



HOCKEY SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS who taught 70 young boys the game's fundamentals each week are Dave Scutt, school head Tom Ginger, Acton referee-in-chief Murray Harrison, Jim Lee and Bob Black. (Staff Photo)



THE LEGION MINOR SPORTS executive headed by Bob Loutlet discuss playoffs in the town league. Bill Buchanan, left, Charlie Thomson, Bob Loutlet and Ted Pope give up many leisure hours so boys in town can have minor hockey. (Staff Photo)

Villagers change managers After 15 years Andrews resigns Earl Cairns is named new leader

By Brian McCristall
There's been a changing of the guard in Campbellville.

After 15 years as manager of the most successful team in Ontario baseball history, Len Andrews will be out of uniform when the Campbellville Merchants open their 1967 Halton County season.

Len's personal Centennial project is hanging up his ball spikes. Taking his place — or rather — taking over as manager, will be Earl Cairns.

The change took place in a neat, stylish way. Len said it, and it was done. That's the way it has been for the past 15 years.

During the time the tall, earnest student of the game has been one of the big reasons for the fabulous success string of the Merchants. Eleven Ontario championships combine with 11 consecutive Halton County titles to give the Villagers more battle honours than even the most celebrated war heroes.

Why is he retiring? "Fifteen years is quite a while in one job. I'm not really retiring — I'm going to be general manager. I don't think it'll do any harm to have a fresh personality in charge. I'm getting a little tired — maybe losing a little fire. I've been manager for so long that the players know my thinking backwards," he said.

How did he happen to choose Earl Cairns as his replacement? "With just a trace of a chuckle, he indicated, 'things on the club are set up in a pretty democratic way, except they leave most of the decisions to me. I had to analyse who was available and after giving it a lot of thought I decided Earl was the best man for the job,'" he said.

Asking Len which one of his championship teams was the best is like asking a doting father to pick his favorite son. "Most of the guys think around 1959 was at our best but the 1964 team was very strong — that was the year we had Dave Heffernan. The 1963 team was also a great one. We only lost six games, all of them by one run," he said.

Biggest thrill? It was a silly question. "Well, we had so many. Last year we won the (Roberts) three two no-hitters was quite a thrill, but we've won a lot of real good playoff games in extra innings. In the O.B.A. playoffs, every game is important and it's a thrill whenever you win one."

With just a little bit of prompting, he recalled how the Merchants won their first O.B.A. championship under his leadership. "It was in 1954 and we beat Bloomfield. We won the first game in Campbellville and went to Bloomfield by bus for the second game. I think we nearly blew a big lead but we won it any-



LEN ANDREWS



EARL CAIRNS

ways. When we came back to the village — it was a miserable night — they had bonfires going and it really quite a thrill."

Bad things also happened to the team but probably the worst was when Harry Hamilton broke his leg in a game against Petrolia. "It was a freak play and he broke two bones. It was away from home and the leg wasn't set right. It was a bad day."

No one is a perfect manager and even when you win you can make mistakes. Taking time to criticize himself, Len said, "in the last few years I don't think I was decisive enough. It probably would have been better if I made more decisions on my own and quicker, but I got into the habit of asking the older players for their advice."

Baseball has provided Len with what he describes as a "great lesson in democracy". He notes, "there's been a great variety of players on our team. They have different personalities, different habits, different mental capacities and different tastes but they've always managed to get along. Some of them are far better off financially than others, but it doesn't seem to make any difference. We have parties during, before and after the season and everyone gets along because they have one interest that's the same — the team."

Filling Len's boots would be a tough task for any new manager, but Earl Cairns has impressive credentials. Certainly no one is going to question his baseball ability. During his 15 year career in Intermediate and Senior ball, Earl has gone to bat 1,170 times, scored 414 runs, collected 592 hits, including 96 doubles, 18 triplés and 75 homers, 947 bases and 174 walks. The rangy first sacker has struck out 210 times and has a lifetime average of .346. He hasn't hit below .300 since 1953 and has combined all his offensive skill with his ability to help the team defensively as well.

"Scoop," as they call him, is looking forward to his new role but points out, "I still intend to play quite a bit". Looking forward to the start of spring training, he believes, "we're likely to have a

little trouble in the catching department. Al Wingrove has moved away and Don Joyce has indicated he might retire."

Who is going to catch? "I don't know yet, but I've been thinking about seeing whether Stu King would be interested — he's a real fine softball catcher," Earl indicated.

Softball in Campbellville and indeed every time Campbellville plays anywhere, is going to be a little different this year. The hecking from the third base coaching box will continue but the voice won't be nearly as deep or awesome. The ground rules at home plate will be explained but not everyone will listen and understand — Len made sure they did.

And, all in all, the whole Halton League will suffer. It's good to have men like Len Andrews around kids and ball parks and diamonds, because men like Len add class to the game. It's always sad to see them hang up their uniform.

Jersey named winners in pictorial contest

Several Jersey herds in the area contributed winning entries in the Jersey All-Canadian Pictorial Contest recently.

A large number of awards went to the herd of B. H. Bull and Son, Norval.

Bull's Brampton Aiming Sis Acme was reserve champion in the yearling heifers class, and in the two-year-old cows Brampton Sleeping Bijou was champion.

Champion, reserve champion, and honorable mentions went to Brampton Princess Eureka, Brampton Aim R Corn and Brampton Sis Eureka in the four-year-old cows category.

Final winner from the herd was Brampton Bijou of Eureka, who was reserve champion, aged cows.

Norval Acres Favorite Jess, belonging to D. H. McCaig and Son, Norval, was given honorable mention in the yearling heifers class.

