

The story of the old Acton arena continues...

BY MAC SPROWL

In 1946 at Acton Fair, box lacrosse was played the first time here.

In 1946-47 the Acton Tanners won the O.H.A. Group Championship. The players on this team were Norm Morton, Ezio Marzo, Dude Lindsay, Johnny Goy, George Bayliss, Jack Kentner Sr., Herb Woods, Leno Marzo, Sonny Townsley, Dunny Evans, Grant Gillespie, Ilio Marzo, Podge Riddall, manager Vic Rumley and trainer Frank Holmes.

In 1948 the Acton Juvenile team was winner of the O.M.H.A. Team executive and players were Ivan Harris, Dr. Sirrs, Fred Kentner Jr., Harold Townsley, Julian Zajac, Harry Lawson, Don Tyler, G. Robertson, John Mowat, Red Roszell, J. Royston, Jim Lindsay, Fred Dunn, Melbourne Blow, W. Guild, Don Anderson, Roy Kirkness and W. Palmer.

Also in 1948, Acton Tanners went to the O.H.A. Intermediate B finals against Sundridge. The lineup was: goal - Woods, defence - Bayliss, Lindsay, centre - Hilson, wings - Ilio Marzo, Kentner, Gillespie, Goy,

Leno Marzo, Morton, Riddall, Ezio Marzo, and Brush. That year, Sundridge won the O.H.A. Intermediate B Championship. Bucko McDonald M.P., age 36, played 38 games that season, the team winning 34, tying three and losing one. McDonald had played in the National Hockey League for the Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs.

In 1948-49 the Acton Junior D team went to the O.H.A. semi-finals against Orono. The players were Don Anderson, Larry Arbic, coach Ilio Marzo, manager Dr. George Sirrs, trainer Charlie (Sonny) Townsley, Bill Vaughan, Harold Townsley, Julian Zajac, Johnny Rowsell, Johnny Mowat, Graham Guild, Shummy Rusk, Keith Fay, Harry Lawson, Ken Hutchinson, Bob McEnery, Fred Kentner and Stan Fay.

In 1952 in the industrial league hockey Baxter lab defeated Smith and Stone to win the Sheeny Tost trophy. Players were H. Kinread, Floyd Robinson, Ray Everdell, Mel Jordan, Kerwin McPhail, coach Don Timmons, Wilfred Duval, Doug Coleman, Bob Marshall, Julian Zajac, Jack



Photo taken in December, 1929

Stewart, George Beatty, Vic Masters, Earl Masales, Fyfe Somerville, Ken Adamson and Bill Fields.

In July 1952, Acton had a lacrosse team named Acton

B-Hives. In goal was N. Young, players were John Haines, Red Howell, Tom Howell, Bill Louth, John Krapek, John Brunski, Junior Beaumont, Walt Alexan-

