



Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

PERENNIAL O.B.A. CHAMPS. Campbellville Merchants added another title to the nine they've picked up in 19 years of intermediate competition when they vanquished Thornton 141 in the second game of the 'C' finals.

The pin-striped Merchants must be the most successful team in O.B.A. history. Although they've got only a limited area to pick from they've been a power in the Halton County League since their inception.

How can you explain the success of a club which hauls from a village of less than 500? Local knock-out cities, towns and villages in their annual quest of titles, some of them places with population 100 times as large.

Some point to the lack of anything to do in Campbellville but play ball as the key to success. I suppose, practice makes perfect. Others point to the Merchant pitching staff as the big reason for the success story. The villagers have had one of the most prolific fielding pitchers ever to play in the Halton circuit. Led by southpaw Jack Rossiter and curve-balling right-hander Harry Hamilton they've won 150 games with his. And there's always been behind the bat the veterans got tired. Any one of the village pitchers could have played some of a higher brand of ball if they desired. Some did but most were content to play for the village each season.

Putting is a matter of the Merchants' strong points. Ask an opposing pitcher whose faced their equivalent of the Yankee's pumkinies and you'll get a long list. Follows like Earl Cairns, Al Wingo, Ken Moore and Stan Henderson can really tear the cover off a ball and they do consistently.

Then there's always been a man to manage the team who's had his heart and soul in the game of baseball. Len Andrews, the present field manager, skulks in brass as club statistician, reporter and manager. Although managers are frequently the target for criticism, Len's formula for winning championships is hard to pick holes in. It's difficult to argue with success.

Last but certainly not least has been the spirit of the Campbellville club of the past decade. They play to win without the squeamish that sometimes disturbs the harmony of teams who've been perennially successful. And the whole village throws their support behind the team when they're playing ball. That's one of the advantages of playing for a small community. You've got the entire place in your corner rooting for you.

O.H.A. W.O.A.A. Which hockey body will Acton Tanners choose this season? This is the question disturbing the sleep of the hockey fan.

Somebody out of the Acton Tanners seems to be losing sleep over the decision. It's not that they're mulling the problem over. Letters have been sent to both organizations asking for an outline of their proposals. Secretary George Haggitt expects answers soon.

The Tanners are well known in their lot with the outfit with the most successful geographical grouping, providing the calibre of hockey they play. They've no desire to travel hundreds of miles for a regular season game.

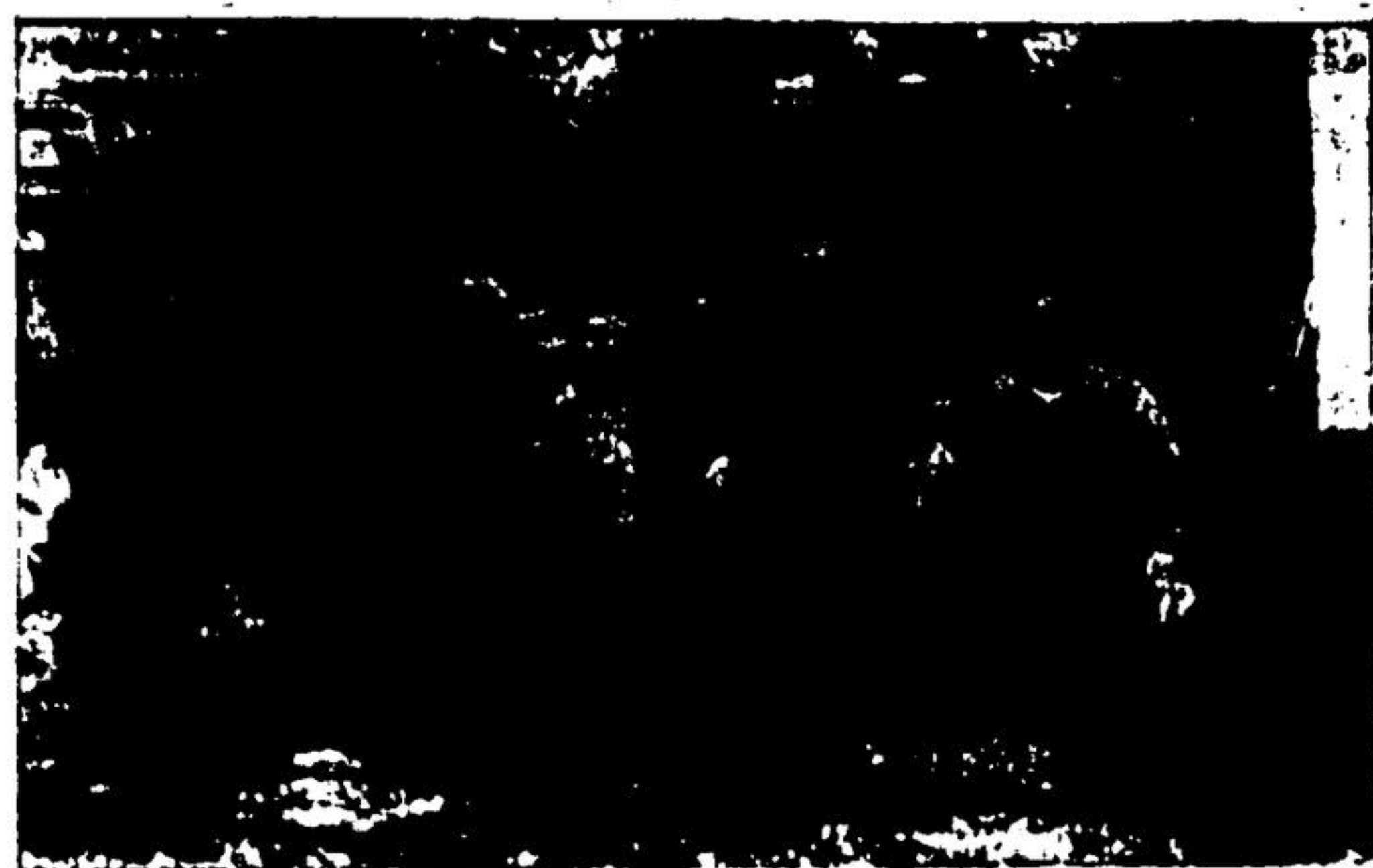
From the scanty information available to this desk I'd be inclined to say there are few O.H.A. intermediate teams in this area. In fact I can't name more than one. However, before you eliminate the O.H.A. grouping, remember they may have something up their sleeve besides a hockey stick. It could be an ace.

