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Down Memory's Lane

by G. "Mac" McGilvray

In our last article we recalled some of the events in sport in Georgetown and district up and prior to the building of the arena in 1922. The building of the arena revolutionized sport in the town and has since been the centre of activity, with hockey predominant.

The building of such a playhouse for the youth of the community was no small task twenty-five years ago, and so well were the plans laid at that time, that today Georgetown has still one of the finest arenas in the province. The forethought of the men who formed the first board of directors must be recognized, for after a quarter century the arena has just now reached its attendance capacity in seating.

Costing in the neighbourhood of \$30,000, the venture was undertaken by the I.O.O.F. Lodge, a group of public-spirited citizens entering into a stock company, and the town of Georgetown supplying an initial payment, by way of a loan of \$10,000. Our memory fails us as we try to recall the personnel of this new company, but we do know that the late Wm. Buck and H. H. Heartwell played a large part in bringing the project to a successful conclusion. Mr. Heartwell was reeve of the town as well as an outstanding figure in the Lodge. The by-law authorizing the grant from the town carried 223 to 19. Members of Council at the time were Reeve Heartwell, Councillors W. O. Anthony, Wm. Barber, G. Herrington, W. H. Long, A. Duncan, and M. L. Near.

The arena was constructed during the summer of 1922 and was ready for the 1922-23 hockey season. The first O.H.A. hockey Club was organized with the late W. V. Grant its first president and the late Charles E. Ruddy as its first secretary-treasurer. P. Cleave and A. Beaumont were vice-presidents, and the executive included J. Thompson, A. O'Neill, E. McWhirter, G. Adams, R. Hynds, R. Erwin, P. Blackburn and A. Duncan were chosen managers.

The opening game played with Brampton, attracted a crowd of 700 people and the preliminaries included the facing of the puck by Mayor Dale and music by the Okeanos Band. This is certainly a far cry from the season just ended, when over 2000 were attracted to a hockey game. The first intermediate team was composed of some of the hockey greats of the town, Angus Duncan was in the net, Bill Bush and Harold Cleave formed a stalwart defense, Alf Cole was a flashy centre; Perc Blackburn and Ray Graham patrolled the boards, while Garvin and

Small substituted. Bobby Hewitson, now sportswriter for the Toronto Telegram, refereed the game and the Brampton team won 3-1 in overtime.

Georgetown, Milton, Brampton and Guelph formed the Intermediate loop that first year, while the Juniors lined up with Milton, Bolton and Brampton.

From that opening day the Arena has been a hive of activity and centre of attraction in a growing community. The town took on new life in a sporting way, and besides hockey for the young men, the ladies also took a whirl at the game and a ladies hockey team came into being, Ann Hickey was president of this new venture, Edna McDonald, vice, and Mildred Fleck, secretary-treasurer. The committee was Mrs. J. McBean, Mrs. L. E. Fleck, Miss Eleanor Cooke and Mrs. P. Blackburn.

In giving a brief historical set-up on sport, names of persons connected with various activities always prove interesting to readers. Two ladies teams, captained by Edna McDonald and Marg Skelton were organized; the first composed of Gladys Toet, J. Annandale, Mrs. V. Kentner, Jessie Leavitt, Doreen McCuag, L. Watson, Olive Legrou, and the second team, Y. Adams, Lenore Cook, Mildred Fleck, Mrs. Dale, Amy McDonald, Irene Thompson, Marion Gollup and Grace Pilder. They played games with Milton and Toronto Kodak and kept the feminine public hockey conscious in the first years of the arena.

We omitted to previously mention the set-up of the first Junior team, managed by the late Angus Duncan: Goal, Garnet Wiggins; defense, Croy Kennedy, Jack Ryan; centre, Lew Tracy; wings, Kaley and Gibbons, and P. Fleck.

We notice that broomball was a big attraction and the team names were still more interesting — they were the Knockouts and the Comebacks. Let this be enough to suffice.

The next fall Indoor Softball came into its own and several teams made for a busy season — Papermakers, Barbers, Chapter, Oddfellows, Creelman's, Church and Firemen.

That same year Action contested hockey fixtures in exhibition games here and as far back as the initial games at the arena rivalry ran high between the two clubs. A brief item in the local press, gives the feeling that not all was fine between the two towns: "According to the Action Free Press of last week Action hockey players seemed quite peeved because Georgetown defeated them in an exhibition game on their own ice. It's not nice to get sore just because you haven't a good team or an up-to-date rink to play in. Come down some time and have a nice game in Georgetown's new arena."

