Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

IF PLANS on drawing boards materialize for Acton arena, the old ice palace will be one of the finest edifices in this neck of the woods.

Plans call for the removal of the present delapidated front and construction of a spacious new building in its place. Dressing rooms, washrooms and lunch counter would all be provided in the new annex as well as an auditorium.

Fundamentally, the part of the building which houses the ice is in good shape. Of all steel beam construction, there is little likelihood of it going the way of several new arenas with laminated wood beams which collapsed under the weight of snow last year.

However, to bring the arena up to the standards of this district, seats should be painted as well as the beams which are beginning to show rust. In addition, a time clock is needed and, more lighting as by modern standards, it is inadequate.

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WE DON'T pretend to be building inspector but most of these facilities are in poor condition. From a layman's point of view, they could be expected at very little cost.

In Milton, when a fire struck the arena a few years ago volunteers painted the seats and helped put the building back in shape. The talks down there were interested enough in all the arena stood for, to spend a few hours of their time repairing it.

I don't think there would be any lack of volunteers for painting and other light jobs in Acton arena if the call went out. People here are just as interested in sport as they are in Milton. Leadership is all that's required and it has been lacking for quite some time in recreational facilities in Acton.

Congratulations are in order to the town fathers who recognize the need for these facilities in Acton. May they come up with an acceptable solution for our old ice palace.

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WITH THE MIDGETS down five goals and the juveniles four, chances of Acton's tri-county teams eliminating Orangeville in their respective two game goals-to-count series are small but you can count on them to go down trying.

The Lions blanked here last night, had several good chances to score but just couldn't seem to click. A scoreless first period with both teams having their share of the play was followed by a fast second chapter which, in the early minutes, saw the Lions have a wide margin. They couldn't score. However when an Orangeville player was sentenced for high sticking midway through the period, it looked like a chance to break the goose egg.

The Acton club pressed. Several close chances but then they seemed to let up and from a scramble in front of John Leatherland, a puck went into the twine to give the visitors a 1-0 lead. They lengthened it to two a few minutes later while still hemming the Lions in their own end.

And that was the ball game!

Two more goals on defensive lapses in the third stanza were superfluous—it seemed to be the first goal which decided the issue.

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ORANGEVILLE IS reputed to be one of the best clubs in the tri-county juvenile series. If that is the case, the Lions have no cause to hang their heads.

They looked every bit as good as the visitors, especially when they forechecked in the visitors' end. In their own end, there was cause for concern. No one wanted to carry the puck out. As a result, many pucks landed on Orangeville sticks for another shot on goal.

If the Lions pull up their socks and play the hockey they've been playing in their last few games, it is possible they can overcome those four goals, and win this series on Saturday night.

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AN INDUSTRIAL hockey league finally seems to be on the books after two nights of "shinny" sessions in the last two weeks.

The first night, only enough players for two teams showed up to play, but this week the word must have got around because the fellows in charge hope to have four teams operating next Tuesday night.

One of the players summed it up pretty well when he said, "A few games we will have to take off a lot of suet before we're in good shape." To which we can only say, "Amen".

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WE'RE ON THE SIDE of the Mahovlich fans in the current discussion, pro and con the big M.

Much to the chagrin of Toronto fans, a few of the boys have said loud and long that Mahovlich is not the super star he's cracked up to be. Only a garbage man, they say, picking up other players' leavings.

Phooey! And an outstretched tongue to all of you.

Any man who can score 40 goals for a team in the N.H.L. is a notch above a run-of-the-mill player, be he garbage man or sewer checker. And for your knowledge, the position is referred to as sanitary engineer in this day and age.

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BEAT NICKS . . . Guelph Royals, as of this writing were trying hard to shake a two game loss string started by St. Mike's on Friday night in Guelph . . . in Milton the Merchants pinned the collective ears of Georgetown Raiders back as they defeated their 4-3 and vaulted over Oakville into fourth place in the league . . . Georgetown and Bradford have been playing Alphonse and Gaston with the first place position . . . Trail Smoke Eaters although they won their first game in Norway, were not viewed with optimism by Jack Roxborough, Smoke's gift to the C.A.H.A. He thought they were weak on defense. The Norwegians compared them to the Russians . . . the Smoke Eaters have a full month of exhibitions lined up in several countries before they compete in the world hockey championships . . . Halton County baseball executive met this week to wind up the 1960 season . . . intense cold has kept spectators at minor hockey games to a minimum this week.

Staff Photo

GOING HUNTING? Then beware of the jackrabbits in Nassagaweya. Fred Meadows, Rockwood garage operator, has a story to tell about the one he is holding. Seems as though the large antlered jack chased him two miles before he ran out of breath and turned on the animal to fight it out. He also tells of two workers in the same district who saw a large jackrabbit, loping through the woods carrying a lunchbasket. Here is the picture and part of the story, the rest will have to be told by Mr. Meadows. Incidentally he qualifies for the grand prize in the You Know What Club.

