Pounding the Sports Beat . . .

BASEBALL sang its swan song in Acton this season on Monday night when the Merchants took on Oakville Oaks in the final game of the O.B.A. Senior "B" round robin. The game meant nothing to "Dude" Lindsay's Merchants, but to the Oaks, it was another chance to knot the series with Dundas, who slipped into an early lead with three quick wins.

The Oaks won 4-1 but not before they had a real argument on their hands from the Acton squad, who seemed determined they would take at least one game in Ion. With the scores tied at 1-1 in later innings, the Oaks pushed across a pair of runs that gave them a victory margin.

Oaks kept their flickering hopes alive as a result and a win over Dundas in their second meeting with the Grafton's could tie the series up, making another game necessary.

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ACTON, it turned out, was the patsy team of the three, although with a few breaks, they could have won a couple of games. They certainly gave better performances during the schedule than what they turned out in the playoffs.

The team lacked something when it got down into serious baseball. It was desire, I think.

In the opening game of the round robin here, several fans had their transistors with them. Some of the players seemed to be more interested in the results of a Yankee - Cleveland game on the radio than the result of the contest they were involved in.

However, it was a pretty fair baseball season, all things considered. "Dude" Lindsay had his share of troubles and he did the best he could with them. Maybe things will turn out better next season.

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THE FANS did not support the team this season in the manner to which Acton teams are accustomed. In fact, during the playoffs, they stayed away in droves.

This was partly due, I think, to poor advertising, but it also reflects the attitude of many who find the amateur baseball situation farcial.

Every team in the league gets in playoffs of some description. It's not like the leagues of the past, where only the top teams finished in playoff positions.

Some think it's amusing, but most view it as the beginning of the end for baseball of the small town variety.

Acton's experience this season seems to bear this view out. Hardly more than 50 showed up for playoff games this semester when a few years ago, a crowd of ever a thousand would not be unusual.

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BEAT BITS . . . Any boys interested in playing bantam hockey should get in touch with either Harold Townsley at 184-M or Herb Dodds at 256-W. Call after 6 p.m. . . . Larry Nolan, making quite a name for himself in Toronto soccer circles, was flown to Montreal Sunday for a game. Slated to play for Acton Saturday, Larry couldn't make the trip to Montreal by auto with the team. Officials arranged for him to fly . . . Some Acton fans are attending New York Rangers' exhibition games in Guelph and Kitchener. They are impressed with the new Ranger rookies, especially Jean Ratelle, ace of last year's Guelph Royals . . . With no Toronto teams in the league, the O.H.A. Junior 'A' race is going to lose a lot of its sparkle. Who are the small cities going to transfer their hat to now? . . . Hey Marc! Whazza matter with those Ottawa Rough Riders? Better get a letter home for the inside information. They were Grey Cup champions last season. Remember? . . . Racing touts from this area are watching Nassagaweya's proposed race track's progress with much interest . . . Fergus Thistles were eliminated by Huntsville in the league finals but will now drop down a notch and compete in the Intermediate 'B' title hunt.

ACTON SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

Staff Photo

SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS Acton Tanners are pictured above following a strenuous series in the Acton softball league. Front row left to right are Pete Lawson, manager Tinny Masales, George Bayliss and Harry Lawson. Second row left to right, Ken Papillon, Hector Lambert, Julian Zajac, Alec Commando, Bill Taylor and Don Brown. Back row Del Walters, Butch Richmond, Bruce Cargill and Bud Webster. Missing when photo was taken were Bob Bruce, Don Hall, Ron Shannon and Larry Porte.

Campbellville Drops First Game of Semi-Finals 5-4

The first game of the Intermediate "A" major semi-finals was in Campbellville on Sunday and the home team lost by a close 5-4 score to Corunna, the defending champions.

Campbellville was losing 5-1 going into the last inning, but put on a stirring rally in the bottom of the ninth that just fell short. The game ended with the tying run on second base and the winning run at the plate.

Watson, the winning pitcher for Corunna, went eight and two-third innings, allowing four runs off six hits. He walked two and struck out three. He was relieved by Slack, who gave up a double to Stan Henderson and then forced Jack Roberts to fly to left to end the game.

Goes the Route

Garry Field went the route for Campbellville. He allowed five runs off 10 hits, struck out seven, walked three and hit one batter. One of the hits, a key blow in the game, was actually only a lazy fly that was lost in the sun and allowed two runs to score.

