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Second Section.

Toronto Ball Club Plays Host to 200 Acton Boys At Double-Header Game in Maple Leaf Stadium Sunday

About two hundred Acton Minor Sports baseball players, munching hot dogs and sipping cold drinks, cheered the Toronto Maple Leaf ball team as they dropped the first of a double header to Montreal on Sunday afternoon 4-3 and won the second game 1-0, at Maple Leaf Stadium.

Guests of the Toronto ball club, the Acton boys joined with four other groups of youngsters from various points in Ontario at the park and sitting in the grey section, watched their hosts play the two games.

Arrangements for the trip to Maple Leaf Stadium, were made by Alec Johnson, president of the Acton Legion Minor Sports, and Rudie Shaffer, general manager of the ball club in Toronto.

Leaving Acton park by motor car at 11.30 a.m. Sunday morning, the boys were undaunted by the large crowd of people jamming the Lakeshore highway to see the N.A.T.O. ships docked in the harbor for the Exhibition, and arrived at Maple Leaf Stadium with lungs bursting and keen appetites.

Divide Money
First cheer upon arrival was for the Minor Sports officials to hand each youngster an envelope containing money for treats during the afternoon.

Acton council Tuesday evening of last week donated \$50. to the

Minor Sports to be used for treats for the children and along with money from the coffers of the committee, each child was fortified with enough cash to buy whatever refreshments took his eye at the stadium.

To some of the children the stadium provided an excellent playground as they roared up and down the ramp from the eating concessions to their seats while others were content to watch the game and await the appearance of the vendors providing food and drink in the stands.

They were strong supporters of the Leaf club and cheers went up from the third base line area where the Acton boys were seated every time their heroes made a spectacular play or hit.

Cheer Hitter.

In the bottom half of the first inning, cheers echoed across Lake Ontario from the Acton section of the stands as Jim King, hotly centre fielder for Toronto, lifted a long one over the fence for a two run homer to put Toronto out in front.

Flashy playing by Hector Rodriguez brought the Acton youngsters to their feet at various times as quick stabs at hard hit balls were made and in the same motion flashed to first base for the throw-out.

Anxious to overcome any mis-

takes being made in their own league, boys from the Little Leaguers to the Bantam ranks watched eagerly as outstanding plays were pulled off by both Montreal and Toronto.

