

Eight Teams Form Softball League

Haltom Rural Softball League schedule for 1953 is as follows:

May 26 — Tansley vs. Kilbride; Palermo vs. Omagh; Hornby vs. Milton Heights; Haltonville vs. Lowville.

May 29 — Kilbride vs. Palermo; Omagh vs. Tansley; Lowville vs. Hornby; Milton Heights vs. Haltonville.

June 2 — Hornby vs. Kilbride; Tansley vs. Milton Heights; Palermo vs. Lowville; Haltonville vs. Omagh.

June 5 — Kilbride vs. Haltonville; Lowville vs. Tansley; Milton Heights vs. Palermo; Omagh vs. Hornby.

June 9 — Tansley vs. Palermo; Hornby vs. Haltonville; Omagh vs. Kilbride; Milton Heights vs. Lowville.

June 12 — Haltonville vs. Tansley; Palermo vs. Hornby; Kilbride vs. Milton Heights; Lowville vs. Omagh.

June 16 — Tansley vs. Hornby; Haltonville vs. Palermo; Lowville vs. Kilbride; Omagh vs. Milton Heights.

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June 19 — Kilbride vs. Tansley; Omagh vs. Palermo; Milton Heights vs. Hornby; Lowville vs. Haltonville.

June 23 — Palermo vs. Kilbride; Tansley vs. Omagh; Hornby vs. Lowville; Haltonville vs. Milton Heights.

June 26 — Kilbride vs. Hornby; Milton Heights vs. Tansley; Lowville vs. Palermo; Omagh vs. Haltonville.

June 30 — Haltonville vs. Kilbride; Tansley vs. Lowville; Palermo vs. Milton Heights; Hornby vs. Omagh.

July 3 — Palermo vs. Tansley; Haltonville vs. Hornby; Kilbride vs. Omagh; Lowville vs. Milton Heights.

July 7 — Tansley vs. Haltonville; Hornby vs. Palermo; Milton Heights vs. Kilbride; Omagh vs. Lowville.

July 10 — Hornby vs. Tansley; Palermo vs. Haltonville; Kilbride vs. Lowville; Milton Heights vs. Omagh.

Federal government spending this year will be only 9 per cent less than in the peak war year of 1943-44.

Chronicles



Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendoline P. Clarke

I suppose the minds of most people these days are, like our own, just a jumble of thoughts—world tension, the Coronation, the tornado that struck Sarnia and London districts, and the damage done by last week's storms in whatever locality we happen to live. We certainly hope the weather bureau has good things in store for the big event on June 2nd. Sunshine or rain, we know the Coronation will go on as scheduled but it will be so much nicer if a sunny sky does its part towards making this day one to remember.

Children in years to come will tell of the great festivities when Elizabeth II was crowned queen, just as we who are older remember other coronations—of the two Georges, and in some cases of Edward VII—according to our age and our ability to remember... or our willingness to admit how many sovereigns have come to the throne during our lifetime. It would seem one's age might also be measured by coronations! But then, who cares?—admitting or hiding one's age doesn't make one either younger or older.

I wonder what happened in your district last week at the time of the tornado. Although the twister confined itself to the Sarnia and London area there were other unrelated storms in Ontario that did a considerable amount of damage. We had terrific winds and heavy rain in our immediate locality—no damage that I have heard of, not even power failure—but five miles away it was a different story. At and around the village of Lowville there were "golf ball" hailstones that smashed windows wholesale; lopped branches off trees and shrubs and levelled tulip beds as neatly as a scythe. I have never seen hailstones as large as the ones reported so until I heard about them from several sources I thought the stories must be exaggerated. I was wrong. One man put a few in his freezer to present as evidence; at another place the farmer's wife measured one of the "big ones"—in circumference it was seven inches one way and eight inches the other, just about the size of a big double-yolked egg.

Here there was hardly any hail but the rain was terrific, even the downspout from the cave-strogh couldn't carry it away fast enough so that some of it ran into the cellar—until Partner investigated, found a few leaves in the connecting pipe were stopping the flow of water. Next day I was along the road and there I saw fields, lately sown with spring crop, the low-lying spots nothing but a swamp. Corn ground, some of it sown, some ready to sow, were sad looking fields. But the pasture and hay fields are wonderful. So, as usual, what we lose on the swings we make in the roundabouts.

