

## burning gun powder at Maple Rock

By Art Hawes

The most popular rifle for decades has been the 22 rifle. There are literally millions of these guns in use in this country. The 22 is usually the first gun a boy uses and he will likely continue to use it throughout his life.

There is likely no game animal in this province — or indeed in Canada that has not fallen to this calibre. Most hunters can recall stories of deer, moose and bear being downed with the 22. Many old timers have shot deer locally with the 22 and likely modern day poachers still use them for this purpose.

At close range and in the hands of an expert, who would also need to be very lucky, there is no animal in Canada which could not be killed by the 22. However, these stories usually improve with age. The animal gets bigger and the range gets longer at every telling of the tale.

The trouble with all these stories is that a boy just starting to hunt tends to think of the 22 as a powerful, long range firearm.

The 22 is an ideal gun for target practice and small game at close range. It is economical to shoot and an indoor range in the basement can provide hours of good sport.

The question of what game can be adequately dispatched with a 22 has long been disputed. The answer depends largely on the ability of the shooter and his particular weapon. Some older, cheaper guns are certainly far from accurate and many hunters who do own high quality rifles do not take the time to sight them in properly.

Rabbits and squirrels, being relatively easy to kill are ideal targets. The groundhog, however is a horse of a different color. The groundhog is noted for his ability to absorb a lot of lead and still make it to his

hole to die a slow, painful death. Any animal deserves a better end than that.

The 22 is only efficient for groundhogs within the range the shooter can be sure of making a head shot. This limits most hunters to ranges of less than 50 yards.

Many people feel the "varmint" rifle with their velocities in excess of 3000 feet per second are too dangerous to be used in the heavily populated areas of this province due to their long range. In actuality they are safer than the 22.

No doubt the high power varmint rifles, if shot in the air will travel much farther than the 22. But the big difference is the 22 is notorious for its ricocheting. On the other hand the high power varmint guns with their high velocity have so much power behind the light bullets they cause the bullets to disintegrate upon impact. This factor alone makes the calibres such as the 222 much safer than is generally realized.

**SOBER THRUWAY**

The New York State Thruway Authority has prohibited the drinking of alcohol or the possession of an open bottle anywhere on the 559 mile expressway. The penalty, designed to curtail drinking on charter buses and in picnic and rest areas, is \$250 or 30 days in jail, or both.

The Ontario Safety League reports that the Thruway chairman, in announcing the new regulation, said, "Alcohol has more to do with accidents than is generally realized, or can be proved in court. By attempting to eliminate its presence on the Thruway, we hope to reduce sharply the number of accidents we must now label 'cause unknown'."

Wedding cake: altar rations.

# Undefeated school cagers cut swath in both leagues

Both Acton Redmen high school boys' basketball teams are league leaders. The juniors have a record of five wins and no losses. The seniors have six wins and no losses.

Two recent junior games and three senior games played in the last week and a half brought the total up.

On January 26, the senior Redmen travelled to Erin for a single game. Alan McNabb had a sharp game scoring 16 points on eight field goals as Acton belted Erin 55 to 25.

Dan Arbic had an off-day but still managed 15 points which is far below his 25 point average per game. Tied at six points each were Gerald Dick and Dick Barclay. Terry Churchill had four as did John McGeachie.

Coach McCallum was far from satisfied with his team's effort in Erin. With the chances missed the local five could have scored 75 points at least.

On January 31, the senior Redmen played their closest game of the season with Arthur in town. The final score was Acton 57 and Arthur 53. The game was in doubt right up until the final buzzer.

In this game Dan Arbic scored 13 points in the first half and seven in the second to finish as high man with 20 points. Alan McNabb scored 12 points and Dick Barclay hooped 11. The balance of the scoring was handled by Terry Churchill with eight and Gerald Dick with six.

Arthur had four players with 12 points each. They were: Whale, Schepan, Nelson and Rooney.

For the return match at Arthur the Acton squad will have to play heads-up basketball and work hard to return with a victory. If they can manage to beat Arthur and Elora, they will be sure of the district championship.

Milverton's second year club was not match for the Acton senior Redmen as they were bombarded 79 to 20. Arbic was the top shooter again as he has been in all games for the seniors. He earned 19 points and played only half of the game.

