

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

by Denis Gibbons

This Saturday night, the man who has contributed so much to the advancement of sports in Acton, over the past five years will receive long overdue recognition, when he is honored at a banquet in the Acton Music Centre, as Acton's Citizen of the Year.

Since his retirement from his job with the C.P.R. in 1964, Charlie Thomson has spent countless hours around the community centre in the winter time and around the baseball diamonds and soccer fields in the summer time helping to organize and promote leagues in town.

Charlie has been of invaluable assistance to both the Acton Industrial Softball League as a scorekeeper and reporter, and the Acton Industrial Hockey League as a timekeeper and statistician. He has also served on the executive of the Acton Ladies' softball team and has been a major reason for their success in the past.

But the work for which Charlie Thomson is best known is the work which he himself enjoys the most, the organization and promotion of minor sports. As an executive member of the Acton Legion Minor Sports Committee, he has helped to register boys for hockey, baseball and soccer, draw up schedules and arrange for referees and umpires for the games. More than that, he has always been ready with a few words of encouragement for the disappointed players of a team eliminated from the playoffs, the goalkeeper, who has just allowed the winning goal, or the batter, who has struck out to end the game, and the enthusiasm with which he has carried out his duties has been a constant inspiration to all the boys, with whom he has worked.

This past winter, Charlie further showed his interest in the youth of the town, by volunteering to help the Opportunity Class of the Robert Little School, organize hockey games at the Community Centre.

What do all these activities add up to?

A tremendous debt of gratitude on the part of the citizens of the Town of Acton, when you consider that Charlie has done all this voluntarily and has even walked into town from his home in the country in order to help keep boys playing minor sports.

There are not nearly enough men as industrious as Charlie Thomson, involved in minor sports, and all of us can learn a lesson from the fine example, which he has set.

Congratulations, Charlie for a job well done.

WITH THE ICE HARDLY out of the Acton Arena, the Acton Juvenile Lacrosse Club held their first workout, Sunday night, under the supervision of coach Howard Dwyer and manager Alan Hall.

Sixteen boys turned out for the first practice and Coach Dwyer is very optimistic about the team's chances this year.

Five of those who showed up Sunday night, Paul Cooper, Bob Yukoz, Bob Waller, Mike Marcoux and Fred Flinkik have impressed on-lookers in earlier workouts with Kitchener's Junior "B" team, but all are expected to stay in Acton and play Juvenile.

The Indusium Company will be sponsoring the team this year, and they'll be playing their home games on Friday nights, which is bound to help attendance.

Although the league schedule will not be drawn up until May, Acton is expected to be grouped with Fergus, Virgil, Port Dalhousie and possibly Oakville. There is a chance that Oakville will be playing their home games in the Milton Arena.

The locals will continue to practice this week and next and coach Dwyer hopes to have an exhibition game lined up within two weeks.

The "Juvies" gave boxers fans in the area plenty of rugged action last season, and with a year's experience under their belts, they should be right in the thick of the battle for top spot this year.

THE ACTON REFEREES' Association will be holding a meeting in the Community Centre, tonight at 8. All referees are asked to attend.

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

MEN'S EUCHRE Friday night saw Fred Kentner Sr. take the top spot with a cracking 73 and win the steaks. Other steak winners were John Couture who carded a 64 and Bruce Baker with a 62. H. Moon's 38 won him the bologna.

THE LEGION minor hockey executive sponsored a lunch wagon for the students walking for the Cancer Society on Saturday. We gave out hot coffee, coke, doughnuts, chocolate bars, sandwiches,

Committee will operate arena booth

The Recreation Committee has decided that it will get back in the arena booth business after receiving encouraging reports of successful ventures in other communities.

The committee passed a resolution at a meeting Wednesday night empowering the canteen committee of Wilfred Duval and Peter Marks to assume complete management of the concession at the arena, under the supervision of arena manager Harold Townsley.

