

Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



The popularity of the Acton softball league this past summer with fans and players alike raises the question—Why not a similar venture with hockey?

Commonly called an industrial, or in the vernacular, "bush" league, both Georgetown and Milton have successful circuits operating again this season. Several years ago there was a thriving house league going in Acton but the last few years has seen little but minor hockey played in the arena.

Many fans in Acton will recall the success of the old "bush" league that had such teams as the Millionaires, Jones Boys, Lorne Rifles, Rockwood, Everton, York Road, Lorne Scouts and the Silver Foxes patrolling the ice lanes.

The price of admission in those past days was 10c. Over 200 fans took advantage of the low price to see what the Free Press of that era calls hockey that gets "more laughs than a barrel of tricks and it is not as serious as the O.H.A. games. Some of the hockey is good, and some is bad, just by way of variety."

There's no real reason why the league couldn't be revived. Granted cold weather, surely there would be ice time one night a week for such a venture.

Artificial ice is not a necessity for bush league hockey. They can play and have played on soft ice, hard ice, watery ice and rubbery ice. It's good recreation and the players participating have a lot of fun.

Maybe the old game of "shinny" is too strenuous for us television types these days and that's the reason the league folded.

Speaking of TV, did you see the Leafs humble Chicago on the network last Saturday.

Big Frank Mahal . . . (we can't spell it either) was really going and if he can keep up the pace, Toronto will be a shoo-in for a playoff berth this season.

Witness the slump. Canadiens are in, however. Even the tail-end teams are knocking them off. The onus seems to be on Jacques Plante. The coach says Jacques is letting too many pucks past him and part of the reason is the mask Plante wears.

Plante poo poots this suggestion. Take off my mask, says Jacques, and I'll lose ALL my confidence. Then watch the pucks pour in.

"The last game finished at 11:30, furnishing the fans with three and a half hours of laughs and thrills for only a dime."

In this particular year, the league had been having its share of troubles. It seems that Everton had a good team but they insisted on signing Elmer White, Fred Kenner and "Tubby" Masles from the defunct Lorne Rifles, making them a real threat for the honors.

The Millionaires squawked but Everton pointedly asked the dollar men how come they had two Georgetown players, "Coon" Vane and Chapman, on their roster. The case had to go to conciliation before it was settled.

Some of the other players on those teams? There was Bob Anderson, "Duke" Arbie, Bob Marshall, Chuck Tyler, G. Tyler, Tommy Robson, Don Ryder, Carl Ashenurst, George Holmes, Jim McGeechie, G. Saunders, L. Dudy, "Red" Hodgins, "Bus" Nicol, Carney Byrne, Doug Dawkins, Jim Waterhouse, L. P. Parker, Head, Justin, Sam Simpson, Matt Tyler and A. Buchanan, just to mention a few.

Vic Rumley donated a cup for annual competition and the Lorne Scouts won it that year. Does anyone know where the cup is now?

Well, you know now that this pillar is full of football predictions—wrong ones. We said last week Ottawa had the league leadership locked up but we didn't reckon with Robin Rote, Cookie Gilchrist and the Argos. They walked Montreal 63-27 while Rough Riders succumbed to lowly Hamilton.

A host of new records were set: Rote set a new touchdown pass mark of 38 with seven against Montreal Sunday.

Ottawa's fullback Dave Thelen picked up 62 yards against Hamilton to stretch his league rushing record to 1407 yards.

Gilchrist established a one-game league scoring record with 37 points against Montreal made up of three touchdowns, eight converts and a single.

And the league set a new attendance record for a 28-game schedule, with 629,811 fans paying admission. Toronto led the league with 198,548.

UNICEF WINNERS for the best costumes Halloween night are pictured above following the judging at the YMCA. A large number of boys and girls canvassed door to door in spite of the rain to collect for the needy children in other countries. Pictured above from front row left to right are Brian Binnie, Lynde Harris and Figne Gidman. Back row, John Beatty, Heather McGeachie and Billy Hansen. Each winner received a voucher valued at \$2.00.

Mud Bath at Georgetown

Slushing around on a wet soggy field in a steady rain failed to deter the fighting spirit of Georgetown and Acton high school football squads when they played to a 1-1 tie Wednesday afternoon in the papertown.

Georgetown took the lead in the latter part of the first quarter when Acton failed to run out a long punt into their end zone for a lone point.

