

## Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



**THE TRAGEDY** which overtook the figure skating teams of the United States must have been felt keenly by anyone who watched a recent telecast of the American eliminations on a Sunday afternoon.

When these skaters came into your living room with their dutiful steps, pirouettes and interpretive skating, you can't help but admire their versatility and wonder how many hours of practice went into the smooth routine. It's hard to realize the same youngsters are no longer among the living.

Their life raises a question that must perplex executives of any team which finds air travel convenient. Is the risk of losing an entire team in one accident balanced by the convenience and speed of the jets?

In one stroke, the United States lost their entire figure skating team. Do you remember when nearly an entire English football team met a similar fate three or four years ago?

Despite the safety factors cited as evidence on behalf of travel by air it still invokes some risk and an air tragedy is often fatal for all involved.

**WITH ONLY 10** men on hand, Milton Merchants pinned an 8-7 defeat on Georgetown Raiders this week assuming themselves as a playoff spot as the COHL comes down to the wire.

It was a story book ending for the Merchants. Trailing by two goals with only three minutes left to play, they pulled within one goal at the 15:00 mark and then coach Nick Fern pulled the goaltender Freddy Leaver from the net in favor of an extra forward.

The move paid off in the tieing marker. Then with only five seconds left in regulation time, the league's leading scorer, Merchant Jack Price, bewildered the entire Raider team with some nice stickwork, waltzed in and scored the winner.

The win left the Merchants back of third place by only one point. Georgetown and Oakville share the third slot now with Barrie and Bradford, in that order, leading the league.

Fans in this district, especially old country types, welcomed the news that Acton has a team en-

tered in the Hamilton district soccer league.

Headed by Andy Nolan in the president's chair, brother Larry as secretary-treasurer, Peter Schipper as manager and Fred Allen as coach, the Acton club has already put a practice session under their belts. It's typical of the football boys that they believe in getting in shape before the season starts.

Only a few years ago here, an Acton club headed a strong league for most of the season. All the present executive were members of the club which occasionally took on first division teams and chalked up wins.

Larry Nolan has been a consistent star with Guelph Sette Bella the last few years where his playmaking at centre half has attracted much attention.

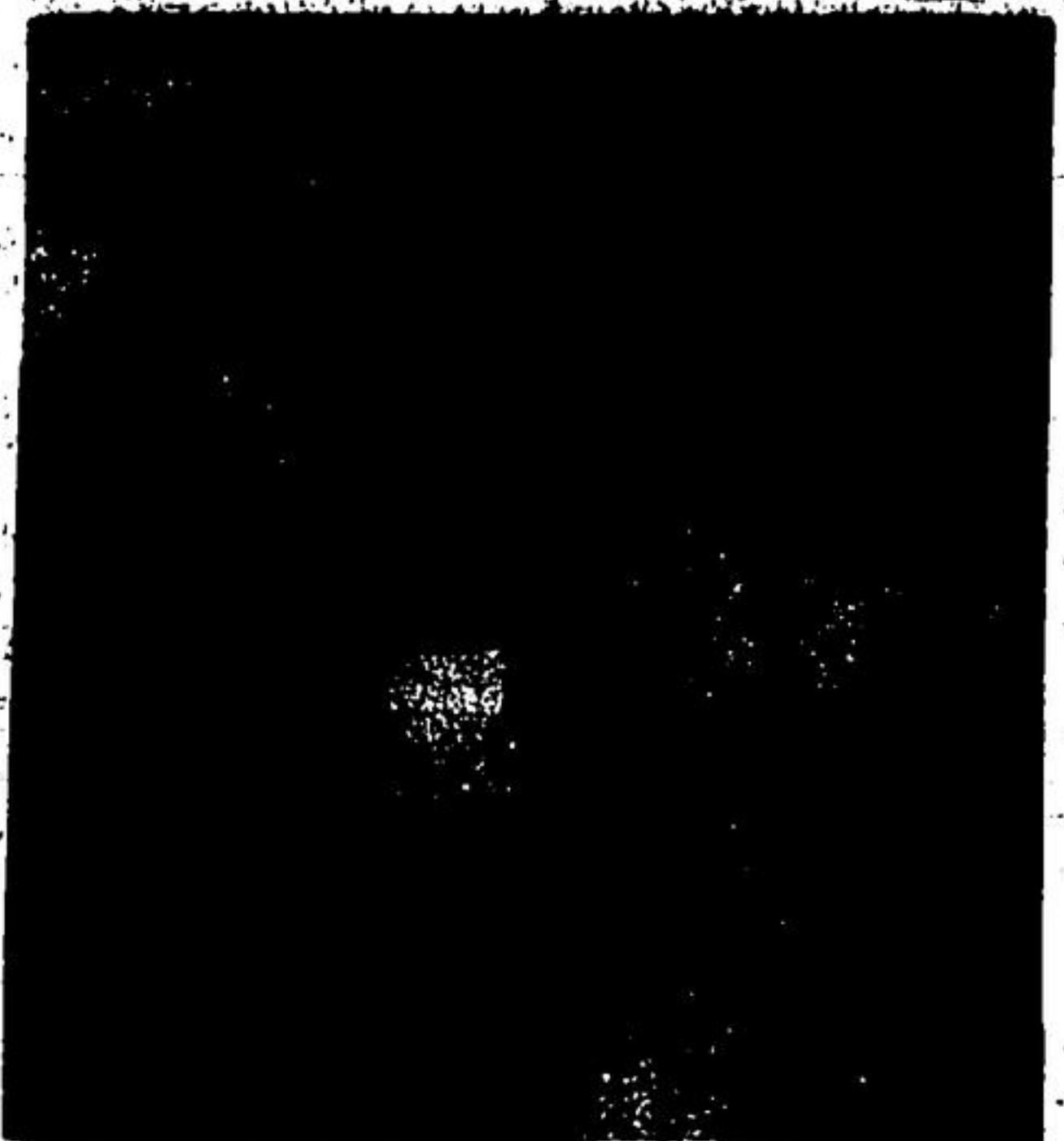
**BEAT BYS:** Spectators who saw the Pee Wee hockey game with Port Credit here last night, were impressed with the work of Walter Kotwill, Ken McKay and their assistants have put into the team. A hustling club with lots of old desire, the Acton team edged the visitors 10-4.

