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Foresee 10 Minor Sports Hockey Teams Competing This Winter

Judging from the quantity of entries, there may be 10 teams in Minor Sports town hockey league this winter. This was the conclusion reached by members of the executive and others interested in Minor Sports activities at a meeting held after the dinner for the baseball teams Tuesday evening in the Legion Hall. There were just six teams last year.

With fewer boys on each team, all will have an opportunity to play a greater part of each game this year. Boys who like to play may still be put on one of the teams by contacting George Hollinger or Herb Woods as soon as possible.

The Minor Sports league has already entered a midget and a bantam team in O.H.A. play. The deadline for entries was last Saturday. The midgets are under 16 and the bantams under 14. The schedule has not yet been announced.

Vic Masters reported on the O.M.H.A. convention in Toronto on Saturday which he and Ab Irwin attended, representing Acton.

The present executive was all returned to office. Herb Woods is again president; George Hollinger, secretary; with Ernie Marks and Mike Bennett on the committee.

After discussion, the executive was empowered to get prices and if possible to secure sweaters for all the boys on the hockey teams.

Rate Goes Up

The Free Press last a battle this week. For months now the publishers have been fighting increasing production and newsprint costs to keep the subscription price at \$2.50 per year.

This week it is necessary to announce that beginning January 1, 1956, the subscription rate will be increased to \$3 in Canada and \$4 in the U.S.A. Single copies will be increased to seven cents.

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Introduce New Topic For Alert Auxiliary

Mrs. Fred Anderson opened her home to the members of the Knox Alert Evening Auxiliary for their last meeting. As convener of the program, Mrs. J. Jocke presided and led the worship service. Mrs. Clifford, the convener of the new study book, "The Search for Life," introduced the topic and taking part with her were Mrs. J. Ingles of India, Miss Emma Cole of Africa, Mrs. W. Watkins on literacy and Mrs. J. Krapec on Indo-China.

Mrs. Krapec also gave a poem, "There isn't Much that I Can Do."

The president, Mrs. Ingles, took charge for the business part. Highlights of the recent conference in Guelph were given by Mrs. H. L. Denry and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong and Mrs. Anderson. The Christmas party and the December meeting will be held together, earlier than usual.

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Don Emmerson First Winner Of Bean Trophy

Crests and a new trophy were presented to the boys of the Legion Minor Sports baseball team at a brief ceremony in the Legion Hall on Tuesday. The boys first enjoyed a supper of beans and ham, cookies and ice cream, prepared by the men of the executive. About 60 boys and 15 adults were present.

For the first time, the R.F. Bean Trophy for sportsmanship was presented by Mr. Bean himself. First winner of the beautiful wood and silver award is Don Emmerson. On a wood base, the trophy has three figures in silver, an inscribed silver plaque and crests for the winners names. The winners also receive individual trophies.

The winning team, the Muckers, were presented with championship crests by Gord McCutcheon, Legion secretary. Similar crests in white and blue were presented to all the boys who took part in the four team league.

Don Davidson showed two films. One of these, lasting about 40 minutes, showed highlights of last year's N.H.L. play-off games between Canadians and Detroit.

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Acclaim Tyler Mayor, Hargrave Reeve; Vote on Council, PUC, Bd.

John Goy Again President Of Chamber Of Commerce

John Goy was re-elected president of the Chamber of Commerce last night (Wednesday) at the year-end meeting of the year-old organization. Also returned to office were vice-president C. E. Braida and F. Terry and secretary-treasurer R. F. Bean.

Nominations, prepared by a committee composed of M. Nellis, E. Braida and G. A. Dilts, submitted the full slate of officers for return to office. Under the chairmanship of E. Barr, further nominations were taken from the floor.

Remaining on Chamber council to complete two year terms are: G. Barbeau, T. Jones, G. McCutcheon and J. Black. Elected to complete the 1956 council were J. Newton, D. Timmings, H. Elliott and T. Cooke.

Report on Sign Plans

Roy Goodwin gave an extensive report on plans to erect signs at three entrances to town. The signs, advertising the town, its service organizations and industries are being spearheaded by the Chamber with the support of the Legion, Rotary Club and Y's Men's Club.

Considerable discussion was held on the type of sign, costs involved and method of meeting erection and maintenance expenses.

Following the reading of the minutes by the secretary-treasurer, President Goy reported M. Cox named as Chamber representative to the recently-formed parks commission.

The president also reported on progress toward preparation of a new store hours-by-law and gave an outline of the Appreciation Day promotion with local businessmen.