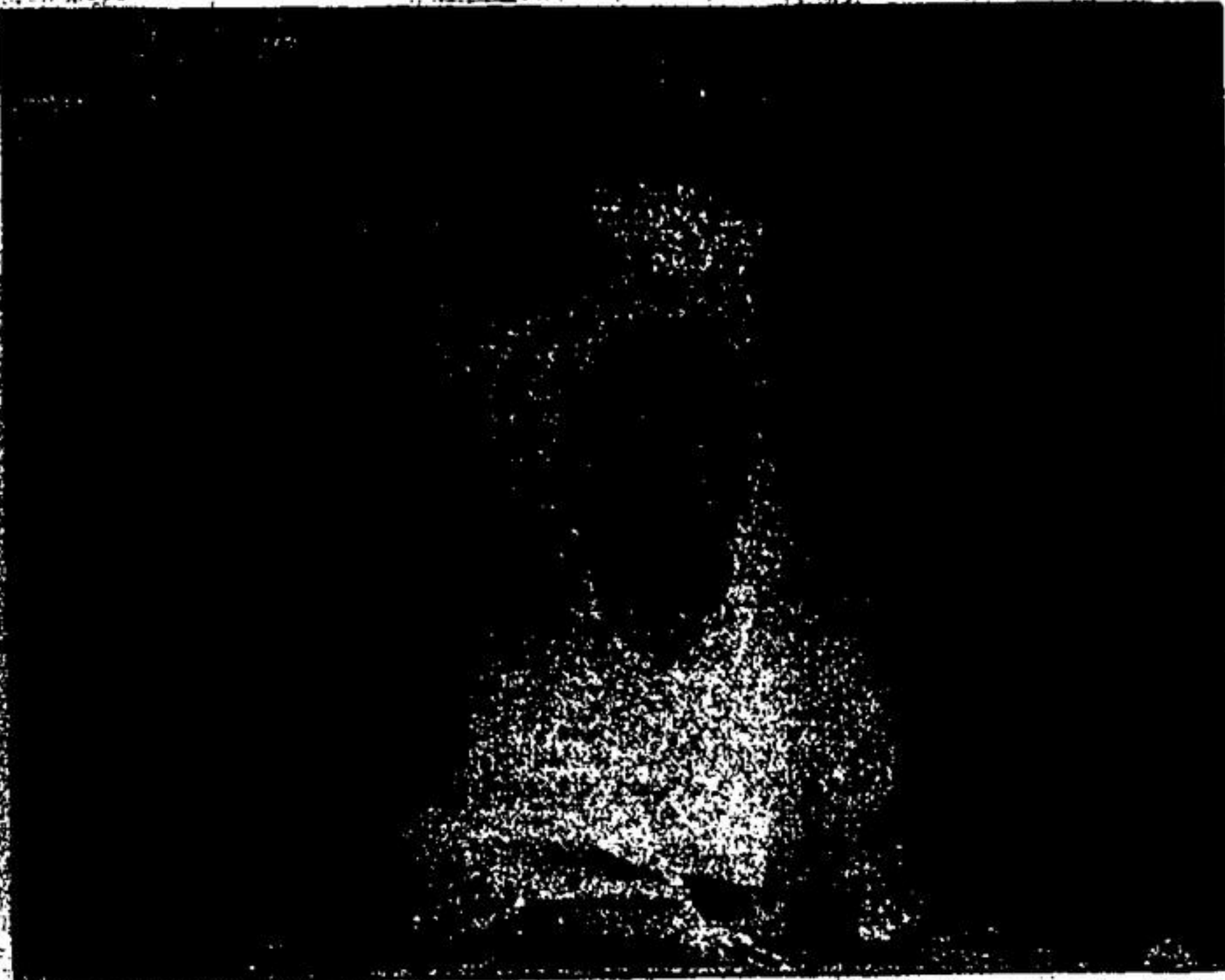
Perhaps one of the most interested fans joining the cavalcade to Toronto was Ronnie McKnight, who, accompanied by his father, was wheeled up the ramp in his wheelchair to take his place with other small fry and cheer his heroes on the Toronto team.

Rudie Shaffer, general manager of the Toronto club, met the Acton group upon their arrival and made them welcome before they hurried to their seats in the stands.

No doubt many pointers were picked up by the local youths as they saw outstanding pitching by Frank Funk, small in physique for a Texan but mighty in armpower, as he held the Montreal club in the first game until a timely homer zoomed over the fence for the visitors' win.

Tired but no longer hungry, the Acton youngsters bade farewell to Maple Leaf Stadium as they bended for their cars after the completion of the second game and the return home.

The many drivers who provided transportation for the youthful Acton ball players deserve a big pat on the back for taking time out from other weekend recreation to make the day an enjoyable one for the youngsters.



