

McHugh Final Spurt Has Crowd Roaring

On Saturday afternoon, six members of the Acton Whippet Club ran in events of the International Indoor track meet in Hamilton

Bill Skilling ran second in his 60 yard heat, only to be nosed out of place in the semi-final. Pete Hurst and Bob Heatley ran a good heat but failed to place.

In the first heat of the 300 yard dash, Wayne Arbie ran a fine race but failed to place. In the third heat of the same race, Bill McHugh almost upset the appreciat. Going into the bell lap last in a field of seven he suddenly cut loose and was just nosed out for second. This brought the crowd up roaring; it was a good bit of passing display plus speed of any in the afternoon performance.

Herb Dodds competed in the half mile and was running a fine race until he retired with two laps to go.

The club coaches, Andy and Tom Nicol were well pleased with the boys' showing. Who is going to win the first trophy for the club, is the main question.

Andy Nicol gets a chance on Good Friday, when he competes in the Firestone 15-mile open in Hamilton.

While other athletes in competition last week-end had colored sweat-suits, spikes and special equipment, the Acton runners had ordinary canvas running shoes, odd shorts and gym shirts.

LIST PRIZE WINNERS OF FEBRUARY EUCHRE

Prize winners for the Scout and Guide Mothers' euchre held on February 27 were as follows: ladies' first, Mrs. C. Lindsay; ladies' second, Mrs. Jocque; consolation, Mrs. Osborne. Men's first, John Robson; men's second, Lloyd Masales; consolation, Stuart Richardson.

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Acton High School News

Friday morning the entire school saw "David Copperfield." The movie took two and a half hours so there were no classes that morning. The school enjoyed this movie and it was a help to the grade studying this Dickens' book. There were many eccentric characters, typical of Charles Dickens, throughout the movie.

Miss Macbeth from Ryerson Institute of Technology was the guest speaker at assembly Monday morning. At the end of her talk when she invited questions, it was a surprise when there were several students asking questions. Usually there is little response to an open discussion. Miss Macbeth was very well informed and was certainly one of the most popular speakers this year.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Thompson, the mayor of Milton and superintendent of the Children's Aid Society in Halton county, spoke on social work. He gave the requirements, cost and training necessary to be a social worker. He explained there is a great need for social workers in this country.

CAMPBELLVILLE TRUCK DAMAGE IN EXPLOSION

An exploding oil heater caused an estimated \$200 damage to a truck in Guelph Wednesday morning. Norman Smith of Campbellville had parked the truck with its load of vegetables, which belonged to D. Smith and Sons of Campbellville. A coal oil stove exploded and fire broke out on the truck. Contents of the truck were quickly removed but the racks were badly damaged and a tarpaulin valued at \$50 completely destroyed. Guelph fire brigade soon had the blaze under control.

In 1946 Ottawa estimated that a national health insurance plan would cost \$21.60 a year for every man, woman and child in Canada.

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Notice to Creditors AND OTHERS

In the Estate of Frederick Orwell Johnston. All persons having claims against Frederick Orwell Johnston, late of the Township of Erin in the County of Wellington, farmer, deceased, who died on or about the First day of January, 1953, are required to send particulars and proofs thereof to the undersigned before the Fourth day of April, 1953, when the assets will be distributed among the parties legally entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims which shall have been filed. Dated at Acton, Ontario, this Tenth day of March, 1953. C. F. Leatherland, Acton, Ont., a-36-3 Solicitor for the Executors.

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EDUCATION EQUALITY FORUM TOPIC FEEL RURAL PUPIL AT DISADVANTAGE

"Is Equality in Education Possible?" served as the topic for Halton farm forums recently. It was pointed out that education is a factor that influences a child at school, none is more important than the teacher. It is possible for a good teacher to teach with poor equipment, but no amount of equipment can make up for a poor teacher.

The first question the forum members set to work on was "Do you think the rural children in your community have as good educational opportunities as town and city children? If so, how do you account for it? If not, what should be done to equalize the opportunities?"

One report out of 13 forum reports said "No," while another forum having two groups was divided in their opinion, as one said "No" and the other emphatically "Yes, we think they have as good opportunity as city children." The other group thought the rural children lacked the opportunity of good supervision as those in urban schools, where there is one teacher per class and where they have better and more modern equipment and more experienced teachers.