The administration committee earlier had reviewed two tenders for the concession before deciding to operate it themselves. Concessionaire Roy Goodwin has run the arena operation for the last few years. The roller skating program will also be operated by the committee under the arena manager's supervision. Mr. Goodwin previously rented skates out to the skaters.

oranges and encouragement to the walkers. Many thanks to Ab Louttet for the use of his lunch wagon service truck and Bob Louttet and Ted Pope for helping.

SPONSORED by the Canadian Legion, 12 year-old Bernie Taylor walked all the way from Thornhill on Saturday arriving at the finishing post at the high school at 6:15 p.m. He was the only walker from the public schools.

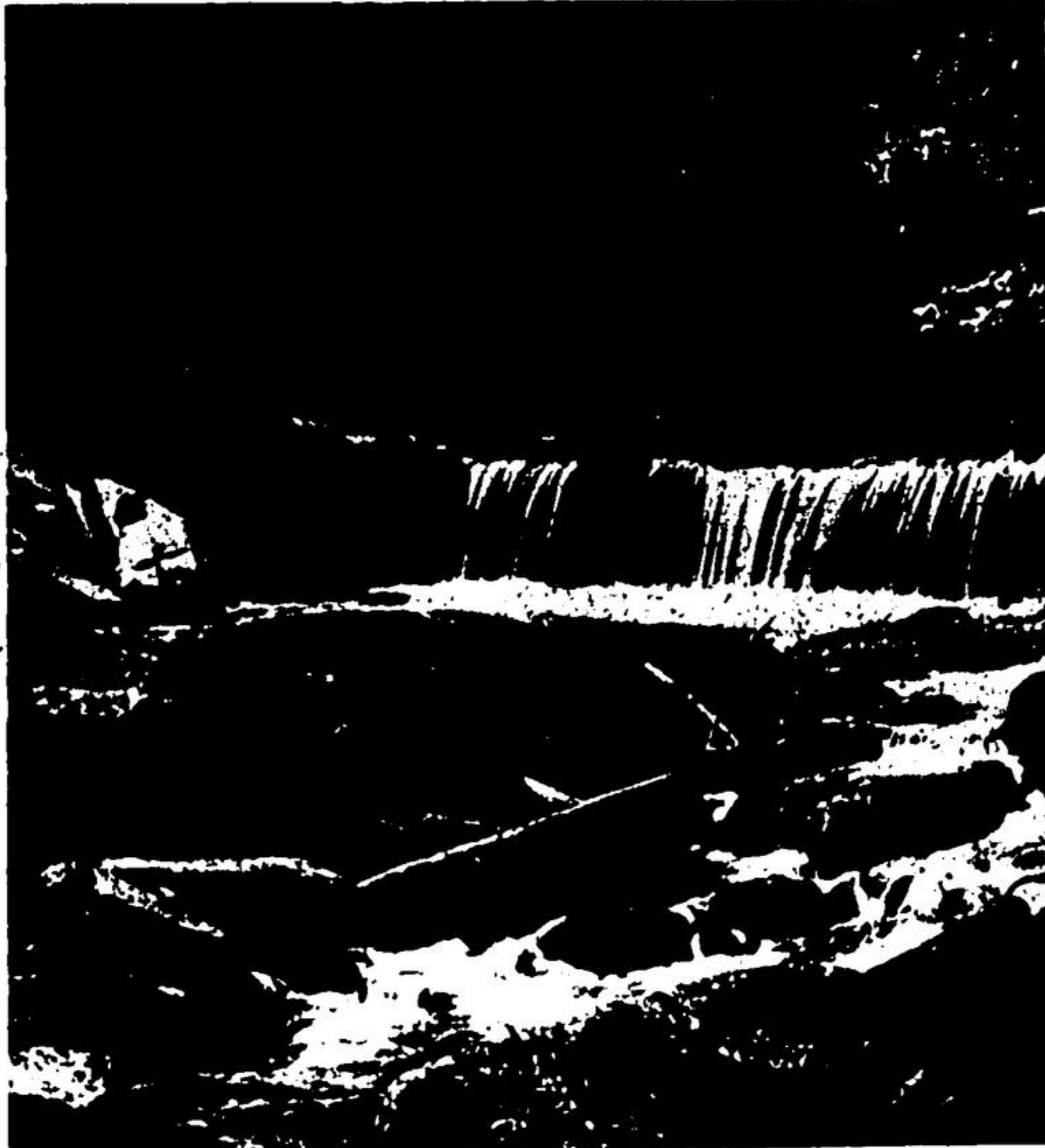
MIXED EUCHRE Saturday evening was steak night for Lois Gordon and Molly McHugh with scores of 63 and 57 respectively. Mrs. Allan took home the bacon with a 41, the hidden score winner.

