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Local Juveniles Tie Oakville, Win Over Burlington by One

In a close match at Oakville on Tuesday, Acton juveniles tied the second place Oakville team 2-2. Acton took an early lead when Arbie scored from Footitt at 3:12 of the first period. Lawson got the second marker at the 6:30 mark.

Oakville didn't count till 4:10 of the second period when Janu scored unassisted. Lawrence received credit for Oakville's second goal at the half way mark of the middle period.

Thompson and Currie were sent off for roughing at 11:30 of the second. Thompson was given the gate again at 17:45 of the same period for kneeling.

There was no scoring in the final 20 minutes of play. Withers and Shepard were given minors for slashing at 11:05. Jack Marshall played a brilliant game in the nets for Acton.

Acton: Marshall, Arbie, Lawson, Coon, Withers, Footitt, Baxter, D. Currie, Heatley, Morton, Hunter, F. Currie, Sinclair.

Oakville: B. Brown, Webster, K. Brown, Bosota, Hall, Shephard, Reuman, Fitzsimmons, Sans, Thompson, Lawrence, Adams, Osborne, MacPherson.

Edge Out Burlington

Acton juveniles edged out Burlington 4-3 on Friday night. Masintyre of Burlington was sent off for elbowing early in the first period but Acton failed to take advantage.

Ready opened the scoring for Burlington with Donaldson assisting at the 14 minute mark of the first period. Motion tied it up for Acton late in the first when he lifted a high kick into the upper corner of the Burlington cage.

Footitt put Acton ahead for the first time when he teamed up with Arbie at the eight minute mark of the second period. Ready and Currie both picked up penalties before Footitt struck again with his second counter.

Arbie opened the third period spending two minutes in the cooler. Wilson tallied 10, put the visitors back in the game. With a one man advantage, Coon widened the Acton lead.

Burlington came back within striking distance when they slipped one behind Marshall. A fight late in the last period saw Arbie and Almas receive major penalties and Watkins pick up a minor. Ready was thrown out of the game for attacking referee Bob Marshall.

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Burlington: Slaver, Tuck, Prescott, Spence, Acheson, Almas, Horning, Ready, Donaldson, Watkins, MacIntyre, Thatchuk, Smith, Wilson, Plezman.

Magistrate's Court Hears Eight Cases

Eight cases, involving four traffic violations, two liquor control act violations and two impaired driving charges were heard by Magistrate Langdon in court here Wednesday afternoon.

Two drivers, charged with driving while ability impaired, one a local man, paid a total of \$200 in fines plus a total of \$46 costs.

Four traffic act violators, all from out-of-town, paid a total of \$40 in fines plus costs.

Under the liquor control act, two local residents were charged, one was dismissed and the other found guilty and assessed a fine of \$10 plus \$10 costs.

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ACTON Y.M.C.A. LEADERS were honored at a steak dinner in the Y-Monday evening when pins and crests were presented with certificates of recognition and membership in the National Leaders' Fellowship. Shown left to right, rear row, are Phillip Gaddick, Edward McHugh, Ethel Stuckey and John Schenk; front, Ernie Lawson, Ena Waller, Ann DeForest, Frank Mariscak. Full story on page seven.

Acton Man Injured When Car Crashes

A local man suffered painful injuries and his 1954 model car was badly damaged Sunday morning when the vehicle he was driving went out of control and crashed south of Silvercreek on No. 7 highway east of here.

Hugh Jordan, McDonald Blvd., was driving north about 7 a.m. Sunday morning when he lost control of the car. It swerved into a telephone pole, broke it in three places, cracked against two mailbox standards, then hurdled a utility and crashed against a tree.

Treated later by Dr. W. G. Kennedy, Acton, Jordan was found suffering from cuts and bruises to the chin, abrasions to both knees, a bruised chest and shock. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1500.

Provincial police constable Geo. Moore, Milton, investigated the accident.

Nurse Explains Tuberculin Tests

The Rural Teachers of Equestrian met on Monday, January 17 at Glen Williams public school when the District Health Nurse gave an interesting and informative address on the new health program and tuberculin test being carried out in the schools.

She expressed her thanks to the teachers for the co-operation she received from them in her work.

A general discussion period was followed by a motion of adjournment. Those present at the meeting were Miss Rossell, Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Brown of the Glen staff; Miss McEdward, Waterloo; Mrs. Presswood, Mountainview; Mrs. Cromar, Ashgrove; Mrs. Pollock and Mrs. Dory, Stewarttown; Miss Sinclair, Hornby; Mrs. Hopercraft, Stewarttown; Miss Sinclair, Hornby; Mrs. Hopercraft, Quatre Bras; Miss Kidd, Cedarvale; Mrs. Copeland, Miss Carson and Mr. Cascaadden, Norval.

