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Acton Wins 7-4 Loses 5-4, First League Games

Acton's O.H.A. Junior "D" entry, playing heads-up hockey faced off at home and away this week and last for two games with the town's perennial rival — Georgetown — to initiate their schedule.

Tuesday night, in Georgetown, Acton won 7-4. Friday night here Georgetown managed a 5-4 overtime win. Georgetown is a Junior "C" team.

Last Friday night's game, Acton arena's baptismal for the '56 season, was a hard played and a cleanly contested match. Georgetown kept one jump and one goal ahead of the locals for three periods, and although trailing, Bilo Marzo's charges forced the play all night and except for some erratic shooting and stellar twine tending from the visitor's goal keeper might have had two or three additional goals.

In the third frame Acton tied up the game and action see-sawed until the regular time bell. In the 10 minute nightcap, Georgetown pressed to score first at about the half-way mark and repulsed several Acton bids in the dying minutes for their win.

200 Fans for First Game

Over 200 fans were first-nighters for Junior D hockey action this season. The ice was fast and spectators were treated to a display of team play and enthusiasm that promises to make the local club a contending team.

Tuesday night Acton rubbed out Georgetown's hard-won points as the Marzo men skated over, around and past their opponents to rack up a 7-4 victory.

Acton led all the way. Score was 4-1 at the end of the first, 4-2 at the second bell and 7-4 at the final. Two goal getters for the winners were Morton and Baxter, while Footitt, Shannon and Sinclair each netted singles in the course of the play.

The referee called enough penalties through the game to keep the box busy, however, the game was not exceptionally rough. Ron Simons was the homeowner's only casualty of the night when he suffered a sprained wrist in the third period.

Padre Praises Fall Fair Board At Annual Dinner

Acton fall fair board, with the youngest president known, was complimented for the manner in which young and old worked together at the directors' dinner last Thursday in Knox church. Padre Young of the Ontario Agricultural College, the guest speaker, said he was struck by the harmony and co-operation on the board of the play, the older members guide the experiments of the younger.

There were 77 present for the banquet, catered for by the W.A. of Knox church.

Ray Everdell presided at the head table where other fair officers, life members and special guests were seated. Padre Young said Grace, and later led in singing.

In his address, he compared farm living, both in the fields and the home, of today to 50 years ago, pointing out some drastic changes.

In his humorous remarks, he stated that farming is run like a business now. J. F. Whitlock introduced Padre Young, and he was thanked by Smith Griffin.

Mr. Everdell expressed thanks for all the assistance he received in directing the fair board the past year. Stan Hall, J. F. spoke briefly, congratulating the group.

Les Duby and Gabriel Rose provided musical entertainment. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stan Hall, Mr. Whitlock, the reeve of Erin township, Mr. Harold Griffin and Mrs. Griffin, the reeve of Nassagawaga, Mr. Archie Service, and Mrs. Service, and the reeve of Esquusing, Mr. Walter Linham and Mrs. Linham. Life members at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKeown, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pearson, Mr. B. D. Waldie and Mrs. Wes Murray.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Acton Agricultural Society is being held this coming Saturday afternoon in the town hall with everyone interested welcome to attend.

Hope to Complete Plan

Planning Board Drafts Budget for Year

Finance, expenses in the past year and required funds to meet 1956's projects, involved the local Planning Board members in lengthy discussion Wednesday evening, as that body met for the first time this year.

Secretary J. McGeachie reported some \$2,000 had already been committed toward the cost of surveying the town's boundaries and purchasing monuments. This is above the cost to date of work on the new compiled town plan.

Members, with town planner P. A. Deacon, discussed work involv-



RETIRING WARDEN Robert H. Shannon, left, presents the gavel to Warden-elect Stanley Allen, reeve of Georgetown at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council Tuesday. George Currie, deputy reeve of Esquusing and long in municipal politics, was chosen warden in 1936.

County Council Inaugural

Name Stanley Allen Warden of Halton

Eight Teams Begin Hockey League Tuesday

The eight team Minor Sports town hockey league got under way this Tuesday when four matches were played in the arena.