At least three new intermediate entries will be accepted into the W.O.A.A. this season including Waterloo and Meaford but the W.O.A.A. hasn't indicated what the groupings will be. It's possible most of last year's teams will be back with the possible exception of Fergus. Several Acton officials, dissatisfied with the makeup of last year's group, have indicated they'd like a change.

There has been talk in some circles of extending the W.O.A.A. into an interlocking schedule between the northern and southern teams but it, too, has its opponents. The northern clubs, satisfied with their present hook-up see no need for change. Southern clubs think it's a bit too far to travel.

A W.O.A.A. meeting next week will likely resolve a lot of the controversy. It's likely there'll be pressure from the O.H.A. too. So then it'll be up to the Tanners to make up their minds because it's not likely the two bodies will come to any agreement this season.

BEAT BITS ... All the boys who played in the Acton minor lacrosse system this season are invited to a winner roast this Saturday at the community centre, 4:30 p.m. ... Fergus Thistles, eastern Canada, a Senior 'B' lacrosse champions, will be presented with rings by the town of Fergus at a testimonial dinner. The club also presented the players with green blazers. ... Acton Referees' Association, their differences patched up with minor hockey officials, will run another hockey school, this time at the community centre this coming season. The popularity of the school last year led to many requests for it to continue this season. ... Gerry Inglis, defenseman with Acton Tanners last season, has signed to coach Georgetown Juniors. In an effort to attract more support the name of the team has been changed from Beavers to Raiders, a label which drew big crowds in the immediate postwar era. Gerry, who coached Georgetown Midgets to an Ontario title last year, succeeds Del Beaumont at the helm. Bud James, a brother to Acton's Gord, will manage the team. They'll switch over to the old Raider colors too. ... Ice is already in Georgetown arena which ran a summer roller skating program that attracted 4,700 skaters and 1,521 spectators in 51 sessions. ... Glen Williams won the Halton County rural ladies' softball championship. ... Final registration for Legion town league hockey this Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday is also the Industrial Hockey League's final registration time? — 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.



EAGLE-EYED MARKSMAN Doug Sheppard fired three shots from his 30.30 deer rifle and downed two cow moose and a bull moose within the first hour of a hunting trip north. Included in the party were Wayne Sheppard, Doug Sheppard, Mel Sheppard, Vern Holt, Aurora; Bill Anglin, Newmarket and Murray McLean, Wilcox Lake. Chief cook who dined up the goodies during the trip was Charlie Thomson who took time out from his sports chores.

Shorthanded Grocers

Trail Hillsburg in Finals

One complete game, a start and a forfeiture finds pennant-winning Acton I.C.A. trailing Hillsburg 20 in the best-of-seven in town-county football finals.

The 'Burgers squeaked out a 43 win in 10 innings Saturday night under the lights, here, for the only win on the field. Monday, however, the grocers failed to field a team for the second game of the set so the decision was awarded to the 'Burg despite an attempt to have it postponed because of inclement weather.

