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County Council Is Asked For Gas Pipe Line Rights

Halton County Council, at its regular monthly session Tuesday afternoon, was asked by officials of the Union Gas Company of Canada Limited for the rights and franchise to lay a 24-inch gas pipe-line under county roads.

Messrs. O'Connor, solicitor, and James LeRoy, of the engineering department, were present to make their request to have council approve such an agreement and approve a by-law. Council felt the agreement and by-law should be reviewed by the County Engineer and the County solicitor before further action should be taken.

Mr. O'Connor explained his company was planning to lay a 24-inch natural gas pipe-line from the vicinity of Toronto west to Lambton county. The approximate location would be between one and two miles north of Highway 5. A secondary line would be laid south to the Oakville vicinity, he said.

Supplies 80,000 Customers From the same main 18 inch lines would be taken off to provide gas to centres such as Kitchener, Guelph, Galt and London areas. His company was the largest supplier in Western Ontario, and it was their intention to act only as a supplier or wholesaler of gas to central Ontario.

Explaining his company supplied 80,000 customers in Western Ontario, it was able to provide storage of surplus gas underground of 80 million cubic feet of gas. The company is willing to pay the county \$50 per road crossing and assume all liability. Cost of the entire project is estimated at 12 million dollars.

Members approved a recommendation of the Road committee accepting a tender of the Arnott Construction Co. of Arthur, for the construction of the First Line bridge, at a price of \$5,940. Deputy Reeve Harry Wade pointed out that with the addition of cement and iron supplied by the county, the cost would be nearly \$10,000. Members approved the budget handed down by the Halton Health Unit at \$60,091 for the year. Fifty per cent of this amount was paid for by the government.

Purchase Planting Machine The Reforestation committee was authorized to purchase a tree planting machine at a cost of \$640. It was suggested the caretaker for the county buildings could be designated as the person to take care of the machine which would be rented out to farmers desiring to reforest acreage on their farms.

Considerable discussion arose when the road committee recommended the county engineer's salary be increased to \$5,000 a year with the provision he may be permitted to do engineering work for other local municipalities by approval of the road committee.

Headed by Deputy Reeve E. R. Leather, Nelson, some members felt the salary should be increased still more, providing the engineer's employment is exclusively with the county. Reeve Wilfred Bird informed members that engineers in counties surrounding Halton were receiving between \$5,000 and \$8,000 per year.

Reeve Emmerson Ford felt there should be no material increase in salary until results were shown, while members from Nassagaweya and Esquesing townships felt it might work a hardship if they were denied the availability of the county engineer's services.

Priority to Roads The County roads should have priority over all other work, and I would like to see the county have good roads," declared Deputy Reeve Robert Marshall.

He further requested the Road Committee to have prepared a proper program of what they wished to do on county roads during 1954. He felt members were entitled to know how the money was being spent. Warden Stewart said it was difficult to know just what was required with snow on roads. Once snow had gone a proper inspection of county roads could be made by the committee.

A motion sponsored by Reeves Wilfred Bird and A. R. Service asked that the engineer's salary be increased to \$5,000 and he only be permitted to do engineering work under the supervision of the committee. Immediately an amendment was presented by Deputy Reeves Harry Wade and E. R. Leather stating "This council do employ a full-time engineer."

Grants to Groups Deputy Reeve Marshall requested the matter be tabled until the next meeting, but Reeve William Anderson said it had to be disposed of as it was old business. "If this were new business, you would be quite right to ask to have it laid over," he stated.

The Deputy Reeve then asked that the motion be withdrawn. After further discussion the Wade and Leather motion was withdrawn with consent and a recorded vote was taken on the original motion. The motion carried 22 to 2, the deputy Reeve of Nelson dissenting.

Council requested the Warden and clerk to petition the Department of Highways for the statutory grant on road expenditures for 1953 of \$239,291.13.

Grants of \$350 was made to the Junior Farmers, \$200 to the Halton Plowmen's Association and \$120 to the school Forestry and Tree planting competitions. Over 20 schools are taking part in the competition.

Friends, Flowers Guards in Films

Moving pictures of Europe, taken last spring by Mr. and Mrs. David D. Gray of Rockwood, were shown to over 100 who attended the meeting of the Acton Home and School association in the auditorium Monday evening. Among the group was a delegation from Lorn school.