Fleming's team encountered J. H. Cook's team in the first match. Fleming's boys emerged victors 2-0.

Recall Ben. Franklin At Acton Rotary Club

The 25th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth, recalling the great American's diplomacy, statesmanship and inventive genius, was the program subject at Tuesday night's regular meeting of Acton Rotary Club.

Guest speaker was John Black, who was introduced by F. L. Wright and thanked by President H. Kin-read. Herb Woods also spoke briefly about future plans of the Minor Sports leaders here and asked for Rotary support.

Home And School Plans Operetta, Play; Hears Talk By Dr. Buckner

A varied program including a guest speaker, informative talks, music, and business was on the agenda when the Home and School Association held its monthly meeting in the public school auditorium on Monday evening, with C. Taylor presiding.

Tentative arrangements for the play to be put on by the association were discussed. Nothing but the truth is the play selected to be staged in April. Casting will be done by means of readings early in February, and it was decided that anyone interested in the play should contact one of the teachers. Miss Eva Jennings. During discussion on the play, it was decided to arrange for baby sitters for those taking part.

The school operetta will be presented about the end of February. A committee was formed to arrange for the making of costumes.

Questions which were returned to the school on slips sent out to each home will be dealt with at the February meeting, members decided.

Mrs. Alger and Mrs. Gamble gave interesting talks on arts and crafts in the primary grades, showing samples of work. Self-expression in art is very important, they explained.

Wayne Stratton was soloist, accompanied by Miss Cathy Laughlin at the piano.

Dick Bean introduced Dr. Robert Buckner, the speaker for the evening. Dr. Buckner's informative topic was, "The home influence on the child." Rev. Armstrong expressed the thanks of those present.

There were 102 in attendance. Miss Jennings' room won the picture for the largest attendance of parents. Coffee was served.

Earlier members discussed and finally passed approval for the Lakeside Heights subdivision parcel that had been under lease and was not included in the primary plan registered. It was noted legal proceedings, involving suit, are progressing between two separate parties connected in the original sale of land.

The meeting concluded with brief talks on identification of scattered lots not now fully identified. This will apply more fully on the new compiled plan.

Gra-Y Members Plan Display, Hobby Show

Gra-Y members have been gathering prizes for their Hobby Show which they are staging in the Y next week. They have been holding meetings completing plans.

A group of children is practicing for their gym demonstration prior to the show. At this, an experienced gymnast from Toronto who now lives in Georgetown and is associated with the Acton Y, will give a demonstration.

Follows Facts, Finds Few Fooled, Fazed Fearful Friday 13th

In spite of dire predictions, ladders strewn about, breakable mirrors banging handily around, nothing in the "major calamity" bracket was reported on that fearful day of the superstitious, Friday the 13th.

Perhaps it was because of the record-breaking sale of horseshoes; perhaps everybody had already buried up a large supply of four-leafed clovers; or perhaps not too many people realized that the dreaded day-of-all-days had arrived. Anyway, it was quiet.

The usual unimpeachable jokes were rishaded, and perhaps some people hid in bed all day but Friday the 13th came and went just like any other day. No broken mirrors reported, no bricks falling off ladders onto the heads of pedestrians underneath.

Reeve Stanley Allen, Georgetown, was unanimously chosen warden at the inaugural meeting of Halton County Council Tuesday afternoon. Reeve Harold Adkins, Nelson, was also nominated but withdrew in favor of Mr. Allen.

Six new members took their seats at the first session of the 17-man council. They include: Reeve William Card and Deputy-reeve Herbert C. Merry, Oakville; Deputy-reeve William Wilson, Acton; Deputy-reeve Douglas Sargent, Georgetown; Deputy-reeve R. C. Cunningham, Milton; Deputy-reeve George Currie, Esquusing.