Praises Promotion Efforts

W. Cook spoke briefly in support of the A. V. Roe Recreation Club shoppers' scheme. The scheme, reportedly functioning in other centres, provides for merchant discounts to members of this association as an inducement to shopping locally.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Barr praised the Chamber for its efforts this year in promoting the Chamber's special edition printed with the Free Press in May, and told of the value it had with other

Challenge Trophy Comes To Halton

John W. Wilson, R.R. 2, Rockwood, brought honors to the township of Nassagaweya from the annual Royal Winter Fair, this year by winning the Brethour Challenge Trophy for the best hog carcass. It is the first time this trophy has come to Halton county.

This trophy, formerly contributed by Messrs. J. Sainsbury Ltd. of England, was won in a competition for Wiltshire sides of bacon hogs by Joseph Brethour for three successive years, becoming his property. At that time, Mr. Brethour offered this trophy as a Challenge Trophy to be competed for annually at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for Wiltshire Sides of Bacon Hogs.

He has been in pure breeds since 1949 and has raised as many as 75 this summer. He has won awards at local fairs as well. His farm is on the fifth line of Nassagaweya, south of the Speyside side road.

Shopping Guide

This issue of the Free Press comes out only 24 days before Christmas and with only 30 shopping days remaining before the magical time, "... the night before Christmas."

And with Yuletide so near, downtown Acton is gradually taking on a holiday atmosphere as the stores and shops deck in their Christmas best and bring out toys, goodies and gifts for Christmas trade.

This issue of the Free Press, then, is a Christmas gift guide. You'll find, by reading the advertisement of these local and district businessmen, that there is as much and more advantage in selection saving and satisfaction when you gift shop right around home.

In Nassagaweya ...

Acclaim Council, Criticize County Roads

Nassagaweya Council returns changed office next year as it elected allowed acclamations in all offices at their nomination meeting in Brookville Hall Monday. Reeve Archie Service completes his seventh year as a township official and in 1956 will be succeeded by a candidate composed of J. Chisholm, J. S. Neenan, J. A. Milne and C. Service.

School Board trustees for the next year will be Stan Robinson, Bert Walden and Horace Byth.

Only council nominee to stand down was A. Frank, permitting the acclamation Reeve Service was also nominated by council but rejected the proposal in favor of the reeve which was the only matter entered.

Although Monday's nomination period was held on schedule in the afternoon, a motion was accepted that the open period of the meeting be adjourned to evening. This action was taken out of respect to the late Charles Darby, township tax collector, whose funeral was conducted Monday afternoon.

Keen Interest In Reports

At the adjourned meeting, under the chairmanship of Clerk L. W. McMillan, 50 ratepayers took a keen interest in the reports of the year.

Reeve Service in his opening remarks paid tribute to the late Charles Darby. He expressed appreciation to the ratepayers in placing him in office again this year and the co-operation he had been accorded during his years of municipal service.

The reeve pointed with justifiable pride to the improvements at the township hall and the fine new heating system that had been installed. He told of his work as county council and his personal enjoyment in the trip to Banff, Alta. as a member of the Good Roads Association. He furnished in some detail the financing of the county and dealt specifically with matters of county road work.

Township Road Work

Charles Thompson dwelt with the road work and maintenance as part of the township and James Milne told of the work on roads in the west section and a bridge which had been completed at a cost of \$2,869.55.

Stan Norrish reported on work in the south corner and a new culvert at a cost of \$1,039.44. He also pointed out that the beaver dam in the township was of no benefit to the township. He felt the benefit was in Nelson and Trafalgar and these townships or the county council should be contributing to the damage which was occasioned to the township roads by flooding.

Township is Growing

Lloyd Chisholm reported on road work in the east section. A bad curve has been corrected and the mountain road improved at a cost of \$1,040.66. Railway crossings have also been improved. He would like to see a new grader purchased next year.

Andrew Frank, a nominee for council, assured the audience he would not be a candidate for office and thereby cause an election. He pointed out the demand for lots in the township was growing. He was pleased that Nassagaweya had a Planning Board. He hoped, however,

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MAYOR E. TYLER is acclaimed to preside over Acton Council in 1956 following last Friday's nomination meeting in the hall.

Pages Of Past As Book On Sale Here Next Week

Early next week "Halton's Pages of the Past" the sparkling historical series on this county which the past year appeared in installments in this newspaper, will go on sale.

Published in book form by the Dilts Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., the series is authored by Gwen Clarke, well-known historian and columnist of this district. Mrs. Clarke's book, nearly 200 pages in length and crammed with facts, anecdotes, sketches and incidents from the county's history, is illustrated throughout. Many of the pictures are reproductions of valuable old line drawings or family photographs.

Copies of this handsomely printed book, bound in a deep blue hard cloth cover and gold-stamped, may be obtained from this office. Price is \$5 per copy. Mail orders with remittance will be promptly answered, postage paid from here.

The Free Press urges those wishing a copy to order without delay. A very limited quantity has been printed. Orders received early will be mailed out before Christmas.

