

'Gay Blades' Return For Hockey Revival

Shades of the Dazzling '30's

Era of Packed Arena, Fancy Hockey To Be Revived in Big Booster Night

Booster Night in Acton Arena on Friday, February 15 is going to be quite an occasion for hockey fans of Acton. Sponsored by the Minor Sports Club in the interests of minor sport in Acton, the highlight of the evening will be one of the most novel hockey games ever to be played within our hallowed ice palace, which has seen some pretty fair doings in its day.

They're going to turn back the hands of time — back to 1930, when Acton had a championship hockey club, and further back still to the first entry in O.H.A. hockey from this burgh. The players from the 1939 O.H.A. champions will play the old boys from the year '30 back in what promises to shape up into a real puck classic.

Most of the old puck greets are going to be there in uniform — the Kentners, Marzos, Gibbons, Mortons, Dawkins, Brash, Russ Salmon, I. Huffman, Bill Holloway, just to mention a few. The executive has invited Did Brush up from Milton to referee the game. They've also invited Perc Blackburn from Georgetown but so far no reply has been received from that inveterate player who never lacked for enthusiasm against Acton.

Some of the players are coming from quite a distance. Russ Salmon, he'll come from Bracebridge, Johnny Brush and Huffie will come up from Hamilton.

"Minute" Walters from Ormish and Harold Mooney from Mimico. However, most of the boys are still around Acton and are familiar to Actonians.

It'll be like another old home-coming and give the younger generation a chance to glimpse the stars that pop and grandpop are always talking about.

Several of the players are still active in hockey circles. Ben Bayliss and Russ Brush, both sophomore members of the 1939 champs are playing with Milton Co-ops, Harold Mooney is playing in the T.H.L. and "Dude" Lindsay is playing defense for Georgetown. "Dang" Kentner has an active part, too; he's masterminding the Georgetown Raiders, and trying to talk former Acton stars to come out and play.

The big question is whether Acton Arena will be large enough to accommodate the crowd that should be on hand for the fireworks. The executive didn't mention whether the game would be played under the old set of rules or under the new code, but you can bet the boys will go all out. Admittedly, some of them won't be in the best of condition from long years in the rocking chair nursing sores and bruises from their playing days, but it's expected their puck savvy will compensate for that.

All proceeds of the night, which will include many other features,

will go towards furthering minor sport in Acton under the arm of the Acton Minor Sports Club. This worthy organization sponsors minor baseball and hockey teams for all age brackets. The Bantams, with a bye into the O.M.H.A. playdowns play Streetsville Tuesday here and the Midges play Georgetown here on Thursday next and back in the paper town on Friday. These clubs are picked from the Town League.

Another highlight of the evening will be the presentation of trophies to the Minor Sports Club. Ken Blow has donated a trophy to be called the George Molozzi Memorial Trophy, in memory of the star defenseman of the Intermediate champions, who lost his life in the Second World War. The trophy will be presented to the Sports Club for annual competition of the Junior section of the town league. It is anticipated another trophy will be on hand for annual competition of the senior section of the league.

Queer twist to the proceedings is that it comes at a time when Acton hasn't a solitary entry in the O.H.A. Maybe a taste of the glorious past will start Acton fans thinking about what they're going to have in the way of hockey teams in the future. And we'll grant some of the young lads will show them that.

TOWN LEAGUE BACK AFTER LAY-OFF, RACE FOR LEAD; BOOSTER NIGHT

After a week of no activity, the eight team town league resumed the schedule last Tuesday with four games, two in both the junior and senior divisions. Both divisions report a tight race for leadership, with most of the teams being only a game or two out of first place.

The teams are grooming for the big Booster Night sponsored by the Acton Minor Sports Club to be held in Acton Arena February 15. Entire proceeds will go towards the advancement of minor sport in Acton.

Tom Oakley with two goals and single counters from the sticks of

Bob Wallman and Turk Shepherd enabled Leno Marzo's team to shade Ray Mason's 4-3 in the opening game of the town league on Tuesday the 22nd. Emmerson Baxter with two goals and an assist paced the Marzo club. Gen. Oakes sank the other goal. It was only the second defeat for the Marzo team.