SPORTS

Milton Defeats Midgets 8-3 Friday

Although they matched goals with Milton in the second period, Acton Midgets were held scoreless by the visitors in the first and final stanzas and went down to an 8-3 defeat in their last scheduled Tri-County contest Friday night.

Milton showed too much finish for the locals in the opening canto and soon chalked up a 3-0 lead. Both clubs went at it hammer and tongs in the sandwich session, registering three goals apiece for a 6-0 Milton margin.

The visitors pulled further away in the final chapter with another pair of goals to inflict Acton's 11th defeat of the season. Sheldon Blow bagged a pair of goals for the Acton club with Ian Johnson registering their third marker. Mervyn Marshall assisted on both Blow goals with Howard Dwyer earning the bracketers on Johnson's counter.

In spite of the Acton loss, the contest was played at a lively tempo and play was more even than the score would indicate.

Acton: Joe Massey, g., Wayne Bowen, Gary Masales, d., Sheldon Blow, c., Mervyn Marshall, lw., Gordie Mason, rw., alts., Ian Johnson, Brian Sproston, Jim Bullough, Howard Dwyer, Ruddy Holmes.

A Real Whopper

Hunters in the Nassagaweya area are cautioned to be well prepared when scouting rabbits, especially the jacks.

A Rockwood garage operator Fred Meadows, while hunting in the area, saw a large jackrabbit bounding toward him and when I came closer he realized the animal bore antlers.

Taken by surprise he dropped his 16 gauge shotgun and took to his heels. After running nearly a mile, he became winded and decided to put up a fight.

Drawing his hunting knife he battled with the horned freak until he finally subdued it and then dragged it back to the spot where his shotgun had landed.

Since this time he has had the head of the animal mounted and displays it in his garage.

Mr. Meadows tells of a story relayed to him by two hydro friends of his who were working in the same area a few days later and saw a large jackrabbit without antlers bounding across the field with a lunchbox over its shoulders.

Orangeville Victors

Lions Lose Play-off Opener, 4-0

Acton Lions, a few defensive lapses showing, will face a four goal deficit when they resume their two game goals-to-count series with Orangeville Juveniles in the Dufferin capital on Saturday night.

Orangeville invaded the local arena last night (Wednesday) and blanked the Lions 4-0 in the first game of the series.

Played in intense cold, the contest was a typical play-off fixture with no scoring until midway through the second stanza when the visitors notched their first goal while they were shorthanded. They added another a few minutes later with Acton still hemmed in their own end.

Going all out to tie the count in the final frame, the Lions exposed themselves twice and despite John Leatherland's heroics in the nets they added two more goals, the last one a screened shot on which he had no chance to make a play.

First Period

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Second Period

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Third Period

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Squirts Overwhelm Elora 14-1 in Intense Cold

It was a switch for the Squirts in a two game hockey exhibition contest with Elora on Saturday morning.

Acton Squirts overwhelmed the Elora team 14-1 while the Pee Wees bled the duke when they were blanked 4-0 by their Elora hosts.

It was the last win for the Squirts this season and led by Allan McKenzie, with four goals and three assists and Lawrence Gordon and Rod Johnson with three markers each, it was an impressive one. Ramsey Hare, Brian Robinson, Bobby Turkovy and P. Martingell were the other Acton scorers.

McKenzie tallied the only Elora goal in the second period.

Because of the extreme cold the Acton coaches switched goalers in the final period replacing Mark Kowall with Mike Miller.

Acton: Mark Kowall, g., Mike Miller, g., C. Hackley, D. Hackley, K. Owen, G. McKay, defence, R. Johnson, B. Robinson, B. Andrews, B. Dunn, K. Marshall, R. Clay, P. Martingell, A. McKenzie, L. Gordon, B. Turkovy, forwards.

Lions Roar Take Milton

Spotting Milton one first period goal, Acton Lions came roaring back to tie the score and surge ahead with a third period explosion which netted them four goals in their last scheduled Tri-County game last Wednesday night. Final result was a 5-2 win.

Ron Malcolm tied it all up before the second period was a minute old with a shot from the blue line that had Slesson, the Milton netminder, guessing all the way.

Neither team could break the deadlock in the second period but the third period was only at the 30 second mark when Bill Dawkins cashed in a play from Ron Mellon and Harry Phillips to put Acton in front. Then Peto Marks fired two goals within the space of two minutes for a 4-1 lead.

McDuffe's second goal of the evening put Milton back in the hunt momentarily but Harry Phillips' marker nullified that and the game ended on a 5-2 count.

