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Acton Game Shy of League Title As Hamburg Beaten

Acton continued to pile up points despite the fact that the team was short three of its regular men, when they beat New Hamburg 5-1, for the second time last Saturday.

Conditions were perfect and both teams settled to the game almost at once. Five minutes after the start of the game, Acton's centre forward, Allen, had to leave the field because of an injury sustained in the previous week's game. He was unable to return.

Wilson, usually a defensive player but moved to the forward line because of the shortage, scored Acton's first goal. It was from a corner kick taken by Bottomley. The ball dropped right in the middle and Bill just put his head to it to knock it into the net.

Play continued at a fast pace but neither team seemed able to finish the moves they started.

Two penalty shots were taken during the interval, however, with Acton playing in Hamburg's goal mouth right from the kick-off. It was Wilson again who scored with a hard shot which passed wide of Nagel and went into the top corner. Five minutes later Smedema made it three with a long shot that the goalie didn't see until it had passed him.

Hamburg seemed to pick up a bit at this time and Acton was hard put to keep them out. A penalty was called when the ball struck Davies' hand but the shot went wide of the upright. This was the second one missed. The first, called for no apparent reason, went high over the bar. Minutes after the penalty another free kick was given, this time outside the penalty area. Simon came in to take it and it was a lovely shot which, despite Calder's valiant dive, just scraped inside the post.

Need One Victory
Acton pressed hard after this and it paid off when Sutton took one of the many corner kicks. The ball went high, seemed to be dropping in front of the goal, when it swerved and passed right over Nagel's head into the net.

With 10 minutes left to go, Smedema scored the last goal, to give Acton a 5-1 victory. He was perfectly positioned in front of the goal when he received a pass from Sutton and he just tapped it into the net.

The Acton team is at home this week to meet the K-W Dutechmen, one of the two teams which so far have beaten them if Acton's victorious this time, they will have won their division of the Southern Ontario League and earned their position in the play-offs.

Acton: Calder, Schipper, Ball, Nolan, Davies, Soike, Dable, Bottomley, Smedema, Wilson, Sutton.
New Hamburg: P. Nagel, Whitfield, Bernecker, Zander, O. Nagel, Schlessner, Fischer, Calazzo, Busch, Froese, Simon (Schleicher, Schroeder, Menach).



LABOR DAY VISITORS to Acton were many, but it's doubtful if any arrived in a more unusual conveyance than the group of Kitchener service club representatives who drove in behind this handsome pair of Belgians in a covered wagon to challenge Mayor Tyler. The Mayor's challenge, all done up in a ribboned scroll, was to take part in the Mayors' and Reeves' contest at the international plowing match in Waterloo county next month. Acton's mayor is shown here accepting the challenge.

Stalled on Tracks Car Hit By Train

Following a train crash at a Corwin level crossing Monday night, Mrs. Jessie DeGroot of R.R. 1 Moffat, was rushed to Guelph General hospital in serious condition. The car in which she was riding was struck by a C.P.R. passenger train. The car was stalled on the tracks at Moffat when the train hit it. Mr. DeGroot made a frantic effort to push the car from the tracks but was unable to do so.

The engine which smashed the car had to be pulled back before Mrs. DeGroot could be removed from the car. The gas-electric engine was not damaged while the DeGroot car suffered \$700 damage.

Ontario Provincial Police from the Guelph detachment investigated.

View Town Budget As "Fairly Close"

Presentation of the municipal auditor's report on Acton to the end of June of this year drew the comment at Tuesday night's council meeting that "most departments are sticking fairly close to budget."

Budgeted revenue for the year is \$210,889.93, while to June 30 a total revenue of \$158,828.11 is stated. Expenditures during the same period are noted as higher than revenue at \$180,285.40—but this does not necessarily reflect an insecure state of finances when revenue lags such as taxes and grants are considered, and early scheduled expenses are taken into account.

Halton at the Ex Facts Incomplete Ask Adjournment

Competing in the Canadian National Exhibition classes in Toronto last week Halton dairymen came off with some prizes in the heavy competition. The complete results of the activities of the local breeders are featured this week in the regular farm news column appearing on page six.

Old Wagon, Truck Monday Highlights

Riding in an old-fashioned pine-wagon, three gentlemen in Western hats toured Acton streets and halted their fine team of Belgians at the town hall Monday afternoon. Dismounting, the trio issued to Acton's mayor Ted Tyler a challenge to plow in the mayors' class at the International Plowing Match in October.