Every player on the Redmen team scored. Dick Barclay worked for 15 points, John McGeachie had 17, Gerald Dick had nine as did Fred Pilsnik. Alan McNabb had 6; Terry Churchill and Bob Turkoz had four each and George Wallis had three to round out the scoring.

The top five scorers for the senior Redmen to this point in the schedule are as follows:

GP	Pts.	Avg.	
Arbic	6	126	21.0
McNabb	6	71	11.8
Barclay	6	61	10.2
Oehlich	3	25	8.3
Churchill	6	27	4.5

The absence of Harry Oehlich in the senior Redmen camp has hurt the club both in points production and in rebounding. Harry broke a bone in his foot and will have it in a cast for another three weeks or so. So far the senior league has been very close and very exciting and the last four games should prove to be the same.

The junior league this year seems so far to be composed of the Acton junior Redmen and the rest of the league. The junior Redmen defeated Arthur on January 31 in Acton by the score of 48 to 9. The score at half time was Acton 20 and Arthur 9. In the second half Acton outscored Arthur 28 to 0.

For the first time this year Mike Marcoux was the top point getter with 18. Closely following was Bill Landsborough with 17. Peter Marzo added five, Jim Lee four and Jim Piehl two.

The juniors should have no trouble defeating Arthur in the return match in Arthur on February 26, the last game of the season.

On Thursday, the junior Redmen enjoyed their biggest margin of the season defeating Milverton in Acton 49 to 7. The score at half time was Acton 24 and Milverton 0 and Bill Landsborough had 20 of the total 24 points.

Landsborough scored six more in the second half for a total of 28, his highest point total of the year. Coach Sullivan rested Landsborough and Marcoux most of the second half to give Joe Petric and Lloyd Smallwood some game experience.

Jim Piehl had a good day with eight points while quarterbacking the club well, too. Jim Lee had his best day with eight points and Neil Anderson added five with Peter Marzo contributing two points.

The juniors have now defeated all clubs in the league with relative ease except Milton School for the Deaf. They won that one by only nine points and are expecting a tough game there on February 9.

If the boys work hard and work the ball around as a unit they should have no trouble reaching the CWOSSA 'B' tournament on Saturday, March 4.

The top four scorers for the junior Redmen are as follows:

GP	Pts.	Avg.	
Landsborough	5	82	16.4
Marcoux	5	44	8.8
Piehl	5	29	5.8
Anderson	4	21	5.3

Because of the lack of much serious competitions this year the juniors will have to work seriously to prepare for the league games ahead in the CWOSSA 'B' tournament in March.

## Novices tie up playoff series could wrap it up tonight

Final game in the Acton Novice playoff with Hespeler will be played at 6 p.m. in the arena here tonight.

The Acton team bounced back with a 2-1 win in overtime here last Wednesday to deadlock the best-of-three series and another overtime session in Hespeler Friday produced a 3-3 tie. Coach Barry Insope hopes his charges can wrap the series up tonight.

Billy McGilloy's goal at the 10 second mark of the overtime won Wednesday's game. Tim McIntyre drilled the first Acton marker from Russ Van Fleet and John McCutcheon.

Friday's game was a real thriller. Hespeler led 3-2 until late in the game when Tim McIntyre scored for Acton while his team was shorthanded, tying a knot which the overtime period didn't settle.

Billy McGilloy shot the first Acton goal and Ken Withers' first goal of the season was number two.

Sunday in an exhibition with the Georgetown four-town tournament team, the Novices lost a 3-2 decision on what coach Insope said was their poorest effort of the season. Russ Van Fleet and Billy McGilloy bagged the Acton goals.

Gerald Barden is still playing goal for the Novices while Peter Swim is ill.

Eating pancakes, young Paul Bray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bray, was the Toronto Telegram's choice for a feature picture. The family was enjoying the meal of pancakes in a restaurant when a photographer, working in advance of Pancake Tuesday, asked if he might take the lad's picture. A series was taken and just one published.

