



GARY MASTERS—Thor and the Wunders.



RON LOUTTET goes Underground.



SHELLY WENSLEY hops for Jungle Bunnies.



BILL DE HAAN is a Juicy Lucy.

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the painted box



By Wendy Thomson

Now that the weather has turned colder, I'm quite content to stay inside and comment on it from this side of the window. But when it was so nice out a little while back, I spent a fair bit of time trying to figure out good excuses to leave the housework and go outside for a while.

No matter how much I tried to organize things, I still couldn't get out. The days I rushed around and had all the housework done by noon, the sky clouded over and it started to rain. And the days that there was so much I had to do, it warmed up, the sun shone, and I grumbled.

It didn't help my bad moods any to look out the window and see the two dogs stretched out in the sun, every now and then rolling on their backs, sticking their spindly legs in the air and growling and wiggling in itching ecstasy. I wished that I could join them—not in the wiggling bit, but just that I could stretch out in the sun.

Leaves tackled

The cuts and the latest batch of kittens soaked up the warmth from the front steps, with occasional excursions across the lawns after blowing leaves. When the weather wasn't too warm, I shoved them all outside anyhow, and they'd sit in a miserable little blotch, pressed up to the front door. Whenever it was opened, they swarmed in and were impossible to catch again.

I used to put them out the front, then use the back door myself to go in and out. They caught on quite quickly, though, and arranged themselves three at the front and three at the back.

The one day I did begin to play hooky, Tansy-cat spoiled it and brought me back home. I had gone to get the mail from the box and just couldn't resist that autumn old-leaf smell on the breeze. I turned up the road and started walking. Tansy, who usually fetches the mail with me, was overjoyed to be going for a walk, and skittered up the road after a leaf. She made the walk into an obstacle course by lying down in front of me every few steps, usually just as I went to put my foot down.

I couldn't resist the trade any longer, and began to walk back to the house, with this silly animal standing on my shoulders, her feet kneading vigorously, and her tail wound around my face. Every time I started to mutter at her I ended up having to spit the end of her tail out, so back home we went, me in silence, Tansy purring away as if she'd been dipping into the entrap again.

That small taste (of autumn outdoors, not of her tail) was enough to whet my appetite, though, and the next day I saddled up Beau for a beautiful 10 mile ride, part of it along the old radial line. It was a perfect day and the back-country scenery was magnificent. I suppose if I'd been out every day, things wouldn't have seemed so nice when I finally did break away. I keep saying "I must do this more often", but maybe it's just as well I don't.

At least, that's what I keep telling myself.

Beanies mean house league teams

By Carol Somerville

Perhaps you are wondering why most high school students are barbed in brightly colored beanies. These students are loyally supporting their house league team, which is a new innovation in extra-curricular activities at A.D.H.S.

It was announced in the spring of 1971 that interscholastic sports would no longer involve Acton High School teams. It was the opinion of the Physical Education Department that Acton High School was financially unable to support the cost of transporting teams and referees. Many students felt that a very important part of school life would be omitted, and that school spirit and morale would certainly suffer.

Variety of sports

The house league program has been set up to involve students in a wide variety of sports, but within the school itself. Some of the sports that have been played intermurally were not offered

interscholastically. To date, pushball, baseball, track and field and flag football have been played.

Each physical education student took a physical fitness test last spring, and from these results, the entire student body and staff were divided into four teams.

The teams met the first week of school and chose a team name and color, and a boys' and girls' captain.

Football battle

On October 29, the flag football battle of the year was staged, to determine the boys' championship. Jungle Bunnies emerged on top, with a score of 14 to 0 over the Juicy Lucy team. Early in the second half, George McPhail and Mr. A. Andrews broke through the tough Juicy Lucy defense to score for the Jungle Bunnies. In the consolation game, Thor and the Wunder Squad defeated Underground. The final standings for boys' football are

Jungle Bunnies, Juicy Lucy, Thor and the Wunder Squad, and Underground.

Intermural program

In girls' football, Jungle Bunnies triumphed again, over Thor and the Wunder Squad. On the second play of the game, Anne Luty scored for the Jungle Bunnies. Later in the game, Patti Dunn made the score 14-0 over Thor and the Wunder Squad.

In the girls' consolation round, Juicy Lucy defeated Underground 14 to 7. Cathy Dyrstaz and Miss J. Mills scored the touchdowns for the Lucies, while on the final play on the game, Lena Larsen put Underground on the scoresheet. Final girls standings are: Jungle Bunnies, Thor and the Wunder Squad, Juicy Lucy and Underground.

Thanks to all who officiated

games, and special thanks and congratulations to team members for helping make Acton's first football season a great success.

Overhaul

Miss J. Mills, head of girls physical education, felt that over half the school has been involved in some way in intermurals. School spirit is hard to measure, but she felt that students feel an attachment.

Future events include a scavenger hunt, archery shoot, volleyball for girls and ice hockey for boys. Miss Mills said that interscholastic sports have not stopped completely. Track and possibly gymnastic teams will still compete. However, economics do not permit team sports to compete.

Free Press Personalis

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsley have returned from a one-week holiday in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Mrs. Jean Sproston and Mr. Brian Sproston of Toronto visited in town Sunday and attended the service at St. Alban's church.

Albert Louttit of R.R. 2, Rockwood, was rushed to Guelph General Hospital Sunday and friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Swackhamer and Diane were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Swackhamer, Cottage Brook Farm, Orton on Sunday, Nov. 7 and attended the christening of their daughter Tammy Lynne. The service was held in Mimosa United Church and was conducted by Rev. Anna Taylor.

Pat Kentner of Acton had a part in Georgetown Little Theatre three-day production of The Torch Bearers. The play was very well received.

Tom Van Alpen, co-owner of Halton Toyota also had a part in the "slapstick" comedy.

M.P. Rud Whiting attended the veterans' dinner Sunday and that evening took in the first Junior hockey game of the season here.

Friends are glad to know Mr. Phil McCristall is recuperating well following an operation in Toronto General Hospital. Mr. Russell Matthews, who was in the

General too, has returned home. Mrs. John McHugh is also in Toronto General. Many friends here are following their progress with interested concern.

Four new families were welcomed to town by the III Neighbor Welcome service lately:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sheldon moved from Toronto to R.R. 3, Milton. They have one young child. Mr. Sheldon is a pilot.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Berry and son came from Streetsville to 160 Elmore Dr.

Mrs. E. Cormack is a newcomer from Eden Mills; she lives in the Winston Apartments. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kerrivan and family moved up from Port Credit to 66 Cobblehill Rd.

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ACTON FIGURE Skating Club lessons started Monday at the community centre. Instructor Nancy Skuce helps Debbie James complete a figure eight in this picture. —(Staff Photo).



VALERIE GRAHAM performs a tricky manoeuvre during the Acton Figure Skating Club's first practice session Monday. —(Staff Photo).

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