Now I wonder if that expression is familiar in Canada. We have been in Canada 34 years and yet I still find myself unconsciously using expressions that are unintelligible to native born Canadians. A few



R. G. SIMPKIN, pictured above, will represent the Acton Free Press and other member papers of the Ontario Division of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers' Association in Great Britain during the Coronation. He will air mail first-hand reports of particular interest to readers of the weeklies back during his tour. Sailing from Montreal on May 18 he will take delivery of a car on arrival in England. It will be his second trip overseas having served in War I. Mr. Simpkin has been a reporter for one of Ontario's largest weeklies for 25 years and is particularly well versed to speak on the rural scene. The first of his articles appears this week.

weeks ago I happened to mention "art on the hoardings." My companion had no idea what I meant and at the time I could think of no better way to express my meaning. I suppose the common term is billboards, advertising signboards or something similar. I had never given it a thought because to me all such signs are hoardings.

And speaking of signs—or should I say omens?—we know robins always sing their best when rain is in the offing but now I am wondering about other song birds. Last week, before the storm, Partner and I don't think I ever heard birds sing so much. The weather was warm, windy and somewhat sultry. Usually the birds sing very little in the afternoon but that afternoon there must have been a complete bird-orchestra. Orioles, song sparrows, canaries, bobolinks, meadow larks—they were all there, singing with joyous abandon. Did they sense the approach of the storm, were they singing to exercise their vocal chords, knowing they must soon take to the protective covering of the trees and shrubs? Strangely enough the robins were silent—could it be they were jealously sulking? The little humming birds are here again. Every evening one wee bird comes fluttering around our japonica bush, while the bumblebees make busy at the lilac. Lilies of the valley are out by the hundreds but I haven't seen any winged creatures in their sweet-scented vicinity.

Partner has been helping me eradicate an overgrowth of snow-berry. One time I brought a root home from a neighbor's. She warned me... "It's bad stuff to spread, mind where you put it." That was ten years ago—and for the last five years I have been yanking out sucker roots everywhere. Some people have to learn the hard way—I seem to be one of them.

Delegate Reports On Sudbury Meet

On Wednesday Evening, May 20 several car loads of members of the Knox Evening Auxillary visited the home of Mrs. Wilmer Watkins for their meeting.

The president Mrs. A. K. Mann presided and led the worship service, assisted by Mrs. James Ingles and Bella Mae Roszell.

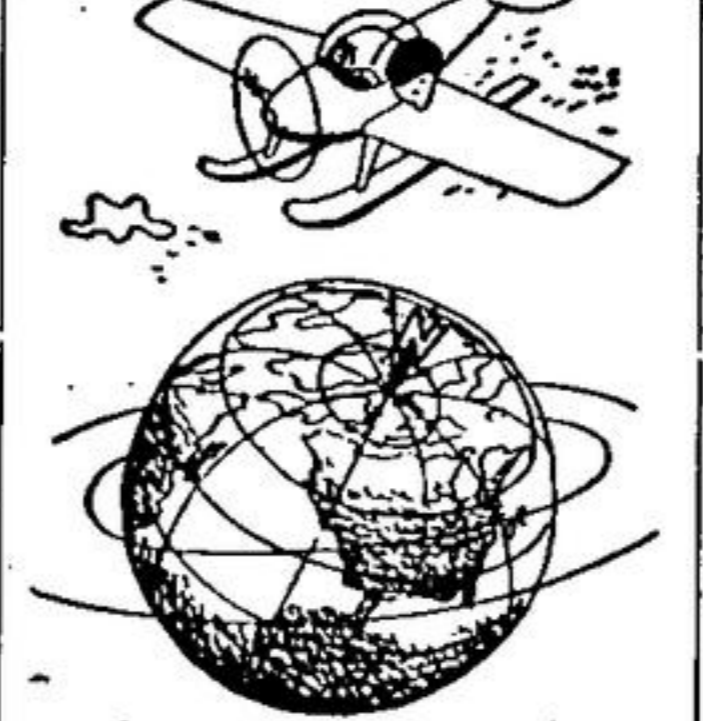
The study on the mission work in Africa was continued. Miss Emma Cole and Mrs. John Davidson presenting the education story. A vocal solo by Mrs. John Davidson was also enjoyed, accompanied by Mrs. McKnight.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the talk by Mrs. H. Mainprize on her gleanings of the Synodical meeting held in Sudbury recently and to which she was a board representative from Guelph Presbyterial.

