

the SPORTS spot

Acton's Industrial Softball League gets underway Tuesday, May 21st with a four team lineup again this season. The 15 game schedule this year will see the Station Hotelers, Herb's Delivery, Dominion House and L.G.A. contend for top spot in the softball derby.

Anyone interested in playing on one of these teams is asked to contact one of the team executives members; Harold Deford looks after Dominion registrars, Bruce Cargill the L.G.A., Harold Townsley, for Herb's Delivery and Mat Sheppard manager, last year's league champ, the Station Hotel.

Acton Legion Branch 1977's annual minor hockey banquet once again proved to be a great success only because of a lot of hard work from the minor hockey committee members and "mommas" of the players who "whipped" up the delicious dinner served last Saturday afternoon.

Gil Malcolm was among the head table members. Gil is trying to establish a soccer league here in Acton and gave a brief talk on the sport to the boys.

Anyone still interested in playing soccer this year is asked to attend the registration at the Community Centre this Saturday morning 9:30 - 12:00. The registration for boys between the ages of 7-14 to date has yielded approximately 40 - 50 players.

GEORGETOWN RAIDERS capped the Junior "C" all-Ontario championship title last Friday night in what appeared to be, from a spectator's view point, a one sided affair.

New Hamburg suffered the 8-1 defeat at the hands of Gerry Ingalls' high flying Raiders.

Only opposition Georgetown actually came up against in their six playoff series was Milton. Huntsville, Division and New Hamburg all bowed to the Raiders in four straight bouts.

At an annual Tri-County Association meeting in Milton last week it was announced that Orangeville will pull out of the loop next season and that Streetsville represented by Bill Snarr wished to enter the league with five teams.

Raiders all-Ontario Junior C champions

After six months of rugged, tough hockey that included six playoff series, the Georgetown Raiders have the all-Ontario Championship to call their own. The Raiders wrapped things up on Friday night, handing New Hamburg an 8-1 defeat in the fourth consecutive win of the series.

Ron Lane paced the Raiders in the final game, scoring three goals. Terry Leswick got a pair and Bill Dwyer, Brad Johnson and Tom Hay added singles. Bob Knack scored New Hamburg's only goal.

The Raiders bounced Milton from the Suburban group finals in six games and never lost a game in either of the three series they had after the group finals.

Dresden, Huntsville and New Hamburg all fell to the Raider power, four straight.

Trout season opens Saturday

Eager anglers who've been watching the calendar avidly until the opening of the trout season will be heading for their favorite fishing spot Saturday.

That's the day it becomes legal to take your limit of speckles, browns and rainbows from lakes, streams, ponds and creeks in this section of the province.

Although opening day is proverbially chilly, warm weather this spring with an absence of rain leads some anglers to speculate fishing will be good although the fish, as always, tend to be lean after the winter months. It is usually on into June before they fatten up on fly hatches and unlucky worms washed into streams by rain.

Many Acton and district anglers will be going north to the Thornbury district but most will stay around here, fishing the Eramosa River, Credit, the 12 Mile and 16 Mile Creeks and other assorted headwaters where trout might be lurking.

Jack Roberts switches to Cardinal suit

After 17 years as a Campbellville Merchant, Jack Roberts has chosen to wear a Burlington Cardinal uniform for the 1968 baseball season.

He'll be pitching against his own mates this season.

Roberts won the most valuable player award last year and is probably the most respected hurler in the Halton County League. He along with Harry Hamilton have pitched for Campbellville since the village introduced their intermediate team.

Coupled with Doug Cholewka of Burlington, Roberts should give the Cards the toughest pitching battery in the league.

Manager Earl Cairns will rely heavily on the arms of Harry Hamilton and Ralph Rintoul. Catcher Don Joyce has retired.

Expect Acton Meadows golf course to be open around middle of June

If progress on the new Acton Meadows golf course continues at the present rate, golfers should be playing its nine holes by the middle of June this year.

Directors of the course were out working in full force Saturday when this reporter drove out to the First Line to inspect it. Opening will bring golfing to this district for the first time since there was a municipal golf course on the cemetery hill at the turn of the century.

Jim Timlock, 8, director of the company, showed us around, pointing out attractive features of the fairways which are beginning to shape into level lawns. Greens are planned, ponds are being dug and a temporary clubhouse is in the course of construction.

There is still work to be done, rolling fairways, fertilizing and other technical points but as Mr. Timlock pointed out the company has plenty of equipment to get

the job done in time for a June opening. Four tractors were busy while we spent a pleasant hour inspecting the premises.

Unlike some courses which suffer a shortage of water when there's a dry spell this one has H2O to spare. As well as a spring creek which skirts the fairways, there are a couple of spring-fed ponds, which promise to give golfers some difficulty with their "and driver". Pipelines have also been laid to convey water to all greens and fairways.

Lays out of the course skillfully takes use of the natural landscape, and exploits the "artificial ones".

Since the company is comprised of golfers—the president owns a course in Burlington—there's no lack of experience to oversee construction. Biggest drawback so far has been to find enough hours in the week to work on the many tasks.

