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Lose To Hamilton Top Georgetown In Rough Contest

Acton Junior D's broke even in two games played at home and away during the past week.

Last Thursday in the local arena Hamilton triumphed over their hosts 6-4 in a game that has seen both teams play better hockey.

Monday night Acton took Georgetown on its rough tumble as well as hockey and bettered their neighbors in both departments. The game, fought in Georgetown, wound up with Acton on the top side of a 6-3 score.

Thursday night's game here had the Actonians behind most of the way after leading early in the first. Few penalties were handed out and all of them were minor. The locals' goals were scored by Don Shannon, Wayne Hilson, Bob Coon and Ted Footitt.

Monday night Acton and Georgetown played relatively clean hockey for the first period which ended in a scoreless tie. In the second go the rash of minor penalties erupted into the first hectic engagement with Sinclair and Cunningham called to do five minutes' penance along with two Georgetown sympathizers. Meanwhile, Acton potted four goals, by Sinclair from Shannon and Hilson, Baxter alone, Hilson from Cunningham and Baxter alone again.

In the final period Ted Footitt, who scored the sixth goal unassisted, also managed to get five minutes for fighting plus a match misconduct. Georgetown's combats got two major penalties, Shannon from Marshall, netted the fifth Acton counter.

Tomorrow night (Friday) Acton plays its final game of the schedule against the Leung Bruins crew. It is expected play-off dates will be announced next week.

Pass Sentences For Local Theft

Two Hamilton men were convicted and sentenced by County Court Judge Robinson in Milton last week on charges of breaking, entering and theft at an Acton mail order store in December.

Santa Macaluso was sentenced to 12 months in the reformatory and Nick Cote was sentenced to six months definite and three months indefinite, also in the reformatory. The two were part of a gang which broke into the Simpsons Sears mail order office last December, removed the safe, then ditched it unopened after local and Milton police chased their car south of here.

Two others were earlier charged in connection with the same break-in. One was convicted on another break-in charge and charges were dropped against the other.

Women's World Day Of Prayer, Is Planned

The Women's World Day of Prayer service for the year 1956 is to be held in Knox Presbyterian church on Friday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m.

This service for all women has been held yearly in Canada since a small inter-denominational Day of Prayer was held in Toronto in 1920. In 1922 this group was joined with the women of the United States and since then has grown until it encircles the whole world. Always the main objectives have been to promote the World Day of Prayer and to allocate the offerings received to the publication and distribution of Christian literature throughout the world.

The service this year was compiled and arranged by Miss Isobel Crawford, a Canadian missionary to the Indians in the western United States. Miss Crawford, a Canadian Baptist, lives in Grimsby, Ontario, with her niece, Miss Miriam and Eva Cline. In 1952 she had published a book that looks back over her missionary work with the Kiowa Indians begun in 1893.

Greet Our Olympic Team In Acton Friday Afternoon

Plans to welcome Canada's Olympic hockey team, the Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen, on their road home from Milton airport are taking shape today under the guidance of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Dutchmen, last year's Allan Cup winners who missed an Olympic and World Hockey crown by five goals last Saturday against a crack Russian team, are expected to pass through Acton about or shortly after 2 p.m. tomorrow (Friday).

The team will be accompanied by a motorcade from Kitchener where a warm reception is in the offing for Canada's Olympic sportsmen. Here arrangements are

not yet complete as to the form of Acton's greetings, but a rousing salutation is planned.

Chamber officials urge as many Actonians as possible to back up the town's and Chamber's greetings by lining Mill Street to hail the Olympic team.

Although Canada failed to regain the international hockey laurels won last year by the Penitents Vs, the Dutchmen have received wide plaudits for their gameness and sportsmanship.

Russia defeated the Canadians 2-0 in the Olympics' final hockey game. To triumph on score averages, Canada needed to win by three goals.

P.U.C. Can't See Through Any More Transit Pipe

Frozen spots in the transit pipe laid at the Lakeview subdivision, and difficulty in reaching and working out the blockages, is souring P.U.C. members of the worth of this type of water conduit.

At last week's meeting members learned of the troubles experienced with the transit pipe. Waterworks superintendent J. Lambert contended the same difficulty with cast iron pipe would not present as many headaches.