Earl Cairns, with two home runs and three runs batted in out of four scored, was superlative in Campbellville's offence. Jack Laking and Stan Henderson both doubled and Ken Moore and Bill Cairns singled.

Footnotes: Campbellville were just hitting them where they were, as they flied out to the outfield 11 times . . . Stan Henderson left Sudbury (where he had been all week on business) at noon by car and arrived home just in time to drive in Campbellville's fourth run . . . The second game of the series will be in Corunna on Sunday, September 24, with the third game, if necessary, being in Campbellville the following weekend . . . It was Campbellville's 33rd game of the season. They have won 27, tied two and lost four. All four losses have been by one run.

Fire Prevention

"Our Biggest Week of Year"

A full program to mark Fire Prevention Week, October 8 to 14, is being planned by members of the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau. The theme of this year's national week of fire prevention is "Don't Give Fire a Place to Start"

"This promises to be the biggest week of the year for close to 800 firefighters in the nine Halton County fire brigades," said Don Cherrington, Trafalgar chairman of the Fire Prevention Bureau. "Industrial and commercial building inspections, a poster contest, distribution of literature, fire hall open houses and a church parade are being planned. Every person in Halton County will be affected in two campaign to cut fire losses by preventing fires, before they start."

Insurance Blitz

At a meeting last week in Milton, members learned that nearly 50,000 pieces of literature would be on hand this month for distribution through schools, industries and organizations. About 45 firefighters and insurance company inspectors will conduct a one day blitz of industrial and commercial buildings in Acton and Georgetown to point out possible fire hazards to owners.

Some fire halls will hold open house for children and parents and the school team. Bringing out the most parents for the fire hall open house in the district will be presented with appropriate awards. Children will be receiving home fire check sheets which parents can use to inspect their dwelling for the countless fire hazards that exist.

Poster Contest

Trafalgar firefighter A. Elliott is in charge of a poster contest for the Counties grade school students, and five handsome cheque trophies plus personal award are in store for the winning boy and girl.

The annual church parade for all Halton firefighters is being arranged and this will be held in Georgetown during Fire Prevention Week.

Talk on Plymouth, England Highlights I.O.D.E. Meet

An interesting talk by Miss Eve Taylor on her recent trip to England highlighted the fall meeting of the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E., meeting held at the home of Mrs. L. W. Agar, Arthur Street.

Following a welcome by the Regent Mrs. B. Mowat, business was conducted when several members volunteered to canvass for the C.N.I.B. to be held later in the fall and for the annual tag day at the Fair. Mrs. W. McLeod reported as convenor of the Echoes committee and Mrs. H. R. Force gave a splendid report as convenor of the Empire and World Affairs committee.

Following the business session Miss Taylor, who had returned to her homeland at Plymouth, England for the first time since her birth, gave a concise talk on her trip. So interesting was her talk that members could almost visualize the plane trip and places of interest visited.

After relating some of the peculiar anecdotes of her trip, Miss Taylor told the group how much Canada owed to the British Empire and indicated how proud everyone should be to live in Canada.

Mrs. Mowat thanked the speaker on behalf of the group for her interesting and enlightening talk.

Okay Private Garage During Brief Meeting

Permission was granted to Darwin Cripps, 323 Queen Street East, to erect a private garage on his property, during a brief meeting of the Committee of Adjustment, Wednesday evening.

A review of the zoning by-law revealed that sidelot clearance for such a building was stipulated at 4½ feet and the proposed garage complied within half a foot.

The committee agreed to waive the present regulation regarding erection of a garage in a C-1 area and granted the resident permission.

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Welcome New Rector, Plan Party During St. Alban's W.A. Meeting

The first fall meeting of St. Alban's W.A. was held in the Parish Hall. There were 13 members present including a new member, Mrs. Lloyd. Mrs. G. Fountain opened the meeting with prayers.

Welcomes Rector

The president welcomed the new rector the Reverend Donald West to the meeting. Mr. West addressed the ladies briefly. He stressed the fact that all too often a church and its people become self-centred and interested only in small affairs and projects of its own parish.

He noted however in the W.A. he had found a wider interest in the needs and activities of many people all over the world. He assured the ladies of both his, and his wife's interest in the W.A. and that St. Alban's group would always count in their support.

