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## Strong contender for Canadian track team Keith Ranney strives for chance at Empire games

Acton has a strong contender for the British Empire trial games at Edmonton July 15-16. Physical condition, ability to compete with other national athletes or desire to attend will not hold Keith Ranney from attending. If he is not selected by invitation which results in all expenses paid, he will have to travel west at his own expense.

Keith was always a prominent athlete at school. A member of the Guelph Legion No. 234 Track Club for the past five years, he has already racked up an enviable record against such prominent runners as Ergas, Lepps and Dave Bailey. He ran a close second to both. Lepps was holder of the Canadian mile record until two weeks ago when he was beaten by Bailey, who is the only Canadian to run the mile under four minutes.

Keith, who is a conscientious athlete, trains vigorously each night and during weekends. During the day he drives a truck for Goy Transport. His training program is continued throughout the winter months and with his help several other Acton boys are good prospects as track stars.

In the winter, he dons heavier clothing and jogs around town or in the rural area. Toward the latter part of this winter he received permission from the high school board to have use of hallways for training. In the summer he either trains outside at the high school or at the Guelph University track. For the past year Ted Franklin has taken an interest in the young man and keeps a close watch on his times and training program.

During the past two summers Keith has never dodged a race and the fact he has never competed against Bill Crothers is no fault of his own. His loss to Lepps in 1965 was by a mere one-tenth of a second, and this was in a two-hat affair. Keith won his heat by about 20 yards and Lepps his by five yards. On June 14 of this year, in the 400 yard race, Keith defeated both Lepps and John Reynolds. On July 1, the Acton athlete in the 880 trimmed the time of both Lepps and Bailey by one and a half seconds. Keith's best time for the 880 is one minute 52.2 seconds.

The running record racked up by Keith is an enviable one. His running history in 1965-66 follows:

1965 — May 24, at East York he won the 880; July 1, East York, winner 880 over the cap-

tain of the Oxford-Cambridge track team; July 3 at Brantford he received a third in the 440; July 10, he ran second to Lepps in the 880 during the Ontario Championships; July 25, during the Police Games at Varsity Stadium he won the 880; July 31, during the eastern Ontario championships, he ran second to Bailey. During 1965 he competed in five 880 yard races to receive three wins and two seconds. He also placed third in one 440 yard race.

During 1966 to date his record shows a second in the 880 at East York, May 21; on June 4, at Aurora, he won the 880; May 24 at East York he again won the 880; June 14, at Toronto, he won the 440; June 25 at Toron-

to, he won the 880; June 1, at East York, he ran the anchor leg of the 880 to turn in the fastest time for the night; July 2, at Hamilton he won the 880 yard dash. To date this year, Keith has competed in six 880 yard races winning five and coming second once. He also competed in one 440 which he won.

With a record like this it would be a shame not to see Acton well represented at the British Empire trials in Edmonton. Possibilities of his doing so well in the West can almost assure any backers he will be a strong contender for the Canadian team which journeys to Jamaica for the games August 3 to 15.

## Swimmers contact rash, close Campbellville pond

Scenic Campbellville Pond — a beat-the-heat haven for youngsters and adults alike — has been closed by the Halton County Health Unit.

Youngsters who swim in the pond recently have contacted a rash which is suspected to be "swimmers' itch" and investigations are presently underway to prove this conclusively. J. A. Powell, the Halton County Health Unit's chief inspector reports.

The pond, owned by the Halton Region Conservation Authority, was closed last Tuesday night following complaints of children contacting a "rash". Placards were placed, indicating "this water is not safe for swimming because of pollution".

Mr. Powell says attempts have been made to get snails from the pond and test them, since it is believed a parasite of the fresh water snails causes the rash. "Our inspectors have been out twice to try to locate them, but so far they have been unsuccessful," he said. "We're now seeking expert advice from people who have had experience with these snails — from this point on, we'll have to rely on information they can give us," he continued.

P. S. Watters, technical planner for the Halton Region Conservation Authority, told this paper, "if these snails are infected, the pond will have to be treated."

In order to treat the pond, it would be necessary to lower the water level, remove all the fish in the pond and then chemically treat it. "We would have to take every precaution to ensure there would be no damage to Mr. Olan's fish hatchery," Mr. Watters said, as he referred to the hatchery owned by Ray Olan, which is located in a pond on the south side of the Guelph

Line, right in the village.

Mr. Watters said all the snails in the pond would not necessarily be infected — "possibly only as many as two per cent."

For the time being at least, the pond is closed to swimmers.



MARRIED 50 YEARS, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Coles, R.R. 2 Acton were honored Saturday at their Brookdale Farm by members of the family and many friends.