In the other half of the Junior division's twin bill, Gord Cunningham's club pinned a 6-2 defeat on Ernie Mark's team. Bob Heatley with four goals and Ron Sinclair with a goal and three assists led the winners. Frank Mason with a goal and an assist completed the scoring. Jim Wallman and Ernie Lawson scored for the losers with the brackets going to Don Wilds and Jim Wallman.

The senior division saw a close game and a rout. In the first game Doug Dawkins' Muskies edged Bill Holloway's Slow Pokes 4-3 on the strength of three goals by Bob Cunningham and a single marker by Paul Lawson. Bill Somerville got one assist. Greg Barr, Muff Hunter and Don Anderson accounted for the Slow Pokes' goals with an assist going to Leo McGilloway.

The second game saw Bob Anderson's team wallop Kerwin McPhail's Buzzers 11-1. Scotty McCristall with three goals and two assists, Bob Rumley with a hat-trick, Ross Morton and Bill Watkins with singles scored for the winners. Those earning brackets were Davidson with two, Saul with two, and Holloway, Morton and Watkins with one. Johnny Roher potted the Buzzers' only goal.

Ray Mason's club started Thursday night's proceedings off with a 3-1 win over Ernie Mark's team. George Oakes scored two goals and Bob Coxe the other for the winners. Paul Coles and Martin Marks both got assists. Ernie Lawson potted the loser's only goal with an assist going to Jim Wallman.

In the other game, Gorji Cunningham's eager beavers shaded Leno Marzo's gang 3-2. Bob Heatley with two goals and an assist paced the winners. Tom Oakley counted twice for Marzo's team with Peter Hurst assisting on one.

Senior division games ended up deadlocked. The Buzzers started to buzz and played the Slow Pokes to a two-all tie. Don Deforest scored both Buzzer goals with an assist going to Johnny Roher on one. Leo McGilloway and Muff Hunter scored for the Slow Pokes with Greg Barr and McGilloway being in on assists.

The Muskies and Bob Anderson's club split a 4-4 tie in the second game. John Cunningham accounted for all four Muskiet goals with assists going to Paul Lawson, Bob Cunningham and Grant Withers. Scotty McCristall potted two for Anderson's team with singletons being racked up by Davidson and Holloway. Davidson with two, Rumley, Lambert and Saul added assists.

POUNDRING THE SPORTS BEAT with A Vengeance

The O.H.A.'s decision not to allow players from the States to play in any O.H.A. series unless they returned before December 15 affected the status of Freddie Kentner, who left the now defunct Washington Lions recently. Freddie wanted to line up with Milton Co-ops but Old Hatpin Annie refused her permission.

The motive behind the move might not be too clear, but from this corner it looks as if the O.H.A. doesn't want to incur the wrath of other Junior A clubs by strengthening the already powerful Toronto Marlies.

One of the returning players happened to be Paul Jago, a star with one of Marlboro's farm clubs, Weston Dukes last year, and very much a hockey player. When Jago showed every intention of lining up with Marlboros with the approbation of course, of Stafford-Smythe, the O.H.A. passed the deadline.

