BATTLING IN MID. AIR for control of the ball are Acton's Harry Oshirich 55 and Milton's Loris Feedion, Redman No. 21 Bill Landsborough looks

on for a chance to take that ball into Milton net territory, during an exhibition game in A.D.H.S. Thursday afternoon. - (Staff Photo)

Merritton

By D. Gibbons

Ardent supporters of the Acton Lions Juveniles must have wondered if they weren't seeing a repeat of the previous week's game, Thursday night, as they nervously sipped away at their coffee and munched their hot dogs between the second and third periods, within the warm confines of the Acton Community Centre Auditorium. For the Lions had just left the ice with the same slim 2-1 lead, they carried into the third

period the week before. Consequently, several sighs of relief preceded a noisy victory celebration, 20 minutes later, as the Lions hung on to defeat a stubborn group of Merritton Kenmores 3-1 to win their best of five O.M.H.A. playoff series. three games to none. The victory, advanced the locals into the second round against the winner

of the Fergus-Wingham series. Both teams played it very cautiously and close to the book in the first period, with only two minor penalties one to each team, being called.

The Kenmores appeared to have opened the scoring at the eleven minute mark, when they batted the puck into the Acton cage from a scramble in front. But referee Ron Breen, who was right on top of the play, spotted a Merritton player in the crease

and disallowed the goal. Seven minutes later, the Lions officially opened the scoring, as Pete Marzo cashed in passes from Alan McKenzie and Brent Marshall.

Mike Cooper put Acton two goals in front at 1.50 of the second period on a nifty three way passing play with Stu McCulloch and Jim Stevenson.

But the visitors narrowed the margin to 2-1 as Jim McNamara bulged the twine at 15.05. Scott Anderson and Bill Merpaw assisted on the play.

Pete Marzo took Bob Andrews' pass and fired one of his booming slap shots past Kenmore goalie Eldon Anderson

Howard Dwyer on boxla brass

Ross Nelson of Fergus was elected president of the West Central Minor Lacrosse Association at its annual meeting

The league will be divided into two groups, with Acton, Elora. Fergus, Kitchener and Orangeville in A group and Brantford and London, and Ohsweken and London B group.

Each group will have a board of directors handling its affairs. Doug Watson of Kitchener, Howard Dwyer of Acton and Bob Watkins of Fergus head a group, while Jeff Heymans of Woodstock, Clayton Boyd of Brantford and Russel Davis of Ohsweken handle affairs for group B.

Each team will also have a representative to attend meetings held the first Sunday of each month. The first meeting will be in Kitchener on March 2.

Mrs. Fred Cooper of Fergus, Howard Dwyer of Acton, Ralph Gillespie of Orangeville, Bill Lee of Elora, Mike Ignor of Kitchener, Jeff Heymans of Woodstock, Art Haves of Ohsweken will be the hidden score with a 37.

representatives.

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at 5.05 of the third period to

give the Lions a 3-1 lead. Acton played shorthanded for five minutes after Jim Stevenson was given a major penalty, but successfully killed off the penalty and managed to shut-out their rivals the rest of the way. John Mason of the Lions and Bill Merpaw of Merritton engaged in a minor tussle and both received roughing penalties

at 15.51. Fergus and Wingham open their best of three series in Wingham tonight. The second game goes in Fergus, Friday night at 8.30. A winner in the series must be declared by this Sunday.

MERRITTON KENMORES Eldon Anderson, Greg Hildebrand, Dave Thomson, Bill Merpaw, Jim Thomson, Stan Janoslawski, Guy D'Addario, Jim McNamara, Bob Isherwood, Scott Anderson, Rick Mounsey, Jim Kaufman.