## Amalgamation proposed for recreation, parks board

Amalgamation of Acton Board of Parks Management and Acton Recreation Committee has been proposed but to date not settled.

The proposal was made by the administration committee of the recreation committee at a special joint meeting with the Parks Board members Monday, June 27. Although there were a few arguments against the proposal, members of both committees generally agreed. A second meeting is scheduled near the end of August at which time the proposal will be discussed more thoroughly.

Meanwhile, C. F. Leatherland has been engaged to clarify the legal aspects of amalgamating. Whether dissolution of Parks Board can be done legally without a plebiscite of the people or without a special act of Parliament is not known until Mr.

Leatherland reports his findings.

Parks Board members expressed their desire to study the proposal at a separate board meeting jointly again with the Recreation Committee in August.

## Superior Glove third expansion in three years

In four short years, Superior Glove Works on Vimy Street is undergoing its third expansion program and co-owners Frank Geng and Julian Zajac have plans for another addition in the future.

What started out as an 80 by 40 foot building is now being increased to double the capacity with its third addition since 1962. The company has grown from six employees to a staff of 30 at present.

The two co-owners began operation in 1961 when they bought out Superior Glove from the late Bert Mowat. At that time the two men operated from two rooms in a house on Main St. N. Immediate plans were made for construction of a new building on Vimy St. and footings were poured in September 1962.

By the time the building was ready for occupancy and new equipment including drums for tanning were installed another expansion was evident. This was added two years later and the third is now near completion. Already the two men are planning a fourth addition for some time in the future.

Although the glove business is quite competitive the co-owners are finding it difficult to keep up with orders for industrial gloves. When the market for industrial gloves proved so great all other types manufactured were dropped and Mr. Geng and Mr. Zajac along with their staff of 30 are concentrating on these.

In order to compete with larger manufacturers the men decided to do their own tanning. Present facilities for this process are all taken up and more room is required.

The latest addition expected to be ready within a week will house sewing, cutting and trimming equipment.

Mr. Geng has a lifetime of experience in glove making and tanning and Mr. Zajac worked for Mr. Mowat before going to Beardmore tannery to learn the leather trade.

## Police court

Two local youths charged with consuming while under age and having liquor in their possession were remanded two weeks on their own recognizance in Milton court this week for presentence.

Another local man charged with being drunk in a public place was charged and sentenced to five days in jail.

Insulation of underground hydro services in the newly developed section of Lakeview subdivision began Monday.

## Mesquitoes invade party as councillors barbecue

Acton council members shelved briefcases laden with municipal business Monday night and entertained their wives at a steak fry. They were also joined by thousands of unwelcome mosquitoes.

The annual outing this year included wives and chef Joe Hurst had mouth-watering steaks done to perfection by the time councillors and guests arrived shortly after 6 p.m.

This year the steak fry was



KEITH RANNEY

## Wait D.O.H. approval for town road project

Clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie received word Tuesday morning from R. V. Anderson and Associates, town engineers, the tenders for road re-surfacing and paving had been approved by their department.

Before the project can begin, final approval must be obtained from the Department of Highways. At last week's special meeting of council, the tender from Armstrong Bros. Construction, Brampton, at \$14,028.40 was accepted.

The tender includes surface treatment on Churchill Road North and the "older" streets in Lakeview subdivision at a cost of 26 cents a square yard or \$8,180.90. Asphalt paving of

held at the spring on Churchill Road.

Mayor Les Duby strumming his guitar and councillor Dr. F. C. Oakes with his mouth organ provided music for a sing-song. Attending the outing were Mr. and Mrs. Duby, Reeve and Mrs. H. H. Hinton, Deputy Reeve and Mrs. R. R. Parker, and councillors and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Masales, Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C.

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## Into 92nd year

The Acton Free Press has now entered its 92nd year of continuous publication as Acton's only newspaper. The tale is told at the heading of each issue where the years of publication are recorded along with the issue number.

It was in July 1875 that Joseph Hacking a Guelph printer decided Acton was large enough for its own weekly newspaper. His decision made, he launched The Acton Free Press that now ranks as one of the community's oldest businesses.

For the past 39 years the paper has been published by the Dills family, first under the editorship of G. A. Dills and currently under the direction of David Dills the present managing editor.

The past 4,732 issues of the paper have been preserved and are bound volumes recording in detail the growth and development of the town the paper serves. They are in constant use for reference material on the community's past as well as for reprinting of highlights in the well-read features on the editorial page.

Now it's on to the 92 year.



—Staff Photo

NEW PRESIDENT of Acton Rotary Club, William Pendleton, receives the gavel from past president Mac Sprowl, following his installation last week.