Other members are: Reeve Jack Hargrave, Acton; Reeve Harold Adkins and Deputy-reeve Fred Walker, both of Nelson; Reeve Robert Marshall and Deputy-reeve Donald Bath, Trafalgar; Reeve A. R. Service, Nassagawaga; Reeve Thomas Millward, Bromley; Reeve R. H. Shannon and Deputy-reeve F. C. Atkinson, Burlington; Reeve Sidney Childs, Milton; Reeve Walter Linham, Esquusing.

In the absence of clerk William Deans, retiring Warden R. H. Shannon was chosen chairman for the selection of a Warden.

Reeves of the various municipalities were selected as a committee to consider the appointments of committees for the year. They are, with the first named chairman: Agriculture and Reformation — Reeve A. R. Service, Currie, Marshall, Walker, Millward, Merry, H. Assessment — Reeve William Card, Linham, Adkins, Bath, Wilson, Atkinson.

County Buildings — Reeve Harold Adkins, Hargrave, Sargent, Childs, Service.

Finance — Reeve R. H. Shannon, Hargrave, Bath, Currie, Millward.

Printing and Education — Reeve J. Hargrave, Linham, Cunningham, Sargent, Merry.

Special Communications — Millward, Childs, Walker, Wilson, Cunningham.

County Roads — Reeve Robert Marshall, Service, Hargrave, Walker, Linham.

Hospital — Reeve Walter, Linham, Atkinson, Marshall, Merry, Millward.

Emphasizes Co-operation The Warden-elect in thanking council, emphasized the co-operation shown between members and wardens of previous years. "I am quite sure that this council will do likewise," Warden Allen added. Considerable argument arose.

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Rival Gas Firms Shadow Box With Figures, Facts on Supply

No Polio Cases Among Halton Tots Vaccinated

There were no cases of polio among the group of children inoculated with the new Salk vaccine in Halton county, the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Archie Bull declared when he addressed the Y's Men at their regular supper meeting Thursday last week following Mr. Bull's talk on communicable diseases, the question period afforded an informative discussion of polio.

Dr. Bull stated that the past year would normally have been a high year in polio incidence, but there were just seven cases in the whole county.

Dick Bean introduced the speaker and Bruce Shoemaker expressed the group's thanks.

Swimming instructions for children begins again this week and plans were made.

Bill Davey presented a financial report on projects. G. W. McKenzie gave a report of the joint meeting of the Y Board and Y's Men's committee concerning funds.

Since the next meeting falls in YMCA Week, it was decided to hold a past members' night. Committee appointed included Jack McGeachie, Wes Wolfe and Harry Archie. A speaker on the St. Lawrence stragway was announced.

Local Firefighters Shuffle Positions

J. Newton succeeds S. Tennant as local fire chief, following recently announced officers' appointments by the Acton Firefighters' Association.

Former chief Tennant becomes assistant fire chief, the post held last year by newly-elected chief Newton.

Other officers named are: captain, Mike Carter, lieutenant, Bern Van Fleet, second lieutenant, Hamilton Peal.

Treasurer O. Masales and secretary M. Holmes were renamed to office.

Town Burglaries Continue Break Open Another Safe

Two more cases to add to the rash of burglaries that has been bothering this town in recent weeks were reported this week-end.

As in the earlier break-ins the "take" was small, but, also like the earlier burglaries, few clues were left for police to follow.

Some-time in the small hours of Sunday morning Len Lovell, who notified the O.P.P. here, reported the burglary.

Safe company representatives and police said the work on the safe was apparently done by a "professional."

Earlier in the week Wednesday evening between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. someone with a daring thrust crawled into the cellar of the Dominion Hotel and lifted four cases of beer. The beer is stored right under the town's beverage room.

In the last six weeks three other cases of breaking open safes were reported. The most recent was a burglary on January 3 the office of J. B. MacKenzie and Sons Ltd. was burglarized and a sum of about \$500 stolen.

Nothing else was disturbed in the safe smashed beyond repair, except the \$20 in coins which included some \$30 in coppers. A small sum of silver in the open cash register was not taken.

