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## Mark Record Enrolment of 160 In Church Summer School Here

### Soccer Club Holds Second League Spot

Acton Soccer Club now holds second place in the Southern Ontario League, second division, preceded only by Kitchener Victorias who have only lost one game and that to their neighbors, the K-W Dutchmen.

Behind Acton is Galt who are even on points with the local team having lost two games, one to the Victorias and one to Acton. Acton has been beaten once by the Victorias.

Team	P	W	L	T
Kitchener Victorias	8	7	1	0
ACTON	8	6	2	0
Galt	9	6	3	0
Salt	8	5	3	0
K-W Dutchmen	9	5	4	0
German Canadians	7	3	3	1
Kitchener City	7	3	4	0
Lynden Rockets	6	1	4	1
Dundas Rangers	6	1	5	0
New Hamburg	9	0	9	0

### Ladies' Aid Holds Summer Meeting

The summer meeting of the Knox Ladies' Aid was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. A. McPherson, Arthur St. Mrs. J. Ingles and Mrs. A. K. Mann led the worship period.

Mrs. F. J. McCutcheon had charge of the business period and reported on the new furnishings for the church parlor. A committee was chosen to dress up the minister's vestry. Catering plans for more weddings are keeping the group busy.

Mrs. John L. Davidson contributed a vocal solo and A. K. Mann conducted a quiz contest.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. F. Blow. A period of social fellowship was enjoyed and a vote of thanks tendered to the hostess and committee.

### Spitfires Winners Of Week's Jousts

With two games each in the minor softball league this week, the Spitfires top the rating, winning both games. Wednesday last week the Panthers defeated the Tiger Cats 12-10, and the Tiger Cats lost again to the Spitfires on Monday, 14-7. On Wednesday of this week the Spitfires downed the Panthers 9-5.

Improved attendance is reported at the games, with a trip to a double header in Toronto the goal for the winning team.

The Panthers overcame an early Tiger Cat lead, finishing strongly as they clawed their 12-5 win over the Tabbies. J. Fryer was the winning pitcher while Marshall suffered the loss. The Panthers had three big innings, the third, fourth and sixth, in which they racked up three, four and four runs respectively.

Last Monday, the Spitfires allowed the Tiger Cats to score in one inning only as they chalked up a 14-7 win. The Tabbies scored seven in their one big inning but it wasn't enough to counter the steady pile of runs the Spitfires plated.

The Spitfires resumed where they left off with the Tiger Cats on Wednesday when they wallowed the Panthers 9-5. The Panthers made a bid to tie it in the seventh but scored only two runs and they fell far short of the nine the Spitfires racked up by steady scoring through the seven inning affair.

Panthers: Dawkins, Churchill, Ruddick, Harris, Price, Marasak, Fleming, Oakes, Fryer, McDonald, Shannon, Halliday.

Spitfires: Fryer, Woods, Jones, Peel, Dedels, Pasma, McDonald, Lawson, Agnew, Newton, Williams, Masales.

Tiger Cats: Fleming, Marshall, ibons, Mason, McCristall, Masales, Wilson, Pasma, Marasak, Bernard, Fatt.

### Novelty Contests Picnic Highlights

Swimming races, contests, baseball and the usual bountiful supper marked the annual Sunday school picnic of Acton Baptist church. The picnic was held at The Breezes on Saturday afternoon.

Wrestlers are: nursery class, Ruth Costerus, boys, Larry Debushtre, nursery and beginner, peanut scramble, Larry Debushtre, Judy Gordon, primary, Betty Galt, Donna Landsborough, point to loss, Bert Tripp.

Jan or girls, Ruth Landsborough, Margaret Sutter, junior, Ross, Andy Williams, John Williams, boys and girls, three-legged race, Joby Tripp and Andy Williams, wheelbarrow race, John Tripp and Andy Williams, young people, Mary Reid, boys, three kick, Carter Reid, pie eating contest, Y. P. boys and girls, Bob Landsborough.

Adults sport race, Jack Fryer, ladies, nail hammering, Wima Chapman, men, darning socks, M. Tripp, bobble, Charles Landsborough, maffed, men, rolling pin throw, Ralph Tripp, couples, hat design, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Gordon, show scramble, everyone participating, Ralph Tripp.

## Save on Sidewalks At Public School

Children from two to their teens not yet a full week away from lessons, returned to school with obvious delight on Monday. The Vacation Church School welcomed an all-time high enrolment this week. While 135 youngsters registered on Monday, the number had risen to 160 on Wednesday as word of the music, lessons, handicrafts and fun spread among the town's children.

The Vacation School is holding program packed sessions each morning this week, concluding with a parents' night on Friday (tomorrow). Rev. Armstrong is in charge of the school sponsored jointly by the Baptist, Presbyterian, Anglican and United churches.

**First Taste of School**  
Each morning the young people in their bright summer clothes gather on the lawn at Knox church and then disperse to their groups. The beginners class meets in Knox Sunday school room with Mrs. R. Costerus and Mrs. F. Tott as leaders. Over 50 of the finest children some of them having their first taste of school, respond readily to the program introduced by the leaders and their assistants. Among the crafts delighting these tots is the making of flowers out of colored paper. Helen Landsborough plays the piano for their singing.

