

# Pounding the Sports Beat . . .



Who's that knocking at my door? It could be the fair young maiden but it happens next week more than likely it will be a canvasser for the Community Centre fund.

Next week climaxes weeks of preparation and details for the fund committee that the ordinary Joe would never think of. The fund executives have been turning on the campaign motto, "It's NOW or Never", and from this angle that's just how it looks.

If we're going to have an arena equipped with artificial ice in Acton (the time is now. Run over the arguments in your own mind, take the pros and put them with the cons.

If you can honestly say that the fund does not deserve your support then we'd advise you to weigh the facts again before you decide against contributing. Indications are the canvasser is going over the top and social beings that we are, everyone likes backing a winner.

Mayor John Goy and two of his henchmen, Jack McGeachie and Bill McLennan, were in Walkerton on Monday mainly to see the ice making process in the Bruce capital. They were fortunate enough to meet with an old caddy in Walkerton sports man, "Tubby" Schmalz. Tubby being a member of the Walkerton arena board from its inception, was able to fill the Acton trio in on all the particulars of running an ice plant.

The Walkerton arena runs ten months of the year with hockey, roller skating, bingo etc. as its major attractions. But it was some time before they ironed out all the "bugs". Biggest blow was the failure of their steel piping to withstand the ammonia and they attributed this to wartime steel and wartime welders.

Unfortunately, the leaks didn't develop until the arena had a cement floor with a terrazzo surface on top of that over the pipes. It looked like a costly failure until they dreamed up a solution which has been working very satisfactorily for them.

They simply left the floor as it was, laid down plastic pipes, and made ice right over top of that. When the hockey is over they simply roll the pipe to one end and use the remaining space for summer activities.

The Mighty Dude, backstop for the 1947 Ontario champion team, is back again this year handing out pointers in a coaching uniform for the intermediate baseball squad.

In spite of inclement weather, Dude has been giving the boys a pre-season workout and reports reluctantly that some of last year's team are trying out in Guelph Junior circles.

The two Lindsay boys, Pete Lawson, and Andy Williams, a member of the Guelph club last season are making a bid for the team.

## Voted "Most Valuable Player" John Goy Jr. Receives Trophy

Tall, lean, fast skating centre-ice star of the Bantam hockey team, John Goy Jr. was taken by surprise Monday evening when he was presented with a "most valuable player" trophy on the team.

The team, sponsored by the Acton Firefighters, were hosted by the firemen to a dinner and bean feast in the fire hall, after which a film on the 1958-59 National Hockey League finals was shown.

The young winner of the award was chosen by a vote of his team mates the previous Saturday and announcement was kept secret until the banquet Monday.

Expresses Gratitude In accepting the award, John thanked the firemen for the interest in sponsoring the youngsters and told the firefighters the entire team owed them a lot of gratitude. He pointed out that in spite of only a few years, it had been a successful season and everyone had received excellent coaching and supervision.

Team manager Herb Dodds praised the young lads for their interest and determination and stated his pleasure at being associated with such a fine group of boys. Head coach Harold Townsley echoed the manager's sentiments as he reviewed the past season.

Seated at the head table were the following: Jack Pink, team

If they click, and there is little doubt, they will learn more baseball than in Acton but local fans will be sorry to see one neighboring city pick the cream of the Acton crop.

Dude is not discouraged, however, and has his eye trained on a rookie catcher who is showing plenty of promise. The hurling staff, appears to be one of the weak spots in this season but the scouts are out looking over the field for new faces.

Guelph Junior teams have a penchant for picking out the better intermediate players still eligible for junior from this district. However, it is to the players' benefit and intercounty circles are travelled widely by scouts for future big leaguers. If a player has any potential he's more apt to be noticed in the intercounty than back here in the bushes.