## Nassagaweya okays Brookville addition

Approval of a proposed \$283,300 addition to Brookville Public School was granted Monday night by Nassagaweya Township Council. Council's tentative approval of the project enables the School Board to engage an architect and call construction tenders.

The proposed addition would consist of six additional classrooms, a school library, a home economics room and an industrial arts room. Based on the architect's estimate of \$17 per square foot, the total cost for a 14,400 square foot addition, including furnishings, would be \$283,300. Of that amount, \$174,500 qualifies for grants from the Department of Education. The Board hopes to have the addition completed in time for use in September of 1967.

Councillor Ross Gordon opened the discussion on Monday by indicating "the school board certainly did its homework. Their submission was one of the best I've ever seen."

Deputy Reeve William Huey expressed again his concern about spending too much money on industrial arts and home economics, but said since council received the proposal two weeks before, he had not been contacted by ratepayers concerning the project. "I'm not going to tell the school board how to take care of educational matters — we can't look after education as well as township business."

Councillor Anne MacArthur said she had been contacted by ratepayers and said they believed the public school in Campbellville would eventually be closed, despite the board's insistence that it would "not be." "People are concerned about

Children in Acton between the ages of five and 14 years need not be idle this summer. As a matter of fact, adults needn't either.

Recreation Director Howard Pearce has an all-day schedule mapped out for kids in the summer playground program.

The program began Monday morning with close to 170 youngsters registering. Tuesday the ranks began to swell as more children arrived and by the end of the week it is expected close to 300 may be participating.

For the first time the playground program continues all day from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding lunch time. Included on the program are active games, imaginative and creative drama, arts and crafts and swimming. The children are divided into three age groups with two playground leaders in charge of each group.

Activities take place at both the park and the M. Z. Bennett schoolground and Mr. Pearce expects to stage competitions between each during the summer months.

Swimming classes begin at 1 p.m. with each of three groups taking one hour per day lessons. Each child receives three weeks of lessons and during this time takes tests. At the end of three weeks if a child is successful he or she receives a Red Cross beginner's certificate.

Miss Trudy Morris is swimming instructor and is assisted by leader in training Paul Cooper. The two divide the children into groups for lessons.

The recreation director has a well-trained staff to work with him. Miss Donna Landsborough is supervising leader with Cavell Marshall and Jo Marie Marchmont assisting. Miss Landsborough keeps an eye on both playground groups taking turns between the park and school grounds. Also assisting her are playground leaders Barbara Nicolak, Joanne Lands-

borough and Linda Ralston as well as leaders in training Brenda Aherne, Edith Hopkins and Cathy Krul.

Although the younger children are well-looked after, Mr. Pearce has not neglected older boys. Every Wednesday evening the arena is packed with over 65 boys running across the arena floor playing lacrosse. Barry Insoe is heading the lacrosse school assisted by John Krapack, John Goy Jr. and Larry Taillefer.

For the older youngsters up to married personnel there is both men's and girls' softball and the Slim and Trim class each Wednesday night at the

Y.M.C.A. is crowded as the girls attempt to peel off pounds.

The Golden Age Club members hold a meeting tonight (Thursday) with Mr. Pearce to attempt a start at shuffleboard in the arena. Previous attempts have not been too successful.

As well as supervised sports, there is also public swimming in Fairy Lake. However it has been pointed out there is no supervision and a sign posted at the beach area warns patrons they swim at their own risk.

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## Two Accidents Keep police busy

Constable Nick Farion investigated two accidents on Dominion Day. The first involved a car driven by Brian Smith, R.R. 3, Acton, proceeding west on Mill Street. His car received an estimated \$200 damage.

The second vehicle driven by Emil Klear of Oakville was proceeding south on Main St. N. and was in the process of making a left hand turn onto Mill St. when the accident occurred. His car received an estimated \$150 damage. The latter driver was charged.

The second accident reported to have occurred around 6:30 p.m. involved a Guelph motorcyclist Edward Greig and a Rockwood motorist Gary Welch. Constable Farion received the report around 10:30 p.m.

Both operators were travelling west on No. 7 highway on Guelph Street and the car was attempting to pass the motorcycle when the accident occurred. The motorcyclist was treated in Guelph for multiple abrasions, a mild concussion and a punctured big toe.



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135 YEARS OF SERVICE was completed by five Beardmore employees Thursday of last week. In recognition of their service, company officials held a get-together on the lawn at the plant and presented retirement cheques. Left,

to right are general manager Norman Braida, Jim McDonald and Percy Evans, both retired, company president W. J. Beatty, vice-president R. R. Parker, Walter Lewandowski and George Pozig, all three retired.