



BALTIMORE SET SOME SORY of a record in the legion town league by never losing a game all season and taking the Peo Wee championship with two straight wins. Closest they came to a loss was a tie in one game. Left to right, front row, they

are Charlie McCran, Steven Ward, Brian Storey, Charlie Allan, Terry Nelson who was injured and Nigel Danbanck. Back row, coach Bill Knight, Jim McNabb, Gary Fisher, Steven Shultis, Mike Ferguson and manager Ken Marshall. (Staff Photo)



SOMEWHERE at the bottom of the pile of arms and legs lies minor hockey official Ted Pope after making a spectacular save in Sunday afternoon's broomball game between the 4-town tournament Peo Wees and their fathers. Both sides claimed a win. Two casualties went to the fathers. (Staff Photo)

Grand water levels at critical stage

Water levels in the Grand river and its tributaries are at a critical level, the Grand River Authority warned today. A sudden rainfall of one inch or more could result in wide spread flooding, particularly in Galt, Guelph, Brantford and other urban areas close to the main river and its tributaries.

"It depends on the weather," said Ilmar Kao, the authority's director of operations. Around the clock watch on the situation is being maintained this weekend. Municipal officials will be notified if flooding is imminent. River levels at Galt and Brantford are six to seven feet above the normal two foot summer depth. The authority's Shand and Conestogo dams are 80 per cent full.

There are concentrations of snow in the northern part of the river valley above the dams, mostly in ditches, fence rows and woodlots.

This is resulting in a considerable amount of runoff water entering the two dams.

In downtown areas, all snow accumulations have disappeared. The river system is clear of ice and water flows are moderate, still below channel capacities at key locations.

In 1956 a bristle pine cone tree growing at 10,000 foot elevation in the White Mountain range along the California-Nevada border was discovered to be 4500 years old, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists reports.



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with ART HAWES

The following appeared in The Berkshire Eagle, Pittsfield, Mass., and was written by Hal Borland. We believe it is good enough to bear repeating.

The False Conservationists

A new note is being sounded here and there in talks and statements about conservation. Nobody is actually harping on it yet, but it is heard in strange new quarters, and it usually is pronounced in the guise of sweet reasonableness.

The theme seems to be, "Oh, come now, let's not be fanatic about conservation. People have to live, too. Let's be sensible." It is a kind of soft impeachment, hinting that the conservationists have been ignoring people and their needs, which is not true. I don't know where it started, but it has a subtle odor. I wouldn't call it altogether fishy, but it does have a fishy taint; and I mean the smell of dead fish, such as those in the Mississippi, and in Lake Sebago, and in lakes and streams all over the country, particularly those that have been sprayed or have caught the drainage from heavy sprayings of chlorinated hydro-carbons.

Every time I hear this new slant I think of the battle over the pesticides and the counter-attack that was attempted, without too much success by the chemical combine. As they used to say, you don't have to strangle a cat; you can choke it with butter. I begin to hear it said that the balance of nature is not real and never was; that man has always altered the balance and they can wear the same again. So, the argument goes, why talk about restoring or maintaining a balance?

Actually, no sensible naturalists or conservationists insist that there is an inflexible balance of nature because they, of all people, know that the whole scheme of nature is one of change. What they do insist is that man, as well as other forms of life, suffers when the prevailing balance is violently upset.

Once you kill off the forms of life with which man can live in relative ease and safety, the most hostile forces take over. And that is what happens too often when extreme measures are taken to provide quick solutions for some immediate problem.

It isn't so much a matter of upsetting balances. The balance is upset every time a new dam is built, a major highway is built, or a stand of trees is cut on a wood lot. But such an up, it doesn't kill off the "friendly" wild creatures and encourage a population explosion of the "unfriendly" ones.

Man certainly is a factor in any environment where he lives. He has the means of making himself either comfortable or miserable. But he is by no means the sole member of any environment. He is in fact, a minority member, which these new apologists seem to forget.

I am hearing again, in less combative terms, the old argument that the loss of a few birds doesn't really matter. This is the same old theme: "What do a few robins matter?" I have never heard anyone except a few sentimentalists insist that a few robins are vitally important, if their loss brings lasting gains.

The point is that it never stops with a few robins. It reaches out to all kinds of friendly life. And by friendly I do not mean only birds that sing cheery songs, or cute little bunnies. I mean toads and frogs and fish and field mice and eagles and snakes and opossums, all forms of life that help keep in check the biting, gnawing, sucking, crawling pests of dooryard, garden and farm field.

I am also hearing again the argument that public reservations should be made more public, that wilderness areas should be tamed and made less wild, that parks would be more useful if we turned them over to the developers. Yet those who say these things insist that they are conservationists.

There is a two-fold danger in such talk. First, it perverts the meaning of conservation, which means to conserve, to save. Who can restore a wilderness that has been tamed? Who will clean up a river, once it is polluted? Who can restore a mountain that has been despoiled?

Second, such talk excuses despoliation if it is done in the name of public use, use for "everybody". Actually, it says, without quite saying it, that those who present this argument have no respect for mountains or wilderness areas or rivers or lakes unless they can be urbanized and civilized and stripped of their natural character and beauty. They want to make them profitable. They want to make some money out of public property. Or out of the current belief that there must be instant solutions to every problem, such as gypsy moths.

This new note is not yet very loud but it is growing. The time is coming when sharp answers must be given. I hope the true conservationists recognize this talk for what it is and see the threat behind it.

Pack workshop held in Georgetown

At the Georgetown Pack workshop Saturday, 11 cubpacks were represented from a possible 15. There were 90 boys in the nine to 10 year age group, and 15 leaders at St. John's United church, Georgetown. Acton cubs were among those participating, enjoying the program and meal.

Packs were welcomed by Akala Mrs. Terry Colter and Rev. Scrijvans led in prayer. Dan Scarborough used the model Rosuel-Ann to demonstrate first aid.

There were workshops on highway code, knots, Halton Coat of Arms, use of telephone, growing plants' use of tools, constellations, soap carving and use of penknife, windmill and waterwheel and five BX exercises.

Brian Carriere, 17 killed in accident

Killed in a highway accident, Brian Carriere, 17, R.R. 2, Acton, was buried at St. Joseph's cemetery on Wednesday, March 27. Rev. V. J. Morgan conducted the funeral mass at St. Joseph's church.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church, Georgetown. Pallbearers were Allan Villeneuve, Harry Foster, Steve Gravelle, Robert Foster, Larry Kingsley and Elnois Larocque.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Carriere, he is also survived by a brother Paul at home and sister Suzanne (Mrs. E. Longstreet) Georgetown.

The youth was struck by a car while walking on No. 25 highway, and was killed almost instantly.

ACTON HIGH Sports Review

On Friday, April 5, there will be Sadie Hawkins' Day at Acton High. Instead of the boys lugging those heavy books, the girls will do it. Instead of the boys using their last ounce of strength to open those solid glass doors, the girls will do it.

Sounds topsy-turvy? Well, let me explain. On Sadie Hawkins' Day, the girls don slacks and roll up their sleeves, behaving like perfect gentlemen making life easier for those overworked poor boys.

The day will wind up with a dance "Sadie Goes Western." Of course, the girls treat. The price is \$1.75 and G.A.A. cards and \$2.00 without one or \$1.25 single with G.A.A. card and \$1.50 without. The Band is the "Soul Gents" and it will last from 8:30 to 12. Don't forget to don your latest western garb and come! See y'all partners!

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All the grade nine students from the high school will be visiting local industries. About 188 students will be taking the special tours.

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