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## Shaky Listowel Team Squeezes Acton Nine Out of Playdowns

### Rolls Into Town

The colorful Castlegar Wag-on, goodwill agent for Waterloo county and its International Flaming Match next month, rolls into Acton Monday afternoon to deliver a challenge to Acton's Mayor Tyler to pit his plowing prowess against fellow municipal principals in the mayors' and reverend plowing contest.

The local mayor is quite agreeable to the idea. It is understood, and will be on hand Labor Day to receive the plow-type wagon and its occupants. On Page Six of this issue will be found a photograph of the wagon and more information about the International Match.

## New Proprietors Open Bowling Lane

Formerly Stoney Creek residents, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hulford have purchased the Acton Bowling Lanes and after redecorating and remodeling the local alleys are re-opening this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulford, with nearly 25 years experience in bowling alley operation, have added new equipment to the six-lane alleys, had the lanes refinished and have changed floor coverings and the painting scheme.

Presently living on Bower Ave. with their young daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hulford are members of the Ontario Bowling Association and the Ontario Bowling Proprietors' Association.

## Letters to Editor Follow Award Wins

Following last week's announcement that the Free Press won three awards in 1954 C.W.N.A. better newspapers competition, letters of inquiry for sample copies and notes of congratulations have been received from many sources by the editor.

Instead of reprinting these letters to the editor in full, a condensation of their contents is printed with the following extracts:

The Fort Elgin Times: "Congratulations! I was so glad to see the Free Press win the Printer and Publisher Special, and to see it mentioned in the best all-round paper and best editorial page competitions."

Bell Telephone Company district manager, C. S. Keith: "We would like to join your many friends and offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes for continuing success in your contribution to the field of journalism."

White-Hoake Papers President, R. T. Barnard: "It must have been very gratifying indeed for your paper to have received so many awards as it did at the 35th annual convention of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. Our very sincere congratulations for those awards."

As a result of the 1954 awards, other letters to the editor from weekly newspapers and interested readers have been received asking for sample copies of the Free Press and for comments or information dealing with this paper's editorial and technical production.

## Night Shift Work For Beaver in Lake

Again, beaver have been seen in Fairy Lake.

Late one evening last week Doug Mason heard a splash back of his Lake Ave home and went to the edge of the water to investigate. Intent on its work, a large beaver swam briskly up to the lily pads at the end of his garden, took a mouthful of grass and sticks and paddled away.

Mr. Mason got a flashlight quickly and turned the beam on the animal to make sure of its identity. The light didn't upset the industrious beaver at all as it continued in its traditionally business-like way apparently working the night shift.

## Honors Members Music Study Group

Members of the Acton Music Study group gathered Thursday evening last week at the home of Mrs. C. Heiler. While meetings are not held during the summer, the group would like to invite all its members who are leaving Acton before the September meeting.

Copies and samples were presented to Mrs. Ralph Price and Mrs. E. Haris. Mrs. Price is moving to Milton, E. Haris to Mississauga and Mrs. Haris to Mississauga.

## Variety Race

Donville, Que. (CP)—A variety race in the annual fair here called for entrants to drive their horses to the starting line hitched to buzzers. When the starter gives the "go" signal they leap from the vehicles unharnessed, the animals run once around the buzzers, harness and drive once around the track.

## Nasty August Exit Amid Rain and Cold

Cool and uncomfortable could describe August's unseasonable exit at best—cold and miserably wet would be better to identify the month's closing mood at worst.

At a time of the year when heat waves are usual summer fare and haven't been liking it a bit.

Rain has provided unsavory fare from Sunday to Tuesday. Temperatures have gone down far enough in the evening to let residents have a look at their breath. Cloudy, cold skies and damp air has nudged reluctant householders to turn the oil on in order to cut the chill in their houses.

Wednesday the sun came out—as did lines full of washing all over town—and shone some promise of better, more seasonable weather for the Labor Day weekend.

## See Duchess Open Generating Station

When the Sir Adam Beck-Niagara Generating Station No. 2 was officially opened by the Duchess of Kent on Monday, Mayor and Mrs. E. J. Tyler, Warden and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, and Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Oakes were guests at the ceremony and at the luncheon which followed.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission extended the invitation to the Acton officials and their wives to be present.

Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Kent, C.I., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., gave an inspiring address and opened the new station. She was accompanied by her daughter, Princess Alexandra.

Addresses were also given by Robert Saunders, chairman of the Ontario hydro and Hon. Leslie Frost, prime minister of Ontario.

The imposing new 1,220,000-horsepower generating station comes into service during the greatest expansion period in Ontario's history. Designed and constructed by highly skilled Canadian engineers and labor forces, it is named after Sir Adam Beck, the "father of hydro" and first chairman of the commission from 1906 to 1925.