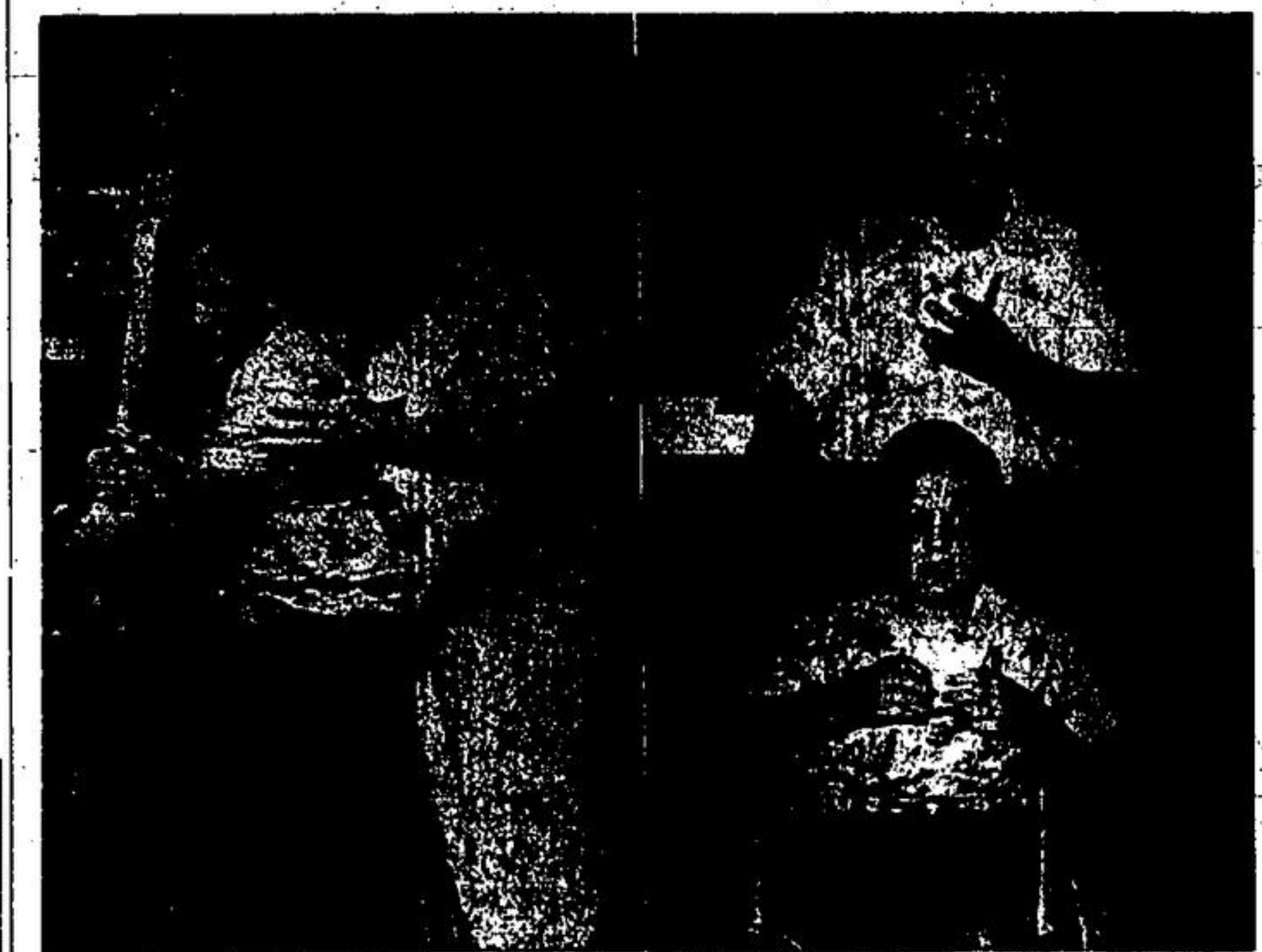
RUDIE SCHAFER, general manager of the Toronto Maple Leaf Ball Club, reviews the team's batting averages and explains the operation of a professional club for three of the Acton men present at the double-header game last Sunday when nearly 200 Acton boys were guests of the Toronto team. Pictured left to right are: Vic Masters, past president of Minor Sports, Don Bothwell, one of the team managers in Acton and Alec Johnson, president of Acton Legion Minor Sports.



HOW TO FIELD A BALL was one of the pointers Joe Amatitano showed Bruce Bothwell and Bruce Shultis, local Minor Sports players, prior to the double-header against Montreal at the Stadium in Toronto Sunday. Nearly 200 Acton boys joined ranks with four other groups of boys to sit in the stands and see the Leafs drop the first game to Montreal 4-3 and win 1-0.



A SPECIAL THRILL for two of the Acton youngsters at the game in Toronto on Sunday was to assist Toronto Maple Leaf catcher, Tim Thompson, put on his catching gear. Shown above left to right are David Ryder, Tim Thompson and Ian Johnson. The early arrivals had quite a chat with some of the Toronto players.



DIXIE WALKER, manager of the Toronto Maple Leaf ball team, shows Ian Johnson, left, the proper way to grip the bat when striving for a homer. Mr. Walker turned in his resignation following the second game last Sunday. On the right is a father and son team enjoying a snack before the games started. Pictured are young Ronnie McKnight, sports-minded Acton fan and his father Jim, before they took the long trek up the ramp to join other boys attending the double-header between Montreal and Toronto on Sunday.



WITHOUT EATING a ball game doesn't mean a thing and by the appearance of the Acton boys pictured above they are enjoying both the game and the eats. Some of the many children who were guests of the Toronto Maple Leaf Ball Club last Sunday, the youngsters were each handed an envelope containing money to buy treats with. Acton council donated \$50 toward feeding the Acton lads with Minor Sports making up the balance.