Driven by Bert Laekke, the Carleton Place wagon with its team of horses is touring Ontario towns issuing similar challenges. The challenge itself is a formal one with the name of the town of Acton inscribed at the top. A crowd of interested townspeople watched the brief ceremony and, as the old wagon trundled away, moved up the street a little to watch a wedding party leave St. Alban's church. A decorated truck with a bride in shimmering white, a laughing groom and two flower girls in blue, took over the spotlight.

In court in Acton on Wednesday, two Acton men charged with assault were remanded until October 13.

Exceeded Survey Public School Enrolment, Anticipated by a General Survey Five Years Ago, Was Exceeded by 50 Pupils on Tuesday. There were 500 pupils in the eight grades and the kindergarten. There was a marked general increase from last year, when total enrolment was 516 at the beginning of the year.

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Tuesday morning the promotion lists were read in the assembly hall and the students moved to their new rooms. Although they did not remain at school in the morning, this year the students returned in the afternoon to begin their term of learning promptly. It was the first time at the public school for over 100 pupils. There are 21 new pupils who have come to town and 87 in kindergarten. One of the first events of the school year was a visit from the two inspectors, L. J. Skure and Robert Bornhold, on Wednesday.

750 Pupils Fill Classrooms; High School Found Too Small

Highest Enrolment Recorded Tuesday

Tuesday morning at 9 a.m., 750 students from kindergarten to upper school, returned to their studies in Acton. The total of Actonians at school three-quarters of a thousand—is the highest it has ever been throughout all the grades with only one exception. In grade 12, 13 pupils registered; last year there were 18.

With some pupils missing due to summer jobs or inability to catch the school bus, high school enrolment Tuesday morning totalled 166. This rose to 170 by Wednesday. Upper school enrolment was more than doubled last year there were six students, this year 13 in grade 11 there are 25 students up 11 from last year. There are twice as many in grade 10 as in grade 11—a total of 52. Last year there were just 33 in grade 10. Grade nine completes the picture with the highest registration in one grade; there were 67 beginning high school in the much-adorned new building.

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NEW RECTOR of St. Alban's Anglican church, Acton, and St. John's church, Rockwood, Rev. Ivan H. Jones, B.A., I.Th., will officially begin his duties here October 1.

New Car and Truck In Head-on Crash

No injury to vehicle occupants was reported following a head-on collision Saturday evening west of No. 7 highway, a 1954 model car driven by Lloyd Hinnshon, Toronto, travelling west, turned out to pass another car on a slight hill.

At the foot of the hill the Hinnshon vehicle collided with a new model sedan delivery truck driven by Herbert Rosenwald, Eder, Md., who was travelling toward Acton.

Both vehicles ended up in the ditch on the south side of the highway and were later towed away.

W.A. Tours Garden Following Meeting

The Woman's Association of Acton United church met at the home of Mrs. C. W. Mason on Tuesday with the president, Mrs. H. Burns, presiding. After the meeting opened with the Ode and prayer, the roll call was answered by "harvest." This devotional period was taken by Mrs. H. Burns and Miss E. Hawthorne.

Best wishes were extended to Mrs. J. Mowat, who is leaving for her new home in Toronto. She has been a member for many years. Plans were made for an event in the church in the near future. Lunch was served by Mrs. Mason, assisted by Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Veldhuis, Mrs. Cleave, Mrs. Wilderspin and Mrs. Burns. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Mason for her home and to the lunch committee.

Schoolroom Leaves First Day of Class

Surprise entertainment on the first day of school was the moving of a former classroom down the school lane and across town. The one-roomed frame structure was used as an extra schoolroom for six or seven years. It was sold to Corp. Ray Mason recently.

Carried cautiously behind a truck, the house was relocated on a lot on Arthur St., where it will be converted into a house. Two trees at the public school were cut to make room for the perambulating house.

High School Needs Room and Teacher

Acton's new High School, which opened Tuesday morning, had the largest registration ever and was found inadequate to meet the present High School needs of Acton and district.

One hundred and sixty-six pupils registered on Tuesday morning, 35 more than a year ago and necessitates the engaging of an additional teacher. It will also be necessary to use the general office as a classroom for grade 13. Registration by Thursday had reached a total of 170.

To keep pace with the needs for High School accommodation, it was so imperative that one of the proposed extensions sketched in the plans would be started at once. Public school enrolment has been more than estimated and this will reflect on High School needs. It is well that adequate grounds and plans of the building took into consideration the need for expansion. Contract for the present building was made over a year ago.

Strike Halts Desks
Pupils found on Tuesday morning that desks beyond control of the Board had made it impossible to get down to the fall term immediately. Strike has halted delivery of desks and chairs for the classrooms. It is expected delivery will be made the last of this week. Chairs which were shipped by transport from Toronto between Tuesday and Thursday of last week arrived at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning and boys placed them in the rooms after unpacking and delivery.