Y.M.C.A. Week

It's Y.M.C.A. Week in Canada and the United States from January 23 to January 30. To mark the occasion in Acton and report on special activities, the Free Press devotes page seven of this issue to the Acton Y.M.C.A.

Four C.G.I.T. Girls Conduct Worship

The C.G.I.T. of Knox Presbyterian church met in the Sunday school room of the church Monday, opening with games and a sing song led by Miss Watkins. The president, Margaret Armstrong, led the business. They planned to have a special meeting next week visiting other groups.

Ruth Spielvogel, Ella Jany, Rhonda McEachern and Betty Lemoy conducted the worship service. The meeting closed with taps.

W.I. Sale, Euchre Have Many Prizes

There were 25 tables of euchre in play at the Acton Women's Institute penny sale and euchre in the parish hall on Friday evening.

Following are the prize winners: child's pyjamas, Mrs. Van Fleet; candy, E. McDonald; aprons, Henry Wedge; cup and saucer, F. Hellert; cigarettes, Mrs. Fern Shultis; apron, Mrs. W. Chisholm; jewellery voucher, Mrs. J. Lovell; picture, E. Brown; salt and pepper set, Ann Mapledeen; socks, C. Mapledeen; groceries, D. Tourner; tomato juice, Mrs. Greer; baby's dress, Ray Goodwin; dish, June Rose; soap, Mrs. S. Rowles; set of glasses, Mrs. Golden; three pounds of butter, Fred Anderson; milk tickets, Miss Langtry; groceries, Mrs. A. M. McEachern; tie, A. Mooney; powder, Elsie Roach; towels, Mrs. L. Bradshaw; ham, Mrs. S. McEachern; stockings, Mary Osborne; children's stockings, Mrs. Holloway.

Men's first prize, brush and comb, Jim Van Fleet; men's second prize, socks, Mel McCullough; ladies' first prize, picture, Mrs. O. Lockyer; ladies' second prize, box of candy, Mary Matthews; men's consolation prize, J. Ford; ladies' consolation prize, Mrs. B. Footitt; travelling prize, ladies', Mrs. O. Lockyer; travelling prize, men's, Mrs. O. Lockyer; lucky cup prize, apron, Mrs. Lambert; lucky cup prize, personalized luncheon napkins, Mrs. Roberts; lucky cushion, Mrs. O. Lockyer; the plate and cake were won by Mrs. Fred Anderson.

The ten provincial governments had net general revenues of \$1,314 million in 1953, about 29 per cent of Ottawa's total revenue that year.

\$1,811 of Books Added to Library

At a meeting of the Acton Library Board held on Thursday, January 20, it was pointed out that the library now has a better class of books than ever before, the sum of \$1,811 having been paid for books in 1954. The number of books taken out in 1953 was 17,588 and this increased to 20,384 in 1954.

Nearly all fiction books shown in Toronto Public Libraries List of books in demand are available, and also many new books on carpentry, sewing, electricity, furniture making and other occupational hobbies. Membership cards are available at a low cost. The library, located in the Y.M.C.A. building, is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

There are lots of hearts in the new mat service book just arrived. Any advertiser who's looking ahead to Valentine's Day will find the perfect illustrations for his products—flowers, candy, baking, jewellery and other gifts. Advertisers are always welcome to look through our books of illustrations.

Supper Precedes Church Meeting

Following a pot luck supper, the annual meeting of Acton United church was held last Friday evening. There were games and moving pictures for the children and their parents attended the business meeting.

The reports showed the best year yet for the congregation with total receipts for the year of over \$13,000 and missionary gifts over \$2,000. It was decided that in the next three years the church would support the work of church extension in the Presbytery to the extent of over \$1,200.

Ken Allen reported on the expansion of facilities and Walter Woodburn on finances.

Officers were elected to the Board of Stewards and the Session and the board was empowered to fill any vacancies which may occur.

Rev. Currey expressed thanks to the retiring officers.

The minister was presented with a purse of money and Mrs. Currey with a bouquet of carnations.

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P.U.C. Finances Not as Rosy As Audit Shows: Secretary

In 1954, Acton Public Utilities Commission had a very favorable financial picture, according to audit figures released at last week's meeting. However, when the other side of the statement is taken into account with capital cost expenditures of \$18,039, the hydro operations profit of \$10,018 becomes a deficit of \$7,420.

