



**BASKETBALLERS** from the Acton High School are pictured above prior to a game in the gymnasium with Meaford High School team. Acton tied the game but lost out on the round by 28 points. Pictured above, front row, left to right, are Fred Dawkins, Bob Foyers, Ivan LaChance and coach-leader W. Coyle. Centre row, left to right, Wayne Ridley, Stewart McDonald, John Ladouceur, Jim Lindsay and Andy Williams. Back row, Don Lindsay and Peter Newton.



**THE FACEOFF** was the last play before the whistle blew to end the game when Acton trounced a Toronto team 1-0 recently. Waiting for referee Wayne Marshall to drop the puck is Garry Tailfer on the left and an unidentified Toronto player on the right. The youngsters play on the Acton Businessmen's Pee Wee team.

## Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

**PLAY-OFF POSITIONS** in the Central Ontario Intermediate circuit have been decided with our nearest neighbors, Georgetown and Milton, each nailing down a berth.

Georgetown will meet Oakville and Milton takes on Barrie in a four way Intermediate "A" saw-off. Both series are four out of seven. Winners will meet in the finals.

In the Intermediate "B" section, league leading Bradford meets sixth place Port Credit. Dundas, cellar dweller with only seven wins in 26 games, are excluded from participating.

The league wound up with Bradford on top with 39 points, closely followed by Barrie with 37. Oakville brought up third with 31. Milton fourth with 29. Georgetown was breathing down the Merchants necks with 28 points while Port Credit sewed up the last playoff spot with 20.

Milton Merchants will have their hands full with Barrie, a team which has beaten them consistently this semester. League policy this year allowed the first place "A" team to pick their playoff opponents and Barrie unhesitatingly picked the Merchants as victims.

As a result Georgetown and Oakville were pitted against one another in the other series, one of the better balanced clubs in the league while the Raiders, slipping lately, are always dangerous contenders in the playoffs.

Whatever the result, district fans should have the opportunity of seeing either Georgetown or Barrie in the finals, providing the unexpected doesn't happen and both are eliminated in the league series.

**IN A SERIES** which made up in enthusiasm for any lack of skill, Norval Junior Farmers skated off with all the marbles by taking Palermo again Tuesday night in the final set for the county Junior Farmer hockey crown.

The Norval crew were full val-

ue for their win although Palermo, a fast skating club, were the opportunists and forced the issue in every game.

It was the second consecutive crown for the smooth passing Norval team.

**BARRIE WON** the first game of their best of seven playoff series with Milton Merchants Tuesday night 8-3. The Merchants have acquired home brew Ento Schisizzi, former Detroit Red Wing and starry American League forward, to strengthen their roster.

Schisizzi scored the only goal of the first period when Milton held a 1-0 lead for a time. Guess we're going to have to jump onto the Toronto Maple Leaf bandwagon after last night's (Wednesday) game.

Leats looked superior to Canadian in every department in racking up a 3-1 win and stretching their first place lead to four points although Montreal has a game in hand. Unless the weather of the past two weeks is only a freak of nature, hockey in Acton arena could be over for this season. Georgetown is reported to be having trouble with the artificial ice plant there and rumors are rampant that it won't be fixed this season.

**BEAT NICKS** . . . Mild weather which played havoc with the county carnival Saturday also landed up all minor hockey activity scheduled this week. Milton arena is the target for some darts thrown by one of the Oakville papers. The port town scribe said hockey in the Milton rink is akin to a "first light" in telephone paper's sports scribbler asserts the Champion does not stoop to fabricated news to sell newspapers. . . it all started when someone threw the wrong switch in a juvenile hockey game and the arena was blacked out for a few seconds. . . Acton fans who follow Guelph Royals, and there are quite a few of them, are predicting an O.H.A. title for the Royals. They wrapped up a first place finish last week-end when St. Michael's dropped two games to St. Catharines.



**THE FACEOFF** had the boys leaping high during a high school basketball game Thursday of last week between Acton and Meaford schools. The game was tied 38-38 but Acton lost by 28 points from an earlier game in Meaford. Acton notched the first point shortly after the faceoff and played a steady game during the afternoon. The team is coached by teacher W. Coyle and is improving with each outing.

### C.N.R. Route Changes To Affect Farmers

The directors of Esqueving Federation of Agriculture met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Brown recently to plan their activities for 1961.

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## Norval Jr. Farmers Cop Championship Oust Palermo Juniors Three Straight

Norval Junior Farmers over-matching a pair of goals and Ross Cunningham also added another. Dan Vroman fired the final goal in a 3-1 win by the home side in the final session of three straight games.

Don Vroman scored the opening goal for Palermo in the first period. He was assisted by Jim Richardson. Dan Vroman scored the second goal in the second period. He was assisted by Jim Richardson. Dan Vroman scored the third goal in the third period. He was assisted by Jim Richardson.

### Hull Juveniles Enter Tourney

Local top ten ice teams including the year 8 Grand Champlain, Marlboro, Lake Ontario, and the County have been invited to the tourney in Milton, March 29, 30, 31, April 1.

Teams from Ottawa, the Ottawa River and Ottawa Rock are invited. The tourney will be held at the Milton Ice Arena, 1000 Highway 10, Milton, Ont. from 7-9 p.m.

Don Cunningham, Ken Richardson, Bob Archer, Ken H. Ross, Cunningham and Jim Richardson each took a turn at scoring. Vivian and Murray scored a goal apiece for Palermo to keep in the running.

Don Murray scored his third goal of the night early in the third period to tie the game but Jim Richardson increased his night's output to a hat-trick by

bringing his total to five for the night. The rearguard turned forward turned in a remarkable performance in his sole bid to overcome the lead by Norval in the series.

Sixteen minor penalties were dished out in the tilt and in this department Norval held the edge by getting nine.

Norval claims the Milton Milking trophy presented annually to the league champion while the Halton Coop trophy goes to Palermo as runner up.

The league returned this year after an absence of one year. Prior to this the teams of Acton, Milton, Palermo and Norval had some thrilling nights of hockey over the years ago.

Officials of the league are confident that the league will operate again next year although interest this year never climbed to its original peak before the one year lull.

Three ice games will be played in the four day period. Teams playing them in game order are: Conantown Stars in their Division.

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