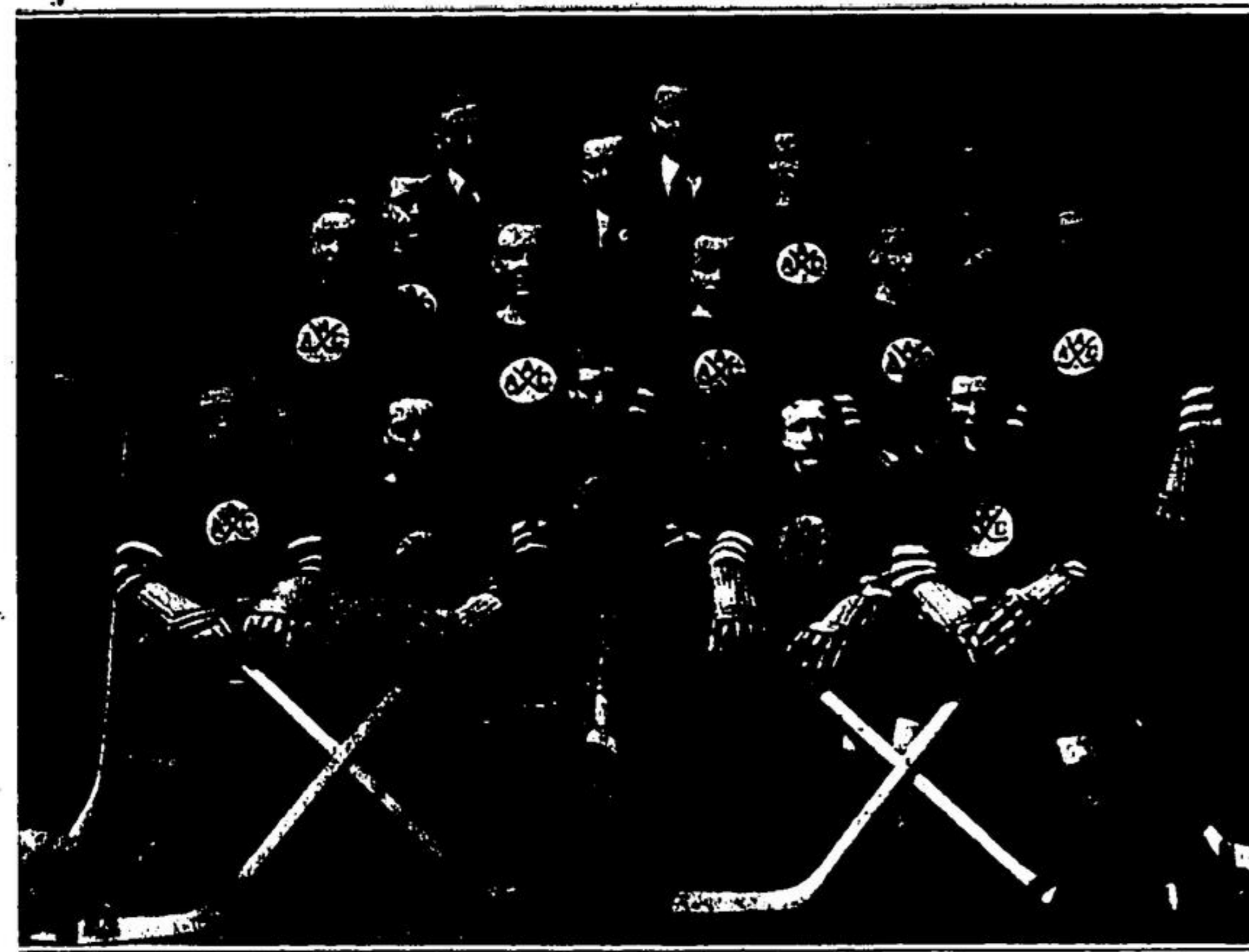
Harold Townsley was fortunate to get back before the deadline. Consequently, he's not affected by the ruling. Too bad a couple of weeks difference should put Kentner out in the cold. He played for the Raiders in an exhibition benefit game last Saturday opposite the Co-ops. Co-ops won 5-3.

Surprise for this column was the signing of "Dude" Lindsay to a Georgetown certificate. The old "Dude", a veteran of many puck campaigns, is augmenting the blue line brigade for the Raiders, who, after their poor start, are now entrenched in second place in the four team loop.

It is also a fact that "Dang" has been trying awful hard to get Lio Marzo's signature on one of those playing forms. This far, he hasn't had too much success. Lio doesn't want to return to hockey unless there's something in it besides toil for anyone his age. And it's well known that Georgetown hasn't too much of the King's currency to throw around this season.

"Dude's" return to action should strengthen the Raiders considerably, when he gets back in shape. It was only five years ago he led the Intermediate group in scoring. He probably won't be able to catch up to the rest of the team this season with the handicap of a late start, but we're going to keep our eye peeled—just in case.

