



By Bob MacArthur
Curling really gets off to an early start. Monday is the big day for the first of the league curling for the season. Draws are made up for the first draw. It will last for seven weeks of curling, ending the first week in January. There will be playoffs, then on to the second draw.

This year, mixed curling will hold sway for Monday, Tuesday and Friday evenings. The men will take over on Wednesday evening and the ladies will be playing Thursday evening.

First bonspiel
Last Saturday the first bonspiel of the season was held. There were six teams in each of the two draws. The winner of the early draw was the rink of Ab Irwin, Kae Hansen, John New and Ina Mellon. The second place team was headed by Ted Tyler Sr. with Helen Otterbein, Lucille Cooksley and Eleanor Beatty. Third place was taken by the team skipped by Charles Davidson with Ruth Leatherland, Mary Jane New and Frank Houston.

In the second draw, top team was skipped by Mel Jordan with Hugh Jordan, Harvey Young and Florence Bowen on the front end. Second prize was won by Ab Robinson, Shirley Hunter, Fred New and Stan Bowen. Third prize was won by the team of Tom Nicol, Neil Anderson, Roy Rossell and June Gerth.

After the curling a pot luck supper was served amorphous style.

Harry Arbic and his records supplied the music for dancing to wind up the evening.

Business meeting
Then came a brief business meeting wherein a slight technicality of the annual meeting was cleared up, to the satisfaction of practically all

present. John Goy, the president, dealt with a number of other matters pertaining to the operation of the club. He also outlined the duties of the new caretaker, Mr. Price.

Ken Marchment was in charge of this bonspiel and made the various draws. Bob Drinkwater is acting as secretary of the club as well as treasurer until a new secretary is appointed.

The board of directors were given the go-ahead on seeking a solution to the condensation problem. During mild days especially in the fall condensation drops onto the ice surface causing lumps. This interferes with the course of the rock.

Today's tip
Read what one of the top curlers in the country has to say about delivering a rock.

"One of the most frequent questions I'm asked is how do you hold the handle for an in turn, or for an out turn?"

"There is considerable controversy on this subject, but personally, I don't think it makes too much difference, provided you hold the handle in such a way that it does not encourage a push delivery."

"In other words, the truest and most accurate delivery is the swing delivery which requires that the rock hang from your fingers during the pendulum-like motion of swinging the rock back and then forward."

"Avoid a light grip for best results, otherwise you will find yourself missing the broom by pushing, or turning the handle of the rock as you release it."

Can anything be more plain or harder to do? I still do not deliver the rock in the approved manner, after many years of trying. But then some will never learn.



ACTON OPP Constable Roy Wood shows on rare occasions. Constable Wood pupils in Mrs. Gamble's Robert Little guided pupils on a tour of the local grade one class the shotgun he uses only detachment's facilities, last Thursday.— (Staff Photo)



CONSULTING MAPS before they leave on a 40 mile bikeathon Saturday morning are counsellors of the Calvinist Cadet Corps of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. Left to right are counsellors Richard Van der Wal, and Hank Kleine-Deters, supply truck driver Harry Ensing and the two lady riders who completed the marathon, Mrs. Harry Ensing and Mrs. Kleine-Deters.—(Staff Photo)

Esqueuing officials to look at dump site

Esqueuing council has decided to have a first hand look at a worked-out brick quarry Milton Brick has offered as a possible location for a dump site. The quarry is situated on Lot 1, Concession 1, on the east side of the town line.

Officials of the air management branch of the Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management ordered cessation of open air burning at the dump a year ago.

Milton Brick solicitor P. K. McWilliams showed councillors an aerial photograph of the site at their regular meeting, Monday night. Mr. McWilliams said the site is available, but stressed Milton Brick is not trying to push the township into anything.

Receive tenders

Eight tenders for the construction of Esqueuing township's new works garage were opened at Monday night's regular council meeting. After consultation with roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow, consulting engineer Don Tefft will make a recommendation on acceptance of a tender at next Monday's meeting. Council will then have to pass a by-law and have it approved by the Ontario Municipal Board before construction can begin. The garage, which will house works vehicles is to be built on land behind the township offices on the Seventh Line, just north of 17 Sideroad.

BENTE LARSEN displays the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show \$50 award she received for excellence in environmental science at the recent Acton District High commencement exercises.—(Staff Photo)

Auditors warn township

Esqueuing Township has a problem with tax arrears, according to the annual auditors' report of the township books which was published as an advertisement in a Georgetown newspaper last week.

The undated audit, covering the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1969, indicates the township had \$262,153 owing to it in back taxes, or 29.06 per cent of the current year's levy. "In an effort to increase collections the penalty rates have been increased for 1970 but in addition to this a constant follow-up on arrears is required," said auditors MacGillivray, Pogue, Macdonald, Lever and Hoskin.

Outline deficit
Esqueuing Council ended that year with a deficit of \$5,049. The previous year (1968) it had wound up with a \$31,920 deficit, the audit shows. Auditors recommended a modernization of the township's accounting procedures and installation of some machine bookkeeping.

The auditors also issued a warning to the township about allowances for accumulated sick leave for employees which were building up. "There is no consistent policy for dealing with employees' accumulated sick leave—at least three different bases are now in use. We believe a consistent policy should be established here," summed up the audit report.

Township officials spent \$1,330,287 in 1969.

Charges laid

After a one-car accident Acton police charged a local man with impaired and careless driving. His car received an estimated \$50 damage.

Local director

Nino Braida has been elected the director of district 5 of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies. There were 17 from Acton at the annual meeting in Victoria Square on October 27.

Acton had hoped to win the attendance trophy again this year after winning it four times before. However, Georgetown won with the largest delegation, 21 being present. This is the first time Georgetown won the award.

Attending from Acton were Mr. Braida, Don Marz, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. Wm. Thompson, Mrs. Alex Near, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Aitken, Mrs. George C. Wallace, Mrs. W. J. McDonald, Mrs. Walter Linham, Mrs. Laura Dennis, Mrs. S. Morrison, Mrs. G. S. Matthews, Mrs. E. Archibald, Bill Nelles and H. H. Hinton.

Mrs. C. Graham of Woodbridge is director of the ladies' division and Mrs. Doug Palmer of Schomberg is associate.

The director usually serves a two year term.

Mr. Braida has been associate director for the past two years.

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