Those answering "Yes, they have as good educational opportunities as town and city children," explained rural children have the very best form of education in rural schools and the group believed it to be equal to any other type of elementary education. Past references have proven rural children can take their place along with urban children, the group explained, and in many cases have been picked for good and responsible positions, because they have been taught to concentrate and think for themselves.

In rural schools backward pupils are given more attention. Children in rural schools see and hear who is going on in other grades. They have the first hand knowledge of nature. In one room schools they claim the children have a tendency to "boast" the teacher. Rural and urban children have the same curriculum, therefore the same opportunity. Some claim rural children with a competent teacher have some advantage over city or urban pupils as they have fewer distractions. The teacher has closer association with rural children and therefore more of a personal interest.

In conclusion, considering the complete and well rounded out education the rural school and rural life provide the child with a better foundation. One group in referring to the Guide and the broadcast, mentioned that the advantages of rural schools was completely left out of the picture and claimed there is still good work for the little rural school to accomplish. In advocating consolidated schools, the group felt the cost of transportation was left out of the picture and the fact children are left waiting in cold, wet weather for buses. They mention it makes it much easier for the inspectors, who are already drawing good salaries, for all they do. The publishing companies are overloading us with literature that is not used, but is evidently sanctioned by inspectors and this group suggests money thus spent could be used to assist in teacher's salaries.

The second question "It has been intimated that Canada will face a shortage of 25,000 trained teachers in 1955. What steps should be taken to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession?" Teacher's salaries should be made more in accordance with other salaries, it was felt. This would make teaching more attractive and would encourage more people to take it up as a profession. Teachers should have the privilege of teaching and working under congenial conditions and have trustees interested in the welfare and maintenance of our rural schools. Pupils should be trained from the time they enter public school, having in mind that some of them are teacher prospects. They could be encouraged in their thinking toward that end as they mature. An adequate salary, then, with assured satisfactory accommodation should be the final inducement. Glamorizing the profession as we glamorize the nursing and secretarial professions, was suggested. Train more men was also suggested as they stay longer or let the government subsidize teachers. If the government helped to educate with understanding they would teach a number of years to repay. Teachers get two months' holidays with Easter and Christmas holidays as well, which should be considered while office employees work all year for two weeks' vacation. The progressive type of education, which is being planned, is proving too costly for farm owners.

Esqueuing Passes \$600 Fox Claims

A total of \$600 was paid in fox claims by Esqueuing Township council when it met on Monday afternoon, March 2. All members were present and reeve George Leslie presided.

W. E. Townsend was appointed Esqueuing township road superintendent. The tender of A. S. Robertson for supplying, crushing and hauling gravel was accepted, subject to the approval of the Department of Highways. A cheque of Scott-Jackson of \$250 was to be returned.

The following were paid fox claims: Clarence Deforest, Wilfrid Benson, Linton Naylor, John Buck, Charlie Sheppard, G. C. Cook, Robert Lockhurst, Charles Hoare, Charlie Thompson, C. S. Bailey, Lloyd Miller, S. Mileham, John Verlis, Douglas Sheppard, Albert Logan, Robert Harris, Harry Wallace, Newton Ruddell, Mel-drum Stark, J. C. Cunningham, J. J. Thistlewaite, Alvin Moore, Ralph Bludd, Gordon Shoebridge, Clare Wilson, George Eason, A. Morley, Frank Barnes, Henry Wedge, Edward Elliott, H. Beers, George Harris, G. H. Bayless, John Chisholm, Edward Robertson, Robt. McMaster, Thomas Snow, Wm. Watkins, Ace Bailey, Frank Jones, Harry Hilson, John Ruddell, Clifford Stover.