Hydro auditors do not take capital expenditures into account on the spread between revenue and

disbursement, secretary J. McGeachie explained. In 1954, expenses were \$140,032.32, while revenue was \$150,059.72. Capital costs, experienced last year by the P.U.C. as mostly unavoidable disbursements, hike the expense total to \$7,420.87 over the total of 1954 revenue.

The Commission's five members criticized the stringent control the Hydro office exercises over local Commissioners' financial planning. Chairman F. G. Oakes remarked at

one point that the total of capital expenditures in the year was greater than the difference to the Commission in the buying and selling cost of power.

Give Salary Increases For several weeks a meeting has been pending with Hamilton hydro office officials. Most recent reply from this office tells the Commission that before a meeting date can be set estimates of 1955 capital cost expenses should be remitted for study. Members handily agreed this was anything but convenient and asked the secretary to try to arrange the meeting for January 28.

In addition to regular minutes Secretary McGeachie read minutes of a special meeting January 13. At this meeting members compared costs, revenue and salaries in Commission of nearby towns.

Salary adjustments to hydro department and waterworks department employees were later agreed on as follows: Superintendent D. Mason, \$300 increase; K. McPhail, \$350 increase; W. Kelly, \$200 increase; Superintendent J. Lambert \$150 increase; A. Duby, \$450 increase.

At last week's meeting W. Kelly appeared to object to the spread between two of the hydro department increases. Chairman Oakes explained the Commission's reasoning in setting the figures. The Commission later considered there would be no change in Mr. Kelly's increase.

Colored Lights Viewed Turning to other matters, members decided the flat rate for power charged to Thomas and Thomas Construction at the Glenora subdivision would continue. The firm had objected as too high an arbitrary bill for power consumed.

Final cost of tree-trimming, completed last fall by hydro superintendent Mason and his men, was estimated at \$671. This figure was emphasized as being \$100 to \$300 less than the \$774 and \$950 figures tendered by outside tree experts to do the same job.

Representatives of the local Chamber of Commerce civic committee, T. Jones, H. Elliott and R. Sly, appeared to seek transfer of the colored lights on Mill and Main streets to Chamber control.

If the Commission would supply operation labor and power for the lights, it was proposed, the Chamber would bear maintenance and extension costs. Mr. Jones submitted the Chamber would like to be in a position to use the lights on more occasions than Christmas time.

In reply, the Commission said if the Chamber wanted the lights turned on periodically a pilot wiring arrangement would be needed—which is an additional cost item. Also, the Commission reminded the delegation that most of the lights are owned by the defunct retail merchants' association.

No agreement was reached on the request, pending further consultation of Chamber councillors.

Secretary McGeachie reported that following receipt of a telegram advising of the death of Hydro Chairman B. H. Saunders, a letter was prepared and sent to his family offering condolences from "one smaller member of the hydro family." Commission members approved this action and asked a copy of the letter be included in the minutes.

Several expressions of praise and regard for the late Hydro Chairman were made in the remarks on this matter.

The Commission passed a motion authorizing the (waterworks) superintendent to buy future fuel oil supplies from Thompson Fuel Service in Acton. Members also agreed to make provision for several delegates to attend the annual convention of municipal hydro commissioners and employees in Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Vice-Chairman E. Hufnagel reminded members of a complaint about the unsatisfactory location of a fire hydrant in Warren Grove.

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R. Everdell Again Fair President To Organize Parade Next Year

Ray Everdell was returned unanimously as president of Acton Fair for his second year at the annual meeting in Acton town hall on Saturday. Officers and directors were named and reports indicating a very successful year were read at the meeting.

Returned to the positions on the board they held in 1954 are: first vice-president, Smith Griffin; second vice-president, William Thompson and secretary, William Mrs. Irene Swackhamer.

Directors are M. Madill, F. Kentner, L. Hemaley, M. McCullough, D. Rodgers, C. Denny, J. Marshall, C. Sprawl, C. Aitken, L. McLean, D. P. West, Gordon Leslie, J. Dennis, L. McEnery, B. Watson, N. Braida and S. Morrison.

The associate directors are to be chosen at a later meeting.

Honorary directors are A. Robinson, L. O. Johnston, J. J. Stewart, Dr. F. G. Oakes, George Wallace, E. Johnston, W. A. Woodburn, A. Swackhamer, W. Davies, G. Somerville, M. Sprawl, R. L. Davidson, R. R. Parker, M. Symon, W. Linham and J. Moles.