The course is easily approached from Acton, lying less than a mile from the western boundaries. Best way to get there is to follow No. 7 Highway to the First Line, Esqueping, turn right onto the First and proceed north past the Esqueping-Erindale line until you reach the entrance.

The course is deceiving from the road. Fairways which appear small from the roadway turn out to be par fives and sixes when viewed up close. Clumps of birch and hardwood hide the true size.

Visitors who wish to inspect the layout are welcome, said Mr. Timlock, providing they don't walk on the greens or attempt to swing a golf club, yet. Some of the newly seeded parts of the course could be torn up by pre-mature rain.

There's no doubt the layout will be a real challenge to the growing number of Acton golfers itching to try it out.

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Firefighters ask increase next year

A raise in pay for Acton Firefighters will probably go into effect in 1969, Nassagaweya Township council learned Monday. The Township would be required to pay a share of the increase, through the agreement with Acton Fire Area Board.

Firefighters were requesting a \$5,000 increase in remuneration, to be spread over the 30 men in the Acton Fire Department through a points system based on attendance at fires and meetings. Half this increase would be absorbed by Acton council, with the remainder divided between Ervin, Esqueping and Nassagaweya Townships which the fire brigade also covers.

Nassagaweya now pays \$7,600 annually to the fire area board, plus a share of maintenance, repairs and equipment costs.

Clark J. C. McIntyre reported the present rates of pay would probably be maintained for 1968, with the raise becoming effective in 1969.

Further discussions are planned between the four municipalities involved.



A SILVER EXPERT SHIELD has been awarded Nassagaweya resident Dan Kidd, for his proficiency with a handgun. He scored 5,319 points out of a possible 6,000 to win the shield. He is pictured in his hobby room which is filled with guns, ammunition and antique weapons. (Staff Photo)

Dan Kidd of Rockwood

Handgun expert wins silver shield

J. D. "Dan" Kidd of R.R. 2, Rockwood has qualified for the Silver Expert Shield, one of the most difficult tests in handgun shooting.

Dominion Marksmen officials announced today the 43-year-old stationary engineer had achieved a score of 5,319 points out of 6,000 to qualify.

For the Silver Expert Shield (Handgun) the shooter must fire 20 sets of three targets, each set consisting of one slow, one timed and one rapid fire target, and each set scoring 265 out of 300 or better.

Mr. Kidd is a member of the Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club. Before winning the silver shield he had to work his way through a series of Dominion Marksmen awards beginning with the bronze pin which required 10 targets scoring 60 or better out of 100 in slow fire.

Pistols and revolvers of any calibre may be used in Dominion Marksmen handgun competition. Besides being an expert with a pistol, Mr. Kidd is adept with rifles and shotguns. The hobby

room at his Fifth Line, Nassagaweya house is filled with a valuable collection of rare models of guns and ammunition, knives and swords. His collection has been building steadily for the past 10 years, and he recently purchased ammunition loading equipment on which he does custom work.

Having handled guns all his life, he got serious about handguns around 1950. He was a founding member of the Weston Rod and Gun Club.

His current club membership includes the Halton Sportsmen's Association, Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club, Ontario Arms Collectors Association, Canadian Guild of Arms Collectors, Federation of Ontario Naturalists, Ontario Revolver Association,

National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, and Canadian Affiliation of Gun Owners. In addition he's licensed to conduct hunter safety training programs, and is a life member of the Shooting Federation of Canada.

Georgetown bantam bowlers win Canadian championship

Two young Georgetown bantam bowlers brought home the Canadian doubles championship from Edmonton, Alberta, last week.

First national crown in sports ever to come to Georgetown, Bob Montgomery and Gary Miller won by 256 pins after three days of bowling, at the Canadian Youth Bowling championship. It was the fourth and final step in the Four Steps to Stardom Competition.

George Nurse, the Georgetown bowling head, knew his charges were on their way to capturing the title when they ended the second day's play tied with British Columbia.

Expect more 50 sign to play ball

About 50 boys have signed registration cards to play minor baseball to date. Pending further registration practices are being held at the park Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Volunteer helpers are welcome as well as any potential players from 8 to 14 years of age.

"Most elaborate tool shed" will have to be torn down

Nassagaweya Council decided to clamp down on zoning by-law infringements at Monday's meeting.

Council ordered a landowner in the northern area of the township to tear down a large "tool shed" he has erected. Building inspector S. W. Savage was smiling when he called it "the most elaborate tool shed I have ever seen."

Mr. Savage told councillors the landowner had applied for a permit for a summer cottage on a 10-acre lot in Lot 32, Conc. 4, but he had to refuse because it was not allowed in the zoning by-law. Later he heard a building had been erected, and on investigation found a "very presentable" building, 15 by 13 feet with a large open verandah on the front.

He called in the owner and the man said it was a tool shed where he could store his garden tools on the days he visits the property to tend a large garden.