Close Play: Playing nip and tuck throughout the quarter, the whistle blew with the papertown squad a singleton ahead of Acton. The lead was shortlived, however, when Acton attempted a field goal from the 25 yard line to make a point on a touchback after the ball failed to cross between the bars.

The balance of the game gave the spectators braving the rain a seaway battle for the ball as both teams played a heady game, holding the line time after time during bucks and passes.

In spite of mud splattered helmets and soggy uniforms, both teams came out of the game with a handshake and smiles on their faces about the tie.

Teams Tie in Pelting Rain

Intercounty League Standing

Streetsville Strikers	17
Oakville Oakies	16
Acton Merchants	14
Lynn Stamp, Dixie	9
Dixie Bowling	5
Van Norman Electricians	2

Junior Farmers Open Hockey Lg.

Palermo and Norval got off to a fine start in the Junior farmer hockey opener at Milton Arena Tuesday night, both collecting wins.

In the first game of the night Palermo defeated Acton 7-5 while in the nightcap Norval, protected by the superb goaltending of Don Timbers, won 7-0 against a weak Milton lineup.

Very few people turned out for the opening night of activity in the league, with more interest expected in the next few weeks. The league operates two games every Tuesday night at the arena.

Two Car Crash Injures Couple Saturday Night

Mrs. Dorothy Kirkwood, 19, of Frederick St., Acton is still in Guelph General Hospital with injuries received in a two-car accident near town Saturday evening.

A passenger in her husband's car, Mrs. Kirkwood had her right leg fractured in two places when the car careened into the ditch following a collision with a car driven by Louis Victor Hiltz, Rockwood.

Mr. Kirkwood, 22, received head lacerations requiring stitches and was knocked unconscious following the crash. He was treated at hospital and was released.

The incident happened as both cars were west-bound on Highway 7 about two miles east of town, and the Hiltz car was passing Kirkwood's vehicle. Both ended up in the ditch, and total damage was estimated at \$425, by investigating officer Walter Jordan of North Halton O.P.P.

Over 100 Attend

Acton Teen-Town dance sponsored by the Lions club was attended by over 100 Friday evening at the Legion Auditorium. The Silhouettes, a dance band from Toronto, provided the music for the young dancers.

Recent Visitors

Visitors over the holiday week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Stitt and family from Sudbury with Mrs. Jack McEnery.

Private Hubert Kux was home from Camp Borden to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kux.

HALTOWN COUNTY Progressive Conservative Association

The ANNUAL MEETING

will be held at the TOWN HALL, MILTON on

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 1960 AT 8.30 P.M.

Speakers: Hon. Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources; Mr. S. L. Hall, M.P.P.

REFRESHMENTS

Eden Mills

Bazaar, Surprise Party W.I. Meeting of Interest

(Intended for last week) The W.A. of Eden United church held a successful bazaar on Thursday evening. A program opened the proceedings with numbers from Arkell and Ebenzer W.A. Mrs. James Harner led in the singing. Pouring tea was Mrs. H. Tomlinson with Mrs. Beatty and her assistants serving: bake table, Mrs. R. Millson; Mrs. W. Wilson; fancy work, Mrs. Townsend; Mrs. Jean James; Mrs. Ralph Thompson, president, welcomed all those who attended.

Surprise Party
Friends of a recently married couple honored them on Friday evening in Eden Mills hall in the form of a presentation. Mr. and Mrs. D. Singular were taken by surprise and thanked the gathering for a beautiful kitchen suite and floor lamp.

Hold Euchre
The Eden Mills 1st Scout Troop held a successful euchre on Saturday evening in the hall. The Scout Mothers held a bake table on the side which was well patronized. Winners for the euchre were: ladies, Mrs. G. MacDougall, Mrs. R. Wright, Mrs.

P. Wickham; men, Pat Wickham, Ron Martin, Hugh Lindsay. On behalf of the Community Club, president E. Perry presented the cups, scouts and brownies with cheques for their help during the summer at the ball games.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kidd, Toronto, visited several friends in the village Saturday.

New Officer
Eden Mills Women's Institute monthly meeting was held at Mrs. W. Wilson's Wednesday. Roll call was answered by some improvement the ladies would like done at the conference at the O.A.C. A reading entitled Consideration by Mrs. H. Gilbertson and another, Resolution for the Day by Mrs. H. MacIntosh, were enjoyed. Mrs. J. MacDonald resigned as secretary.

Miss Jean Howard of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Craig, Linda and Stephen Fleischer of Newmarket were guests during the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Howard.