Auditors are J. Allen and W. Dobbie.

Directors' Report Attendance at the meeting was very encouraging.

The directors' reports on various classes showed increased entries in most classes and improvements in quality. Special mention was made of the light horse classes and commercial feature classes in market cattle, believed to be the best yet at Acton fair. Much improvement was noted in the school children's work.

Plans were discussed for the 1955 fair, which will be held on September 16 and 17. On motion of C. McKeown and R. L. Davidson, a committee of three directors is to be chosen to organize a parade to be held on fair day.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Everdell and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer are to attend the Fair Convention at Toronto in February.

R. L. Davidson expressed the appreciation of the board of directors to the president and to the secretary for their help in making 1954 a successful year.

Plans are being made for a dinner for the officers and directors of last year.

The auditor's report was given by J. Allen.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. M. O'Brien of Rockwood, who reached her 100th birthday last Saturday.

Recover Stolen Car Rifle Found Missing

Three days after his car was stolen from in front of his Agnes Street home, Gordon Harding was notified by police that the vehicle was found abandoned in Toronto.

The car was stolen January 5 and recovered the following week. Local police reported this week the car was undamaged. A rifle belonging to Mr. Harding was missing from the car, however.

"Steady Progress" Noted by Rector

The annual Vestry Meeting of St. Alban's Anglican church was held in the parish hall on Monday. It was noted in the statistical report that there are 195 families looking to St. Alban's for spiritual ministrations and 70 individual members. The total number of souls in the parish is 400. The total enrollment in the church school has climbed to 173 with an average Sunday attendance of 119.

The rector noted that 1954 was a year of steady progress. Receipts have tripled since 1945. The rector expressed his sincere appreciation to all those who contributed to the completion of a very successful year.

The rector appointed William Denny as his warden for the coming year and Leslie A. Duby was elected people's warden. The wardens appointed Vic Bristow as treasurer, A. Clifford was elected envelope secretary and the wardens appointed K. Knox as vestry clerk.

This year the Advisory Council was expanded to include two women representatives. The two lay representatives to the Synod are Henry Jolley and Fred Kingsmill and the substitute is K. Knox.

A number of new sidesmen are to be appointed this year to assist the wardens, and Cyril Taylor has been appointed chairman of the sidesmen for the year 1955.

The annual reports were given by the various organizations: Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Auxiliary, the Guild, Church School, Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, senior and junior choirs. Each of these organizations reported a substantial increase in interest, membership and finances.

Pipes Lead Haggis At Burns Program

A special Burns supper and program was arranged by Fred Wright for the weekly meeting of the Rotary club on Tuesday. Traditional haggis was on the menu and, traditionally, pipers set the scene.

Robbie Burns was the topic of a paper read by Mr. Ruddy of Guelph and Jack Robertson of Milton added a reading of some of Burns' poetry to his talk. Providing the Scottish music were Piper McVeigh, Pipe Major Whittle and drummer Norman Wright.

H. S. District Board First Meeting Held, Name W. Coon Chairman

William J. Coon, Acton, was the unanimous choice for chairman of North Halton High School District Board at the inaugural meeting of the Board in Acton Monday night. Dr. J. B. Milne of Georgetown was chosen as vice-chairman for the year. The new member for Equestrian, Mr. Coles, was introduced and welcomed to the Board.

Committees selected were as follows, with the first named as chairman: Finance and Management, Dilis, Milne, Hall, Coles and Carbert; Transportation, Brown, Cook and Masterman; Building, Carbert, Hall, Cleave, Masterman and Brown; Property, Pickett, Cook and Forgrave.

Vacancies on the staff at Milton High School had been arranged on a temporary basis with Mr. Marcellus teaching mathematics and Mrs. Babcock teaching girls physical education.

Approve 1955 Budget The 1955 budget for \$83,953.96

Urban Board Plans Exhibit, Higher Budget

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Consider Current Budget The proof submission of the Dilis Printing and Publishing Co. on the brochures for distribution at the Trade Fair was approved with minor changes. The purpose of the brochure as an attraction piece was emphasized and the problems of referring contacts between various representatives to others was considered.

Consideration was given, the current budget with the expressed wish that a sufficient amount be asked for initially to avoid frequent appeals to council for additional funds.

Known expenditures totalled \$6,000, the treasurer reported, pointing to a present overdraft of \$185.95. A resolution was approved that each municipality be asked for a budgeted allowance of \$2,500, with payment of \$1,000 to carry the present expenses and the balance by June 1.

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