"If we let him away with it, there will be 27 tool sheds around

that corner," said the inspector. Councillors agreed, and ruled the tool shed must come down.

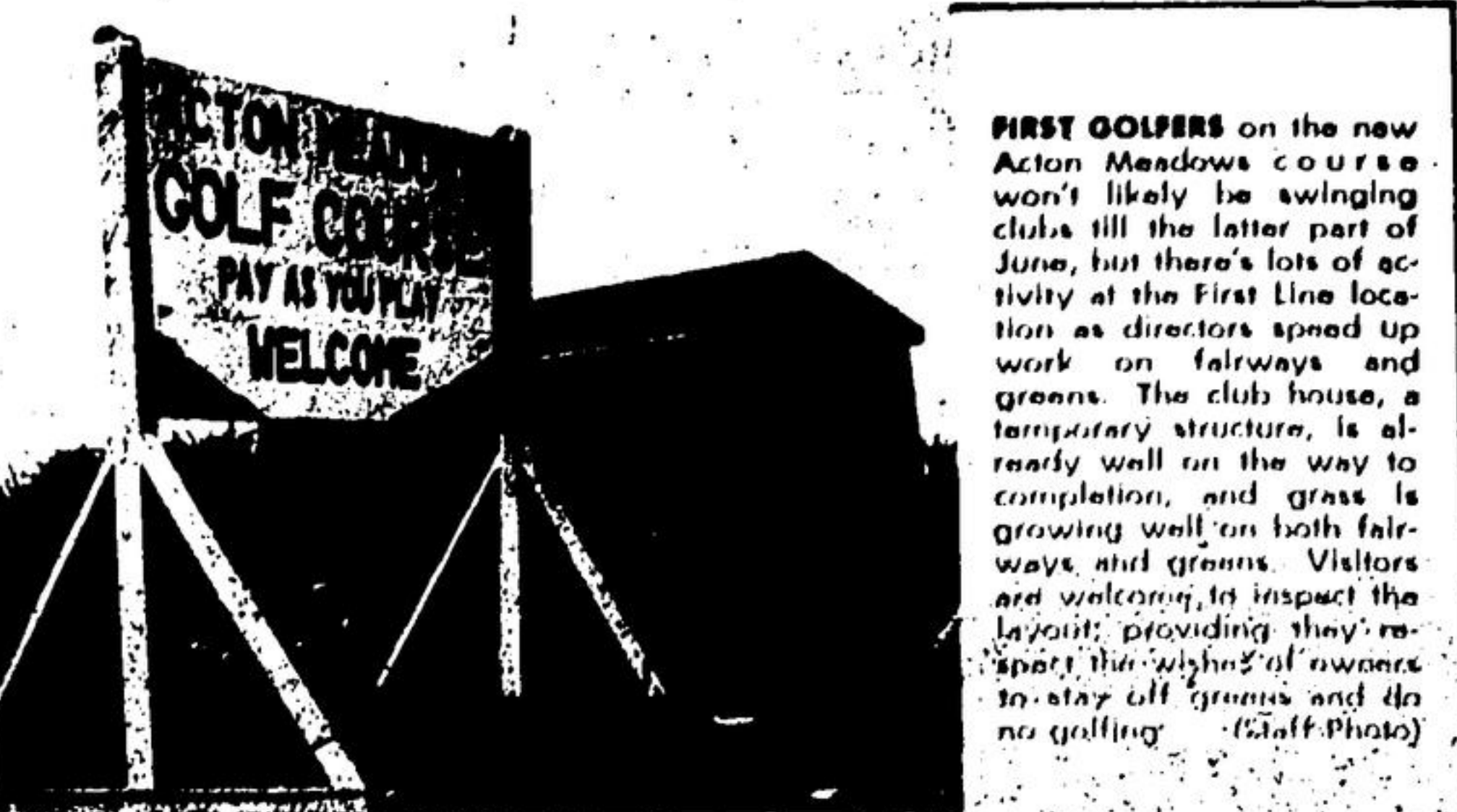
"It sounds like the house that just grew," concluded Councillor Mrs. Anne MacArthur.

Mr. Savage told council an upswing in building permits has seen \$250,000 worth issued so far this month. Many are for home in the north end.

Summer camp

Summer sounds for most children are the clatter of the camp mess hall, laughter echoing through a dormitory, singing in campfire light under the trees. These are now part of life for mentally retarded boys and girls.

You can help the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded develop a full life experience for these children by making your donation to the Flowers of Hope fund a generous one.



FIRST GOLPERS on the new Acton Meadows course won't likely be swinging clubs till the latter part of June, but there's lots of activity at the First Line location as directors spend up work on fairways and greens. The club house, a temporary structure, is already well on the way to completion, and grass is growing well on both fairways and greens. Visitors are welcome to inspect the layout, providing they respect the wishes of owners to stay off greens and do no golfing. (Staff Photo)



MIKE FERGUSON accepted the Referees' Association Trophy from representative Don Ford for the most gentlemanly player in the league. (Staff Photo)

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