Beat Bits . . . The way it looks now only a few boys are going to get the opportunity to play organized baseball this summer. Two youngsters, Peewee Peewee and Ed Owens, have entered a Pee Wee team in the Halton County minor baseball series for boys, 12 years of age and under. It seems to be Acton's only minor entry that will play against outside opposition. What are the chances of a town league? Your guess is as good as mine but as if now they are very dim . . .

Brampton's famed senior lacrosse club, known county-wide as the Excelsiors, will be playing under a new name this season. The club has succumbed to sponsor pressure and this season at least will be known as Simpson's Ramblers. The junior Excelsiors will remain with the traditional name although they are sponsored by a construction company.

An eagle's eye view is about the only comment we can make about the first telecast of Toronto Maple Leaf ball games. It was difficult to distinguish the base paths from the camera angles. The lens must have been on the roof of the stadium . . . Speaking of baseball telecasts, we've saturated with them on the weekends. How are we supposed to be in the great outdoors when the lure of a big league ball game keeps us inside? . . . still no word from the softballers about the proposed town league. Are you kidding? Success of Toronto St. Michaels' Majors from the O.H.A. Junior A circles should-redden-one-area sports scribe's countenance at least. He predicted the Toronto school would never leave the Junior A series and accused them of being a "Derby" Wrestling starts this Saturday in Milton arena.

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## Bruce Andrews Acton High's Hope

Bruce Andrews, Acton's answer to Bruce Kidd, called by the Toronto press Canada's most promising track star, will run against the Toronto star who led in the W.O.A. A track meet in the trials. The Acton star runs under the colors of the Guelph Legion track club usually but this week he'll be running for his alma mater, Acton high school.

Bruce is rated as the number two track star in the province but a lot of opinion in Acton feels he should be rated number one. Although Acton is entered in the "B" competition and Kidd runs for a Toronto school which is classed as "A" the two runners could meet in the grand championship.

Knowledge is what you learn from others; wisdom is what you teach yourself.



"GLADS" won the trophy in the Blue Springs Nursery Bowling League Tuesday evening during the final playoff. The team beat out the Rosas, Mums and Asters for the championship. Pictured above are the happy winners. Included in the picture are team captain Verne Magos, Mary Daly, Alice Pilkington, Wanetta Smith, Agnes McGinnis, Lil Wagner and Ivy Martin.

# SPORTS

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## 200 Fete Pete McMullen For Baseball Contribution

Close to 200 friends, relatives, fellow businessmen and baseball enthusiasts gathered in Milton last night (Wednesday) to pay tribute to Pete McMullen—a man they termed "The Daddy of Baseball in Halton County". Pete McMullen will remember it as a night when everybody seemed to have a reason to say a sincere "thank you" for his many years of contributing his efforts to baseball.

Pete is a man who started his baseball career with minor ball here in his home town Milton. He ended up serving 14 years as president of Halton County Baseball Association plus three as president of the parent O.B.A. and is still an active worker for the cause of baseball. Today they call him "Milton's Ambassador of sports goodwill".

Milton Red Sox Intermediate Ball Club sponsored the evening and succeeded in gathering plenty of Pete's acquaintances to make a big night of it. Highlights were the presentation of Pete's O.B.A. Honorary Life Membership by O.B.A. secretary Jim Waldie, the presentation of an engraved silver tray from the Red Sox executive and the presentation of a silver pitcher by Roy Petrich, Ontario Sales Manager of G. and W. distillery.

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## Seven Clubs Vie for Title In Intermediate Baseball

Schedules were released in the Halton County Baseball Association this week for a record 32 entries.

Seven clubs will vie for the title in the Intermediate series which gets underway May 18th. In the combined Junior-Juvenile league there is a total of six entries, three juvenile and three junior. The midjet league has six teams—the bantam league eight teams and the pee wee loop five.

All told there will be a total of 264 games played in the regular schedule of the five league and the playoffs for the right to go on into the Ontario Baseball Association playdowns.