Les Dudy introduced Mr. Gray after the business session was completed. Mr. Gray gave interesting commentary as he showed three reels which began with shots taken from the airplane window leaving Malton airport and concluded with the ship docking back in Canada.

Highlights during the films included pictures of the father of local decorator Cyril Tit, the grave of a Rockwood soldier in Holten Canadian war cemetery, a flower show in Amsterdam with thousands of brilliant tulips, Mayor and Mrs. Whorton of Guelph, Aynree race course, the town of Insh where Mr. Gray's mother had lived and Coronation decorations. Fascinated by the guard at Buckingham Palace, Mr. Gray returned three times to photograph the precision parading. He concluded humorously that he was finally convinced the guards must do the same thing every day.

"You can have a Thanksgiving Day every day of the year because you're living in Canada," he concluded.

Mr. Knox thanked Mr. Gray. President W. Wolfe was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. S. Eison read the secretary's report. Reports were given on Theatre Night and Fathers' Night.

The picture and \$2 for attendance of parents were won this month by Miss Dena Brada's grade two and three class, with 21 present.

Bob Redfern M.C. At Platoon Party

Bob Redfern, formerly secretary of the Acton Y.M.C.A., was master of ceremonies for a program presented in Milton Armouries for the Lorne Scouts attended by more than 40 recruits and guests, Thursday evening, March 11.

Following a program by professional entertainers, lunch was enjoyed by the members of the platoon. Guests present included Lt.-Col. J. Barber, Major P. Barber and Stanley Hall, M.P.P.

Flasher Light for Mill-Main Corner May Be Installed After Enquiry to H.E.P.C.

Prices for a flasher light at the corner of Mill and Main streets were quoted at Monday night's council meeting. It was pointed out that cost of a 25 cycle flasher signal was more than a 60 cycle light, and in this consideration members asked hydro superintendent D. Mason to inquire of the H.E.P.C. if a 25 cycle unit might be borrowed until conversion in Acton.

Clerk J. McGeachie reported the town of Georgetown has also turned over a \$10,000 drawing account deposit to the North Halton High School District Board. He also noted, in business arising from the minutes, that street lights on Alice street have been changed as ordered by council.

Councillor C. Lindsay reminding members that an unsatisfactory parking condition still exists on Crescent St. asked who was to be held responsible for repairs to the boulevard caused by the offending vehicles. Mayor E. Tyler said the local police chief had been asked to investigate the parking irregularity on the Crescent.

Streets Need Repairs Council noted a letter from the county council urging consideration of requests for charitable donations under one administration. A letter from the CNR confirmed information regarding responsibility for repairs to the Mill street crossing. This was discussed at a previous meeting of council and it was learned the CNR claimed it was not liable for repairs to this crossing.

Following clerk McGeachie's reading of the monthly police report council dealt with two bills for indigent patients. The clerk was instructed to issue a cheque for one and refuse payment on the other.

At the close of the meeting Councilor A. Irwin suggested council should be thinking of needed repairs to local streets. This was discussed briefly and some members inquiring suitable patch material revealed. Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m. with the remainder from Councilor L. Week that coming spring will bring problems with town dogs again.



SPEED AND EFFICIENCY in computation of Acton's tax bills and public utilities bills was increased this week with the operation of the town's new Burroughs sensomatic billing machine. Operating at the keyboard is Carol Tyler who is instructed by Clerk McGeachie.

Reorganization, Volume of Business Upgrade Post Office: Delivery Next

Due to both volume of business and organizational trend, Acton post office is being upgraded to a grade nine staff office. The director of operations, staff Post Office Division, informed the local office that the change will be effective on April 1—the same day postal rates take a hike.

M. P. Anderson, a staff training officer from the District Post Office in Toronto who was in Acton Monday and Tuesday, reflected with a smile that there's no connection between the two, although salary increases are included among the changes at Acton post office.

He explained that raising of semi-staff offices to full staff offices is a recent decentralizing trend in the Post Office department and is a part of re-organization theory. The postmaster here, Frank Terry, now has more immediate jurisdiction over his staff. He also has over 40 more forms to fill out regularly!

