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Halton Co-Op Reports \$53,000 Sales Increase

Sales totalling \$824,483, an increase of over \$53,000 from last year, were reported to the members of the Halton Co-Operative Supplies at the annual meeting in Stewarttown Hall on Thursday, February 12th. Manager Charlie Harris explained the new record in sales was achieved over an 11-month period during 1958 and the company hopes to surpass \$1,000,000 in 1959.

The annual meeting approved the Board of Directors' recommendation of a four and a half per cent dividend on members' purchases and repayment of 10 per cent of total dividends.

Plans for a new building at Milton and renovations to the Georgetown office were outlined at the meeting. Planned for Milton is a new \$25,000 store, office and warehouse extension to their building. At Georgetown, alterations are now underway in rearrangement of the store to give better service and a more complete farm hardware line.

All officers were re-elected by the meeting, including president Jack McDonald of Terra Cotta, vice president William Mahon of Campbellville, secretary Vic Lawrence of Oakville, and directors (three years) Spencer Wilson of Hornby, Fred Nurse of Georgetown and Dave Lawson of Milton.

Guest speaker was Julian Smith, manager of the sales division of United Co-Operatives of Ontario. He gave a timely sales talk on co-operatives, their reasons for being so popular, their growth and a brief insight into their future.

In his manager's report, Charles Harris reviewed the increased sales volume over 1957 and thanked the staff for their cooperation in bringing better services and products to the members and customers. Approximately 40,000 gallons of molasses were used in concentrates and feeds following the installation of processing equipment at Georgetown, he said. Feed sales increased steadily all through 1958 and contracts were available now for farmers wishing them, he reported. He said sales of goods were increasing as well.

Fertilizer sales, the manager noted, had increased about 125 tons over the previous year and while seed sales increased in bushels, the revenue was slightly below '57 due to lower prices on some seed grain and clovers. In February a second truck had been added at Milton to deliver petroleum products, and sales volume here is also increasing. Petroleum accounted for \$132,000 of the 1958 volume of sales, the financial report noted.

The meeting followed a dinner prepared by the ladies of Ashgrove W.A. Lloyd May of Hornby and Cec Dobie of Milton won prizes in a draw. A lively singsong was led by Mrs. Roy Coulter and Dave Pelletterio.

LEGION NOTES
 by Les Clark

Maybe it's the weather, or just be it the fact that the winter is beginning to wear on our tortured nerves, this week we are afraid we are going to write what Alf Sykes used to refer to as one of our "unhappy" columns. (Possibly he didn't use the term "unhappy" but a little saltier phrase.) The subject matter is the present kid hockey as administered, (and paid for) by Branch 120.

We hasten to add that the views are strictly personal, that we are not making a personal attack on any individuals, but merely stating a few facts as we have observed them over the years.

Possibly if we dealt with the inception of kids organized hockey in Georgetown, its originators and its progress, we could dispel some of the delightful pipe only discovered in the last year or two or even three, and entirely responsible to one or two individuals. Delightful, we say but sheer fantasy.

In the year 1946 the old recreational council was formed and a kids hockey group was organized. Besides this program, which had quite a number of the members of Branch 120 involved, another member, Dr Reid, sponsored a boys' team. Gradually, interest died, and the hockey program disintegrated.

Checking back to the inception of the first Legion interest in forming a league, we find by minutes of that original meeting, that a meeting was called some nine years ago, by Alf Sykes, one of the original members of the recreational commission. Being president at the time we were present, and Alf was made chairman, Marsh Timbers, secretary, Nick Garvin treasurer; and a group on the committee including Dennis Wright, Herb Arnold, Frank Connelly, Bud James, Ormie Carter and a few others whose names were not mentioned in the minutes. Also present and who promised the town's cooperation, was Jack Armstrong.

Ice time was arranged with the arena board of that time, and all was set to roll, except the registrations, which were slow and at the end of two weeks registration only about 70 had registered. Once the program started to roll and sweaters were purchased the program began to pick up steam, with we hasten to add very little support except the aforementioned group and a few extra hardy souls.

It was nothing unusual to see one man coaching several teams, another refereeing for the entire morning, and more often than not the others doubling as time keepers, managers, etc. With shift work the rule, seldom were there more than four or five people to do everything at one morning's series of games.

We have purposely repeated this "old history" as it's sure to be labelled, because we are fed up with hearing slighting remarks of the men who started and babbled the whole project when it was in its infancy. It's very well for a man to say why "doesn't so and so do it" and so come out to help? I think they are poor so and so for "quitting." And all the time blithely forgetting that the persons under discussion have been coming down every morning over a period of years, long before the complainant was either interested or prepared to help.

