

Spilling the Pins . . .

at ACTON BOWLING LANES

by Ken Hulford



Well, my friends, after a two weeks' respite from reporting the activities of Acton Lanes' trundling fraternity we resume the task of telling you what's what and why, so here we go.

Triano Mixed
Dec. 30: Desperados are still the front runners in the league, a two and total win from Hot Shots doing the trick. Desperados had a close call in the finale, making the win by 16 pins. Up on the triple and single plateaus for Desperados were Andre Conway 632, Jackie Parker 202, Brian Larsen 203 and Orv Poirie 230. Up there for Hot Shots were John Fabian 840, Wally Hinden 219, Jean Harris 223 and Jim Pihl 220. The second place Try Hards failed to close the gap on the leaders but kept up to the pace with a two and total win from the Five Stars. Try Hards took the first go by 14 pins, walked away with the second only to drop the finale by 4 pins. Triplets and the Pussys were the last to bowl. Try Hards' win were Elston Adams 660, Jean Binden 219, George Adams 240, Elmer White 200 and Andre Blanchard 202. The Pussys' win for Five Stars were Lynda Harris 616, Steve Blanchard 622 and Bill Gentles 202.

(148) and Andrea Sharples 413 (159) sparking the win. For the "Variety Gang" May Hoare 432 (157), Betty Cheyne 448 (158) and Dianne Mellon 351 (143) were best. It was a good New Year start for the Moss Hardware, they won 'em all from Thompson Construction with Bea Anderson 812 (220), Pat Duvkins 812 (212), Edna McIsaac 65 (209) and Dianne Taylor 330 (216) pacing the win. Tops in the Thompson Construction trundling were May Swackhammer 338 (242), Linda Perkins 515 (204) and Betty Elliott 502 (194). I.G.A. tied the first canto with Nielsen's Clothing, won the second then were on the short end in the third go and lost out for totals. Nielsen's taking 4 points and the I.G.A. settling for 3. Top trio for Nielsen's were Lynda McDonald 531 (189), Chelene Smith 503 (201) and Agnes McIntyre 390 (141). Tops for the I.G.A. were Jean Smith 501 (182), Troy Griffin 482 (197) and Pat Mitchell 396 (157).

League standing: Jim's Variety 71, Thompson Construction 65, Moss Hardware 63, Nielsen's Clothing 64, Speyhill Farms 38, I.G.A. 33.

Thursday Toppers
Jan. 3: Slowpokes are still perched quite comfortably on the top rung, a three game win from the Pussys Cats doing them no harm. The "Cats" made a strong bid in the finale to average a record but lost out by 6 pins. Heading up the win were Daphne Johnson 580 (207), June Boussfield 515 (172), Shirley 492 (194) and Jean Ager 490 (212). Top trios were for Pussys Cats showed up in Shirley Thompson 511 (189), Donna 516 (199) and Sandy Lewis 436 (161). The Lowly Doodie Bugs didn't doode in their go with the Doodies, they won 'em all with Polly Hamilton 385 (201), Joan Charles 540 (205) and Lynn Punt 433 (161) being top trio. Best in the Doodies' efforts were Minnie Johnson 515 (172), Shirley Thompson 511 (189) and Ina Wilson 428 (146). It was a two and total win for Hot Pants, the Happy Gang making with a late game win by 19 pins. Top trio for Hot Pants were Joan Why 513 (214), Wendy Fabian 310 (179) and Doreen Mitchell 463 (179). Brian Larsen led the Pussys, they were Pat Wood 358 (192), Jean Bunden 457 (178) and Jean Lumbra 404 (143).

League standing: Slowpokes 45, Hot Pants 36, Pussys Cats 35, Happy Gang 35, Drifters 34, Doodie Bugs 30.

