will continue on Hillcrest Street.

When Hillcrest Street is completed it is planned to work on Mill Street east from Fellows St. and beneath the C.N.E. tracks over the Wallace Avenue. During the work on the highway, the sewers will be laid on one side and one-way traffic will be permitted until this section is completed. Church Street is completed in Church Street and this street has been opened to traffic access as well as Main St. from Church St. south to the town limits. Going north but until the frost come out the streets are passable.

A BREATH OF THE SOUTH COMES NORTH IN MARCH BLIZZARD

While the March winds blew and the snow drifted, a delightful southern aroma drifted into the office last week—a box of Florida oranges, sent with the thoughtfulness of Mayor and Mrs. A. Mason, who are spending a few weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida. Since then, the winter hasn't seemed quite so severe and we are looking forward to the return of Mayor and Mrs. Mason with the glow of better health. Fine sunshine and such delicious oranges in abundance should do much toward good health.

The largest North American rodent is the Beaver.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts, or Other Events, under this heading are charged at cost per line, with a minimum charge for any announcements of 30 lines.

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

Tea and baking sale, auspices Ladies of St. Joseph's Church in the Church Hall, Saturday, March 25, 3 to 5 p.m.

Amateur Show and Dance, Kidd Baker and his Pine Lodge Mountain Boys, Town Hall Milton, Tuesday, March 21, 8:30 p.m.

An Easter Sale of baking and afternoon tea will be held in the Sunday School room of the United Church, Saturday, April 8, from 3 to 6.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. regular meeting, Tuesday, March 21. Election of officers. Mrs. Armstrong, guest speaker (postponed meeting).

Postponed Dance, Friday, March 17, Acton Town Hall. Modern and old-time music by Royal City Quintette, under auspices Acton L.O.B.A. 1101. Admission 50c. Everyone welcome.

Benefit Bingo, Acton Legion Hall Monday, March 20, 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Acton L.O.B.A. 1101. Entire proceeds for Mr. and Mrs. Ken McDonald of Crewson's Corners who lost their entire home by fire. Admission 25c.

Smaller Amount Thirteenth Power Bill this Year

Acton Commission Has Surplus of \$5,639.30 On Year's Operations for Hydro

The regular meeting of the Acton Public Utilities Commission was held on Tuesday evening (Reeve E. G. Lyster and Commissioners J. T. Ware and J. R. MacArthur were present).

The Commission decided that all water meters be replaced this year, which would in future be charged \$100 per call. This is more in line with the present cost of this service.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the cost of light for the power had been installed and tested this week. This light is on the corner of Mill and Main streets.

Superintendent Lambert reported that the consumer who had been notified to make his meter more accessible had done so. A number of other consumers were to be notified that if their light or water meters were not made more accessible they would have their service discontinued.

A letter was presented to the Commission from a tenant consumer. In it he stated that the landlord had removed a fixture and he felt that wiring was dangerous. The Secretary was to write this consumer stating that if he felt there was any fire hazard he should get in touch with the fire chief and have an inspection made. The name and address of the electrical inspector was to be furnished this consumer so that an electrical inspection could also be made. Any charge for these inspections was to be paid for by the consumer. It was also to be pointed out that there was no license needed in Acton to do electrical work.

The matter of painting the water tank was not discussed as the Council had not yet decided the procedure to be used.

Superintendent Lambert reported that there was a break in the sewer main on Vimy Street but he had not as yet been able to locate it and make the necessary repairs.

The thirteenth power bill of 1949 was presented to the Commission. The amount returned to the local Commission for last year was \$5,139.30 being \$745.00 less than that returned last year. The cost of power the past year as paid by the Acton Commission was \$61,461.18 as paid on the monthly accounts. The cost of power purchased was \$12,736.53, the operating costs were \$32,980.87, interest \$5,310.40, Provision for contingencies, obsolescence and frequency standardization \$7,491.79, Provision for Sinking Fund, \$3,848.43, making a total of \$53,898.08. The difference in the total cost of power and what Acton paid was the amount of \$5,566.10 and when interest from November to February of \$71.20 was added the total refund was \$5,639.30.

In the letter accompanying the rebate the H.E.P.C. points out that the plants have been running to capacity and this has contributed to the low cost of power, but with the beginning of the 1949 fiscal year the H.E.P.C. has had to introduce an extensive program for the rehabilitation of facilities together with the substantial increases in all other costs. The H.E.P.C. has to seek additional revenues commencing with the 1949 fiscal year.

The salaries of Superintendent Lambert and Secretary MacArthur were reviewed by the Commission and increases granted.

The motor for the water pump at the spring is now in Toronto being repaired. This motor has only been in operation for four months. It is expected the motor will be back in Acton this week, ready for installation on the pump.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Dept.	
Bell Telephone Co.	\$16.60
Masco Electric Co. Ltd.	\$9.10
H.E.P.C. of Ontario	101.46
Highway Garage	2.10
Powerlite Devices, Ltd.	154.49
Whitham's Garage	5.75
F. L. Wright	32.45
Mrs. H. L. McDonald	\$7.50
Federal Wire and Cable	253.91
Acton Free Press	14.78
Express and Transport	8.30
\$704.51	
Waterworks Dept.	
Power and Heat at Spring	\$45.60
H. L. Blancheford Ltd.	19.98
McEachern's Garage	60.40
Canadian Brass Co. Ltd.	109.90
\$246.96	

Mark Golden Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Howard Maszles who marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of their marriage at their home in Acton. Both are life-long residents and have spent their entire lives in Acton. All wish them many more happy years together and tender congratulations on this Golden Anniversary. Photos by Esther Taylor

AT FATHER AND SON BANQUET



Constable Oxholm of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who was the guest speaker at the Y's Men's Father and Son Banquet was besieged for autographs on the menu cards and very obligingly complied with all requests. Here a group of boys wait their turn for the autograph but the girls who were waitresses also secured autographs as souvenirs of the occasion. Free Press Photo