Very Efficient Staff This week Mr. Anderson combined a job orientation course with a public relations program in lectures at the post office. He assisted Mr. Terry in the study and preparation for use of the various forms required now the status is raised. A staff office is entitled to more benefits, and Mr. Anderson explained these as well as recent changes. His lectures touched on superannuation, hospitalization, leaves, history of the department and the organization of the civil service.

He also spoke on staff public relations stressing meeting the public. He added he invariably found pleasant and helpful staff in town post offices.

"The postmaster here has a very efficient staff," Mr. Anderson remarked Tuesday at the conclusion of his talks. "He gets wonderful cooperation from them, including the caretaker."

Examinations in various phases of post office work will be taken later by staff members. No staff increase is planned at present.

Next step up for Acton would be to have a post office with house-to-house delivery of mail. A minimum of 2500 points of call is required.

Such a day can scarcely be imagined by Mr. Terry and his friendly staff who realize that the post office is a town meeting place—especially when the morning mail comes in, at noon and after school or work.

Bronte LOL Host To Four Halton Lodges

Last Thursday, Bronte Orange Lodge was host to a large number of visitors from four other lodges in Halton County.

The delegation from Acton included the County Master, Wor. Bro. Jack Fox, and the Milton brethren were headed by the District Master, W. Bro. Ernie Wilson, and W. Bro. Twist, Master of L.O.L. 2385. Small delegations from Hornby and Georgetown were also present.

Wor. Bro. James McLennan, W. Master of L.O.L. 165, Hornby, gave a very good talk on the necessity of every Protestant helping his church and organizations. This brother is rapidly becoming one of the best speakers in the county.

Plans were laid for a membership drive by the brethren, assisted by County and District officers.

W. Bro. Leonard, who is also the Master of Oakville L.O.L. 3234, stated that plans are well under way for a Ladies' Lodge in Oakville.

Mark Anniversary At Woodside School

On Thursday, March 11, about 50 friends and neighbors gathered at Woodside school to join with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The evening was spent in a friendly game of cards, after which lunch was served. Frank Freeman called the group to order and asked Mrs. H. McEachern to come forward and read a very fitting address to the bride and groom of 50 years ago.

Mrs. S. Mathews presented Mrs. Kerr with a gold game set and Mrs. B. Leach presented Mr. Kerr with a silver ring and the bar to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr both replied very fittingly and after a few appropriate speeches the group left for their various homes.

Firemen Question Council's Actions on Brigade Budget

Grievances from the local volunteer fire brigade were made public before Council Monday night when a six-man delegation led by fire chief S. Tennant appeared to question circumstances surrounding the recent establishment of the fire department's budget estimates.

County Principals, Inspectors Meet

A full program of specialized discussion necessitated the calling of a second meeting to complete the topics, when the Halton County Principals' Association met Tuesday in Acton public school. Gathered in the staff room were all 20 county principals and the two inspectors, L. L. Skuce and R. Bornhold.

"Teacher Training" was the topic, for as G. W. McKenzie, Acton principal explained, "Considering the complexity of the teacher's responsibility nothing more than the meager beginning in professional education can be provided in the brief period spent at a Teachers' College. Therefore every teacher should be provided with an opportunity to continue the study of teaching in service."

Topics slated for discussion included development of the art of oral and written questioning, use of blackboards, classroom discipline, standards in junior grades, uses of demonstration lessons, intervisitation within school and surrounding schools, proper use of teaching aids and the basis for assessing a teacher.

Spirited discussion on opening headings resulted in only half the program receiving consideration. A special meeting to be held at Strathcona school was called to consider the remaining topics.

It was decided to hold final examinations in grade eight throughout Halton county this spring. Final reports written last year and principals and inspectors again considered them useful in preparing students for high school.

Semi-Finals Ended For Baxter Bowlers

Baxter bowling league moved into the finals Wednesday night, March 10, when play ended the semi-finals two game pins to count. There were no great upsets—the play went to the favorites, but in one instance the lead was seriously threatened.

The office team made gallant effort to overcome a 55 pin deficit and finally bowed in defeat by a mere 11 pins.

The receiving sixtette continued their march to bowling fame by advancing their lead another 231 pins, which makes them favorites to win the final round.

The season's winners now move on to compete for the inter-department trophy. Judging from the players' averages, the finals will likely be packed with fast and furious bowling.