The primary class of children seven and eight years of age is led by Rev. Armstrong in Knox church basement. This is the largest class with over 70 grouped together for Bible stories, hymns and lessons, as well as crafts. In this class, Rev. Curry accompanies the singing on his autoharp as there is no piano.

**Make Flour Maps**  
Youngsters from nine to their teens meet in St. Alban's parish hall where R. Costerus and Rev. Price direct the activities. Mrs. R. Price plays the piano for this group.

Among the projects undertaken by the juniors is the making of salt and flour maps of Palestine.

The general theme of the week long school is "The Church." During each day Miss Beryl Flynn visits the classes with flannelgraph stories and Rev. Curry shows slides.

The classes are learning memory work and hymns in preparation for the parents' night.

The success of this year's vacation school ensures a seventh effort next year would again be well worthwhile.

## Micro Plastics Ltd. Buys 14 Acres On Northwest Edge of Town

Purchase of approximately 14 acres of land in the north-west area of town was confirmed this week by Micro Plastics Limited, who are presently expanding with a 5,000 square foot plant addition which fills out the firm's present Wallace Street property.

The new land purchase made from A. Huffnagel is on Main Street north facing the east side of the road. Approximately three acres of the total are within the town limits, while the remaining

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After several other brief questions directed to both Mr. Bowles and Mr. Long, council endorsed the resolution of the Planning Board classifying the area as industrial.

During the reading of the minutes, clerk J. McGeehan objected to two errors, one in the minutes of last week's special meeting and the other in last week's press account of the meeting.

## Committees Named By Acton Rotarians

Committees were appointed, future meetings considered and a case discussed when Acton Rotary club met on Tuesday. The possibility of sending someone to Arizona for health reasons was brought up.

The new committees are: membership and attendance, T. Jones, Alf Long, bulletin and conference, David Dills, sergeant-at-arms, Bob Frank, program committee, Dick Schmitt, Ted Hansen, Wald Woodburn, projects, Vic Masters, Bill Coon, H. Kinroad.

**Easter seals, Johnny Guy:** school project, Ted Hansen, D. Dills, 50th anniversary, Fred Wright, International, Amos Mason, crippled children, Harold Lomb, Art Padbury, Ted Tyler, Bob Frank.

**Youth, Dick Schmitt:** D. Dills, community services, urban, Vic Rumley, Al Kirkness, rural, Art Padbury, Wes Masales, fall project committee Jim Ledger, Dick Schmitt, Harold Kinroad, Bill Coon, Alf Long.

**Amos Mason:** and the president, Vic Rumley, were named auditors. It was decided that the first meeting of each month would be a business meeting.

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**Anxious About Error**  
The \$6, reported by this newspaper as being the weekly increase sought for town staff employee Mrs. B. Urquhart should have been \$4 and he added, the \$250 increase figured in the minutes is also erroneous. Clerk McGeehan said he was not too concerned about the mistake in the minutes but was anxious the error in the press should be corrected.

Council deliberated for a short time on how the discrepancies could have occurred, since both figures, it was agreed, were raised and discussed at last week's meeting. However, members concurred Monday the figure in question should have been \$4.

After learning insurance papers were not yet in order, council agreed to withhold transfer of a tax license to W. Dedels until this matter is satisfactory.

Council also agreed to payment of \$676.06 as four per cent of commission due R. V. Anderson Associates, engineers on the Warren Grove sewer extension.

**Repairs to Rink Roof**  
The clerk was authorized to issue payment of \$2,186.05 to R. F. Bar Ltd. for insurance coverage from July 15, 1954 to July 15, 1955.

Acton Fall Fair president, Ray Evered, sought information from council regarding plans for the rink roof, which is in need of repair. The parks committee was asked to meet with Mr. Evered and other Fall directors to map out an agreement if council considered a new sheet steel roof for the rink.

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## Fight Grease Fire Early This Morning



**DIGGING OPERATIONS** at Warren Grove swung into full stride this week as earth to make way for sewer extensions there was bitten out and piled up on Wallace Street, causing mobile traffic to detour. Here Mayor E. Tyler, left, and contractor George Shultz watch as the power shovel makes the first manhole excavation.

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## No Hits, No Runs; Only Two See First

In a no hit, no run ball game, Georgetown defeated Acton Juniors 6-0 in Acton park on Tuesday evening, June 29. The left-handed pitcher McGill led the Georgetown advance as only two Acton players reached first base on an error and one on a hit by a pitched ball.

Georgetown courted two runs in the first, two in the third and two in the seventh. Morton pitched for Acton with Mason and Lawson the catchers. Webster was Georgetown catcher.

Port Credit has dropped out of the loop leaving only Oakville, Acton and Georgetown in the O.B.A. Juvenile league. Both Georgetown and Acton are juveniles and will play off at the end of the schedule for the right to contend for the final.

## Sunday Thieves Get In Through Window

Thieves took advantage of the Sunday afternoon absence of John Harris and his family from their home in R.R. 1, Acton, to break into the house by a rear window and steal two wrist watches, a lady's and man's, and two cases of beverages, police reported. The farm home is off No. 25 Highway near the Check Line.