The following accounts were passed for payment: Department of Health, \$5.65; the Georgetown Herald, \$21.43; Acton Free Press, \$3.26; Corporation of Milton, fire brigade attending fire W. C. Munson's and Milton Brick Co., \$100.00; Corporation of Acton, to Fire Brigade attending fire on Dec. 19, \$50.00; H.E.P.C. Brampton, 3 months, \$90.88; A. W. Benton, stamps, \$4.00; The Municipal World, \$9.25; G. C. Brown, renewal bond K. C. Lindsay, treasurer, to March 1, 1954, \$40.00; Compensation Policy, General Accident, Clerical, \$12.50; L. McMillan, \$50.00 to current expenses, re Milton Fire Area No. 2, road accounts as presented by the Road Superintendent, \$2,433.26; relief accounts, \$73.73; \$12.00 for glasses for patient in Sanatorium.

LOCAL CANDIDATES TAKE MUSIC EXAMS

Several from Acton, Rockwood and district were candidates in examinations held recently by the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto, in Guelph. Following are the results of the local candidates, omitting those from other centres: grade X piano honors, Marie Land; grade IV piano honors, Patricia McGladery; grade III piano, first class honors, Patricia Cole; honors Eila Jany; Norma Cunningham; grade II piano, first class honors Mary Jane Force; honors Theresa Arbie; pass Jo-Anne Force; grade I piano, first class honors, Helen Synnott, Patricia Schneider. Canadianians spent \$7.12 per person on movies in 1950.

Panthers Leading Floor Hockey Loop

The Panthers, a midget team, head the Y.M.C.A. floor hockey league so far with four points, as the only team, to have won its two games so far.

Following are the scores of games played: Buzzers 6, Wildcats 5; Wildcats 8, Buzzers 1; Rockets 5, Jets 14; Jets 13, Rockets 23.

Panthers 15, Tigers 1; Panthers 6, Tigers 3.

Team Standings Table with columns: Team, P, W, L, T, F, A, Pts. Panthers: 2, 2, 0, 0, 21, 4, 2. Wildcats: 2, 1, 1, 0, 13, 7, 2. Buzzers: 2, 1, 1, 0, 7, 13, 2. Rockets: 2, 1, 1, 0, 28, 27, 2. Jets: 2, 1, 1, 0, 27, 28, 2. Tigers: 2, 0, 2, 0, 4, 21, 0.

HALTON, WELLINGTON SHARE O.A.C. HONORS

Garnet Norrish of Moffat was awarded the reserve grand championship for livestock showmen at the O.A.C. College Royal, held last week in Guelph. Garnet Norrish is a fourth-year student who groomed and handled his sheep entries with the ability that won him the runner-up spot in competition. The Halton county competitor shared the honors of the day with Glen Johnston of Moorefield, Wellington county, when they were left after the eliminations of grand champions.

Taxes Double, Vote To Join Township

Bronte ratepayers, faced with taxes almost double those of last year, last Friday voted to disband the village of 1,100 which was incorporated less than two years ago. A meeting of more than 50 ratepayers made the decision as "the only way we can get out of a situation" which has raised one man's taxes from \$120 to \$600 since incorporation. The group voted to rejoin Trafalgar township which has a mill rate of 32. This year's rate in Bronte is almost 80. Norman Gilbert chairman of the Ratepayers' Association, said incorporation "hasn't been fair to people who have lived here for years and just haven't got the money to pay." There were 340,524 hockey pucks manufactured in Canada in 1952.

Books IN REVIEW

THE DETECTIVE STORY

The number of detective novels borrowed from the library of recent years, proves that this recent type of literature simply can't be overlooked any longer by anyone connected with books or literature. Many in town enjoy them, and so this reviewer is reprinting in part a paper "in defence of the detective novel," with the permission of its author, Mrs. Mary Patterson.

"Many people put all detective novels in one heap in their minds, and sneer at the whole lot indiscriminately. I realize that this unfortunate lumping together is partly the publishers' fault. These gentlemen, acting from commercial motives only, I suppose, describe them all in the same terms, such as "Murder," printed in bright coloring, dripping in blood; DEATH (in capitals); "Love, mystery and international intrigue"; "action and suspense"; not to mention the most usual blurb word "original". Then the publishers make the covers of the cheap and good pocket novels alike.

The 10 cent book containing several "mysteries, and/or horror stories, are usually not worth the 10 cents and are an insult to the intelligence of any human being, just as the soap operas are. I join in sneering at such mysteries.