This is not the first time the "Dude" has played in Georgetown livery. Back in 1938 he played for the papermakers, along with Harold Mooney and Joe Murphy. These three, and a couple of others besides, were imported from the Toronto Mercantile league when hockey was supposed to be simon pure.



GROUP CHAMPIONS OF 1930-31, the Acton club shown here will gather up as many former members as possible to ice a team for Booster Night. They'll play the 1939 Intermediate champions. You'll recognize most of these players when they skate out to help the kids.

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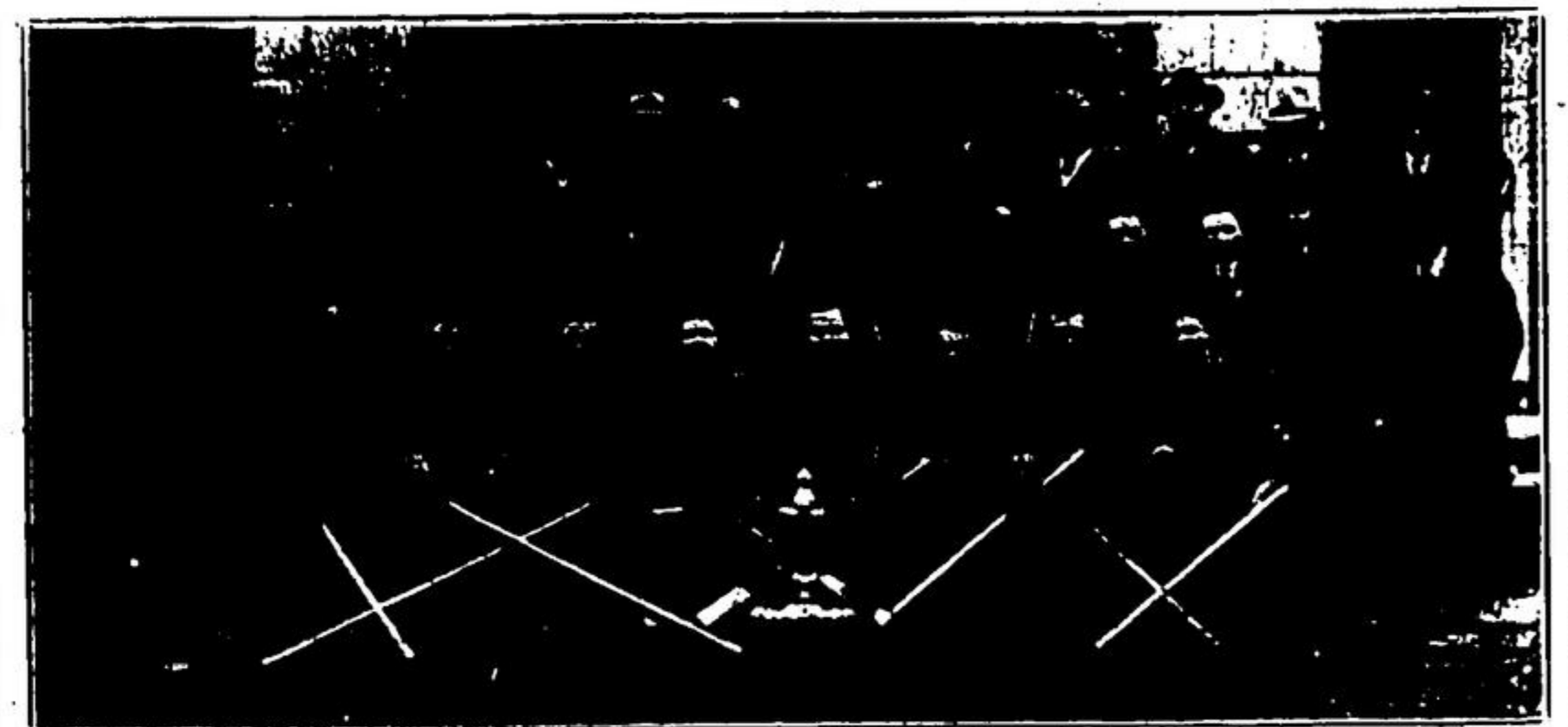
The thratteth of shoppers, my wife goes through a regular ritual in making her selections at the super market. She examines, weighs and compares each item. She isn't above sniffing the food, and at the meat trays. It was there one day, when she was involved in deciding between six frankfurters for 30 cents or 12 for 39 cents, that she became aware a

man was waiting for her to make her choice. "I'm sorry," she said, moving to one side.