ACTON LIONS Craig Weldon, Randy Weldon Lloyd Smallwood, Hob Walker, Brad Timbers, Rob Andrews, Pete Marzo, John Mason, Brent Marshall, Stu McCulloch, Mike Cooper, Jim Stevenson, Alan McKenzie, George

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Period: Acton: Marzo (McKenzie) (Marthall) 18.00 Penalties: Timbers (slashing) 14.03; Mernaw (holding)19.59 2nd Period: Acton: Cooper (McCulloch) (Stevenson) 1.50 Merritton: McNamara (Anderson) (Merpaw) 15.05

Penalties: Andrews (high-sticking) 3rd Period: Acton: Marzo (Andrews) 5.05 Penalties: Stevenson (spearing) 8.35; Merritton (bench minor for having too many men on the see) (served by Bob Isherwood) 13.31;

Mason (roughing) 15.51; Merpaw

(roughing) 15.51. REFEREES: Gerry Perkins and

Ron Breen of Georgetown.

By Rev. A. H. McKenzie Acton curiers are now in the third week of the second eight-game draw, and the only undefeated rinks are those of Eleanor Goy and Ted Tyler, Sr. (at the moment of writing).

The standings are as follows: Monday, 7-9 p.m. Mixed: Walter Dubois 4, May Dumarsh 4, Ab Irwin 4, Bill Mainprize 4, Claude Cook 2, Bill Dumarsh 2, Ron Guest 2, and Ken

Marchment 2. Monday, 9-11 p.m. Mixed: Eleanor Goy 6, Dick Lee 4, Andrew McKenzie 4, John Buckman 2, John Goy 2, Willa Hewitt 2, George Sargent 2, Ted

Tyler, Jr. 2. Men's League, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays: (To Feb. 4th inclusive): Gordon Reed 16, Med Blow 14, John Goy 12, Brian Moore 12, Walter Dubois 11, Ken Marchment 9, Mel Jordan 7, Don Timmings 7,

Allan Buchanan 6, Len Lovell 6. Tuesday, 9-11 p.m. Mixed: Ted Tyler, Sr. 4, Len Lovell 3, Bill Toth 3, Chester Anderson 2, Bob Armstrong 2, Meb Blow 2, Mel Jordan 2, Fyfe Somerville 2, Vic Patrick O, Marg Toth O.

As in former years, on the week of Valentine's Day, "regular" curling was suspended in favour of the Monday afternoon Maw and Paw Bonspiel, and this was followed up with a mixed bonspiel on Monday and Tuesday evenings, appropriately named "The

Sweethearts' Bonspict." These occasions were enriched and animated by social and festive activities in which the

ladies of the club, in particular, gave of their best in the way of culinary provision, tasteful decorations and in the art of witty conversation. However, in "the Maw and Paw" the men triumphed on the ice, defeating the distaff side by a 105-to-59 score, to retaliate for their 1968 ignominious rout by the fairer sex. This leaves the record at two winning years for the ladies and four for the men in the six-year history of this particular

In the Sweethearts' Bonspiel Margaret Toth's rink copped the highest spot, in the two-game winners' circle; and Mel Jordan's rink placed first among those rinks which lost their first game but rebounded to win in the second contest.

With the hope of gaining the complete financial backing of the membership, the curling club executive recently issued to all members a letter requesting their consideration of the making of a covenant to purchase debentures by October 31 next, by which time it is sincerely hoped our new building and curling facilities will be up and ready for

It is most important that every member should deal with this matter, immediately, if he has not already done so, and return the signed and "filled in" Covenant to the Executive. The building committee is depending on everyone who loves the grand old game of curling to assist them in turning a long held dream into a realization!

Activities at Branch 197

Winners in the Friday night euchre were Al Green 64, Bill Davidson 64 and J. Knight. All the three top scores took home

steaks while W. Winston's 42 won the bologua. Saturday night mixed euchre saw Marg McNabb nab the top prize for women with a 60. Fern

Shultis was runner up with 59 Brantford and Joe Moutour of and Mrs. C. Wedge got the Cliff Wedge and Gord Mason

tied in the men's section with 62's and Elsie Johnson won the hidden score with a 37.