Friday night here, we hear by the grapevine, Acton's intermediate league stars take on Erin's intermediate B team in an exhibition contest. Erin is hiding time until they meet a playoff opponent in their OHLA circuit.

Tuss, the Russian news agency, thinks Trail Smoke Eaters are pulling a sleeper until world hockey championship time in the Smokies' current tour of Russia. Trail was beaten by a Moscow team in a game but then came back to take the Russian No. 1's 4-1 in a much better display of hockey. Seems the Russians are beginning to favor the Canadian brand of hockey with its body checking and ice fists which often aren't any more than a flailing of arms and a jab of nasty looks.

After breaking a clean sweep for their skaters in the North America figure skating championships, American TV and radio news were strangely silent over the Canadian's nearly clean sweep of the event last weekend.

warm weather and resultant soft ice forced the cancellation of several minor hockey games this week. . . Wednesday night's NHL contest between Canadiens and Leafs was a preview of



**FOR MANY YEARS' WORK** on behalf of baseball in Halton County, Ollie Johnson of Oakville and Bill Rendell of Milton were awarded life memberships in the Halton County Baseball Association at Saturday's annual meeting. They are the first ever awarded this honor in Halton.

## Pee Wees Eke Out 1-0 Win In Hustling Display Wed.

Showing the results of months of tutoring, Acton's Buschmen's Pee Wees, a hustling hockey club, it's ever seen one, put on another top notch display here Wednesday night as they edged Port Credit 1-0 in an exhibition contest.

Kevin Hall sniped the only goal of the game for the Acton club in a game which was fast, had only four minor penalties and saw the locals have a slight edge over the visitors. Kevin's goal came in the first period and the one goal lead held through the game.

Mike Miller, in the Acton nets, earned a well deserved shut out and his counterpart in the Port Credit cage played an outstanding game as he limited the Buschmen to one marker.

what we can expect in the playoffs; providing the two teams make the finals. Leafs have closed the gap between the two clubs and the Montreal team is not the confident crew it was last season.

## Halton Ball Annual Throw Out Sox Playoff Idea

The annual meeting of the Halton County Baseball Association was held Saturday in Oakville. Returned to his 15th term as president of the Association was Peter McMullen of Milton. Elected to office were: First vice president Earl Nicholson of Watfordham, second vice president Jim Wallace of Milton, and executive members Archie Conroy and Len St. Marie of Milton; Clarence Huggerty of Burlington and Dave Andrews of Brampton.

A record turnout was witnessed at the annual gathering with 30 supporters were in attendance. Only one amendment to the constitution went to the floor of the meeting and this one, to do away with the league playoffs, but it was defeated.

## Tri-County O.M.H.A. Finals

The Tri-County league playoffs are fast running into the slush. In the only other contested spot, Oakville finished ahead of Dundas in a battle for the "C" Major Series. Campbellville represented the six team group in intermediate "B" and Brampton dropped from the league midway through the season when they could not get sufficient players onto field a team.

President Peter A. McMullen said that there would likely be a decrease in the amount of Sunday base ball to be played this year. The playoffs have been complaining of leaving to give up every week to play for a ball and the referee he out in the end. Hespeler represented the "B" group and the club which beat Milton out in a two out of three series that went the limit, put championship goal beating them by four goals in two game total goals series.

The league titles are to be decided and then the clubs will go into the Ontario playoffs.

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## 35 Goals Fired In Farmer Tilt

Normal Junior Farmers went one game up in the finals in Halton County Junior Farmer hockey action Tuesday night by defeating Palermo 21-14. Goals were a dime a dozen in the contest as just under three dozen were scored in the three periods.

The series is a best of five affair and the way the goals came in this game showed that either team could end up the league champion.

A total of 27 penalties were doled out in the tilt by the officials and in this case it was Normal who had the edge, as well with 13 minors going to them. It is the 20th game in the league since the first season it was in operation when some high scorers were also registered.

Delegates were named to attend the Annual Ontario Baseball Association meeting to be held in Kitchener in March.

Over 35 teams are expected to enter competition in the various leagues in the Association in 1961.

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The Acton Rotary Club has taken over the sponsorship of the Boy Scout Movement in Acton and under leadership of the Group Committee is endeavouring to start with a clean slate.

The project is a large one and should be shared with every citizen in town. Remember every youngster is depending on you to provide scouting in Acton.

In order to burn the mortgage existing on the Scout House a financial campaign is being sponsored by the Boy Scout Group Committee and everyone is being given an opportunity to assist.

This is **YOUR** chance to develop today's boys and girls into future citizens.

Envelopes will be distributed door to door Friday evening and picked up again Monday night. Donors are asked to seal their contribution in the special envelope and have it ready for the Scouts and Guides when they call.

Nearly 200 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies are dependent on your assistance in supporting this campaign.

The Scout Hall in Acton built in 1952 provides a training place for nearly 200 Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies and outstanding commitments must be met immediately.

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