

## Badminton club says

### Chasing the bird fun

One of the most active adult recreation classes in Acton is the twice-weekly badminton classes at the high school.

Almost 40 bird enthusiasts play the game on three courts in the school gym, many of them new people in the area, from 8 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

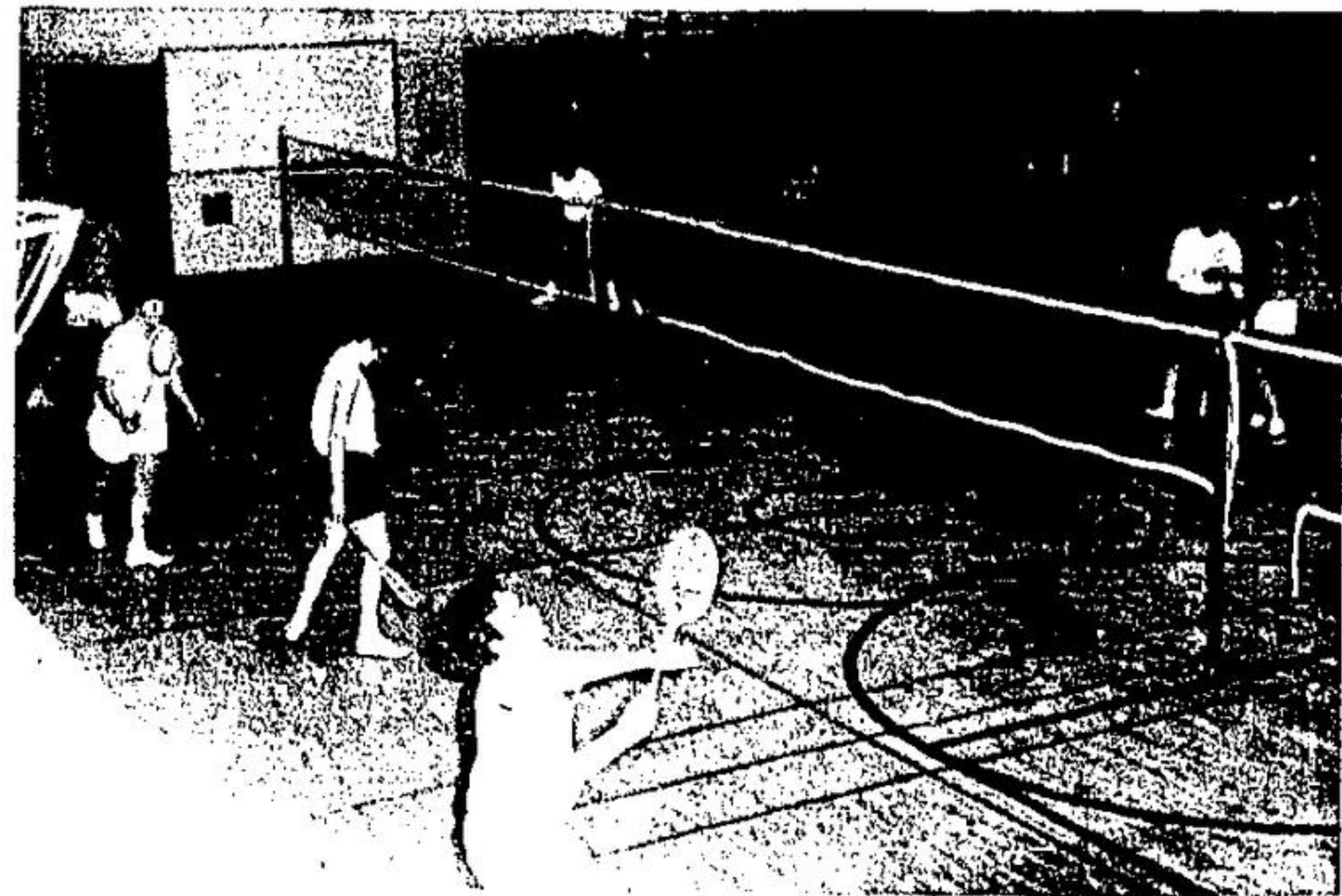
Players represent a good cross-section of the community ranging all the way from two councillors and the assistant town clerk, school teachers, housewives, engineers and workmen.