Plan Party

Mrs. C. Nellis, "Little Helpers" secretary opened the discussion on the Little Helper's party. It was decided to hold it September 27 from 2.30 to 4.30. Arrangements were made for a short letter of invitation be sent out to Little Helper's families instead of the usual printed invitation card. The Rector kindly offered to entertain the youngsters with a puppet show.

Mrs. Fountain in mentioning the highlights from the Diocesan bulletin noted that bales weighing four tons had been shipped to the mission posts, Indian schools and hospitals from the Dorcas rooms in Hamilton.

Receives Thanks

Mrs. B. Bayliss read a very interesting letter from Miss Thompson, Matron of the Indian school at Moose Fort. In the letter she thanked St. Alban's W.A. for the bales of clothing and Christmas gifts. She also wrote of the many activities carried on at the school throughout the year.

Mrs. Fountain closed the meeting with prayer after which the ladies enjoyed refreshments.

HALTON COUNTY

Weed Control News

by

V. E. McARTHUR, COUNTY WEED INSPECTOR

KILL EARLY SPRING WEED IN THE FALL

Yellow rocket is one of the fastest spreading weeds in this part of Ontario. In May of this year, we were quite alarmed to see so many fields yellow with this early spring weed. It usually appears for the first time on a farm in a field which has been newly seeded. There seems to be plenty of this kind of circumstantial evidence to assume that rocket seed is sometimes present in clover seed.

The government was aware of the seriousness of yellow rocket when, back in 1957, it classed it as a primary noxious weed under the Canada Seeds Act. Since that time, farmers who have used No. 1 grade clover seed have had the protection of this Act. No. 1 clover seed cannot contain even one yellow rocket seed. So the best way to prevent acquiring rocket is to make sure that you are seeding down with quality clover seed and grass seeds.

However, yellow rocket can be controlled and according to the Ontario Department of Agriculture, the fall of the year is the proper time to do this job. In the early spring, many fields are too wet for spraying equipment and very often clovers are present, and in this case the necessary chemical to kill yellow rocket will seriously damage alfalfa and red clover.

Extensive tests of control measures have been conducted by the Ontario Department of Agriculture which have resulted in the following recommendations for 1961. M.C.P. applied at the rate of six ounces acid as amine per acre, at a cost of 60 cents per acre for material, has given fairly good results.

2, 4-DB, applied at 20 ounces acid as ester in 20 gallons of water per acre, with the cost of material per acre $4.00; this application in late September or early October when the legumes have been killed by the fall frosts has resulted in excellent control of yellow rocket with no damage to clovers.

Call Invitation Bids On County Court House

Halton County Council will call for invitation bids this month on the construction job for the proposed $1,250,000 county administration offices and court house. Invitations are to be sent to at least 12 large firms, through architect W. Armstrong.

At Tuesday afternoon's County Council meeting the tender call was approved and tenders are to be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 20. The property committee will hold a special meeting October 23 to open the bids.

The architect specified invitations bids should be called and listed eight major district firms who he expects to ask to give quotes. Councillors Ryckman and Hanon objected that a few more good district firms were missed from the list, and the names of Ken Ariss of Guelph, J. B. McKenzie of Georgetown, Pigott Construction and Swenger Construction were added to the list.

Ford Announces New Car On Display in Future

Added to the Ford Falcon line for 1962 is the Falcon Futura. The basic economic advantages of the Ford Falcon have been retained while adding a deluxe interior with Thunderbird-inspired bucket seats, a console between the front seats and luxury appointments throughout the passenger compartment. The front seats are individually adjustable.

The Falcon Futura proved its gas economy in the 1961 Mobilgas Economy Run from Los Angeles to Chicago when it averaged 32 miles per gallon*, the best mileage of all 65 cars in the run.

"The combination of proven economy of the Falcon plus the luxurious appointments will, we feel, win the Falcon Futura a substantial following among the Canadian motoring public," John D. King, vice-president marketing, Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited said in announcing the car.

This luxury version of the familiar Falcon has the same dimensions and comes equipped with the 144 cu. in. standard engine or the 170 cu. in. optional engine. There is a choice of two transmissions: the manual three-speed or the Fordomatic.

The Falcon Futura will be assembled in the company's Oakville plant and will be seen in all Ford dealerships in the near future.

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