Terry Waterhouse, Lions defenseman, was nicked for five stitches in the forehead shortly before the game ended.

Legion Minor Hockey

Leafs Beat Canadiens

Toronto repeated its feat of the previous week by walloping Montreal 7-2 in Acton Legion minor sports action on Thursday night.

In other games of the triple-header, Rochester downed Buffalo 7-1 in the American league and Hamilton blanked Guelph 3-0 in the Junior A class.

Ron Heller paced Leafs to their decisive victory over Canadiens with a three goal effort while Kevin Hall and Gary Murr each potted a pair. Murr also picked up three assists and Heller one to fatten their scoring averages. Mackenzie and Shannon both shared in the assist department, with the former in the brackets twice.

Clark and Papillon, Montreal's top scoring duo, fired a goal each in a losing cause.

Four penalties were handed out in the action filled game, all of them to Toronto.

Rochester Wins Easily

Keith Dunk went on a five goal scoring spree for Rochester as they disposed of Buffalo 7-1 in the American league section of the league. Bruce Shutts and Dave Ryder also scored one each in their team's lopsided victory.

Freuler, Hibbert and Price assisted the goal scorers twice with Roszell and Higgins also picking up an assist.

John Cooney spoiled Rochester's bid for a whitewash by firing Buffalo's only marker.

Hamilton reversed the score of the previous week on Guelph by applying the whitewash brush to the Royals for a 3-0 win.

Mike Vale and John Mason put their heads together for all the Red Wings' goals, Mason potting two with assists awarded to Vale on both his efforts. Vale rounded out the winner's scoring.

Try as they might, Guelph was unable to put a puck in the Hamilton net although they had several good chances.

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Three Fast Goals Give Milton Win

In Acton on Monday, Acton Squirts lost to the Milton All Stars, 4-1. The locals held the visitors scoreless for the first 30 minutes then D. Hearns opened the scoring for Milton.

Teddy Junks tied the game on a fine play from Allan McKenzie. Defense lapses by the locals resulted in three quick goals fired by G. Naylor, to cement the victory for the visitors.

Mark Kowall recuperating from an illness, played a standout game in goal for the home side.

The boys have been invited to take part in a Young Canada Night game next Wednesday, February 8th, against the same Milton team. In the other game the Milton Intermediates will host Niagara Falls Flyers.

Orangeville Takes Series Lead In First Midget Playoff Tilt

Orangeville Midgets took a five goal lead home with them after the first game of their two game goals to count Tri-County playoff series, which opened in Acton Tuesday night.

Showing too much finesse for the Acton club, the visitors potted two goals in the first period, three in the second and then matched singles in the final frame for a 6-1 margin.

The series resumes on Saturday night in Orangeville when Bill Buchanan hopes his Hedgehogs will shed their inferiority feelings and go all out to tie the set up.

Sheldon Blow and Merv Marshall scored the only Acton goal on Tuesday night at 7.25 of the third period. With Sheldon doing the honors and Merv assisting.

Only hat trick of the night was D. Woods' of the Orangeville crew and his three goal performance was almost matched by C. Watson who fired two and assisted on one. D. Rennick was the other visiting sharpshooter.

Four penalties were assessed by referees Ed Owen and Paul Courtney, the teams sharing them equally.

Acton: Joe Massey g., Wayne Bowen, Gary Masales d., Sheldon Blow c., Mervyn Marshall, Gord Mason wings, alts., Ian Johnson, Brian Sproston, Paul Phelan, Roger Ladouceur, Howard Dwyer, Mike Prystasz, Ruddy Holmes, Jim Bullough.

Norval Farmers Swamp Milton

The Junior Farmer team from the Norval club scored seven goals in the first period Tuesday night to claim a convincing 12-1 victory against the Milton entry. The game was the first in a best of three series and gives Norval a one game lead and the chance to advance to the finals against Palermo by defeating Milton again this Tuesday.

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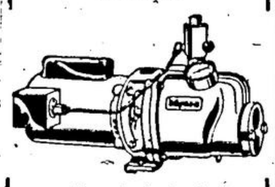

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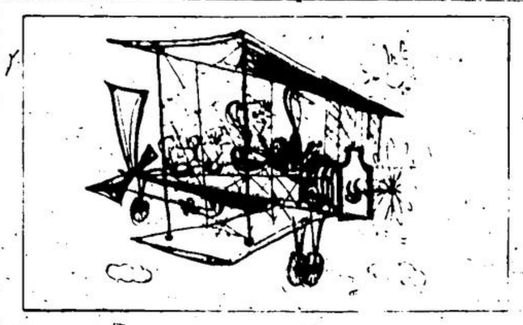

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