Major
Jan. 3: Acton Meadows bounced the Acton Lanes out of the second go with a two and total win. Pacing the "Golfers" trundling were Don Wilkes 75 (286), Mac Herrington 325 (278), Brian Larsen 203 (281) and Wayne Mason 701 (377). Tops in the "Lanes" efforts were Tom Browning 783 (290), Larry Nolan 782 (282) and Dee DeForest 322 (279). The Silver Creek Shell Station retained their share of the second spot with a two game win from Reliable Taxi, Peter Homer 603 (250), Bruce Shultz 588 (241) and Peter Grees 660 (278) topped the Silver Creek's trundling. Top trio for the "Taxi Squad" were Bob Woodcock 654 (241), Don Green 847 (246) and Hank Earle 620 (274). Dominion Hotel also stayed up there for their share of the second then they took two games from Hinton's Store. Making with the most for Dominion were Clint Peacock 787 (335), Dave McMillan 693 (255) and Phil Southern 680 (229). Hinton's top trio were Keith Andrews 747 (269), Bob Turkoz 701 (267) and "Squack" Higo 602 (236).

90th birthday for auctioneer Hindley



Roy Hindley celebrates 90th birthday

Going, going, gone, and the casual pointing of a walking cane would indicate that another item had been sold and the crowd would follow behind its favorite auctioneer to the next item of sale.

For approximately 40 years William Roy Hindley, better known as Roy, was the district's leading agent selling at farm rings in the zero weather of wintertime or casual furniture and chattel sales during spring and summer. Church bazaars and charity auctions, everything to be sold was always considered fair game when the master salesman of the district was on hand.

Friday, Jan. 4, marked an important episode in the life of Roy Hindley. To celebrate his 90th birthday he was feted to a family party on Saturday, with entertainment prepared and presented by his five grandchildren and two nieces who attended from Guelph.

A poem containing several verses sketched through the highlights of the life of the auctioneer as written by his proud grandchildren and, assisting with preliminaries were his nieces Grace McEnery of Ballinacraf, Lois Campbell, a nurse on staff of General Hospital in Guelph, and Mary Young of Metcalfe Street, Guelph. Also participating, along with his son Dan and his wife Vera, were his five grandchildren, Jeanette Cox of Erin's fifth line, and Lillian, Mary, Helen, and Denny Roy Hindley of R.R. Hillsburgh.

Taped recording
Another fun item of the celebration was when a tape was produced of the recorded voice of grandfather Hindley, reciting, as he had for many years at church socials and other functions. Roy had made the recording two years ago and everyone enjoyed listening to his recitations.

"It was a very exciting day," he said later, pleased at being so well remembered. Mr. Hindley's days of auctioneering rank him as one of the first in the district. Born in 1884 at the family Hindley farm in Eramosa he moved with his parents to a farm on the 1st line of Erin near Guelph where, with his two older sisters, he attended Osprey Public School.

Although competition gradually increased he reportedly continued as his favorite until his retirement.

Two Cans
"In the early days of the thirties, dad used to be so busy that he'd leave by horse and cutter one day and have to stay overnight to continue on to another sale," said his son Dan Hindley who remembers that, as a boy, often the roads were not plowed out for days and his dad's horse and cutter were familiar sights on the county roads.

Area residents remember Roy Hindley with his cane as a symbol of his profession. One amusing fact was that, during zero weather, he would frequently take along two cans to the sales, one to be kept warm by a fireplace for periodic changing when his hands became cold in the frigid barn rings.

In 1947 he retired from farming. He and his wife had left the homestead where they had stayed on when they were married in 1916, and moved to a cottage in Everton in '49.

Roy had previously formed a partnership with Jack Elliott from Milton and for many years beginning in the '40's the team of Hindley and Elliott Auctioneers were famous in the district. Jack was a strong conservative and Roy a "rank Liberal." Together they would keep the crowds in high humor with their continual political parlez as they covered sales from Trafalgar to North Wellington including Milton, Acton, Guelph, Erin, and Fergus.

Along with the program was a special birthday cake and an informal social get together which his family and the residents at Hillsburgh nursing home enjoyed. Frequent visitors to see Roy at the home are his former auctioneer cohorts.

