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## Acton Trims Georgetown Finish Group Without Loss

Friday Night Game Went to 6-1 for the Acton Team, with Victory Never in Doubt — Georgetown Team Put Up a Good Game — Acton Secured 19 Out of a Possible 20 Points.

### Now Waiting for Second Place Winners

Acton finished their Intermediate group hockey games on Friday night, with another win in Georgetown, to the tune of 6-1. The boys this time played the ten games without a loss, and finished with 19 points out of a possible 20—one game with Guelph was a tie. When the game Friday didn't mean anything to either team as far as group standing, both teams put on a real exhibition and served up good hockey to the rather small crowd in attendance.

Mooney took the first pot at goal in the opening minutes and Ward missed on Toet's pass when Greer was out of the net. Walters went off for a body check and Georgetown took advantage of the chance. Gibson went right in and put Greer down to save a score. Then Acton bottled up the Georgetown team, and there was some nice passing by both teams. Scott was close on a loose puck and Marzo was dilly on Lindsay's rebound. The same pair came close again. Norm Morton went right in, but Richardson beat him and the same to Terry. Georgetown took the play and then Terry plastered a hot one at Richardson that he threw out just as if it burnt. Terry scored a nice goal pass from Marzo for the opening score, and Richardson had no chance to save. A minute later Marzo took Lindsay's pass to put Acton two up. Both scores were in the last ninety seconds of the period. Score 3-0 for Acton and the play as indicated by the score. One penalty for Acton.

Mooney bared right in at the start of the second period but failed to register on the first attempt. After two minutes of play he took a nice pass from Marzo to make the count three. Mooney was right in again, and Ward was close for Georgetown. Hall picked up a nice rebound, but Greer beat him. Ward and Toet combined on a nice play, but Greer trimmed their combination. Terry missed on a nice four-man rush. Richardson was a busy boy.

Duncan went to the cooler for charging Terry. Toet buried a shot that was lost in Greer's pads. At eleven minutes, Norm Morton took Terry's pass for number four goal. Ward went in a minute later on a nice play, and beat Greer, to save a whitewash. Scott went off when he dumped Toet. Georgetown pressed the play. Gibson made the count five for Acton when he went through the whole bunch of G-men, at seventeen minutes. It was a nice solo play. Walters went right in but Richardson beat him on the shot. Norm Morton and Terry were right in, but Richardson saved again. Lindsay made his count six for Acton at nineteen minutes, on an unassisted play. Score, 6-1 for Acton, and Acton the better team. Penalties: evenly divided at one apiece.

Lindsay failed to beat Richardson on the first play, and Hall missed on a nice pass by Toet. Greer saved again from a scramble. Acton was outskating and outplaying Georgetown. Richardson beat Norm Morton's shot and Georgetown failed to register when Greer was out of his net. Mooney was close for a score—just close. Greer stopped a nice attempt by Ward. Mooney and Lindsay went right in—came right out again. Georgetown was trying hard and never gave up. Hall missed the open net, and Greer had another close one. There was pep a plenty. Georgetown put everybody down and Bus Morton broke away. Richardson came half way to the blue line and beat him on the attempt. The period was scoreless. The penalties were nil. Final score 6-1 for Acton.

The teams were: Acton—Greer, goal; Walters and Scott, defence; N. Morton, centre; Terry and Bus Morton; wings; Lindsay, Marzo, Mooney, and Gibbons, alternates. Georgetown—Richardson, goal; Duncan and Anthony, defence; Toet, centre; Ward and Hall, wings; Olsson, Bradley, