

# SPORT NEWS

## JUST ROAMIN' IN THE GLOOMIN' WITH 7 LOSSES ALONG FOR THE RIDE

Last week was a gloomy one for Acton Intermediates. The club dropped three games in successive nights to run their loss string to seven, against six wins. Oakville shellacked them 15-8 in Thursday night's game here, and on Friday at Georgetown the lowly Raiders scored a 4-3 upset. Last night's game with the Oaks here was postponed due to wet grounds.

The Oaks strengthened by an American battery, ran into a flock of Acton errors in the first inning and chalked up nine runs before the side was retired. Chuck Schultz was the victim of the onslaught. He retired in favour of Don Ryder in the first frame. Ryder went the rest of the way on the hill giving up a few scratch hits but the pitching was wasted for the Oaks with a commanding lead staged some daring base running to score six additional runs.

Acton started to latch onto Wilson, the Oak's righthander in the third inning and before game's end had banded out eleven hits, highlighted by Ab Robinson's over the fence home run in the fourth with one on base. Robinson also tagged a mammoth double in the sixth inning to deep centre. However, the Oaks' lead was too much to overcome and try as they like the Acton club just wasn't up to it.

Friday night in Georgetown Acton could only field nine men and in a close game the Raiders managed to score the winning run on an overthrow at second. It was a tribute to the Raiders never-say-die spirit that they did win. Several times this season they have come close to upsetting the top

clubs and they were full value for Friday's victory.

Acton resume the schedule on Saturday at Milton when they meet the Red Caps in an afternoon game. Milton inflicted Oakville's first defeat last Saturday by a 10-9 score in a fixture that saw Oakville parade all their pitchers to the mound in a vain effort to stop Milton. The Milton crew has been going strong in the last few games and if they can defeat Acton on Saturday could pretty well sew up second place for their own use. Acton, on the other hand, could use the win to assure themselves of a play-off spot.

## Bantams End Low After Extra Inning

Oakville Bantams called the final inning an extra, tie-breaker in a game played Tuesday night in Oakville. The score, 6-8 at the end of the seventh, swung to a closing 7-6 with Acton on the low end.

From reports, it was the best game in the bantam season to date with Acton's count 11 hits including a home run by Cunningham and five errors.

There were eight hits for Oakville's seven runs and five errors.

The Oakville moundman had 12 strike-outs and the Acton thrower nine.

Acton line-up - Cunningham p. Holmes c. Heatley 2b. Skilling ss. Footitt cf. Coon 1b. Morton 3b. Lawson lb. Sirs rf.

The Bantams play next Saturday with Clarkson.

## Indians to Track Bantam Standouts

Well, the Cleveland Indian's ball school in Oakville is well over with mentors Hank Gowdy and Joe Vosnick gone. But they've got local prospects in mind. From Acton, Paul Lawson and Bob Coon were a pair that caught their eye during the recent four days of baseball sessions.

The school closed with an all-star game but no Acton players made the Midget line-ups since they were all Bantams.

The junior ball players learned a lot from the school and the big leaguers, who figure these groups pay off, certainly found their young prospects. One catcher was signed this year. St. Louis held a similar school in Toronto last year and Pittsburgh recently held one in Thessalon.

Giving the boys proper concentrated instruction at an early playing age seems a worthwhile project from their point of view and it certainly was from ours. The boys learned a lot and anything may develop in a few years' time.

## Johnstons Reunite At Sunnyside Farm

Members and descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Johnston met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston, Acton, Sunnyside Farm, second line Erin Township, on July 2nd.

The day was fine and many joined in the baseball games and horseshoe pitching. For the children there were swings, teeters and races.

A special attraction was the pony. Tiny hitched to a cart, who gave the little ones rides.

Results of the races were as follows:

Girls under 5 years—Dorothy Johnston, Jean Nellis; boys under 5 years, Kent Graham, Gordon Allan.

Boys 7-8 years—Clark Winters, Harvey Burt; girls 8, 9, 10—Margaret Winters, Joyce Johnston.

Young ladies' race—Doris Allan, Helen Allan.

Married ladies race—Mrs. Elwood Johnston, Mrs. Edgar Johnston.

Kicking the shoe, Ladies—Mrs. Wm. Johnston, Mrs. Elmer Johnston; children, Elvina Winters, Carylyn Near.

Three-legged race—Doris Allan, Elvina Winters; boys, three-legged race, Clark Winters and Lawrence Johnston.

Peanut race—Margaret and Isabel Johnston.

Dropping clothes pins—Mrs. Gordon Johnston; time race, ladies, Mrs. R. L. Johnston; men's Mr. R. L. Johnston.

At 5 o'clock 85 were seated at beautifully decorated tables laden with good things to eat in the dining house. This made a very handy and comfortable setting. For dessert there was ample ice-cream and strawberries.

Recognition was made of a substantial sum of money received from Mrs. Margaret Johnston Bridges, who was unable to attend.

A short program followed the supper hour, with Reeve D. D. Grey acting as a capable chairman.