Silverware was won last week by ladies' high single, Bonnie Dowling; ladies' high triple, Lil Bradshaw; men's high single, Sam Snyder; men's high triple, Bill Benson.

Town, Area Lodges At Hornby Meeting

At the Monday meeting of Hornby District Royal Scarlet Chapter in the Orange Hall, Hornby, a large turnout of members from Acton, Georgetown, Stewarttown, Hornby, Campbellville, Bronte and Oakville saw the Royal Scarlet Degree exemplified on two new Companions, Harry Hutley of L.O.L. 3234, Oakville, and Roy Smith of L.O.L. 68, Stewarttown.

The evening was topped off by a delicious meal of cheese, crackers and pop. The next meeting was set for Hornby again.

Bogus Money Order Is Cashed in Town

Police in Toronto last week arrested a man identified as George Stewart Deacon, no fixed address, who has been charged in connection with cashing stolen post office money orders.

One of the money orders, for \$65.50, was passed recently in an Acton store, local police stated.

According to police the man has a past record for similar offenses and just completed a detention sentence in February. Held on a number of charges, he is also believed responsible for passing three stolen money orders in Guelph.

Variety Night Held In P.S. Auditorium

Variety Night, staged by the Acton Junior Farmers and Brookville Junior Farmers in the public school auditorium here Tuesday night, was well applauded by an audience of nearly 200 persons.

Featuring a selection of vocal and instrumental numbers in addition to a skit, two one-act plays and a monologue, the program was introduced by master of ceremonies Ralph McKeown.

Betty Anderson and Margaret Early, of the Brookville group, staged the first number, a vocal duet. The two singers later contributed another number dressed in Ray nineties attire. They were accompanied by Mrs. Early. Two vocal trios were also sung by Bill Somerville, Anne McLaughlin and Marjory Fountain of the local group.

"D. Anderson, B. Anderson and O. Baker played two numbers for violin trio following the amusing skit, "A Fatal Quest," presented by members of the Acton Junior Farmers. Players in this tragic take-off were Bill Thompson, Dorothy Thompson, Marjory MacDonald, Leslie Wardlock and Jack Johnston.

"Parson Brown" delivered a sermon which would hardly be heard in church but started a steady motion of laughter through the audience.

Before Parson Brown, the Brookville group staged a drama, "The Window." The participants in the well acted play were B. Anderson, D. Anderson, K. Stanley, W. Price and M. Early.

"Special Guest," a cleverly written and well-cast drama about the ghost of a slain son acting as the conscience for his revenge-possessed mother, was the final play presented by Acton Junior Farmers. In the cast were Mrs. R. McKeown, Don Matthews, Mac Sprowl, Anne McLaughlin, Mitchell Neil.

Underwater Sounds Create Comparison

The 150th anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was marked in Acton when the Protestant congregations gathered in Acton United church for a joint evening service with special speaker, followed by the quarterly inter-congregational fireside with Moody science film.

The film, "The Voice of the Deep" outlined the development of the underwater microphone. Man had always thought the sea a silent domain, since he had failed to hear anything with his own ears, which were not equipped for hearing sounds under water. When the special microphone was developed, the "silent deep" became the "noisy deep," with all kinds of sounds unknown before.

Man is the same, the film explained. He tries to hear the voice of God and cannot, so reaches the conclusion there is none. He is not listening with a spiritual ear to the urgings of the spirit. He must learn to use his faculties properly.