Wednesday Noon Fire At Mullin Farm Home

Slight damage was caused about the chimney well at the home of Lorne Mullin, on No. 25 highway two miles south of here, when fire broke out Wednesday shortly after noon.

Acton firemen answered a call to the farm home and quickly controlled the smouldering fire around the roof. Little was apparent from the outside except thin smoke.

No Oil in the Water In Acton, Alton Maybe

A story attributed to a Brampton radio station, and supposedly dealing with oil seeping into the water supply of an Acton or district school, was found to be a case of mistaken identity.

There is no oil troubling the waters of Acton and immediate area schools. There is, however, according to information from the Free Press, the news editor of the station, oil causing trouble with the water supply of an Alton school.

First, Only Name Called Is Winner

Winner of Saturday's Treasure Chest draw at the post office corner was Mrs. Ella Morton, the first and only name called.

Mrs. Morton, McDonald Blvd. held a 10 per cent coupon and thereby won \$35.50, plus \$5 when she was able to identify the merchant of the week.

Next Appreciation Day the growing pot will be worth \$30, which means a 50 per cent coupon holder could take home as much as \$15.

Hold Dinner Party For Two Birthdays

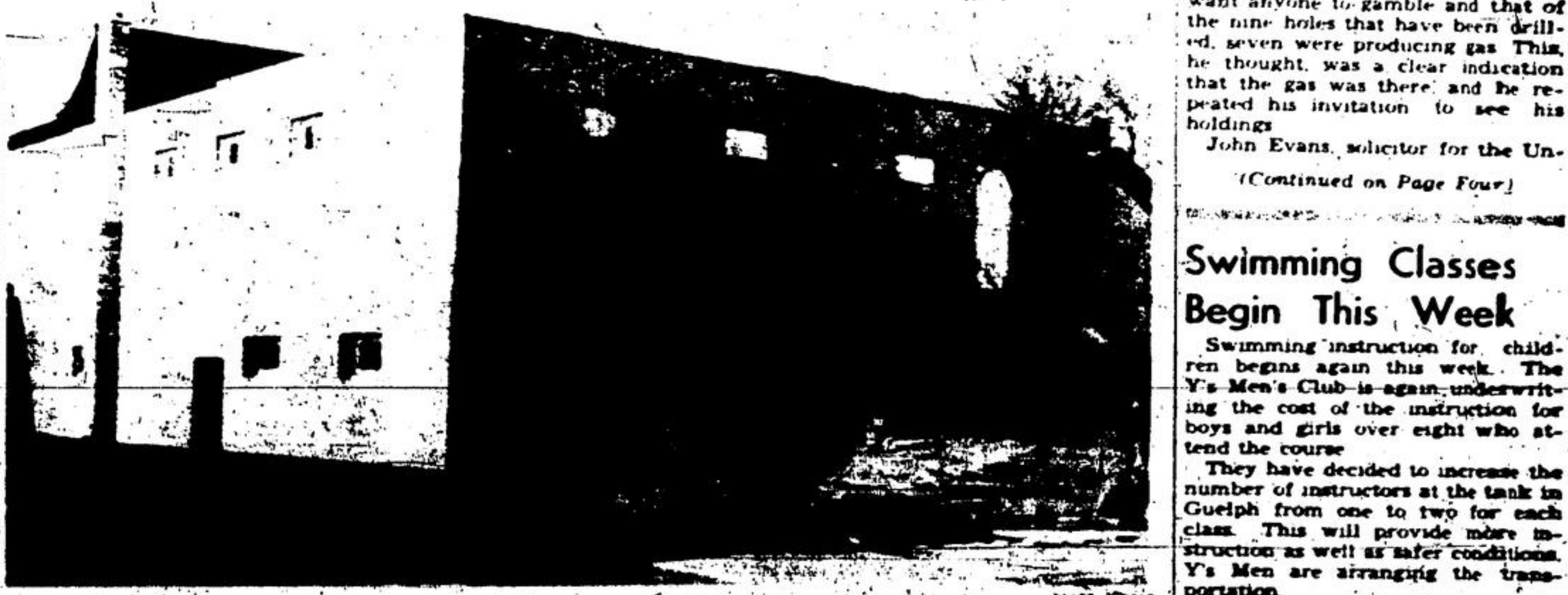
Over a dozen relatives and friends enjoyed a turkey dinner Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. McEachern. The occasion was the birthday observance for both Mrs. McEachern and Miss Nellie Hall.

