

Swimmers have worthwhile clinic

Twenty-four people from Acton, Georgetown, Brantford and Waterloo attended a synchronized swimming clinic on support sculling and choreography for sequences for level four and five, at Acton pool Sunday evening. Acton coach Judy Paterson felt the clinic was "very worthwhile from a coach's point of view and also for the swimmers." She explained that as a coach, she learned several drills for the

support scull. For the swimmers, she said, it gave them an idea on how to make up their own routines, using their skills and various strokes.

Mary Jane Geddes, coach of the Mississauga Synchro club, conducted the clinic, sponsored by the Ontario Sports Travelcade. She brought with her three swimmers from her club as demonstrators.



SOME 24 PEOPLE were on hand at the synchronized swimming clinic Sunday evening at the Acton pool. Demonstrators from Mississauga showed the benefits of the support scull.



ACTON SWIMMER does an exercise in the water at the synchronized swimming clinic at the Acton Pool on Sunday.

Minor bants topple Guelph

Acton minor bantams scored four times without an answer in the second and third periods to take a 6-4 exhibition win over Guelph last Saturday.

Acton took a lead in the first period on a score by Jeff Gill from Tony Sheppard, only to see it evaporate before the buzzer.

Guelph went one up on the locals early in the second frame, taking a 2-1 lead before the bants took charge.

Gill connected again on a solo effort to tie the game and Jeff McNabb scored from Sheppard to give Acton a permanent lead.

Rob Vermeulen opened the third period with Acton's fourth point, getting the puck

from Sheppard and Gill. Sheppard finally got a score of his own when he converted a pass from Gill and McNabb. The goal proved to be the winner as Guelph came back with two more points to make it close before Tim Evans netted the insurance marker from vermeulen and Mark Duval.

Guelph is a "AA" team in the tri-county loop.

The bants face South London next in OMHA playoffs, having eliminated New Hamburg and Woodstock so far. The team expects the quarterfinal series to begin this weekend in London and next Tuesday night in Acton.

Derbs tie "A" Petes

The Major Junior "A" Peterboro Petes had to pull their goalie for a sixth attacker and score with just 21 seconds left on the clock to earn a 5-5 tie with the Junior "B" Streetsville Derbys in an exhibition game at Streetsville, Friday night.

Streetsville scheduled the game right in the middle of

their OHA Central Junior "B" group semi-final series against the Gemini in an effort to get some competition. Derbys led the Petes 5-3 at one time.

The Peterborough club has the second best record among the Major Junior "A" League's 12 clubs. They've won 32, lost 17 and tied 12.

Canoes start at Cheltenham

Only the two man canoes in the Jaycees Crazy Boat Race will start at Cheltenham, the rest of the boats of all types will start near 27 sideroad in Terra Cotta.

All boats will finish at the ball park in Glen Williams this year, for the first time. The 11th annual Crazy Boat Race is scheduled for April 1, and will include two man

canoes, comic boats of all kinds, home made rafts, barrel boats, bath tubs, and if it is like other years, some reaching the finish line swimming in wet suits, with no sailing craft left.

Starting times run from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., with registrations beginning at 10:30 a.m. and up to half an hour before each class race.

Rebs rout Redmen in G'town tourney

Acton High junior Redmen were eliminated in two straight games at the Rebel Invitational basketball tournament in Georgetown on the weekend.

Georgetown Rebels trounced the Redmen 75-30 in consolation play before losing 53-47 in overtime to Aldershot in the consolation final.

Grantham High of St. Catharines edged Martin-

grove of Etobicoke 62-60 in the championship game.

Divers perform well

by Judy Paterson Diving

Last weekend, February 19, two Acton divers attended a southern Ontario diving meet in Peterborough. Brad and Gaynor Jenkinson were competing at Trent University while their dad helped by officiating.

This was Gaynor's first competition and she did well by placing 8th in the girls 10 and under division. Brad was in the top age category, 15-17 years, and despite the tough competition placed 4th. Both divers are now preparing for the Ontario Provincial Recreational Championships in Burlington, March 5.

Congratulations, divers and thank you to Mr. Jenkinson for his help and encouragement.