## Work at Feverish Pace This Week to Finish High School

Painters are back again touching up the spots that were soiled when installations were made and furniture moved in. Most of the furniture for teachers' desks, principals' and general office is on hand, as well as teachers' desks for the classrooms.

If pupils on opening day do not have the seats and desks that were ordered nine months ago they will get a practical demonstration of how labor unions may cramp their ordinary freedoms. A strike at the plant making these desks was called in July. It is understood the men went back to work on Wednesday and that delivery of the desks will start this week or early in the following week.

However, school will open on Tuesday and folding chairs are being provided by the company as a temporary seating arrangement for four of the classrooms. The next few days will see just how delivery of these furnishings will work out.

Acton and district pupils will find a great change in High School accommodation here this year. Lockers will be available for every student for clothing and books. Ample cupboard space in every science room had water, gas and electric connections made and will be completed today.

## Will Be Ready For Pupils By Tuesday

The school will open on Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday plumbing and partitions in the washrooms were not quite complete. The electrical contractors had quite a bit of their work to do including the installation of the electric clocks and outside lighting. However, the three converters were in place and it appeared power would be turned on in the building today.

The school will operate from the start on 60 cycle power and will not require any changing in November when the changeover comes to Acton.

Drapes were put on all the classrooms this week and wooden slat blinds on the shop machinery. Half of the eight desks in the science room had water, gas and electric connections made and will be completed today.

## First Workout For Acton's gleaming new, \$7,000 hydro department truck was to uproot some stubborn stumps on Mill Street where preparations to lay new sidewalk, on the south side, from John St. to Elgin Street, are being made.

The shiny red vehicle has the latest in necessary equipment, ranging from a winch to a cooler for drinking water.

## New Walk, Wall For Main St. South

Main Street's west bank, south of Mill Street, is undergoing a dressing up this week as town employees continue excavation and extension of the sidewalk. But, most notable change is the construction of a handsome retaining wall.

Build of cut limestone wall rises from a few feet at Queen St. to over six feet. It will extend two blocks south.

It is the intention of council to excavate the sidewalk as far as the street's extension. Concrete or gravel will be used where applicable.

The sidewalk reconstruction was prompted by a decision of the hydro department to relocate poles in this area to line up with poles over the crest of the hill. New poles have been moved out, closer to the road, and the sidewalk will run between the poles and the boulevard cut which, near the retaining wall, has been brought back as far as 12 ft.

## Lorne Scots Band Wins at CNE

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Information telephoned to this office from the Exhibition grounds immediately after the conclusion of the class at 1 p.m., brought news of the excellent showing of the band, made up of members from Acton, Georgetown, Milton and Brampton.

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## Headed Police Force At Richmond Hill

R. Robbins, who has been on the provincial police force in Acton since May 1, 1953, began his new duties as chief constable at Richmond Hill on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins lived in Richmond Hill for two years before moving to Acton. The town then had a provincial police force, but has just changed to have its own policemen. Mr. Robbins now heads the force there after being selected from among 65 applicants.

Although there are only two men at present, it is expected there will be at least two more next year. The area is expanding rapidly, and the family is searching for a home among the new subdivisions in the locality. Mrs. Robbins and the children are still in Acton.

Although Actonians for only a little over a year, Mr. and Mrs. Robbins joined several local organizations. Mr. Robbins was active in the Lawn Bowling club and headed the tournament committee. He was also vice-president of Acton United church and helped the Boy Scouts with their woodworking projects. Both Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were members of the United church choir and the couples' club.

It is expected that a new appointment to the Acton division of the provincial police will be made at once.

## Driver Unhurt After Car Rolls in Ditch

Thomas Yateman, Acton, escaped injury early Friday evening when the 1934 Terraplane model car he was driving rolled into a ditch about two miles west of town on No. 7 Highway and was damaged to the extent of about \$300.

According to provincial police officer George Moore, the car's steering mechanism became defective while Yateman was driving, causing him to lose control and plow into the ditch where the vehicle rolled over.

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Girls' three-legged race—Leslie Daby, Carol Cardler, mixed winner race, Charlene Marshall, soda blizzard race, Rodger Lambert.

Men's horse race, Charlie Hubble, Ken Mann, ladies' needle and thread race, Edna Huffnagle, Mary Buckman, mixed three-legged race, Bill Benson, Joanne Stuekey, H. Lambert, N. Lambert, men's balloon race, Ken Mann, Rita Braida, ladies' balloon race, Hazel Andrews, Beryl Creighton, mixed relay, Beryl Creighton, Lil Marshall, Jane Davidson, Freda Buckman.

## Holiday Monday

Labor Day September 6 and a holiday for Canada. So the staff of this newspaper can enjoy the holiday, it would be appreciated if correspondents and advertisers would bear the Monday holiday in mind and submit advertising copy by Saturday noon where possible. Correspondents are asked to mail their news letters not later than the usual Tuesday morning.

