

### burning gun powder at Maple Rock

**By Art Hawes**  
Local varmit hunters can hardly wait till spring when the snows and ground hogs are plentiful. One local hunter reported a lone crow has returned to this area. It was spotted between Acton and Georgetown.

The pros and cons of the value of game preserves have been argued over for years. Recently the Chapleau Game Preserve has been a topic of much discussion.

Some people question the value of the game preserve and would like to see it abolished. No hunting is allowed in the preserve. Except for a few animals taken by a few poachers and some animals killed by trains, most die off and are wasted. No scientific studies, which would suffer from the presence of hunters are presently being conducted. Why then does the Chapleau Game Preserve exist and why should it not be abolished?

At its inception, the Chapleau Game Preserve was looked on as a reservoir of game and fur-bearing animals. It was reasoned that as animals were depleted from the surrounding country, the preserve would spill out of the preserve and repopulate the area. Unfortunately things just didn't work that way. Any "spillage" was quickly absorbed into the population immediately surrounding the preserve to be trapped, shot or just die. The animals followed a little biological law which states that in an unchanging population, mortality must equal recruitment. The carrying capacity of the area did not increase and therefore the population did not either. Thus the original intent of the preserve can be laid to rest.

### First indoor track meet hoped first of several

Two months ago Acton high school teacher Bruce Andrews in an attempt to stimulate interest in track and field events, wrote to nine schools in the surrounding area proposing an indoor track and field league. The response was rather disappointing, but he did receive two positive answers from Elora and Fergus district high schools.

It was decided to form a league as a pilot project this winter in the hope that more high schools might be interested next year.

Last week the first meet was held in Acton, and was very successful.

Fergus and Elora came to compete here, and scoring of 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for top five placings saw Acton end the day with 67 points, Fergus a close second with 66 and Elora third with 47.

Explaining his interest in promoting track and field, the former Seton Hall university runner-turned high school teacher says "Next year in Mexico City the modern Olympic Games will be held for the 18th time, and again for the 18th time Canada will probably be obscurely ranked on the list of also rans."

"We are improving, especially in track and field, but are we improving as fast and as efficiently as we could? Bill Crothers, Bruce Kidd, Harry Jerome and Dave Steen seem to indicate that we are, but they are only a few. We lack depth."

"In recent years the Royal Canadian Legion has helped to raise the level of Canadian athletics through its national and provincial coaching clinics. Nevertheless, its purpose has not been achieved," Mr. Andrews said. "Canadian athletics are based upon the club system, and because of this, few people benefit from coaching, and fewer still are introduced to the excitement of competitive athletics."

"I feel that if we are to ever achieve any strength in international athletics, it must be started in the schools. Only there could we reach our youth 'en masse' and present them with a solid, rigorous athletic program."

There are track and field programs in our high schools today, but they need to be strengthened. They must encompass a year around program of cross country in the fall, indoor track in the winter

Perhaps now, the greatest value of the Chapleau Game Preserve is that it exists as a recognized political entity. Governments in the past have not been jumping over one another in a rush to set up such vast areas in perpetuity. That it is here may be the best argument for maintaining it.

Recently it has become clear to mental health experts that the conservation of natural beauty is one of our most important agencies for promoting mental health and happiness.

Another reason put forth is one of national importance. Any nation is rich only as long as its supply of resources is greater than the needs of its people. After that it is not self-sustaining. No nation can permanently endure when it consumes its resources faster than nature, with the help of enlightened, scientific aid can replace them.

Progress is impossible without an abundance of basic resources, and we will be dangerously weakened if our resources are squandered. These are reasons for conservation areas but do not answer the question of why they are needed around Chapleau.

We are talking about conservation for all posterity, and it would appear this is going to be a very large group of people. The present population explosion should urge us to redouble our efforts to set aside green pastures and natural areas in perpetuity now. Otherwise, the very size of the population that requires them will be impossible to get them. It would be very difficult, if not impossible, to establish now in Southern Ontario an area such as the Chapleau Game Preserve. In Northern Ontario the Chapleau Game Preserve exists — let's keep it.

### Mayor endorses hockey week

Mayor Les Duby this week stated that he will "Keep in Step with Canada" by supporting Minor Hockey Week, and issued a call to every citizen to do likewise.

The Mayor said "In view of this being Canada's Centennial Year, I think it is more important than ever that we support those who make it possible for our boys to take part in Canada's National Sport." Minor Hockey Week in Canada is the nation's most successful amateur sports promotion and our opportunity to pay tribute to those who make it possible.

"By our attendance," he said, "we can do many things. We can buy a ticket and thus support the program financially; we can attend and show our interest in what our boys are doing; but most important, for this week at least, we can pay tribute to the volunteer workers who make it possible for our citizens to boast that our community has one of the best minor hockey programs in Canada.

"Because participation in this healthy sport provides exercise that will improve the body, discipline that will train the mind, teach co-operation, team play and a respect for the rules, the boys will benefit. When the boys benefit, the community benefits, and because our community benefits, our community must contribute. We do this best by supporting Minor Hockey Week.