Rock Ella Acme Diana, owned by K. Ella and Sons, Hornby, was reserve champion in the two-year-old cows.

Halton Plowmen set October match date

By Henry J. Stanley
Jack Taylor, 1309 Appleby Line, Burlington, has been chosen as the new secretary-treasurer of the Halton Plowmen's Association. Jack is the director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association from this county. In previous years this office has been held by the Agricultural Representative, George Swan, 1st vice-president, was chairman of the first directors' meeting of the Association held in the Agricultural Office, Milton, on March 22.

This year the annual match will be held on Saturday, October 29, in Nassagaweya Township. Tom Howden is field manager and George Readhead the assistant.

A Furrow Queen competition is again to be held with Jack Marchmont, Mrs. Spencer Wilson and Mrs. Jim Read as committee.

On Saturday, September 9, the annual Junior Plowing Match is scheduled. Boys and girls under the age of 21 compete for the honor to represent Halton at the International Plowing Match.

TANGLES WITH DEER
A large deer bounded across Highway 25 south of Speyside Saturday evening.

The trouble was, a car was passing that very spot at that very same time.

Milton O.P.P., who investigated the resulting collision, report the car received \$200 damage and the deer was killed in the entanglement. The car was driven by Andrew George Dyc, 336 Peel St., Acton.

Plan corn day

By H. J. Stanley
Each year a Corn Day is held for the counties of Halton, Peel and York. In 1967, this is to be located on the farm of George and L. H. Leaver, Campbellville R.R. 3. Demonstrations will be carried out on weed control, rates of fertilizer, advantages of irrigation, trace element deficiencies etc.

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John Shadbolt and Keith Mainprize were tied for top honors at Maple Rock Shooting Range this week. Other good scores were recorded by Wayne Leadston with 19 and Gord Clow with 19.

Local residents report geese have been seen heading to their northern nesting grounds and one local couple saw one lone goose in a field.

The Acton Chamber of Commerce this week has announced proposed plans for the addition of an outdoor sportsmen's show in conjunction with Acton Centennial Fall Fair. Several attractions have been lined up and more ideas will likely develop as plans progress. For further details see the Chamber of Commerce report in this issue.

(Continued from last week.)

The strong case which the Canadian Wildlife Federation brief made for permitting supervised use of firearms by young persons, while raising the age limit for "possession", appeared to draw the full support of the Minister of Justice and his senior officials. Persons under the present age limit are permitted to possess firearms under the authority of Form 45, issued by a registrar of firearms. The brief suggested that Form 45 should still be available, but that it should be issued only after the applicant has demonstrated competence in the safe operation and handling of the type or types of firearms for which the permit is to be issued.

There can be no doubt that much of the pressure for restrictive firearms legislation is generated by law enforcement agencies seeking to control the use of firearms by criminals. Believing that such legislation must be aimed specifically at criminals, rather than at firearms in general, the Canadian Wildlife Federation brief recommended that conviction for offences involving criminal misuse of firearms carry mandatory penalties severe enough to serve as a deterrent to the commission of such offences.

The Minister of Justice pointed out that there is a growing tendency for legislators to leave all matters of sentencing to the discretion of the courts and that it is unlikely that this practice would be reversed in any revision of the Criminal Code.

Carless handling of firearms used in recreation leads to a substantial number of accidents, some of them fatal, each year. The person causing the accident is rarely punished regardless of the degree of negligence involved.

The best protection against temptation is cowardice.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation's brief proposed that a section be added to the Criminal Code, similar to sections now contained in the provincial statutes of Ontario and Nova Scotia which would make careless discharge or careless handling of a firearm an offence punishable by a sentence to be determined by the court.

The Minister of Justice expressed the view that such legislation would be more appropriately contained in provincial statutes. However, since the Department of Justice appears to take the view that provincial statutes may deal with firearms only when they are being used for hunting, a large proportion of firearms accidents could not be covered by provincial legislation.

The Canadian Wildlife Federation's brief on firearms legislation questioned whether the present requirement of registration of hand guns has served any useful purpose. Criminals are hardly likely to register the weapons they use for illegal purposes.

If registration serves neither to prevent crime nor to aid in its detection, is it worth the inconvenience caused to legitimate owners and collectors of hand guns or the record-keeping efforts of law enforcement agencies? The Minister of Justice did not suggest that registration does serve any useful purpose, but he appeared reluctant to consider doing away with a practice which some people may believe contributes to their safety.

The recent contacts which the Canadian Wildlife Federation has had with the Department of Justice would seem to indicate that the sections of the Criminal Code dealing with firearms are likely to be revised during the next several months.

There is reason to be hopeful that the expected revisions will provide greater opportunity for young persons to receive training and supervised experience in the use of firearms and that legitimate uses of hand guns will be made less restrictive through clarification of the meaning of present legislation.

There may also be changes which will aid police in their fight against criminal misuse of firearms but, without greater penalties for such misuse, the amount of assistance provided by revised legislation may still be inadequate.

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Expo visitors to see Halton

Plans for more than 100 foreign businessmen to tour Halton visiting industry and studying agriculture are being formulated by the Central Ontario Regional Development Council, Councillor Anne MacArthur told Nassagaweya Council.

The visitors to Halton will be from among the 20,000 who will be visiting Expo this summer and extending their Canadian visit to see other parts of the country. She estimated six groups of not more than 20 would be touring industrial and agricultural operations in the county.

Visits to the Ford plant, to Ontario Steel Products at Milton, the Conservation area at Kelso, an agricultural sales arena and other points are being investigated, she reported.

Mrs. MacArthur expressed the hope that Halton County might find it possible to join the Central Ontario Regional Development Council soon. She noted Milton had recently approved membership.

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