LEGION CRIBBAGE LEAGUE

Reliable Taxi 136, Beavers 126, 230 Club 123, Fireman 117, Legion B 116, Legion C 115, Civiero 105, Legion A 98, Goy Cartage 92, Dominion 86.

league tallies'

ATOMS - Weston downed with a goal by John Hansen Brampton 6-2 in last Saturday's from Byron Timbers and David action. In the first period David Allen. George Artem scored McGilloway scored the first goal unassisted and then again on a of the same for Brampton on pass from John Hansen and assists from Marc McKerracher Byron Timbers. At the end of and Ricky Gibson. Shane the first it was 3-1 Withers tied it up for Weston Rochester. unassisted. The second period David Allen picked up another belonged to Weston. Peter Zions for Rachetter from Hyron and Bruce McPhail each scored Timbers, early in the second. unassisted 'making it' 3-1 at the However, Baltlmore's Mike end of the second. Ricky Gibson Ferguson rammed in three goals but one in the net from Marc on two assists from Charlie McKerracher and Ricky Gibson

Ken Woodman. NOVICE - Othawa tied with Hansen scored from George St. Kitts 1-1 in the first Novice game. Jim Ellerby scored the first goal unassisted for the Othawa team. At the end of the first period it was 1-0 over St. Kitts. Ford Alton scored unassisted for St. Kitts in the

Legion

town

second period to tie the game. In the second Novice game, Niagara Falls defeated Hamilton 5-1. Neither team scored in the first period. For Niagara Falls, Steve McKnight scored two from Wayne McKerracher, Jim Mathews from Steve McKnight, and Brett Legate unassisted. Larry Brown scored Hamilton's lone goal from Gord Toth. In the third period, Brett Legate chalked up the fifth goal for Niagara unassisted.

PEE WEES - Rochester narrowly edged out Baltimore 6-5 in the first Pee Wee game. Charlie McRae opened the scoring for Baltimore on a pass from Dan Jensen. Then Rochester turned on the steam

Free Press **News Briefs**

GRADE SEVEN and eight students at the Robert Little school are making a special study of regional government.

A COLUMNIST in another paper figured out why nobody saw any groundhogs up on Groundhog Day. There were too many snowmobiles buzzing around.

THE FIRST meeting of the Anglican and United Church men's club is tomorrow evening with the Hon. Robert Welch as guest speaker. He is the Minister of Citizenship and Provincial Secretary, and will be the first in a series of distinguished speakers the men will hear.

FRONT PAGE NEWS became a reality in Acton exactly 50 years ago. The February file shows the switch to putting news articles on the front page for the first time. The weekly short story, columns of small advertisements and what we now call "filler" were for the first time put on the inside pages. And for the first time there were five inside pages to choose from! Before that there were just four

EVER notice that the reports of weekend fatalities have now taken on a new dimension? Besides fire, drowning and traffic they've added a column for snowmobiles. Like anything else, I guess it has its risks but surely care can be exercised there as it is with an automobile.

pages each week.

FOR those parents who are eyeing the school winter vacation the dates this year are the week of March 17 to 21. That replaces the former Easter Vacation period previously tied into Good Friday. If you can remember for another year the vacation is calculated by the term ending on the Friday prior to March 21,

CHANNEL 13 viewers were delighted to see film clips of the Acton Legion minor hockey teams playing in Kitchener Saturday night. Hockey fans also glimpsed Wayne Marshall who was an official at a senior hockey game.

CHARLIE THOMSON reports seeing a crow at his R.R. 2, Erin home Tuesday afternoon. Another sign of Spring?

MRS. BERT Benton reports from Limehouse that she has a hatching of grasshoppers in her terrarium.



guests of honor at the annual dinner meeting and election of officers for the Acton Chamber of Commerce in the Dominion Hotel Feb. 19.

M.P. for Halton West, George Currie, Reeve of Esquesing Township and Warden of Halton County, 'Steamer' Emmerson, mayor of Georgetown, Les Duby, mayor of Acton, and Bill Hoey, reeve of Namagaweya and two representatives of the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs. The topic of discussion will be regional.