### Hillsburg downs 4-town Pee Wees

Acton's four town tournament Pee Wee team played an exhibition with Hillsburg on Sunday afternoon and lost a 5-3 decision to the burgers.

Timmonage scored four of the five Hillsburg counters with Cunningham bagging the final. Ferris assisted on two, Cox and McDonald on one each.

Peter Morrison scored two for the Acton team, Ron Louette one. Harry Lawson collected two assists, David Forster one.

It was the first test for the Acton team picked from the four town league teams to represent Acton at the four town tournament in Fergus February 25.

and outdoor track in the spring," he concluded.

Complete results of the indoor track meet follow with A indicating Acton, F, Fergus and E, Elora.

Midwest 50 yard dash — Rob-in Boomsma E; Joe McKenna F; Mike Brown F; Larry Holmes A; Brian Binnie A.  
Junior 50 yard dash — Mark Hurst A; Kim Sharpe F; Rob Oldfield F; McKenna E; Swackhamer A; Dolnisk B.  
Senior 50 yard dash, 1/4 mile — Allen E; Whitaker F; Henderson E; Roughly A; Alan A.  
Open 8 lap run 1/4 mile — Slaven A; Sanmyia E; Grominsky E; McConnell F; Green F; Irwin A.  
Junior 2 lap run 760 yards — McKenna E; Kelly A; Hales F; Dolnisk E; Bagnell F.  
Midwest 5 lap run, 1 mile 180 yards — Andrews A; Field A; Boyd F; Musselman E; Dow F.  
Senior 1 lap run 380 yards — McKenna E; Kelly A; McConnell F; Allen E; Bagnell F.  
Midwest shot put (8 lb.) — Brown F; Boomsma E; Simpson F.  
Senior shot put (12 lb.) — Wetzel E; Sharpe F; Price A; Waller A; Dolnisk E.  
Midwest high jump — Bagnell F; Andrews A; Smith A.  
Senior high jump — Sanmyia E; Whitaker F; Hales F; Vary A; Slaven A.  
Open 4 lap relay — Acton, Slaven, Kelly, Andrews, McKenna, Fergus, Whitaker, Boyd, Green, McKenna.  
Open 200 yard shuttle relay — Fergus, Sharpe, Oldfield, Hales, Brown, Elora, Henderson, Jones, Allen, Dolnisk, Acton, Hurst, Holmes, Swackhamer, Allan.

## Free Press

locals

—Parent-teacher interviews at the high school tonight.

—Three-quart milk jugs are all made of plastic here, now.

—Town workmen painted the new library bridge this week.

—St. Alban's W.A. has a new title now — Anglican Church Women.

—Guelph's library will be open Sunday afternoons for a trial period.

—Deadline for '67 licence plates is little more than a month away.

—Further meetings are being held on the Micro union disagreement.

—Badminton sessions remain popular, with even more taking part now.

—This week of the year, in 1858, Ottawa was selected as Canada's capital.

—The World Day of Prayer service is to be held in the Baptist church Feb. 10.

—Georgetown Golf and Country club is planning a ski-mobility carnival this weekend.

—There are reports again of swindlers in this district using the "bank inspector" game.

—The public schools' ice carnival is being planned again this year. Suggested date is March 23.

—A new O.P.P. building is to be built in Guelph on Silver Creek Parkway at Edinburgh Rd. and Bristol St.

—Howard Pearce has written a column on recreation for the paper this week. He hopes to keep up the series.

—If you leave your porch light on Monday, Marching Mothers will know they find a special welcome there.

—With the temperature near 50 today, last year's files show the worst storm in years covered Acton this week last year.

—It's surprising, in reading other weekly newspapers, to discover how many other centres chose a Christmas tree burning ceremony as a novel public event to inaugurate centennial year! This is the sixth or seventh (or so) year for Acton.

—While some of the young girls look pretty cute in mini-skirts, most of the older ones face these winter days in their good old maxi-skirts. Those leggy teenagers are likely reversing the old-timers' line, and complaining that Canadian winters are colder than they used to be.

—These are a few of the things they DIDN'T have back in Acton's good old days, in 1867: tap water, plumbing, electricity, central heating, telephones, refrigerators, cars, buses, radio, television or their own weekly paper; pensions, family allowances or workmen's compensation. They had MORE passenger trains, hotels and politics.

—Many local families, as well as the high school students' group, are planning to go to Expo in Montreal. We heard this week of one thinker who figured out it could cost less to travel between Montreal and Toronto by train each night than to stay in Montreal. All some have to do is be ready, and we know of one family, renting a houseboat for a month, who have an Expo docking reserved for a week.

—Rockwood-based actress Patricia Collins, who is no longer seen on television as Wojciek's wife, becomes Lord Wintermere's wife in Oscar Wilde's "Lady Wintermere's Fan" set for "Festival" taping today.