And with this bit of sarcasm we wind up another column, and while we have dealt almost entirely with hockey, in our next article we will try and catch up on some baseball history.

Campaign Against Insects Has Begun



HUNDREDS of kinds of destructive insects which have been dormant for months are becoming active and peeping to attack farm and garden crops, forests, stored products, man and animals. Entomologists, Dominion and Provincial, are now ready with counter measures for control. The Dominion Dept. of Agriculture's National Collection of Insects and its associated library and laboratories has an essential part in the insect control organization. It maintains the bureau of identifications and classification of insects to assist the entomologist, the farmer, the gardener, the forester and the warehouseman.

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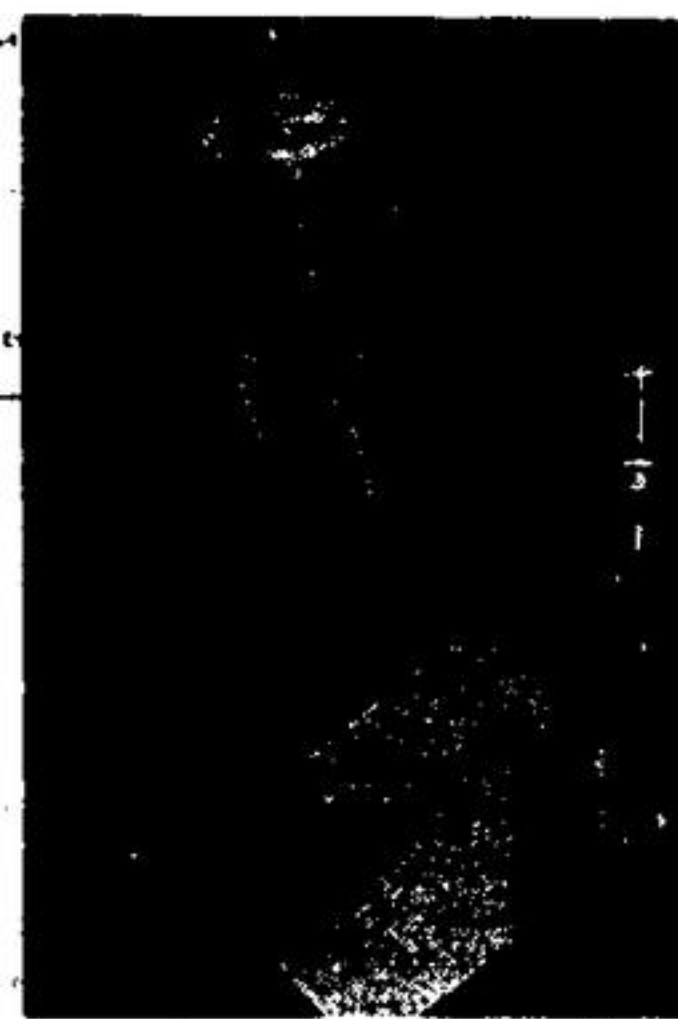
Genial C. E. "Mape" Mapledoram, personnel manager of a Fort William paper company, says: "If a young man is not afraid of hard work, he can do no better than to choose the pulp and paper industry for a career." Mape's own case bears this out. He has spent 21 of his 42 years in the same mill, since he first started as a pressman. Mape is one of the boys. He has been president of his union, and a delegate to the Trades and Labour Council. He is active in all phases of mill, home, and community life. He is councillor, and chairman of the board of health of the municipality of Neebing, in addition to other civic chores. Pulp and paper is in the blood of the Mapledorams, for Mape's father worked in the same mill until his death nine years ago, and now Mape's son, Bill, is employed there too.

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IN ORDER to strengthen the arm of the Church and enable it to meet the challenge of postwar needs with intensified effort at home and abroad, members of the Church of England in Canada are asked to provide the sum of \$4,300,000.

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General Synod Administration	205,000
Extension of Church House	50,000
Diocesan Needs	800,000
Organization and Administration	200,000

Spiritual re-dedication must bear fruit in self-sacrificing practical endeavour if the Church is to meet its Christian obligations.

Be prepared to lend YOUR support to the limit of your ability when the Visitor calls during the week of May 12th to 19th, or mail your offering to your Diocesan Headquarters.

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