Frank Petch of Georgetown, Jack Holmes of Acton, and Jack Elliott of Milton. They often visit with him just sitting around talking over old times and incidents and it provides lively entertainment for those who listen to hear some of the tales of the old time vendors are able to spell.

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Industrial-Commercial
Jan. 2: The Olympia Drive in made good their boast that they would be in first place by New Years when they wrested the top spot from Oakville Automotive with a two and total win. Heading up the win were Bob Looking 85 (133), brother "Shoery" 82 (128) and Moe Johnston 73 (208). Making with the top trio were "Shoery" 82 (128), Moe Johnston 73 (208) and "Shoery" 82 (128). Making with the top trio were "Shoery" 82 (128), Moe Johnston 73 (208) and "Shoery" 82 (128).

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Acton Ladies
The term "retirees" from Special Teams after being the first canto to the front running Jim's Variety, showed a reversal of form and grabbed the last two spots in the league with 21 and 24 points.

Acton Mixed
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Literary society
A large hand-created plaque incorporated pictures of the events of a lifetime dating from the then of 1884 to the now of '74. A picture of an infant, one of his youthful days when he played in a dramatic production of the Everton Literary Society with his wife, Lillian Talbot, sometime about 1912, and others, showing him at his trade as auctioneer, rounded up a career which had begun in 1910 until his last sale in '62.

Obituary
Mrs. Mack dies after long illness
Jennie May Mack of 17 Sunnyside Cres., Guelph, died at her home on Dec. 27. She had been in poor health for many years.

She and Mr. Mack were married in 1917 in Eramosa township. She is survived by her husband, sons Lloyd of Winton, Donald of R.R. 4, Rockwood, and Jim at home. Predeceasing her were brother Wesley and sister Edith.

Youth bowling
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Youth bowling

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Bantams
Jan. 5: First Shot: The Whistles are knocking down a score in front of them. Today they sank the Dogs by winning both games. Janet Adams led her team to victory by bowling 12 pins over her average. She also won pop for her team. Rabbits got off with a quick bow, winning their first game from the Octopuses but the Octopuses, under the pressure to win the second game and total. The Snails certainly were not slow in coming out of their shells this week. They whipped the Cats for both games. Wendy Trist bowled an excellent 20 double for the Snails and brought joy to her team by winning pop when she bowled 13 pins over her average.

League standing: Octopuses 28, Wipe Outs 24, Dogs 24, Snails 23, Cats 20, Rabbits 20.

Second Shift
The Kangaroos have been hopping along very well in first place. Today was no exception, they won both games from the Donkeys who have slipped back into sixth place. Teddy Bears and the Crabs were evenly matched, each winning one game. The Crabs' win in the second game was a big one and it won them the total. Penguins with a double win from the Sea Horses moved to within one point of the leaders. A 30 double from Bobby Felker led the Penguins' win and her 28 pins over average in his first game won the pop for his team.

New rector inducted Sun.

In an impressive ceremony at St. Alban's church Sunday evening, the Rev. Leonard E.F. Ewing was inducted as rector. The induction was carried out by the Venerable C. Mitchell of St. George's church, Guelph and the special preacher was the Rev. Malcolm Evans of Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto.

The guests and visitors were welcomed by the congregation of the church and full choir. As well as many visiting clergymen, other Acton clergy attending were Dr. W.G. Onions, the Rev. Walter Fosbury and the Rev. A.H. McKenzie, who took part in the procession. Folders Special folders had been prepared proclaiming "Welcome to the congregation of Leonard E.F. Ewing as rector of St. Alban's church, Acton, Ontario, Sunday, January 6, 1974."

Presentations Representatives of the congregation, John Last presented him with a Bible, Laura Dietrich with the stole, Don Lindsay with water, Bill Denny with oil, Pearl Rol with bread and, finally, the church wardens George Strongitharm and Harold Denny with the keys of the church. They declared "On behalf of this parish we present to you the keys of this church in token that we acknowledge you as lawful incumbent of this parish."

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