The sessions have been going for three of the last four years but this is the first season they have played two nights instead of one.

Founder of the club is Hugh Patterson who has been a bird chaser since back in the days when he lived in the city. He credits the success of this year's sessions partly to the new policy of the Halton Board of Education promoting increased use of the school for outside adult activities. The club is permitted free use of the school two nights each week.

The sessions usually go until the warmer weather in the spring.

President of the club this year is Vic Morris with Joan Morris



SIMULTANEOUS GAMES on three courts keep 12 badminton players busy during the twice-weekly session at Acton district high school.—(Staff Photo)



COUNCILLOR PETER MARKS returns a smash during some fast action on the badminton courts. Three courts are busy every Tuesday and Thursday evening.—(Staff Photo)

## Regular January business appointments, dates, finances

Naming of council members to committees and boards was regular Jan. business approved at last week's council meeting with other routine matters established to start the new year right.

Council meeting nights were again set at the second and fourth Tuesday evenings.

However, for a three month trial period, both committee meetings will be held on the same night in the town office so the mayor may attend one or both. The clerk-administrator will attend one meeting and the deputy clerk the other.

(Previously the administration committee of council and the public works committee met on different nights, both with the

mayor and clerk attending. Matters are prepared at committee level for recommendation to full council.)

Committee meetings will now be held the first and third Tuesdays in the town office.

The change was explained as an attempt to streamline the system and avoid overworking some people. There is a spare room in the town office since the assessor is no longer located here.

The standard borrowing by-law was approved. (Council may borrow up to 70 per cent of anticipated revenue to cover current expenses). Amount stated is \$624,000.

Deputy-clerk Grant Usher was appointed secretary-treasurer of the committee of adjustment, replacing Iain Williams who resigned.

There were no changes in chairmanships for councillors. On the administration committee are chairman G. W. McKenzie, Dr. Frank Oakes, Bill Coats, Peter Marks. On the public works committee are chairman Earl Masales, Ted Tyler, Jack Greer, Orval Chapman.

Budget Committee—Oakes, Masales, McKenzie, Tyler, Duby.

On court of revision, with just a couple of meetings a year, are Mayor Duby, McKenzie, Coats, Greer, Chapman.

Parking Authority—Masales, Tyler, Greer, Chapman, Duby. Representatives: Development Commission—

Coats, McKenzie, Tyler, Greer, Duby.

Planning board—McKenzie, Masales.

Acton Citizens Band—Oakes.

Parks board—Chapman, Marks.

Recreation Committee—Chapman, Marks.

Dr. Oakes was named to replace Mayor Duby on hydro committee when requested, and Mr. Chapman to replace the mayor on library board when requested.

The mayor and treasurer were authorized to pay standard costs ranging from postage to dog control, as well as salaries of town employees.

A resolution was approved that regular council meetings would end at 10:30 p.m. unless a resolution was introduced to extend it.

During discussion it was suggested "enquiries" might be moved up in the agenda or changed to "other business" to avoid introducing new motions late at night.

When councillor Masales suggested all matters should be introduced at committee level deputy receve Tyler objected strongly.

"If you want to draw things to the eye of the public the opportunity should be here! The press is present and the public will find out—if you can't get answers, let the public know."

During the discussion on curfew the necessary motion to extend past the deadline was finally written just seconds before 10:30.



JOHN CONIGLIO reaches high for the bird while partner Gloria Coats and opponent Dave Sale watch expectantly during badminton action in the high school gym.—(Staff Photo)

treasurer. George Lee is director of play.

Officers point out that anyone is eligible to play and they welcome new members. There is keen competition but talent runs all the way from good to bad and it is all in a spirit of fun and recreation.