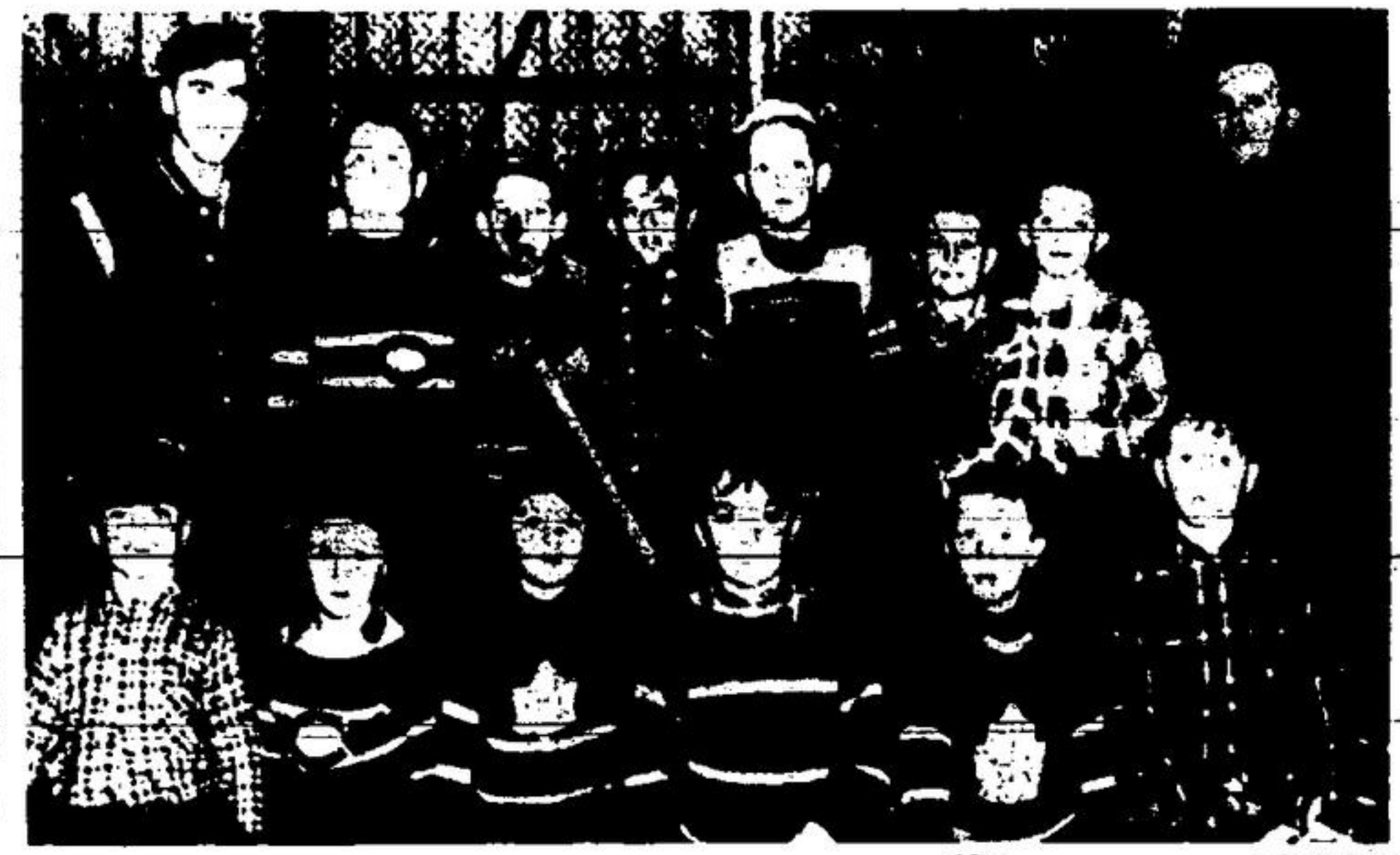
After the film, an old minute book of the local branch of the Bible Society, dating back to 1848, was displayed. M. M. Coles, the president of the Acton Bible Society, reflected that this book represented the faithfulness of many in years past and should be an inspiration in the present.

Mr. Coles was in charge of the fireside and each minister took a part, as they had in the preceding service. Rev. Frank Keys, who spoke at the joint church service, introduced the offering for the work of the Bible Society and \$70 was realized.

Dinner and Plant Tour Given to Baxter Foremen

Foremen of the Baxter Laboratories of Canada plant in Acton, with members of the executive management, enjoyed dinner at the Walper House in Kitchener on Monday evening.

A guided tour of the B. F. Goodrich plant there followed. The group of 18 foremen and management drove to Kitchener by car for the foremen's dinner.



PEE WEE CHAMPIONSHIP in the Acton minor sports association's hockey play-offs was won last week by Johnny Mellon's Rockets, shown here after a 3-0 win which won the crown for them in a two-game goal to count series. Back row, left to right, J. White, referee, J. Hoare, D. Price, K. Rotz, L. Jones, R. Swackhamer, A. Phee, Coach Mellon; front row, P. Barr, A. Robinson, T. Masales, B. Dawkins, J. Leatherland, W. Shannon. Additional pictures appear on pages four and five of this issue.