Wet Weather Cold, wet, bone-chilling weather has plagued the series since its inception. Last Wednesday's contest was rained out. A start on Thursday night, in spite of drizzle, saw the teams almost get in two innings before torrents of rain fell and made it impossible to continue. The grocers' early barrage gave them a 40 lead when the rains came.

Friday the wet, frigid temperatures continued but the series got off the ground Saturday. Spectators huddled in blankets to watch I.C.A. tie the game slip out of their grasp in the ninth inning with two batters on the hook.

The grocers had a 32 edge at the end of eight and pitcher John Salmon retired the Donaldson brothers, Mike and Ken, in order. Ed Smith beat out a slow roller to arrive safely but third sacker Don McKenzie's job into short left was fumbled by left gardener Scotty McCristall after a long gallop. Smith beat the throw with the tying run.

Bell Tolls Dwight Bell greeted Salmon with a single in the top of the tenth when the grocers failed to score in the ninth. Pinch hitter Ron Little flied out but McGowan smashed a single to centre which enabled Bell to ring in the winner.

The teams fought the first seven innings of the contest in a 1-1 knot. Acton had a brief 10 lead when they scored in the first but the 'Burgers tied it in the third. Then the grocers added two in the bottom of the eighth after Cooper had put the visitors ahead with a homer to deep right centre in the top half.

Towney Hits Liner Carl Leybourne took a pats with two out in the Acton half of the eighth and Harold Townsley stepped to the plate. Townsley slammed a clothes line drive off the first pitch into centre which eluded centre fielder Vern Williams and both runners scored ahead of the throw.

Scotty McCristall scored the first grocer run in the opening

inning when he drew a walk, advanced as Denis Gibbons singled and scored on Pete Lawson's sacrifice fly. Cooper tied it for the 'Burg in the third when he got on base via an error and scored as Ross Corbett doubled.

Ken Donaldson hurled the win for Hillsburg, yielding six hits, striking out five and walking two. Diminutive John Salmon took the loss for the shorthanded grocers following seven hits, whiffing 12 and walking none.

Juggles Line-Up Manager Harry Lawson had to juggle his line-up for the contest when several players were unable to attend. He sent Carl Leybourne to first base, Ross Spicer to third and John Dunn to right field when the usual occupants were away.

Second baseman Denis Gibbons led the Acton assault on Ken Hillsburgh — B. McGowan of R. Corbett 2b, M. Donaldson ss, K. Donaldson p, E. Smith lf, D. McKenzie 3b, G. Cooper lb, D. Bell c, V. Williams cf, Little pinch hit.

Acton — P. McCristall lf, D. Gibbons 2b, Pete Lawson ss, C. Leybourne lf, H. Townsley c, J. Faver cf, R. Spicer 3b, J. Dunn rf, J. Salmon p.

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Three Consecutive Shots Bag Two Cows, Bull Moose

Doug Sheppard, R.R. 4, Acton, pulled the hat trick as "an eagle-eyed" hunter, concerned with three consecutive shots he downed a cow moose, bull and another cow within the first hour on the trail.

A party of six hunters and chief cook Charlie Thomson, of Acton, made the long trek to Chapleau for the opening of the hunting season last Wednesday. The season opened Saturday and Doug bagged their limit within the first hour!

Series Resumes Friday Night

A special meeting of the Inter-County Football League executive with the two finalists, Tuesday night, decided today's postponed contest would be awarded to Hillsburgh.

Unfavourable weather and confusion over whether the game was on or not left the Acton club with a player deficit. When they couldn't make a team up the umpire awarded the game to Hillsburgh.

The series resumes in Acton Friday night and returns to Hillsburgh next Tuesday.

"We're going to have to take the series four straight", manager Harry Lawson told to his reporter.

"Who's going to pitch? We'll likely pitch big Tex or Ross Spicer Friday night", Harry mused.

Hamilton Defaults Final Halton Series

The cold winter type weather that has prevailed for the past week has dampened the Hamilton Cardinals' interest in baseball and as a result the Campbellville Merchants could be named the Halton County Champions by default. The Halton County league leaders were slated to play the remainder of the league (finals) against Campbellville, after both teams completed the O.B.A. commitments, but Hamilton has indicated that it will be unable to field a team. The Steel City squad leads the best of five series one game to nothing.

Merchant manager Len Andrews was disappointed that the series wouldn't be completed and he said that any official ruling on who would be declared Halton champions would have to come from the league executive.

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Announce Winners In Corn Competition

Winners of the 1969 corn competition sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society were released this week.

Fields were scored for a possible 100 points for general appearance, freedom from disease and insect injury, thoroughness of cultivation, competition finish and yield of fodder and grain.