The pipe was purchased by council last year for a portion of Lakeview, after a majority of members considered the transit conduit was more economical than cast iron pipe. One Commission member suggested last week that Council be asked to buy no more transit pipe.

A Letter of Complaint
The Commission received another letter from J. Jany who in reply to a P.U.C. reply complained that proper due was not given his first complaint. This dealt with him not being forewarned of hydro and water cut-offs in the Lakeview area. Another letter was directed sent to Mr. Jany advising him it is not the policy of the Commission to advise in advance of emergency cut-offs.

Hydro superintendent D. Mason pointed the service load balance has some bearing on low voltage which was also a complaint in Mr. Jany's first letter to the P.U.C. Hydro employee W. Kelly, who brought before the Commission grievances on wages and working conditions inadvertently started a long and sometimes controversial discussion on the Commission's employment practices, capital outlay policy and revenue handling.

Answer to Excuse
At one point during this talk among members, Secretary J. McGoachie questioned the Commission's practice of putting current net revenue into capital works in one year, instead of spreading the cost by debenture. He contended that this could be one answer to the off-repeated excuse, given employees who ask for wage increases, that the Acton P.U.C. has no money.

The secretary further asked if the Commission were aware of the actual monthly spread between power costs and hydro revenue. He suggested that while wholesale power costs are increasing, the rise in revenue here—as new customers are added monthly—is greater than the Commission members might realize.

To substantiate his comments, the secretary quoted figures from recent control sheets. Little discussion on P.U.C. fiscal policy followed.

Increase to Salary
Turning back to Mr. Kelly, a motion carried that his salary be increased to \$3400 a year, retroactive to January 1. Mayor E. Tyler objected.

As the motion was tabled, he said that the Commission should admit a mistake was made when the most recently hired hydro employee was taken on at a salary equal to Mr. Kelly's wages. He argued that raising Mr. Kelly's salary would not

rectify the mistake. The Mayor said the employee hired in December should be dropped and another junior worker taken on. Other Commission members disagreed with this thought.

Later Secretary McGoachie asked what decision the Commission and Council's finance committee had come to at a special meeting about office staff wage increases. He was told the meeting had decreed "no increases." The Secretary asked the Commission to know he was "entirely dissatisfied" with the answer and reason given.

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\$38,874 for Health Unit Passed by County Council

Halton County Council, in regular monthly session Tuesday, approved a budget for the County Health Unit of \$38,874.37. In his annual report, Dr. Archie F. Bull, M.O.H., explained the per capita rate as the same as last year, but the amount was increased when it was learned the population of the county had shown an increase as well. The Province of Ontario will also add a similar amount to that levied by the county.

The M.O.H. estimated revenue of \$105,748.74, which included a surplus from 1955 of \$13,000 and inspection fees amounting to \$15,000. Dr. Bull anticipated an expenditure amounting to \$105,731.75: for personal services, \$53,961.75; travelling expenses, \$12,000; equipment and furnishings, \$405; materials and supplies, \$4,500; rent and utility services, \$2,600; miscellaneous, \$1,245.

"During the past year the communicable diseases have been so well controlled, that in all age groups between one year and 85 years, accident is the greatest cause of death," Dr. Bull told members of council. "In the age groups of 35, diseases of the heart are the most important cause of death. Malignant disease or cancer is the second most important cause in all age groups between three years and 75. At the present time we must admit that we do not have sufficient knowledge to prevent these diseases, although a good deal of control is maintained by early diagnosis and adequate treatment," he said.

Plan Camporee For Area Scouts
Early this spring scouts of Acton, Milton, Erin, Hillsburgh and Georgetown will likely be competing at a Camporee at Blue Springs scout reserve. Final arrangements are yet to be completed, but at last week's meeting of the North Halton District Scouters' Club, indications pointed to a very successful week-end.

A committee of three, Murray Scryne of Acton, Mr. Greenfield of Milton and Mr. Soffield of Georgetown, was named to investigate the possibility of holding a similar camporee for cubs.

The turkey dinner in March was discussed during the meeting in Milton town hall, attended by about 20 scout and cub leaders.