## Industrial league statistics

**STANDINGS (up to date)**

W	L	T	Pts.
Dusters	8	4	17
Raiders	8	4	17
Jets	6	5	14
Orioles	2	11	0

**GOALTENDERS**

Player	Avg.
Clarence Sheppard, D	3.45
Andy Williams, R	3.55
Bob Sheppard, J	4.00
John Leatherland, O	6.00

**LEADING SCORERS**

Player	Pts.
S. McDonald, R	34
W. Sheppard, D	22
J. Cunningham, D	22
R. Gordon, R	18
J. McDonald, R	17
H. Phillips, J	16
F. Andrews, J	14
G. Ritchie, J	13
I. Johnson, D	13
J. Bulough, J	13
R. Heller, R	13
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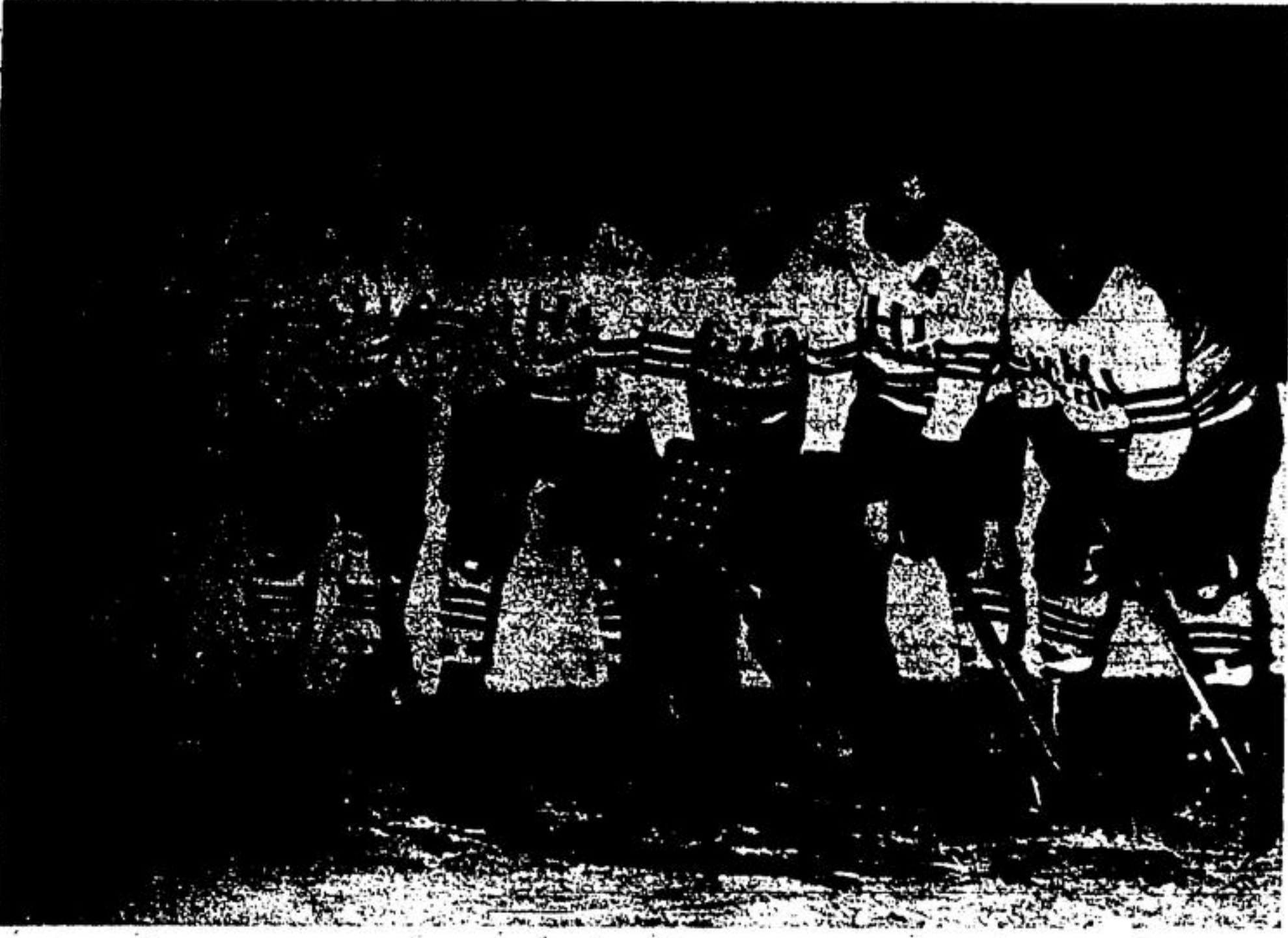
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M.H.L. OLD TIMERS Bob Robertson, Bob Beckett, Sid Smith, Ivan Walmsley, Murray Henderson and Jackie Hamilton prepare for their game against the Tanners here on Friday, Feb. 24.