Grace was spoken by James H. Reed, Acton and an address of welcome given by Fred Johnston. Reading by Alfreda Winters, a recitation by Muriel Allan and a reading by Mrs. Edgar Johnston followed.

Lawrence Johnson and Clark Winters performed a humorous stunt directed by Mrs. Elwood Johnston. Historical events given by James H. Reed were appreciated.

On behalf of the gathering assembled thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnston were expressed by Elwood Johnston.

Attending this happy family gathering from cottages of a distance of 125 miles were Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Near and Carylyn and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnston and Roy.

The singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again" brought the program to a close.

Pictures were taken before departing of the Johnston family, including the four generations of the Reed family.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gamble were married fifty-eight years ago.

A collection received will buy a suitable gift for Franky McPherson who is ill in Vancouver.

Dishes were gathered in readiness for home after a very enjoyable afternoon together.

## Annual Tourney Is Bowled In Acton

Acton Lawn Bowlers played host to the Lawn Bowlers of District No. 9—P.L.B.A., Saturday, at the fifth annual Halliwell Trebles tournament. Entries were received from almost every club in the district and competition was keen.

At the close of play, Alex Halliwell of Mimico presented prizes as follows: first and winner of the Halliwell Trophy, Port Credit, E. Cooper, skip; second, Acton, T. Watson, skip; third, Brampton, Misener, skip; consolation, Islington, Anderson, skip.

C. V. Charters of Brampton, district chairman, was on hand and announced the draws for the district playdowns and the right to represent this district in the Provincial championships.

Fish swim upstream because it's easier to obtain food than by swimming downstream.

## County Council Controls Salvage, Wrecking Yards

Salvage shops, salvage and auto wrecking yards will now come under control of County council, members decided when they approved of a by-law at their regular monthly meeting held at the County Buildings last Tuesday. However, the by-law does not supersede a local by-law which towns may already have to govern such businesses, it was pointed out, nor does it apply to patriotic or charitable institutions who gather salvage at different times of the year.

License fee was set at \$20 and police or members of the council may at any time inspect such a business. The Chief Constable is to have supervision over such licensed places.

Any breach of the by-law may bring a fine of \$50 for each offense and the license may be cancelled. All places are to keep the necessary books recording sales and purchases.

The by-law was drawn following an appeal from Trafalgar Township Council who sought to have some sort of control over such types of businesses. It was argued that in many cases such yards were an eye-sore to the community. However, members felt this type of business was an asset to a community provided yards were kept in orderly fashion.

Council endorsed a resolution sponsored by Deputy Reeve C. L. S. Palmer, Nelson and Reeve H. Allen, Burlington, asking that members of the county road committee and Mr. Palmer make an appointment with the Minister of Highways for the Province to take up the matter of that portion of the county road lying between the Queen Elizabeth and Highway 2 on the Guelph line, be taken over by the province with the view of endeavoring to have a subway constructed under the main line railroad that crosses the road. This subway is essential because of the extreme danger at the present crossing.

During his remarks favoring the resolution, Mr. Palmer stated this piece of road is in need of repair and that it is also the most dangerous rail crossing in the county. He said there was an upwards of 15,000 people in the area using this road and there was a sleep-aproach both sides of the railway crossing. A number of buses used the road daily including school buses taking students to Glenwood School. He felt the need of the subway was great as 75 public school students crossed the tracks daily as well.

Continuing he felt it would be less costly to have a subway constructed than it would be to fill in the approach and install manually-operated gates. He felt that if the province would take the section of road over to extend highway 25, they would be in a better position to have permission granted for construction of the subway than would county council.

Warden K. Y. Dick reminded Mr. Palmer, council had in 1949 sought to have a subway constructed and after inspection was made by all parties, the Board of Transport Commissioners ruled full with proper grading would be more economical than a subway, at that time.

Other members felt it might jeopardize the plan which was to have the Department of Highways take over the second line between Palermo and Bronte, in exchange for the road between Nelson village and Fisher's Corners. Council members for some time now have considered this to be a move in the right direction as the Queen Elizabeth intersection at the Merton bridge was a very dangerous one. Last year the Department advised council it was not taking over any new roads as provincial highways.

Warden Dick announced officials from the Ford Company had interviewed him regarding the county's feelings toward granting permission for extending water main and hydro lines under a county road. They would also seek permission to have a rail siding cross over the road which cuts through the proposed property. It was announced earlier the Ford Company was seeking to purchase a large acreage of land in southern Trafalgar Township through which the Lower Middle road extends. Warden felt they would experience no difficulty from the county when the time came to consider granting permission of the request.

A communication from the Canadian Railway Company seeking to purchase a strip of land from the county west of the Guelph junction station was left in the hands of the Reforestation and Agricultural Committee to obtain the best price possible. It was explained the railway wishes to extend sidings and rights to the land are necessary.

Warden Dick named Reeve Howard Litchfield, Deputy Reeves Ken MacDonald and George Leslie, as a committee to make arrangements for the annual members' fishing trip planned for September.

Governmental action is hoped for in the matter of flooded roads in Nassagaweya caused by the beaver dam, when members approved

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