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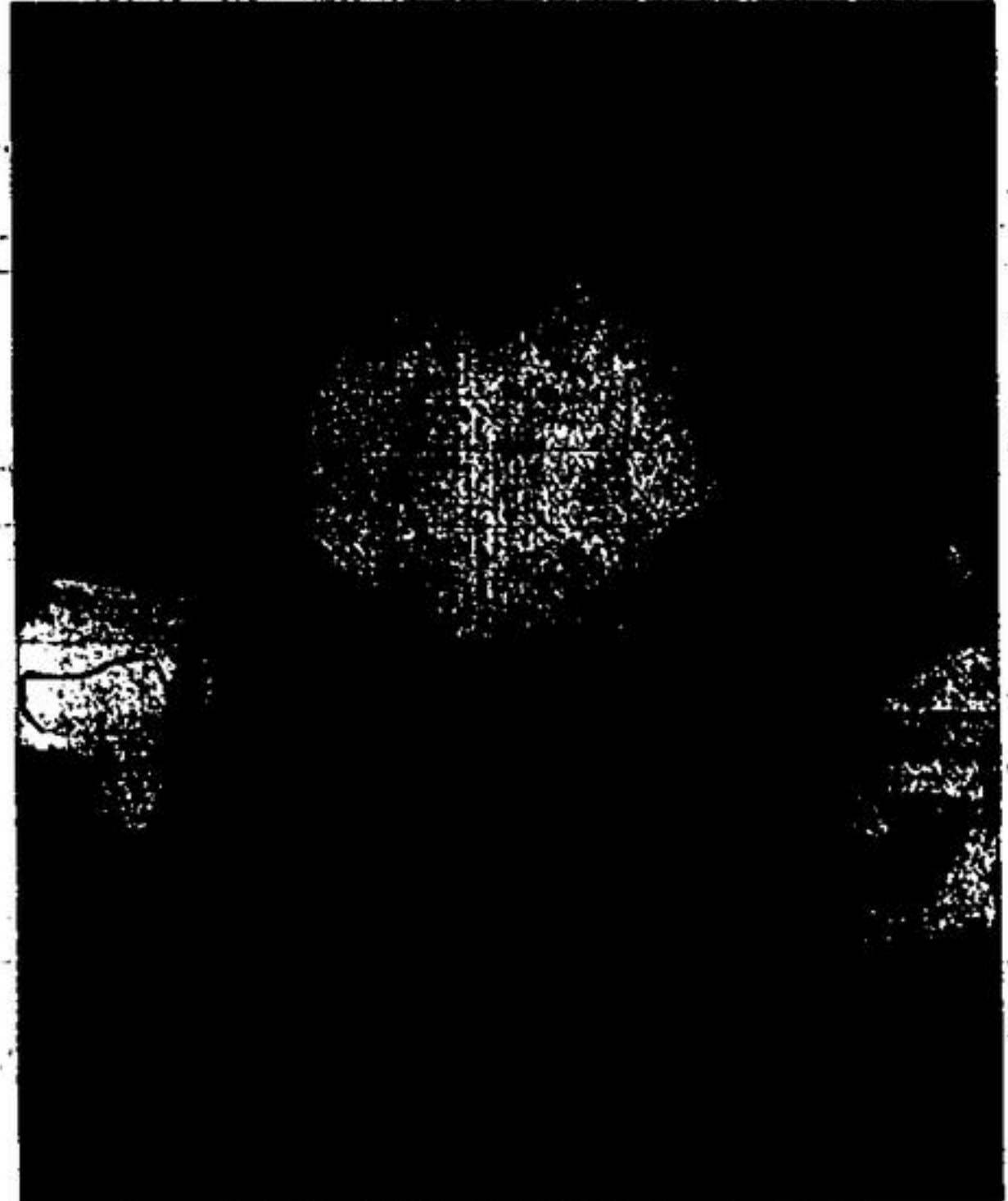
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Highlight of the evening was a presentation to John Cunningham and Miss Rochelle Henderson, who are to be married next Saturday in St. Alban's church. Murray Seane made the presentation of a card table and chairs on behalf of his fellow workers.



ACTON COUNCIL during their last meeting authorized payment of \$50 to Minor Sports in order to provide pop and hot dogs for the Acton youngsters attending the double-header baseball game at Maple Leaf Stadium last Sunday afternoon. Pictured above, councillor H. Peal offers a hot dog to Merl Harris on the left and Jimmie Peycha on the right.

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