The office of this paper will be closed on Labor Day.

## District Governor Addresses Rotary

The Rotary club of Acton on Tuesday was host to C. F. Basil Tippett, district governor of the No. 247 district of Rotary International who is making his annual official visit to each of the 63 Rotary clubs in this region. He addressed the club and conferred with president Art Padbury and Secretary Ted Hanson and committee chairmen on Rotary administration and service activities.

Mr. Tippett spoke to the group on the international aspects of Rotary. He was introduced by Mr. Padbury and thanked by Amos Mason.

Fred Wright reported on the 50th jubilee year activities and Harold Leeb on crippled children's work. Equipping the high school nurse's room with a bed, seats and chairs was discussed.

The past president's pin was presented by Vic Rumbley by the district governor, Mr. Tippett.

Mr. Tippett is the president of several companies in Toronto, including the Tippett-Beardson Limited. He was elected district governor at the annual convention in Seattle, Washington, last June. He is one of 220 district governors supervising the activities of some 8,300 Rotary clubs which have a membership of 350,000 business and professional executives in 39 countries throughout the world.

Each year this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and strength.

## Local Go Two Up

The first goal game after 20 minutes of play. Slaven brought the ball up the middle, passed to Allen, who moved out to the left. He let fly right across the goal mouth and into the corner farthest from him.

Ten minutes later Smedema brought the ball through on his own and tried a similar shot. It was going wide until Sutton put in a squirt and managed to get his foot to it to put Acton two up.

For a few minutes after the kick-off the ball remained about in the middle, with a surprise move by Slaven, lobbed over Acton's defence to Leppert, who just ran the ball past Calder into the net.

## Heads in Free Kick

Score was 2-1 at the start of the second half but not for long. Acton was awarded a free kick close to the German's goal line. Nolan took it, a perfect centre right on to Smedema's head and he just nodded it past the goalie.

A few minutes later Nolan brought the ball up the wing fast, another centre to Smedema, this time to his feet and without a break in stride, he lobbed it over Stephan's head.

The visitors had their share of play but could not develop a really dangerous move until, after about 30 minutes of play. The move was stopped by Schipper but unfortunately it was not too rough on the goal and a free kick was awarded just outside of Acton's penalty area.

## Boonies Into Goal

Nolan took the kick and tried for goal. The ball struck the crossbar just at the angle and bounced down behind the line to give them their second.

Nolan made that one back minutes later. He tried a shot from long range. Stephan had it covered all the way until it struck a bump right in front of him and bounced between his arms and legs into the net.

Acton—Calder, Schipper, Hall, Nolan, Davies, Wilson, Bottomley, Allen, Smedema, Slaven, Sutton, Doble, Soike, Taylor.

German Canadians—Stephan, Kowalsky, Honorel, Krippe, Niemay, Sebalele, Hong, Kuljan, Sandrog, Leppert, Brunner, Orolin, Sargaria.

Referee—R. Richardson, Braided.

## Leadership Training Need Seen By New YMCA Secretary Here

The new secretary of the Acton Y.M.C.A., B. B. Brayshaw, arrived in Acton on Tuesday and immediately is making plans for a leadership training program.

Mr. Brayshaw has been with the Kingston Y.M.C.A. for the past three years. He thinks that the fact that there is no training here is a concern as for Acton Y will be to train for adequate leadership.

Although no details on programs have been made yet, he hopes to supervise a program for "everyone in the community." He will meet with the program committee of the local Y tonight.

At the Kingston Y, with a membership of about 600, he heads up the youth and young adult work of the program. He enjoys basketball, baseball, football and hockey as well as the sports.

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## Soccer Club Sights Trophy After Ninth Straight Victory Saturday

Acton Soccer Club, emerging on top of a 5-2 score, gained four points by their ninth straight win when they met the German Canadians in the park on Saturday. This was Acton's clear lead in their division and hopes of winning a trophy are high.

The game started fairly slow with neither team finding their feet until near the middle of the first half, both had their share of play but the only dangerous move was made by Acton and was well topped by the Hamilton team goalie, G. Stephan, who went flat to push a shot from Allen round the upright.

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## Awarded Highest Marks in Ontario

Miss Mary Jane Force, a piano pupil of Miss Ethel Franklin, won outstanding honors in recent examinations of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto. The Conservatory awarded a silver medal to the Acton girl, and the Frederick Harris Music Company awarded her a scholarship.

The silver medal is awarded annually to students in each province who obtain the highest marks in their grades in the practical examinations given by the Conservatory's examiners. Her mark in Grade IV piano was the highest in the province of Ontario.

The Frederick Harris scholarship provides a sum of money to be used for continued tuition with your present teacher.

The Conservatory wrote letters of congratulation to Miss Force last week, and informed her of her awards.

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