## Free Press locals

—One of the correspondents reports a crow seen in the district.

—Practices and costume making are heralding the Robert Little school operetta this month.

—High school students are selling candy, peanuts and licorice to raise money for the Expo trip.

—Booster shots were given the school children with the usual groans, trembles, and even faints.

—Tenders have been called for Guelph's main centennial project, a multi-purpose recreational building.

—The wrought iron railing at Knox church is off for repairs.

—The play at the Christian Reformed church, scheduled for Saturday evening, has been postponed for a while.

—Guelph library was open on Sunday for the first time this week. Acton library won't be trying the innovation.

—School children are enjoying special skating sessions at the arena. Teachers and the troops have fun fraternizing.

—Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. held a successful sale of baking at Simpsons last Friday, raising \$60.

—Many are ill in hospital these weeks, it seems. Patients who aren't too uncomfortable enjoy visitors, and all enjoy cards. The Free Press likes to include the names of patients in the "personals" column for this reason. Give us a call.

—Attending the firefighters' venison dinner on Saturday evening, former chief Jack Newton brought along a copy of the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs' new letter, with which he is associated. He had taken two of the pictures. Mr. Newton is in Toronto now.

—A new Christian Reformed church on the seventh line of Esquesing near Georgetown will be officially opened Feb. 10. The congregation started 10 years ago in Stewarttown Hall. At one time the congregation was served by Rev. R. Groeneboer of Acton. The present minister, the Rev. James Joosse, has been there four years.

## Nassagaweya Council Briefs

At their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, Nassagaweya Council:

- Learned the next meeting of council will be held in the Esquesing Township Hall on February 15. Council will meet with the Milton District High School Board and Esquesing Council to discuss the proposed addition to Milton District High School. Following that discussion, the two councils will consider possible action on the location of a dump to service both townships, the problem of dumping on the town line and the pollution of water supplies in the Milton Heights-Peru area.
- Learned the County Roads committee agreed with the petition signed by ratepayers and backed by council concerning the dangerous Guelph Line and 20 Sideroad intersection. The county engineer is contacting the Township engineer in the near future to try to work out a solution.
- Approved the appointing of Planning Board chairman Maurice Newton and vice-chairman Grant Campbell as the Township's representatives on the county planning association.
- Agreed to back the expenses of the Township's Centennial Committee to the extent of one-eighth of a mill which is equal to \$500. The first meeting of the committee will be held this week to start making plans for the celebration of Centennial Year in the Township.