Synthetic Division Returns To Wool Combing Plant

Hearts, Pancakes Juniors to Compete In Drama Festival Tuesday Hopes

Tuesday of next week might be called a dual-purpose day, with no connection to those animals which are good for both milk and meat. Instead, Tuesday is the day everyone sends a Valentine card or gift to the ones closest to his or her heart. Valentine's day, a yearly feature, is always best observed at the schools. Hundreds of valentines will be spread throughout the schools this year, as in years gone by.

Remember the days when you used to receive upwards of 30 or 40 cards? Nowadays the number seems to be even higher for those most popular among the school classes.

Another item outstanding for Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday, better known among the younger fry as Pancake Tuesday, the day of the year when pancakes for supper are an almost necessity. And as usual, the youngsters will gorge themselves trying to eat more than mom or pop. Next to pancake batter, syrup and butter, we suppose the best-selling item of the day will be bicarbonate of soda.

Artificial Ice, Seals Discussed by Rotary

It was the regular business meeting for the members of Acton Rotary club on Tuesday evening. Among items discussed were support for the artificial ice project, the Crippled Children's work and the Easter Seal campaign.

A regular visitor, traveller Mr. Luckes from Wood River, Illinois, was again present. He attends Rotary wherever he happens to be in his business, and has not missed a meeting in many years.

Expect Operations Will Resume Next Month on Synthetic Fibres

Return of the Wool Combing Corporation's synthetic fibre division to Acton from Galt was confirmed. Director Joe Hurst is in charge of the production with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McKown in the make-up department. Mrs. Don Matthews as promoter, Jack Marshall, Mac Sprawl and Lawrence Hemsley as stage assistants.

In the east are Kathleen Stanley, Marjorie McDonald, Donald Matthews, Sandy Buchanan and Bill Price.

The synthetic fibres division of the Wool Combing Corporation of Canada Ltd. was moved from here to Galt in 1950. At the time the move was reported to be motivated by lack of sufficient space here to make production efficient.

All lines of synthetic fibre tops will be turned out when operations of this division resume. These include nylon viscose, acetate rayon, orlon and terylene. Manager Heeley indicated that initially some eight to 10 added employees will be required. Greater part of the synthetic fibres division is dependent on modern, automatic machinery.

With consolidation of Wool Combing's operations here, the future of the Galt plant was not stated.

Since 1950 the local plant has largely been concerned with the scouring of wool and manufacture of wool tops. Wool Combing established here over 15 years ago. In 1954 nearly 80 persons were employed locally, while more than 40 were employed at the Galt plant.

Early Days Tales Told Acton W.I.

Mrs. John Lovell, Frederiek St. was hostess for the February meeting of the Acton Women's Institute with the president, Mrs. George Fryer, presiding. Members answered the roll call by naming a statesman of whom they were proud.

The report of the penny sale and cure was given, showing a good financial balance. The announcements of the annual county folk school was read. Mrs. Wm. Ballentine was named as a representative of the Acton branch. It is to be held at the home of Mrs. Fish, Trafalgar township. The secretary was instructed to send the annual federal and county fees to the district secretary.

Mrs. F. Anderson gave a short talk on the motto of the month, Don't Take Sides, take Responsibility. A sing song of old favorites was enjoyed with Mrs. W. Hall providing musical accompaniment.

A pleasant feature of the program was an interesting talk by Mrs. Esther Taylor, who reviewed some early stories of life in Acton, consisting of a murder, a love story and amusing events which all together have helped to make our home town a good place to live.

Mrs. Fryer read from an article written by Ethel Chapman, which she states too much business is spoiling the Institute and taking away from the fundamental reason for organizing W. I. groups.

The meeting closed with the W. I. Grace and the group of the month served the lunch. Mrs. W. Ballentine expressed the appreciation to the hostess, Miss Taylor and all who contributed in any way to a pleasant afternoon.

Blue Skies, Sunshine Welcomed This Week

Sunny skies got a welcome reception this week as winter's usual dull canopy opened up to let through the blue, blotted with white here and there with high clouds.

Not only did the sun shine through Tuesday and Wednesday, but the mercury climbed well above the freezing point to start icicles dripping and streets running.

A February thaw caused mixed feelings, but winter has nearly two months to go yet.