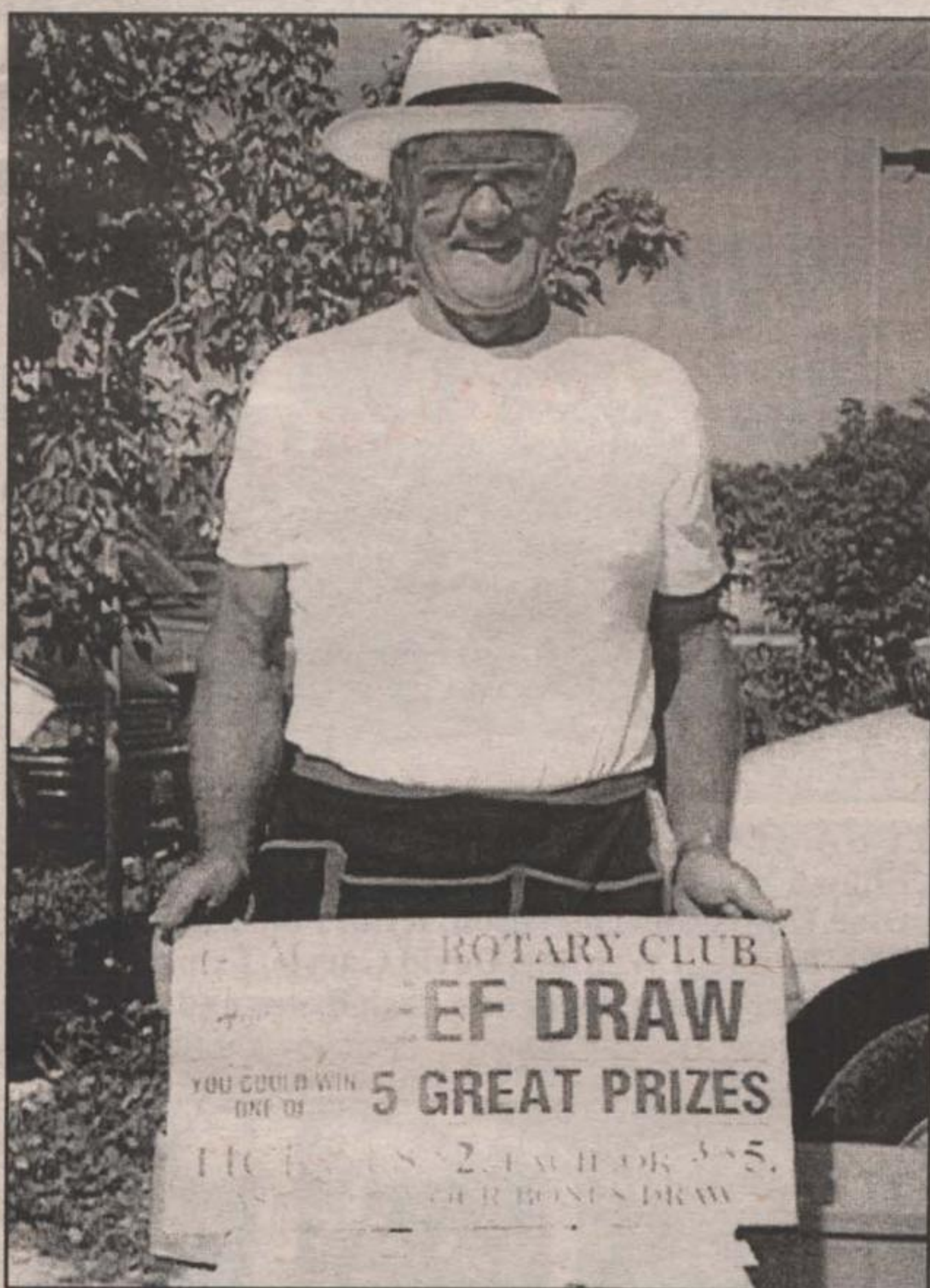
der, Arnie Hazel, Larry Taillefer, Doug Townsend, Zeke McCandless, Jim Cleaver and Fred Kentner.

In 1953 Acton Fair had the 11th Field Regiment Trumpet Band, a variety show by a foremost Vaudeville artist and a square dancing competition in the arena.

In 1961, the Acton Tanners were first to test the artificial ice playing intermediate in the W.O.A.A. league against Erin, Hillsburgh, Breslau, Fergus, and Elora. Jack Marshall played goal and other players were veterans Harold Townsley, Scotty McCristall with

younger players.

In 1965 the Acton Lions Club put on a show in the arena. "Everything is Up to Date in Acton City." On Friday night, 500 people attended and on Saturday night 1,500 people, half the town's population. Taking part in the cast was Di Duncan, Rockwood, who rode her glossy palomino right up on stage. Chester Anderson was the robbed bank manager and Mac Sprowl as the bicycle-riding sheriff rode right up on the stage and Bruce Shoemaker was the undertaker. There were many others in that great show, directed by Joyce and Jack Carpenter.



STEER HERE: Rotarians, like Jake Kuiken, are out in full force selling their annual beef draw tickets. The draw for a steer will be held at the Fall Fair. - Angela Tyler photo

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