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Legion news



The ninth Pee Wee hockey tournament came to a successful conclusion on Sunday afternoon with the team from Sault Ste. Marie as Champions and Preston as runners up. Full details will undoubtedly be found elsewhere in the Free Press.

In the Cribbage league Legion A and Command Records are tied with 132 points closely followed by Alton Melsaac Construction with 131 points. The race for first place then spreads out a bit with Firemen 'B' with 123 points, Halton Hills Works Dept. with 118 points, 230 Club with 117 points, Station Hotel with 113 points, Firemen 'A' with 110 points, Seven 11's with 107 points and the Die Hards with 97.

The entertainment committee have lined up some popular entertainment and you can dance to Merv Woods on March 4, to The Camilla

Show Band on March 11, to The Shannons on March 18 and to the Funk Family on March 25. All in the Auditorium. In the lounge for Friday nights they have arranged for Bob and Corey for the 3rd, for Gord Arkell on the 10th and for Steve Roe on the 31st. No entertainment is planned for the 17th as we expect everybody will be resting up for the big bash for old Ireland on the 18th with the Shannons.

Glass

Glass collection this Saturday.

Heart fund

Returns in the Heart Fund campaign are rolling in, according to organizer Vic Bristow. The campaign ends this week. He says he has high hopes of reaching the local goal of \$3,000.

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College Royal has long lively history

This year, from March 3 to March 12, the University of Guelph will host the 54th annual College Royal. Every year the students themselves organize the week-long festivities which culminate in a weekend Open House during which the public is invited to visit the campus and watch the Guelph students in action.

In the late 1890's and early 1900's livestock shows were very popular in rural Ontario. As the site of an agricultural college and a veterinary college, Guelph offered a logical location for these shows. The Royal Winter Fair which is held annually in November in Toronto began as the Guelph Fat Stock Show and in 1912 moved to the Toronto location.

Professor Wade Toole, head of the Department of Field Husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC), encouraged these events. Lawrence Demaray, OAC '25 became president of the first College Royal. He was responsible for taking Professor Toole's idea and turning it into reality. An OAC team had attended an evaluation competition at another Fat Stock Show and had done rather poorly. In order to regain some pride it was felt that perhaps it was time to start their own show as Toole had encouraged them to do. By 1925 the students had organized their first College Royal which consisted of the livestock show and exhibits from the various clubs on campus. Professor Toole died prematurely in 1928 but his work was enthusiastically continued.

In 1928 a square dance competition was added and it is, to this day, still one of the most popular events during College Royal. By this time the students had begun to invite the outside world to these activities by advertisements in newspapers. In 1934 speakers from all levels of industry and government were invited to Guelph to round out the day's activities. Originally College Royal was held in January but in 1929 it was moved to March and has remained there. During the early 1930's the students at MacDonald Institute joined the fun by contributions such as a salad making demonstration. Major trophies which were awarded during these early years included the Wade Toole Memorial Trophy which was awarded annually to the campus group that provided the most educational exhibit. The Jacobine Jones trophy goes to the Grand Champion Showman of the livestock show. These awards are still given out each year. Since the early days, College Royal has expanded from one day to ten days of events. The first weekend is set aside for the College Royal Ball, Talentfest and the Cake Baking Contest. The ball is traditionally the gala event of the University year and this year the theme

will be "Through the Looking Glass". Talentfest gives the students an opportunity to perform in front of an audience in the form of a talent competition. The Cake Baking Contest is always a lot of fun. Teams of two, a man and woman, are entered and the lady must instruct the man as to how to make the cake without actually helping. The final weekend is always hectic. On Friday night the annual Dog Show provides entertainment and this year the Fashion Show will also be held then. Saturday, the first day of Open House weekend, is also the day during which the livestock show and the square dance competition occur. The Official Opening of College Royal takes place just after the Director's Luncheon. This year the guest of honor will be Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, who is also the Chancellor of the University of Guelph.

Students have been preparing for the coming College Royal for nearly a year and they are looking forward to inviting the public to visit the campus during Open House weekend on March 11-12. All of the campus facilities from the University Centre, to OAC to the Ontario Veterinary College will welcome people during these days.

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