Slides, Discussion Occupy Camera Club

A varied program occupied the attention of the members of the Camera Club at their meeting in the Legion Hall on last week. Prints of pictures taken at a previous meeting were criticized.

Colored slides of Florida were shown by R. H. Elliott and of the west coast by Mrs. K. Alger. Derek Milnes spoke on lenses and depth of field.

Mrs. S. Brunelle resigned as secretary. Herman Ekbert was named to fill the vacancy in the executive.

Expect Legion Hall Work Finished Soon

Additions and renovations at the Legion Hall are nearing completion. It is hoped the work will be finished within two weeks.

A new addition has been built and the upstairs completely redesigned to form a large auditorium.

Special plans are being made to mark the opening and the 25th anniversary of the branch this spring.

P.S. Board Requisitions Levy Of \$54,500 For '56

Acton's Public School Board, authorized to arrange with the caretakers for a record cabinet. It was reported by the secretary that a cheque for \$500 had been issued to finalize purchase of extra playground area from Baxter Laboratories.

The board approved \$50 for home economic expenditures. Regular finance statement of \$812.33 was presented, approved and passed.

Chairman W. Wolfe presided at the Thursday night meeting held in the school. Trustees Heard, Watson, Bradley and Smith were present.

Films, Election on I.O.D.E. Agenda

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. A. Long on Wednesday evening, February 1. Mrs. J. Whitham presided.

Routine business was conducted. Mrs. P. Mowat gave a talk on Nigeria, which was of special interest since the Queen is presently touring there.

Mr. Perks of the Bell Telephone Company showed moving pictures of interest to all. Stopping Along with Television and The Telephone Hour.

Since this was the annual meeting of the Chapter, reports were read by the various conveners. The new officers and conveners are as follows: honorary regent, Mrs. H. Mainprize; regent, Mrs. J. Whitham; first vice-regent, Mrs. B. Mowat; second vice-regent, Miss M. Mainprize; recording secretary, Mrs. K. Simpson; assistant secretary, Mrs. L. Simpson; treasurer, Mrs. E. Franklin; assistant, Mrs. D. VanFleet.

Educational secretary, Mrs. C. Kirkness; Echoes secretary, Mrs. J. Denny; service at home and abroad, Mrs. Jany; standard bearer, Mrs. W. Davey; assistant standard bearer, Mrs. L. W. Agar; pianist, Mrs. F. Sault; assistant pianist, Mrs. D. Leslie; Empire and World Affairs, Mrs. R. Buckner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. Long; immigration and Canadianization, Mrs. P. Kennedy; publicity convener, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe; counsellors, Mrs. H. Bennett, Mrs. W. Beatty, Mrs. E. M. McDonald, Mrs. C. Matthews, Mrs. M. Schroeder, Mrs. G. A. Dills; honorary councillors, Mrs. Wm. Cooper, Miss P. Smith; flower and gift convener, Miss M. Mainprize; Mrs. R. McDonald, Mrs. M. Matthews; lunch convener, Mrs. G. Beatty; telephone convener, Mrs. L. Youngblut.

Building Start Slow In January

January, usually a feeble month as far as new building is concerned, has made a relatively optimistic start towards 1956's month-by-month construction climb.

During the month one permit, for a new house valued at \$8,500, was issued here. In January of 1954 and 1955, not one dollar in building permits was registered.

1956 will have to go some to better last year's total, when \$1,755,100 worth of new construction was started in Acton. The figure is an all-time record for this municipality.

Last month a total of \$37,500 in permits was issued.



ACTON'S HOCKEY HOPES for an O.H.A. Junior "D" title are collected on the shoulders of these players who are flanked at left and right by the coaching team of Ezio and Ilio Marzo. Front row, left to right, are Ted Footitt, Wayne Arbic, sub-goalie Bob Marshall, goalie Jack Marshall, Emerson Baxter, Ken Black. Rear row, Ezio Marzo, Ron Shannon, Hugh Marshall, John Cunningham, Wayne Hilson, Manager E. Footitt, Bob Coon, Paul Lawson, Marvin Hunter, Ron Sinclair, Ilio Marzo. In the centre is stick boy Bill Dawkins.