Mrs. M. Jackson spent the week end with her niece Mrs. Wm. Nevills at Orton.

Gail Fuller Places Second In Public Speaking Contest

Gail Fuller, Linda Ferguson and Beverly Bruce, represented the local school at Hillsburgh last week in the public speaking contest. Gail Fuller was placed second, with her speech on "The bottleneck of the St. Lawrence Seaway." In the township contest held in Fergus Gail lost out to a pupil from Guelph Township. However, all pupils are to be congratulated on their splendid effort.

W. I. Euchre
At the bi-monthly euchre held Friday evening at the school and sponsored by the Women's Institute prizes were won by Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. F. Baptie, Laurel Stubbington and Frits De Hahn. Bill Jackson and Fred Baptie.

Mr. and Mrs. Murd McCutcheon and Muriel attended the funeral of the former's aunt, Mrs. Joseph Hamilton at Fergus with interment at Milbroca.

Wilfred McMillan is confined to bed with torn ligaments in his

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parents' Selfishness Mars Children's Eager Generosity

November 1, 1960.
Editor, Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:
Through the efforts of a lot of willing children and a few old familiar faces who are usually busy doing more than their share when it comes to community endeavours like Home and School, Cubs and Scouts, Y.M.C.A. etc., somewhere in the vicinity of \$145.00 was raised on Halloween for UNICEF.

Considering what a wet miserable night it was this is pretty good—yet I wonder—How much more than that was spent on masks and pumpkins alone? Not that I begrudge these purchases but rather that so many of the good Christian souls of our town have forgotten or never learned the meaning of "Love Thy Neighbor as thyself."

Crime To Be Generous
Many people were very generous and did give money yet at some of the houses children were told, "You can't get money and candies too" As though the youngsters wanted both for themselves and were committing some sort of punishable crime by being generous and kind enough to take the trouble to share their evening fun with less fortunate children.

Were these people following the hue and cry of many of our leading citizens—council members who set themselves against the idea of Halloween for UNICEF share and share alike? Is kindness and consideration for others now a crime? Are our children to be denied the pleasure and privilege of giving of themselves because they might miss out on a few candies?

Parents I know would not allow their children to collect for UNICEF because they might not get enough goodies for themselves. Some of them amongst the same people who told the children they weren't allowed to do both. These same parents send their children regularly to Sunday School to learn the teachings of Christ yet refuse to allow them to practise what is preached to them.

Not Just Words
Three times that amount would have been raised without hurting anyone's pocket book had more people considered deeply "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" a question for personal consideration, not just words written in a little black book, to be learned by heart instead of from the heart.

But it is not the amount of money that is important. It is the attitude of the two-faced society in which we live! Those who through selfishness and unreasonableness criticize Halloween for UNICEF and little children for desiring to help others while enjoying their own little pleasures are surely small in spirit and a leading example of a sick!

Lamp Unto Their Feet
These very people might themselves be old and sick and in need of a loving word or a gentle hand or financial aid some distant day, yet to-day they make children feel that they are cheating or being cheated by doing a kindly act for those less fortunate than themselves. To whom will they turn for help?

Don't think the children won't have learned their lesson well— "Do as I say—not as I do—Love thy neighbour as thyself, but see to thyself first!" bywords for the future generation of adults—a lamp unto their feet!

Yours, Sincerely,
Outraged mother of a willing child.

Monday Night Bees To Redecorate Room

Following a series of Monday night "bees", the basement of the Baptist church has been redecorated. The floor is tiled in brown and beige, and the walls painted beige. New curtains on the windows, made by the ladies, add a touch of gold.

Prizes for Costumes At Halloween Party

The 2nd Acton Brownie Pack held their Halloween party in the Scout Hall after school on Monday. Mr. Black of the Robert Little school judged Halloween costumes, and presented first prize to Debbie Reed, second to Sharon White and third to Beverly Brunelle, after which Brownies sat down to light refreshments.

Pack leaders would like to thank the mothers who sent along cookies and cakes.

AD FACT No. 10

BY HENRY DEVAU

Total teen-age population in Canada now exceeds 1.3 million, representing 7.5% of the total population. A recent survey shows they have an average income, through earnings and allowances of \$11.35 per week. The teen-age market can be effectively reached through newspaper advertising, because teen-agers are newspaper readers.

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Thieves Steal Canteen Funds

Daring thieves smashed two doors and stole approximately \$15 in cash from the canteen fund at the Fire Hall, Saturday night.

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Police were notified immediately and a thorough investigation is being carried out.

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