Milton, Georgetown, Oakville, Brantford, Acton, Campbellville and Dundas are entered in the Intermediate league while Milton, Waterdown and Oakville are in Junior. The juvenile clubs are Carleton Place, Burlington and Dundas.

In midjet, Bronte, Burlington, Campbellville, Dundas, Georgetown and Milton will do battle while in the eight team bantam league there is Burlington, Milton, Georgetown, Oakville, Brantford, Acton, Campbellville and Dundas.

Acton Intermediates open the baseball season here on Saturday night and will play their home game in the newly formed Georgetown club. Composed of many players who last season toiled in an Acton uniform, the opening game could be a kind of a grudge match.

Dundas' Lindsay's crew resume again the following Monday when they take on Campbellville in the Nassagaweya capital.

Bronte, Campbellville, Dundas, Eden Mills, Horaby, Milton and Streetsville.

The pee wee loop has Acton, Bronte, Burlington, Eden Mills and Milton. Oakville, Eden Mills, Streetsville and Georgetown are towns with new entries in the Halton Association this year, to boost the amount of teams over the 30 mark.

The annual all-star game is to be held Sunday, July 9 this year when the best players in the Association will meet in an Intercounty series. The game will likely be played at Campbellville and will be decided upon later this month.

Each series in the league has a convenor in charge of its operation this year for the first time.

Pete Glenn, and Roy Levens, all of G. and W.; Eddie Bush, coach of the Hamilton Junior Red Wings; Bob Easto, secretary treasurer of Milton Brick; John Morr, manager of the Orangeville Curling Club; Ralph Donatelli, manager of the James H. Matthews plant and all the members of the Halton County Baseball Association.

During his speech, guest speaker Millman called for a moment's silence in tribute to the late Clarence Riddell who contributed so much to Milton and Halton county baseball.

with men from across the district taking charge.

Barry Deacon of Clarkson, former coach of the defunct Brampton Intermediates is looking after the pee wee series, and Clarence Higerty of Burlington, newest member of the Halton County executive since he was elected at the annual meeting, chairs the bantam series. The midjet group is tended by Dave Andrew of Brampton also a new member of the executive, and the Juvenile Junior series is being fathered by Len Ste. Marie of Milton, the third new executive member.

## Twenties Roar Again Friday At Teen Town

The Teen Town dance at the Legion Hall Friday evening had a novel twist with a "Roaring Twenties" atmosphere. Little Caesar and the Consuls played for the regular dance and Lions club chaperones were Syd Lamb, Vic Morris, Morley Allen and president Alec Johnson.

Judy Abram won a prize for her fetching Red Wing costume and Jo Anne Force won another for her 1920 flapper sack dress.

Special dancing prizes went to Donna Rennie of Acton and her partner Tom Watts of Milton who danced the 12th Street Rag. The pair judged the best in the Charleston competition were Laura Harding of Guelph and Karen Annan of Georgetown.



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## Champs Bradford Forth captured the O.H.A. Intermediate "B" crown Tuesday night with an 11-2 shellacking they handed the Port Dover Sailors.

The win gave Bradford the final series four games to two, with one game tied.

Earlier this year, the Bradford club burned up the Central Ontario League, winning out over Milton, Georgetown, Dundas, Barrie, Port Credit and Oakville in the regular schedule.

NOTES: Dave McArthur who has been an ardent worker in the Oakville Baseball Association resigned this week. Dave looked after the Intermediate Oaks with little or no help being given by the organization and when he entered a Junior club this year the same picture was developing so he turned the whole issue back to Bud Corbett, president of the Association there. . . . Schedule for the various leagues will be published in this paper next week. . . . Len Andrews, Campbellville mastermind was appointed to look after preparations for the annual all-star game for this year and therefore it will likely be the best to date. . . . The executive also urged the game be played at Campbellville at the same time but Andrews suggested it be left up to the clubs to decide upon.