## Mutual Aid Fights Glen Mill Flash Fire

Mutual aid response by Acton and Georgetown fire brigades early Saturday morning when Glen Williams' old knitting mill was razed and gutted by a flash fire provided the first large-scale exercise of aid for members of the Mutual Aid force in this area of Halton. Although firemen were unable to save the flaming mill, co-operative efforts with men and equipment from the two departments played a major part in saving sheds and houses in the vicinity.

The fire estimated to have caused a loss of \$100,000 to the nearly century old stone building broke out shortly after 1 a.m. Cause of the blaze has not been learned.

Charles Fell, 62, foreman and night watchman, told this newspaper he had been watching television in the former mill office when he and his family were sleeping. Shortly before 1 a.m. he checked outside and noticed unusual light then retired.

**Cat Gives Warning**  
A few moments after retiring, Mr. Fell reported the cat started scratching on the screen. When he got up to let the animal out, he heard sharp cracking at the rear of their apartment separated by a short distance from the main wing of the mill.

Flames glowed from a storage section near the front of the large structure.

Mr. Fell quickly roused his wife and their son, Michael, 11, as well as two workmen, George Hoff, 30, and Henry Lafontaine, 49, who had rooms in the mill building.

As smoke started to fill the apartment, they carried out the TV set, some clothes and small appliances. Two local boys who saw the flames aided the Fells in removing a few belongings. Flames were searing into the second level of the three-storey mill, and

quickly spreading when hydro and telephone lines burned out.

Trying to summon firemen, Mr. Fell found the phone dead. He did not know until later that a call had been put through by nearby residents.

Georgetown brigade under Chief Wm. Hyde, and Acton brigade under Chief Sam Tennant, answered the call.



**FIRE BLACKENED WALLS** are all that remain of the old knitting mill building in Glen Williams, after flames flashed through the large, two-wing structure early Saturday morning. Used in recent years as a leather processing plant, the building was completely destroyed with loss estimated at over \$100,000. At lower left are the remains of the former office where the plant foreman and night watchman and his family lived. Cause of the fire is unknown.

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## Soccer Team Blanks New Hamburg 6-0 In Scrapy Match

Acton Soccer Club counted another two points Saturday when they tackled New Hamburg here and defeated the visitors 6-0. There was a strong sun and a stiff breeze during the afternoon and the home players had to face both when they kicked off.

Play was scrappy for the first 15 minutes. There were a couple of attacks on the Hamburg goal which didn't pay off. L. Nolan gathered the ball about mid-field and pushed the ball past the goalie.

Right from the kick-off the Acton forwards pressed towards the goal, corner and goal kicks were numerous. Bottomley took a corner kick which went high and fell right in front of the goal—only for Allen to get his head to and make it 2-0.

**New Hamburg Attacks**  
There was no more scoring in the first half and for this P. Nagel in New Hamburg's goal is credited as the forwards never gave him a rest. There was a different story in the second half however when Acton got the sun and the wind behind them. Fifteen minutes after the whistle Sutton got the ball in the Acton half, took it down the wing and sent in a lovely centre to Al Fish, who was right in front of the goal and just had to tap the ball to make it 3-0. A minute later Bottomley on the other wing made a similar move and Fish from the same spot scored his second.

Just after that New Hamburg made their serious attack of the match and for a few minutes kept the Acton defenders on their toes. Then Allen, who had fallen back to help, gained possession and took the ball almost the full length of the field passed to Fish got it right back and scored Ten minutes later, Allen, standing just on the edge of the penalty area, got a pass which he hit first time and scored with one of those terrific shots which the fans have grown to expect from him. 4-0 and so it ended.

**Earna Second Shout**  
The Acton backs didn't have a lot to do in the game but what they did was done well to help Calder earn his second shout.

An exhibition with Guelpin City, in first division club, has been arranged for tonight (Thursday) in Acton park. Game time is 7 p.m.

Acton is at home again this week to play Dundas whom they have already beaten at a previous encounter at Dundas.

Acton's Calder, Schupler, Hall, A. Nolan, Davis, Wilson, Bottomley, Fish, Allen, L. Nolan, Smedema, Sutton, Taylor, Seike.

New Hamburg: P. Nagel, Mikler, Bernecker, Falkenberg, O. Nagel, Zander, Fischer, Caiazza, Schuster, Frosse, Roth, Schroder, Simon.

## Concern Over Rate Of Work at School

Concern was expressed this week that the present rate of progress of the North Halton High School Board's new building here, accommodation may not be ready in time for the start of the new school year.

It was stated that all work on the exterior and grounds of the new high school is completed, including finishing and installation of a kitchen yet to be done inside the building.

While outside finishing appears to be well advanced, some plumbing and electrical work is still expected to be in progress at the start of the new school year.

Heating plant and plumbing installations are far advanced as far as the state of work goes. A steam work will be done.

Meanwhile in order to begin alterations at the old high school, furniture and equipment is being moved to a storage room which has been prepared for this purpose.

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