Miss Anne Watkins played a delightful piano solo. Several items of business were dealt with including the June Bazaar and other activities of the summer season.

At the close a delicious lunch was served by the committee convened by Mrs. J. Ingles, assisted by Mrs. J. Davidson and Miss Cole. A vote of thanks was tendered the hostess, guest speaker, and all who had helped by their talents or presence there by Mrs. F. Anderson.

Of the 12,413 persons reported missing in 1951, the police had located 11,844 by year's end.

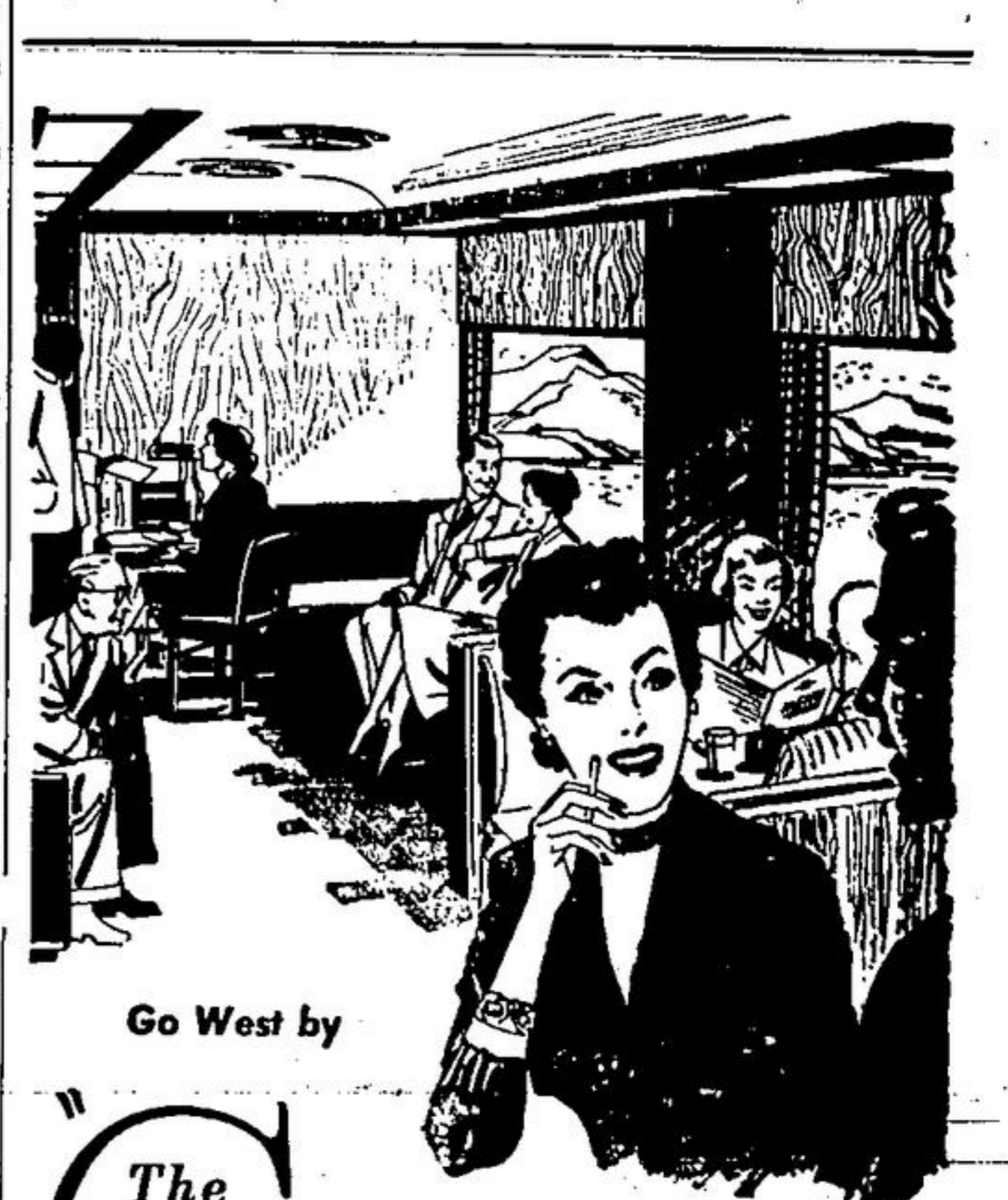


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