Beyond delivery of furnishings, the completion of electric work by the contractor is about the only unfinished item. Sixty cycle power was made available last Friday morning. The interior lighting is partly installed and requires some adjustment. However, this is not curtailing school work.

Installation of clocks and bells and outside lighting of the building are also unfinished. Delay of the electrical installations has been a problem throughout the building of the school.

Bus Routes Hampered
The architects, Messrs. Barnett and Rieder, were at the school last Thursday and conferred with contractors on items that required adjustment. The building was found satisfactory on this inspection and well above the average for first inspection of building.

Work has been progressing on seeding and landscaping. The big fence which surrounds the electric converters will be removed in early November as soon as power in Acton is changed over to 60 cycles. The bus route to Acton, school could not be completed along the Erin-Essex town line since two bridges on this road are in the course of construction. Until these are repaired, the pupils will be picked up either at Ballinfad or along No. 7 highway.

Delegates Attend Labor Day Meeting

As representatives of the Guelph Presbytery Young People, Miss Inez McLellan and Jim Greer of Acton attended the Labor Day council meeting for the Synod of Kingston and Toronto last week-end. Rev. R. Armstrong of Knox church, Acton, acted as dean of the camp. The council meeting was held at Highlands Lodge, Heckley Valley near Orangeville.

Rev. Armstrong was nominated as honorary president of the Synod. Elections will be held on Thanksgiving week-end at the convention in Oshawa.

Sewer Work Halt Irritates Councillors

Ratepayers in Warren Grove aren't the only annoyed citizens over the confusion and inconvenience in that area where sewer extension work is alternately starting and stopping. Tuesday night members of council painted their own views sympathetic to those of Warren Grove residents, but at the same time acknowledged there was little that could be done to ease the irritation.

Council learned at this week's meeting that the Galt contractor, Geo. Shultz, will not take the steps to insure a firm footing for new pipe laying in short, install well points unless the town makes extra compensation for this operation. The town, under the terms of the contract, is not responsible for this obligation, it was noted.

It was further pointed out that the contractor, who ceased work in mid-August after the engineer ruled the Warren Grove soil too soggy for further tie installation, has not advised the engineer or the town if he's pulled off the job.

Bonding Company Notified
Council listened to a copy of a letter from the engineer outlining the particulars of this and previous work stoppages and sent to the bonding company which backed Mr. Shultz's contract bond.

Members ultimately concluded they could do nothing until definite notification of the contractor's position or indisposition was received from the engineer.

Council earlier accepted a bid by Western General Contracting, Toronto for \$125,730 to re-roof the tank. The firm quoted five per cent off the cost of materials and included a seven-year guarantee on roof and workmanship. A bid from Harry Gordon for raising the tank roof was also ordered paid.

Application was approved to the Ontario Department of Highways for the annual road subsidy interim grant on \$14,155.28.

To Share Sidewalk Cost
Mayor E. Tyler told members that following a meeting of the police committee with the District Inspector regarding improvement of police office facilities it was suggested the front office in the town hall be divided into general and private quarters. New heating equipment

property to be decided over to the town. Town engineer K. R. Simmons was authorized to purchase needed office equipment and supplies at a cost not to exceed \$400.

Councillor A. Irwin suggested that goldenrod, growing wild in various areas should be cut. Town foreman A. Kirkness told council general weed cutting is to be carried out again shortly.

Building permits methods of issue and checking precautions on plans were questioned by councillor E. Foster who was told the points raised would be investigated.

As council adjourned—at the unusually early hour of 9:30 p.m.—permission was given the Y's Men's Club, following Councillor Weick's request, to hold a sale in the arena. Councillor Lindsay was assured that the peddler of safety shoes about Acton in recent days was not exempt from the hawkers' and peddlers-by-law.

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HALTON'S HOLSTEIN HERD placed second in herd competition, behind Peel, at the Canadian National Exhibition last week. Individual animals shown in this staff photograph of the herd, taken after the judging, are left to right: Aged Bull, Third, J. F. Trimble, Streetsville, best ordered female (Murphy Trophy); Reserve Sr. and Reserve Grand Champion cow, Harold Cooper, Palermo; Junior Yearling bull, first, W. H. Robinson, R.R. 1 Georgetown; three year-old in milk, third, Tovell Bros., Palermo; Junior class of 40, 15th, Gordon Sinclair, R.R. 1 Burlington; Senior Heifer calf, class of 40, first, Tom McGee, Norval.