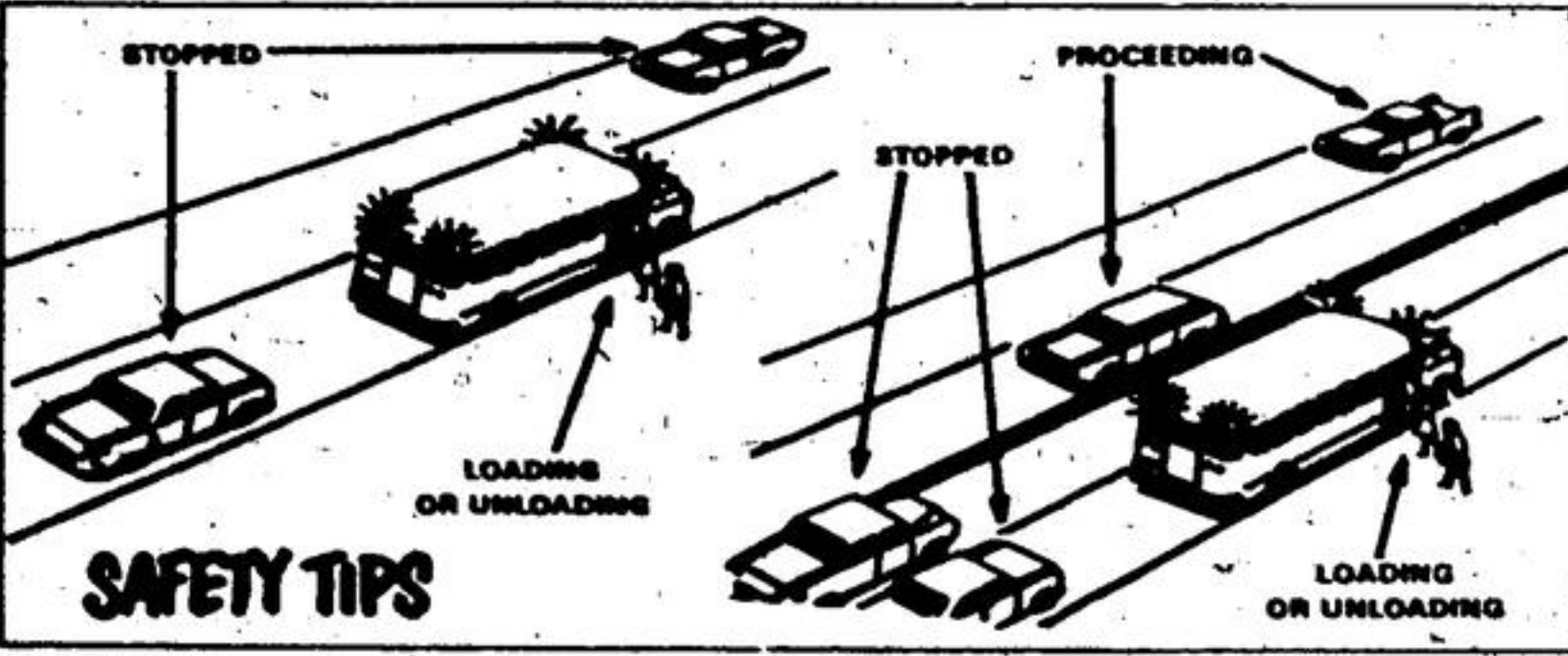
## Curling Cues

**MONDAY MIXED**  
7-9 p.m. — Ken Marchmont 10, George Williams 8, Mae Dumarsh 6, Bill Dumarsh 4, Ethel Holmes 2, Ab Irwin 0.  
9-11 p.m. — Dick Lee 8, Rev. Andrew McKenzie 7, Don Millan 7, John Goy 4, Bruce Cargill 2, Ted Tyler Jr. 2.

**MONDAY AFTERNOON**  
Men's — Len Lovell 19, Mick Holmes 13, Ted Tyler Sr. 7, Bill Toth 5.  
Ladies (the number in brackets is the number of games played) — Anne Moore (3) 4, Ekanor Goy (3) 4, Margaret Toth (3) 4, Shirley Hunter (4) 4, Gwen Tyler (4) 4, May Wilds (3) 2, Mae Dumarsh (4) 2.

**TUESDAY**  
Men's draw, 7-9 p.m. — Fyfe Somerville 8, Walter Dubois 8, Len Lovell 5, Don Timmings 5, Frank Van Wyck 3, Dr. A. J. Buchanan 1.  
Mixed draw — Chester Anderson 8, Wes Beatty 8, Dr. Brian Moore 7, Meb Blow 6, Charles Davidson 6, Margaret Toth 6, Ted Tyler Sr. 6, Bern Van Fleet 6, Jack Ridley 5, Bill Toth 4, Gwen Tyler 4, Fred New 3, Harvey Laverty 1, Al Kirkness 0.  
Next week there will be a break from the regular curling schedule.  
Monday afternoon the "Ma's" challenge the "Pa's" for the Gwen Tyler Trophy. This is the fourth annual competition for this trophy with the ladies winning it the first year and the men the past two years.  
Monday evening out of town rinks will be entertained in two mixed draws.  
To celebrate Valentine's Day a mixed "Sweetheart Draw" is being organized for next Tuesday evening. This is a chance for husbands and wives to curl together. We need eighty curlers for this. If you have not signed there is still lots of room. Call Dick Lee, chairman of draws, or anyone on the draw committee.  
Within the past two weeks rinks from Acton Curling Club have competed in mixed, ladies' and men's 'spels at Perth, Paris, Georgetown, High Park, Toronto and Mount Forest.  
The Tyler rink with Lloyd and Norma Robinson and Gwen and Ted Tyler won third prize at north Halton Golf and Curling Club Saturday.

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