I feel, however, that what I consider the true detective novels are valuable as mental exercise as well as a mere pastime. People read detective novels for many reasons, some for the thrill of being with the hunter in the chase; some because it occupies their minds for awhile; some because they enjoy reading "tough" talk; some because they are interested in criminals. The motive one has for reading these novels naturally effects one's choice. There is a good deal of variety in detective novels. They fall into two main classifications.

First—"trash". These are cheap, vulgar, sexy, full of cliches, swearing, unimaginative dialogue and situations with poor characterization.

Second—what I call "true" detective novels; not true in the sense of being taken from actual occurrences but really the best type of detective novels. To me, they must have certain characteristics, the one I require for my own reading being that the novel be written in decent English, like Buchan's Greenmantle or Mary Roberts Rhinehart's The Circular Staircase. It is not necessary to have vulgar slang and bad grammar.

The incidents and people must seem probable, or at least possible. There should be continuity and form to the novel.

The characterization should be reasonably interesting and full. The reader must see the characters as fellow humans. I look for a philosophical point of view—an integrated view of life—in the background. This is apparent more in Buchan's novels than in Eric Stanley Gardner's or Mary Roberts Rhinehart's. Gardner's point of view seems to be that careful, logical reasoning will bring success.

To be good reading, the detective novel should have two main requisites. The first is suspense, if it is developed logically and not artificially. Perry Mason mysteries heighten tension by having a case already in court; in many, the situation grows steadily worse as people missing, presumed guilty or another murder! Secondly, there is a problem to be solved in every detective novel. There are facts given from which the complete picture can be constructed, or the unknown quantity discovered and named. Some novels of Ellery Queen even stop at a point near the end, to offer the reader a chance to make his deduction.

The hero is usually a detective of some sort. If a private detective or lawyer, there is more glamor and romance surrounding him. If a police detective, he is usually more interested in bare facts, as the C-2-D man in Thieves Fall Out. When he is glamorous, he loses in realism as in the Nurse Keane mysteries.

If he is an amateur, then there is often more interest shown in the characters of the people involved, as in Buchan's novels. There may be more than one villain; there are always several suspects.

A modern novel may be fairly short, and read in one sitting, in an evening, since no digression is allowed. Some are obviously fiction—they are tales glamorized and generalized, while others try to seem real by using police, naming and describing people and places. Detective novels are not meant to be read for the philosophy of life in them but for the mental exercise they afford the reader. This I feel, is their value.

ANTI- NONSENSE

The middle-aged patient had been wheeled into the operating room. Just before the anesthetic was started, he asked how long his incision would be. The surgeon gave him a noncommittal answer. "Well, Doc," said the patient, "I have just one request. My wife's incision is four and a half inches long, and her sister's is four inches. I want you to make mine longer than both of them put together, so I won't have to listen to any more nonsense."

CAMPBELLVILLE Girls' Group Meets, Consider Projects

The March meeting of the St. David's girls' group was held at the home of Audrey, Marilyn and Eleanor Cairns. The president, Marilyn Cairns, opened the meeting with a call to worship followed by the worship service taken by Anna Hurren, Joan Black and Marianna Greenlees.

The scripture lesson was read by Audrey Cairns followed with prayer by Joan Watson. The girls considered several projects for their work including supporting a European child for a year. Plans were made for an open meeting in April to which all the Missionary Societies would be invited. A short play from the study book was presented by Lenore Chester, Marilyn Moore, Marilyn Cairns and Marianna Greenlees. The next chapter in the study book "Growing up with Africa" was read by Mrs. Moore.

Mrs. Black told of Miss Helen Bricker's impressions of the world young peoples conference at Travancore, India. Eleanor Cairns closed the meeting with prayer. There were 14 girls present. A social time was spent when Jane Smith, Audrey Hurren and Anne Parker provided the treat.

Miss Marjorie Chester presided at the Y.P.S. meeting of St. David's Church on Tuesday evening. Miss Joyce Chester read the Scripture and also the minutes of the last meeting. Miss Anna Hurren had charge of the topic, "Why we believe in the True God," also responsive prayer. Rev. J. Sutherland closed with the Benediction.

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