Point number 2 brought up recently (in the beverage room, naturally) was if the Legion is not going to sponsor it "properly" let someone else do it. "Properly" in this case seems to mean supplying unlimited funds to any character who comes along and wants to organize a hockey team or arrange out of town games, the farther away the better, naturally. The Legion has always had a policy, after the first year's abortive entry into junior hockey, to pick up the tabs for the Saturday kid hockey, the banquets, the trophies, sweaters, and no other types of organized hockey, and we've got a hunch that the great good sense of the majority of our members will prevail and this will continue. For one's information, last year's hockey expenditures ran to the amount of \$756. . . all accounted for in the auditors report, and an amount of money well spent, but by the same token a fairly considerable amount, we might add. We would suggest to any that before you decide that the Legion is not spending the required amount of money just check on how much it would cost to equip several teams with sweaters.

Thirdly, the occasional outburst about the arena board not giving enough ice time. All the Legion has ever wanted, was their Saturday morning ice time, plus any spare ice time that the board felt would not interfere with their business schedule. This has always been given with a minimum of wasted discussion, and this in the face of what should be the obvious obstacles in the way of a group of public spirited citizens trying to operate a grossly inadequate, and archaic building to see that everyone gets a certain amount of use of the place. Certainly, it would be just dandy if we could have all the ice time that was wanted, but not too feasible, because there are other people in the community in need of the arena too. Arena board members have been remarkably fair in giving out ice time, and indeed we think the chairman, Bud Hill agrees, as far as hockey is concerned. But there again we suspect the stories you hear of ice time being refused stem from some unauthorized party or parties demanding time of the board members or arena caretaker, and when they are quite rightly refused, "making a production" out of it.

If any type of arrangements were left to the chairman or secretary, there would be few, if any difficulties.

In this respect we should say right here that Bud and Frank have tried to do a real job, and sometimes under pretty provoking circumstances.

Finally, regarding the weekly list of games for the next Saturday and referees, Bud Hill has supplied us with a copy of the schedule and it has appeared in the Herald each week, along with referees, since the opening game. Only one week have the referees been left out, and that was only because the list was lost.

On two occasions standings, etc. have appeared, and on four occasions the names of those scoring the goals in summary of last week's games. And we might stress it might very well be an excellent outlet for energy, if those complaining about the lack of reports, took the time to compile the lists after each game. It might also prove that there is more to compiling such statistics than appears on the surface.

As we said at the start of this article, we trust that it will be taken in the spirit it is given, and that it may change the picture to at least a few. Kid hockey has been and will continue to be, a wonderful thing for Georgetown. The men who each day get down to coach, manage, timekeep and help in general are doing a great job. There will always be a few who think it's all wrong . . . that's as it should be, but let's not let the irresponsible bickering of a few upset the whole program.

And by way of an ending, most certainly there will be those who don't agree with the foregoing, and will no doubt be anxious to say so. And we'll be happy to listen, although we prefer not to have to discuss it in the part of the Legion over which Dave supervises!

—Don't forget the regular meeting this Thursday night in the auditorium.

HORNBY J. DREW BROOK WILL LEAD CUB PACK

Mr. Pat Flippance is a patient in the Toronto Western hospital where he has undergone surgery to one of his eyes. He expects to be in the hospital for three weeks.

The first Hornby Cub pack meeting was held at St. Stephen's Anglican Church Hall on Wednesday evening, February 18th under the leadership of Mr. Jeffrey Drewbrook. Ten boys enrolled that night. They are planning to have their meetings every Wednesday night.

Wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Bussell on February 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright and family moved to their new home in Milton on Saturday, Feb. 21st.

Mr. Lou Hawes was able to return home from Milton private hospital last Wednesday.

Some of the fellows tried their luck at ice fishing again last weekend. They caught no fish but they found that the huts owned by Alfred Bridgen and Dunc Robinson had been broken in and some of the contents had been taken.

Miss Carolyn Hoey and Miss Myrna Marchment, members of the inter-school Christian Fellowship group attended Hockley Valley ski camp near Orangeville last weekend. They enjoyed the bible study classes and outdoor sports.

During Sunday School at Hornby United Church on Sunday, Mr. Clifford Wrigglesworth dedicated two dozen hymn books for the use of the Sunday School. Mr. Johnson Nectands presented Mr. Wigglesworth on behalf of the Sunday School with a desk lamp for his twelve years service as superintendent of the Sunday School. Miss Peggy Lee celebrated her

fifth birthday at Mission Band on Wednesday, February 18th.

All the children enjoyed ice cream and birthday cake.

Keith and Lorne Ella visited with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ella in Guelph over the week-end. Keith celebrated his birthday on Sunday, February 22nd.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY NAMES SEWING, KNITTING CONVENERS.

At the monthly meeting of the Georgetown Hospital auxiliary, Mrs. Bob Burns and Mrs. J. C. Munro were chosen as sewing and knitting conveners. The meeting was held on February 17 in Wrigglesworth School auditorium.

Mrs. Muriel Adams and Mrs. John Gunn had attended a Brampton auxiliary meeting the previous night and reported the meeting of that group as interesting and informative, and that they had gained some useful ideas for future local projects.

Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mrs. Jack Mueckart and Mrs. Ollivier volunteered to help the membership convener Mrs. John Wolfe. It was decided to have a door prize at the next auxiliary meeting which will be held on March 10th in Harrison public school.

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