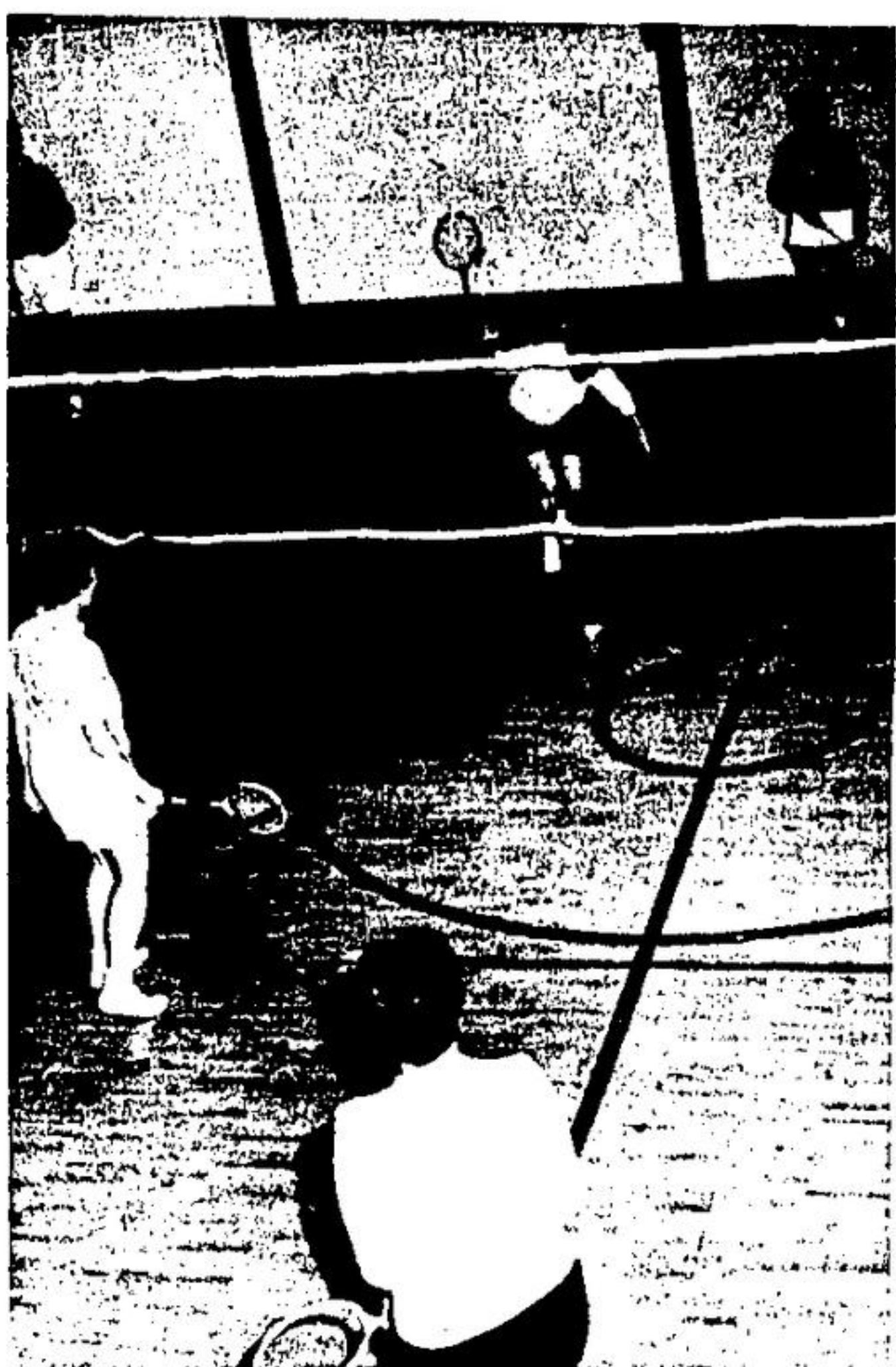
Competition gets real keen as the club stages its final tournament and narrows down players for the trophies.

## \$700 damage to two cars

A '70 Oldsmobile received \$500 damage and an older car \$200 damage in an accident Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. Gino Civalero, R. R. 1, Acton, had stopped his new car and it received \$500 damage to its rear bumper, trunk and fender.

The other car, driven by Lloyd Besito, R. R. 5, Milton, had lesser damage.

The accident occurred on Mill St. W. near John St.



BACKHAND SWIPE by Gloria Coats at the elusive bird misses and creates amusement among other badminton players. Almost 40 play the game Tuesdays and Thursdays at the high school.—(Staff Photo)

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