The following people have been nominated for offices: Pres. J. Shadbolt; 1st vice, J. Rol; 2nd vice, O. Chapman, sec., C. Schuts; treat., T. Pratt; Directors, 2nd of 2 years - T. Reidt, F. Gordon, M. DeJong, C. Watzek: 1st of 2 years - J. Coniglio, E. Jollymore, D. Timmings, D. Lindsay.

Artem and David Allen from Klaver from David LeBlanc. The second period belonged to St. Louis with two goals by Glen Taillefer and one by. David LeBlanc. Assists were by Cleveland tied with Springfield

On into the third, Taillefer scored unassisted and LeBlanc two unassisted to make it 8-1 for come back, Muelbacher scored from Keith Smallwood. Smallwood unassisted and Saitz unassisted. Final score was 8-4 for St. Louis.

McCabe from Steve Brunelle. BANTAMS - Hershey crushed Pittsburg 5-1. Henry Toebes scored the lone goal for Pittsburg in the third period from David Braida. Hershey goals were by Bob Krul from Dan Allen and Rodney Gibbins; Roger Swan from Steve Marthall; Rodney Gibbins and Mike Pope; Ken Anderson from Bob Krul and Roger Swan; and Roger Swan from Bob Krul and Mike Pope.

In the third period, Charlie

Allen scored from Charlie

McCrae for Baltimore's fifth

goal, putting them ahead for the

first time in the game. In the last .

few minutes of play John

Byron Timbers and George

Artem to give Rochester the 6-5

In the second Pee Wee game,

with two goals apiece. Steve

Papillon put one in the net

unassisted at the 7 mark. Wayne

Allen tied the score unassisted at

14.20. By the end of the first

period, a goal by Bernie Taylor

from George Carnegie put

Springfield one up. Cleveland

tied the score again in the third

period with a goal by Bill

MIDGETS - St. Louis downed the L. A. Kings 8-4 in fast action. Bill Severinski opened the scoring for the L. A. Kings on an assist by Mike Field. St. Louis quickly tied it up with an unassisted goal by Glen Taillefer, and then shot out ahead with another goal by Ted

Seven elected officials will be

The list includes George Kerr.

LeBlanc, Klavet and Tim Coles. St. Louis. Then, in an effort to

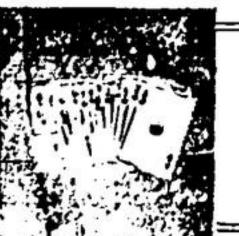
LEGION MINOR HOCKEY STANDINGS W L T Pts.

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St. Louis 11



Let's Play Bridge

In looking over the hands played last week at the Actor Bridge Club, I came across this gem. The point of the hand can be easily overlooked at rubber the traveling score where all the

results are listed. East dealt with North-South vulnerable.

NORTH '

S-A8542 H-A Q 8 4 D-A63 5-Q193 D-82 D-KQ175 C-19876 H-K 1032

The bidding

WEST NORTH Pass Price. 311 4 H All Pass

D-1094

C-AKS2

Opening lead-King of diamonds. Maybe you didn't see any problem as you bid this hand to yourself. So how come three experienced bridge players end

up playing this hand at two spades. There should be two objectives in your mind as you

One advantage of duplicate bid a hand. The first if how bridge is that after the battle many points are there in your you can look back and find your combined hand and second to find a four-four or better fit preferably in a major suit. Once a four-four fit is found that should be the trump suit. In the hand shown. North's duty is to support hearts once partner has bridge, but the truth is there on mentioned them. There is no need to rebid the five card spade

The play of the hand is not easy. Declarer can count nine tricks including one frump ruff. Because of entry problems it is better to set up a spade trick rather, than ruft two clubs. By drawing only two rounds of trump declarer can accomplish this. He will lose a spade and a diamond and one trump but in return will get an extra trump trick or spade trick.

It would be good practice for you to play this hand drawing three rounds of trump and then only two rounds to see the difference.

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