J. McNabb's 75 won him top spot and steaks in the men's division while Fern Shultis came in second with a 65. Ed Phillips won the hidden score with a 34 and received the bacon.

Skating tests

Results were excellent when several Acton skaters took Canadian Figure Skating Association figure and dance tests at Georgetown arena on April 7.

Following are those who passed: Preliminary figure, Diane Charette, Karen Townsley, preliminary dances, Dutch waltz George McPhail; Canada tango Colleen DeBruyn; swing dance Colleen DeBruyn, Brenda Browne; junior bronza dances Fiesta tango, Diane Charette; willow waltz, Diane Charette, Debbie Drinkwater.



Trout season opens on Saturday

High water along district creeks will discourage anglers from getting into their favorite fishing holes when the trout season opens Saturday but many will be heading for Thornbury and other popular spots after the big rainbows.

The Heaver River at Thornbury is a popular attraction for many. The trout

swim up the river as far as the dam in the centre of the village and make spectacular but futile attempts to pass it.

Fishermen line the banks shoulder to shoulder for the opening.

For the angler who prefers the quieter atmosphere of district streams there are still opportunities to catch some

prize specimens of speckled or browns. Opening day, however, requires luck as well as skill and the worm dunkers will do just as well as the more sophisticated spinning reels and fly rods.

Where to fish that is the question. Try the Franosa River, the Blue Springs Creek, Mann's Creek, the Credit River and many of the smaller tributaries.

Return Don Jarvie president Tri-County

The 13th annual meeting of the Tri-County Minor Hockey Association was held Sunday, at the Milton Legion hall. Ten of the 11 towns in the league were represented, with Burlington absent.

Acton was represented by Tri-county representative Denis Gibbons, and Acton Minor Hockey Association executive members, John Creasy, Ron Knight, Phil Drysdale and Carl Timbers.

Championship crests were presented to the five teams that finished first in their respective age groups: Burlington Juveniles, Georgetown Midgets, Oakville Bantams, Milton Pee-wees, and Brampton Novices.

In addition, league secretary Herb Robinson announced the results of the voting for MVP in each group.

MVP's for this year are Paul Cook of Brampton, in Novice, Ricky Bridgman of Milton, in Pee-wee, Glen Wilkie of Hespeler in Bantam, Paul Fendley of Georgetown, in Midget, and George Naka of Chinguacousy, in Juvenile.

Acton announced their intention to remain in the league for the 1969-70 season, but asked the executive to consider a change in scheduling whereby the "A" and "B" teams in the group would not have to play so many games against the "AAA" teams, Brampton, Burlington, Guelph and Oakville.

However, Milton and Hespeler, both "A" towns indicated that they would oppose such a move, since they felt that games against "AAA" teams gave their teams top-notch competition and thereby improved the play of their own teams.

It was decided that next year, in addition to the arena passes issued to the players of each team, five passes of a different color will be given to each team to be used by the car drivers. The coach and manager of each team will use their O.M.H.A. cards as a means of admission.

Three amendments to the constitution were made. First of all, each town which is not represented at a meeting will not only be assessed a fine of

five dollars, but also an additional fee of two dollars for every meeting that the five dollars is not paid.