"That's all right. Take your time. What's good enough for you is good enough for me," he said cheerfully.

At that, she looked at his cart, and saw that it was bulging with duplicates of her purchases.

"I reckon," he explained, "that you're getting your money's worth, if anyone is." The Reader's Digest



O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE CHAMPS will meet the players from further back still in a one night revival of intermediate hockey for Booster Night on February 15. It's a game that should bring back a lot of memories of the hockey happy '30's and the dazzling shows that packed Acton Arena regularly.

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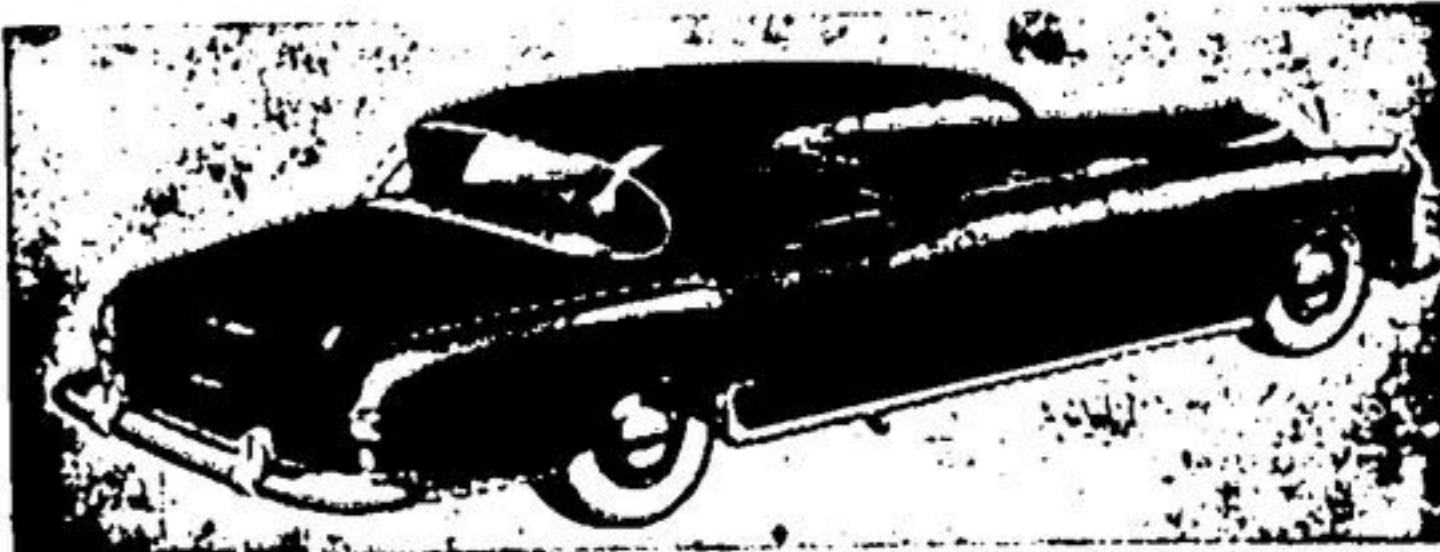
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Lab Team Insists On Referee Change

Unless there is a change of referees, Baxter's hockey team will not play again this year in the Georgetown Industrial League. The league executives were informed of the decision this week.

Baxter's coach, Lorne Masters, and Ab Robinson were both suspended by the referee two weeks ago after a game in Georgetown Arena. The decision against Robinson was later retracted. Although Masters sat his game out last week, team executives lodged a protest on principle and a hearing was heard last week.