Swimming Classes Begin This Week

Swimming instruction for children begins again this week. The Y's Men's Club is again underwriting the cost of the instruction for boys and girls over eight who attend the course.

They have decided to increase the number of instructors at the tank in Geolph from one to two for each class. This will provide more instruction as well as safer conditions. Y's Men are arranging the transportation.

The sixth will swim Fridays beginning tomorrow, and the boys start next Monday. Classes run for 10 weeks. Application forms must be signed by parents.



ACTON LEGION ENLARGES its quarters on Main St. \$25,000 renovation and extension project proceeds with speed this week. A large new auditorium will take up the whole second floor. Downstairs a lounge will be added, men's card room changed and additional utility space provided. The above photo shows the new addition connected at the rear to the present structure.

Urban Bd. Gym Acton, Hamilton Firms in the Ring

Two of the natural gas firms in the three-way bout for a franchise to serve Acton, Milton and Georgetown again squared off at 1956's inaugural session of the North Halton Urban Board Tuesday evening in Georgetown. The third firm is the Halton Natural Gas Company.

The Urban Board members heard from Anthony Seynuck, James Riddick and Hugh Wharton, of the Anthony Gas and Oil Exploration Ltd. Present from the United Suburban Gas—a progress report of the company to date and pointed out that since the second gas strike on the property, natural gas was being used on the site for heating workers' shacks, cooking and heating water used in drilling. He pointed out that the Ontario Fuel Board would hear their franchise January 26 in Toronto and urged each town to send a representative to back up the Anthony company.

Members were assured that adequate gas could be supplied to each town. Mr. Wharton mentioned that the company could supply a population of 33,000 and referred to the amount of natural gas used in Geolph daily which, he said, the Anthony company could match.

Question Area He gave the representatives of each town a copy of his letter and asked that they carry it back to their own council for consideration and approval.

The meeting broke into a question period as nearly all the board members fired questions at the three Anthony Gas representatives. Mayor Tyler asked if the Anthony firm franchise hearing could have been held in this district, instead of in Toronto. Mr. Seynuck replied that the Fuel Board set the place and date of the hearing.

Mayor R. Pearson of Milton asked if they had a series of rates for each municipality and how soon they could be producing the gas. Mr. Seynuck replied that they could have the gas in about a month and pointed out that the rates were set by the Fuel Board, not by himself. Mr. Seynuck explained that his company could supply a daily output of 800,000 cubic feet per day, in reply to a question by Georgetown Mayor J. Armstrong. Mayor E. Tyler, Acton, asked if the firm were government tested and if he had the financial backing to lay the pipeline in each town. Mr. Seynuck answered "yes" to both questions.

Would Have Cheaper Rates When Mayor Pearson returned to the rates question, Mr. Riddick stated that although the rates have not yet been set by the Fuel Board, the gas would be distributed cheaper than other gas, because of the proximity of the gas fields to the three towns. The meeting broke into small groups, discussing the current prices of oil in comparison to gas, when one of the board members mentioned the use of and the effects that the coming of gas would have.

Mr. Seynuck invited each member of the board to visit his gas property and see his "wonderful discovery." He said he had spent 27 years in the three towns and now that he had the "finest gas," he said, "I want you to look after it, it's yours, for you and your children."

When Chairman Johnson suggested that perhaps by accepting the Anthony Gas franchise, the towns would be taking a gamble, in case the supply was not available, Mr. Seynuck rose to say that he didn't want anyone to gamble and that of the nine holes that have been drilled, seven were producing gas. This, he thought, was a clear indication that the gas was there and he repeated his invitation to see his holdings.

John Evans, selector for the United Suburban Gas, said:

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