Secondly, the manager of the home club shall ensure that the timekeeper, charged with operating the clock for all games shall be a responsible and capable person.

Finally, the persons or persons nominated for Life Membership, shall be presented to the annual meeting by notice of motion. Such notice of motion for Life Membership may only be presented by the officers.

The officers did in fact move that Bill Burrell of Brampton and Fred Hammond of Oakville, two of the founders of the

Stag honors Ken McIsaac

A very enjoyable stag party was held last Friday night at the Legion Hall honoring Ken "Buddha" McIsaac who will be married next Saturday.

Games were played and lunch enjoyed and then the Industrial Hockey League players presented Ken with a gift of money.

Confiscate car guns of hunter

Conservation officers confiscated a car, two rifles and a duck from an overzealous Acton hunter this week following an incident on Longfield Rd. at Mowbray Place. Constable Farion of the Acton O.P.P. observed a car with a dead duck alongside it and suspected a Fish and Game violation. Department of Lands and Forests officials were notified and they took action. Charges are pending, police said.

Stolen battery

Police reported theft of an almost new battery from a car owned by John Constantine and parked on the Frederick St. parking lot at Beardmore and Co. last Thursday. Constable Stafford investigated.

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Fee for fishing . . .

For the first time in the memory of many an Ontario fisherman, he will have to pay a fee of \$3 for the privilege of fishing in his favourite waters during 1969.

This applies to all males 19 years of age and over. The three dollars only gives him a licence to angle-fish with a rod and line. If he wants to do other things such as catch minnows for bait, that will cost another dollar.

If he picks up a few snell this

spring when they are running, this is an additional \$1 fee. A licence to take fish with a dip net for personal use, where this is legal, will cost \$2.

So, if a fisherman wants to be fully licensed to do all those things that fishermen are wont to do when they are pursuing their favourite sport, it will cost a total of \$7.

By the way, snells do not need fishing licences. This is impossible to understand as frequently they catch most of the fish.

Board to ask assistance buy playground equipment

Discussion on the need of playground equipment for Acton parks at Wednesday's meeting of Parks Board and Recreation Committee brought a suggestion that the committee approach the town's service clubs and ask if they would like to contribute to the project.

The committee visualized several items of modern playground equipment in both Prospect and Glenlea parks for the use of children. Chairman Brendan Aherne pointed out that Glenlea park has sat for years waiting for something to be done and it was time the committee got busy.

The committee agreed to purchase new lacrosse nets for the community centre and was informed a Juvenile lacrosse team would operate from Acton. It was agreed the team could have the use of the arena facilities without charge as long as they just broke even but expected a share of the gate if there was any profit.

A tour of the arena guided by arena manager Townsley showed the need for some new boards. A discussion on the economics of purchasing new plastic boards ensued. The arena manager was to look into the cost and feasibility of the project.

Reports in an official publication claimed the plastic boards lasted as long as 10 years without needing replacing and were never defaced.

The committee also:

- Passed a resolution to hire a part time gardener at \$25 a week to look after flowers in the park.
- Agreed to purchase a popcorn machine at a price not to exceed \$400.
- Authorized the arena manager to purchase a wagon at a price not to exceed \$100.
- Authorized the Property

Committee to have the cement blocks in the auditorium inspected and repaired as needed and the exterior painted at a price not to exceed \$250.00. Inspection of the blocks had revealed some deterioration.

Authorized raises for the arena manager and his assistant. Chairman Brendan Aherne presided for the three hour meeting with committee members Herb Dodds, Wilf Duval, Earl Masulek and Peter Marks.

Car flips no injuries

Strong winds and snow contributed to district accidents Friday night and early Saturday morning.

A 1968 model car driven by Hank Earle of Acton flipped over onto its roof along Highway 7, near the Blue Springs Road, about midnight Friday causing approximately \$200 damage.

Later, near Ballinacra, another car driven by William Arthur Atkinson flipped over on Wellington County Road 24. Neither driver was injured.

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