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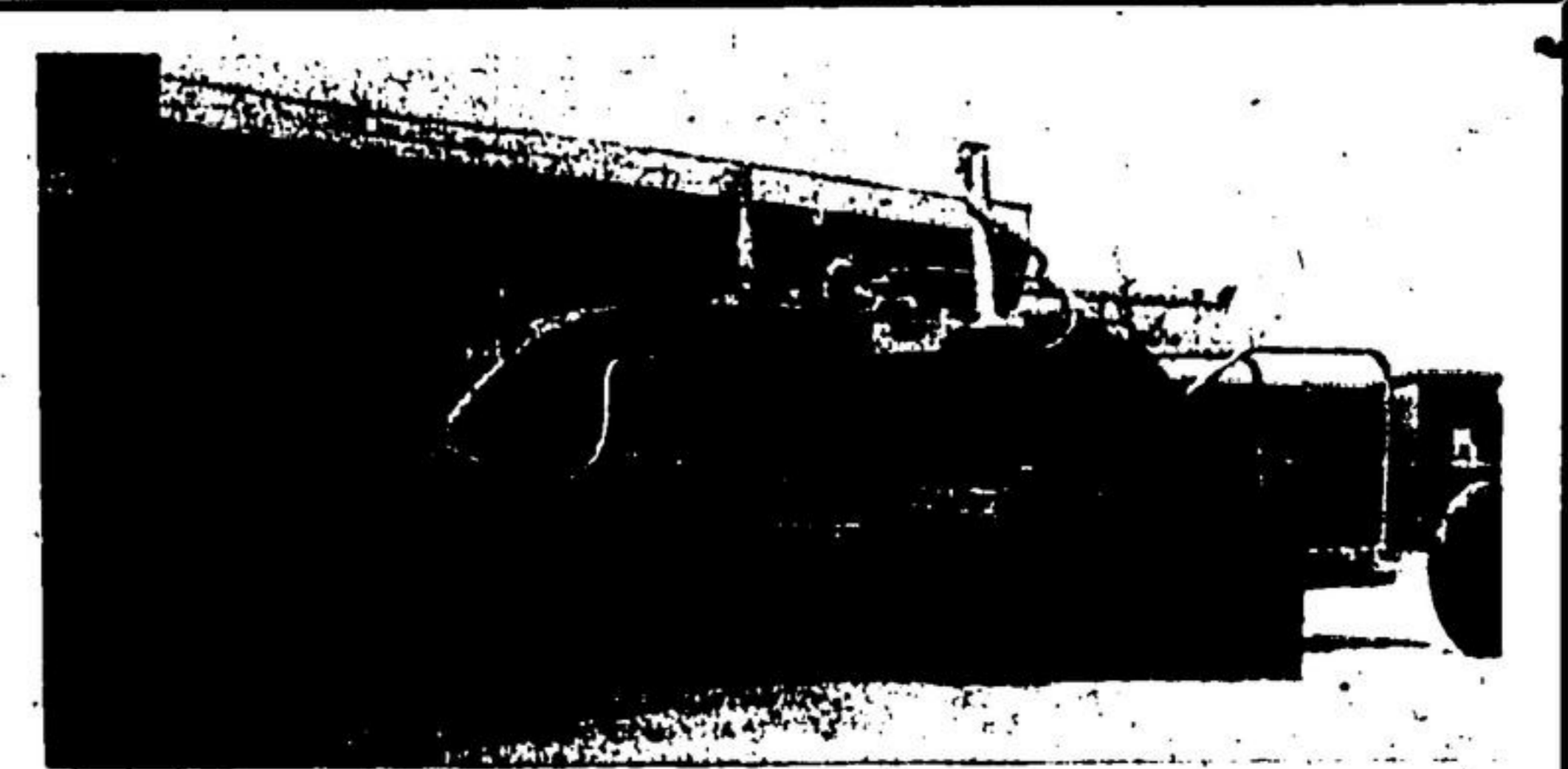
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