### Novices prep for playoffs

Two stiff practices and a bottle drive which netted \$150 towards the purchase of new helmets and duffle bags was all the activity Acton Novices indulged in this week prior to the Tri-County hockey playoffs.

The Acton club meets Hespeler Friday night in the first game of the best-of-three playoff series which returns here for the second game next Wednesday. They'll be missing Peter Swin in goal but Gerald Barden will be filling in and coach Barry Inscow hopes the boys will come up with a big one Friday.

### Nursing in N.W.T. described to U.C.W.

Nursing in the North-West Territories was described to unit three of the U.C.W. Wednesday of last week by Mrs. A. Long, who has a friend who nurses there. She brought a soapstone carving and slippers of muskrat fur to show members. She was presented with a plant.

Mrs. D. I. Engel took the devotions for the meeting.

Try dipping a small, clean water color brush in cake frosting to letter cookies and cakes if you do not have a cake decorator.

### Bants finish in second slot

Final chance for Acton Fire-fighter Bantams to finish in first place in the 13-team Tri-County series was extinguished here last Wednesday when the well-balanced Hespeler club won a 7-5 decision.

The Acton club still finished in second place for a record high for a local team in one of the strongest leagues in the province.

### Choraliers elect centennial officers

At their practice in the Legion Sunday evening, the Legion Choraliers named their officers for this year. Jim Higgins is chairman, Al Launder secretary, Jim McKnight treasurer and Louis Petric librarian.

Mr. McKnight took over the treasurer's duties part way through last year.

George Muselle is the conductor of the group and the pianist is George Hall.

The Choraliers are expecting to sing at Expo, although the dates haven't been finalized, and practices have been upped to two a week.

### Raise \$285

Firefighters announced with pleasure that the total collected in this year's muscular dystrophy campaign is \$285 — up from last year. Added to the money collected in canisters in stores was the money raised in a draw. This increased the sum from past years.

### Day of smiles

Photographs were taken at the high school Monday of classes, teams, clubs, student council, committee, staff, office staff and caretakers for the school year book.

### House Expo trippers in huts at Hilaire

The plan to camp 10,000 students outside Montreal during Expo 67 is going ahead as scheduled and a contingent of Acton students expects to join in the plan.

Edwin Genge teacher at Elm-vale high school, says about 10,000 students from all across Canada will make the trip between May and September. They will stay in chalet-type huts to be erected at a site near Hilaire, 19 miles south of Montreal. The originator of the plan said he was "modestly happy."

The price per student is \$35.

### Re-elect Richmond

Baseball was back in season Saturday afternoon when close to 50 representatives of member towns turned out for the Halton County Baseball Association's annual meeting in Burlington.

The re-election of Georgetown's Bill Richmond as association proxy highlighted the four and one-half hour session. Other executive members included first vice-president Al Burrows of Oakville, second vice-president Len Andrews of Crumpellville, third vice-president Murray Hood of Milton and executive members Dick Clement of Milton, Tom James and Bernie Dore of Georgetown, Barry Deacon of Port Credit, Roy Pottery, Ken Springstead and Harold Cole of Burlington, Alf Bayton and Ross Dodman of Waterdown, Wally Foster of Oakville and Dave Andrews of Brampton.

The re-organization of the association's executive was probably the most important item to come out of the meeting.

The recommendations of a special committee consisting of Len Andrews, Alf Bayton, Al Burrows and Bill Richmond were accepted with only one voter opposing — life member Jim Black of Oakville.

The realigned executive now consists of a president, an immediate past president, first, second and third vice-presidents and 11 executive members elected without regard to Senior (Intermediate) or junior affiliation, as well as the association's life members, Ollie Johnson and Jim Black of Oakville and Bill Randall of Milton.

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### Recreation News

First in a series of columns written by recreation director Howard Pearce is published today. He hopes to continue submitting articles informing readers of what's what in the recreation field.

We are interested in starting more recreation programs for our adults. You have probably read in the paper about our concern for better programs in the YMCA and we encourage adults to watch for forthcoming announcements regarding such programs.

We hope that in some way we can educate the adults of Acton to make beneficial use of their leisure time in a creative manner through recreation programs.

Presently the adult can take part in several programs already established, these being curling, badminton, square dancing, ladies Slim and Trim, and of course, community service clubs, church groups and other organizations. However, to organize any further programs, we must first establish a need or interest.

The following is a list of possible programs in our present facilities: men's volleyball, men's physical, golf school, archery, hobbies, theatre and drama, adult education, basketball, bridge classes, table tennis, arts and crafts.

If anyone is interested in participating in any of the above programs, we would appreciate your advising us as to your interest by phoning Howard Pearce at 853-0020.

Congratulations to Harold Townsley and his Tri-County Bantams for their second place finish this year. Good exciting hockey is promised in the playoffs.

Please watch the paper for the game dates and try to attend. Could be Acton's first championship team.

The public school ice carnival date has been tentatively set for March 23. We hope for a bigger and better carnival than ever this year.

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