The following are the top ten contestants with the score received:

- Melvin McCullough, R.R. 2, Acton, 92 points; Ken Spencer, R.R. 4, Rockwood 91; S. E. Griffin & Son, R.R. 2, Acton 90; Gene Wall, R.R. 4, Rockwood 89; Lloyd McLeary, R.R. 1, Rockwood 87; Alex McLean, R.R. 4, Rockwood 87; Howard Dornan, R.R. 4, Rockwood 87; Stanley Morrison, R.R. 2, Acton 85; Alex McPherson, R.R. 4, Rockwood 84; Walter Latham, R.R. 1, Rockwood 81.

There were 22 fields entered in the competition and 1,000 pounds of corn were harvested. The winners will receive a trophy and a certificate.

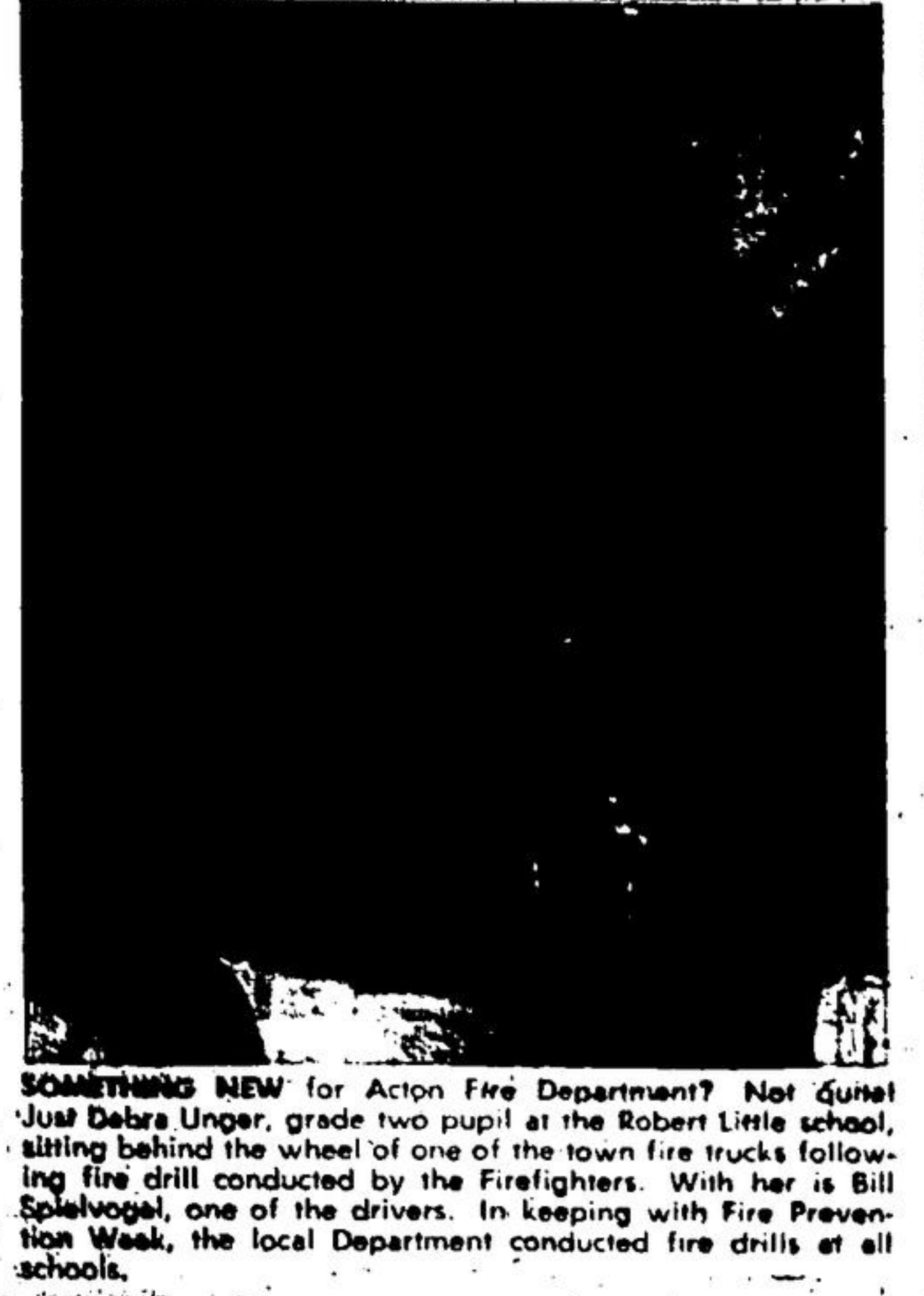
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