Pipes, Scotch Humor On St. Andrew's Eve

On the eve of St. Andrew's Day, Dr. Robert Buckner addressed the Acton Branch of the Scottish Home. The regular meeting was held Tuesday. Dr. Buckner was introduced by Fred Wright and thanked by Bill Mattocks. The weekly song had a Scottish flavor this week and Phil Caddick, wearing his kilts, played the pipes.

Col. Gerald Wright of the Ontario Reformatory was a guest.

Inside This Issue

This 16-page edition of The Free Press contains a variety of features and items of interest to all readers.

On Page Four, feature and photo on news and views from Halton's four-day deer season.

On Page Six, the Ag. Rep. writes a complete report of the annual county 4-H Awards Night. Pictures on Pages Six and Fourteen.

On Pages Ten and Eleven, pictures and story on the big question which faces ratepayers here Monday over a proposed new civic centre.

Elsewhere: news and reports from town and district; here and there some timely tips for the coming Christmas season.

Nomination Again Friday to Fill Deputy-Reeve's Chair for 1956

Mayor E. Tyler will again lead Acton Council next year, with Reeve J. Hargrave in the same office, following two acclamations last week-end. With the exceptions of Lorne Weick and John Newton, all 1955 councillors are contesting for return to office with five new candidates.

Two new names are vying for two P.U.C. seats open, with Commissioners R. Everdell and E. Hufnagel also contesting. For public school trusteeships four men, three of them current members, are seeking election.

Rush Beginning At Post Office

Acton Post Office is beginning to feel that familiar Christmas rush already. The mailing dates for parcels to Europe and parcels to England have passed, with quite a few sent from here. Last date for mailing to Europe was November 23, while the last parcels for England, Scotland and Ireland were to be in the mail Tuesday.

Here are other official deadline dates: mail to the United States, before December 8; Newfoundland, December 11; British Columbia December 11; Alberta December 12; Saskatchewan and Manitoba, December 13; the Maritimes December 14; Ontario and Quebec, December 15.

Cards and parcels for people right here in town should be posted by December 17 to absolutely insure their delivery before Christmas. "If posted later the post office can only do its best," the department warns.

The sale of two-cent stamps is already indicating its annual Yule upswing at the post office. There is a busy month ahead for Acton post office staff.

Complete Plans for "Appreciation Day"

Appreciation Day, a weekly treasure chest draw with the backing of most downtown businessmen and under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce, starts here next Saturday, December 10.

Elsewhere in this issue is an announcement about the year-long scheme. Complete details are contained in this notice.

This week merchants participating met to agree on final details for the draws, which will be held every Saturday afternoon.

Under the treasure chest set-up, Acton shoppers will have a chance to win cash awards based on percentage values of coupons issued when purchases are made in the stores of participating merchants.

To win a lucky coupon holder must be present when the draw is made. Coupons are not destroyed but remain for each successive draw, thus increasing in value each week as the treasure chest grows.

A dividend award will be made to the person naming the "merchant of the week" who will display a card each week.

Claims Assault Robbery Tues.

On Tuesday evening, the County Detachment of the Provincial Police at Milton received a complaint from William Dron of Acton, who stated that he had been assaulted and robbed of \$6.00 by two youths.

The two youths, who were identified by Dron, were arrested in Acton. Charged with robbery are Kenneth Ellis and Fred Currie, both of Acton. Currie is also charged with drinking while under the age of 21.

In Esquising ...

Criticize County Roads, Acclaim Council

Except for shifts in three positions, Esquising Council was named after a quiet nomination meeting Monday night. May it change moves Walter Linham to the reeve's chair for 1956 while incumbent Reeve Wilfred Bird assumes a councillor's seat.

George Currie, veteran township office-holder and a councillor this year, reeve Mr. Linham as deputy reeve. Mr. Campbell Sinclair and Spencer Wain were also named to retain seats on council.

Edwin Hargrave, a member of the township Planning Board, was nominated to council but withdrew. Only other nominee in this class was Mr. Bird, who withdrew. His name as a free candidate to take the council position.

R. J. Cunningham, Vernon Jacobs and Clarence Coles were acclaimed to the public school area board after Arthur Budge, the only other nominee, stood down.

Reeve's and Audit Report

Clerk C. K. Lindsay, following his appointment as chairman for the evening, reviewed the 1954 audit report. A slight deficit for the year was reported. The report was approved.

Reeve Bird reported mainly on business at county council through the year. He touched extensively on work done on the financial, roads and agriculture and reforestation committees, of which he was a member. He noted particularly the road policy, the adopted permanent hardtop in scattered county road sections to cut down on maintenance of the cheaper gravel or skintop road coverings.

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County Road Situation Worse

As for county roads in the township, Councillor Currie declared "the situation is now worse than it used to be." He added it was becoming more difficult to get satisfactory attention here.

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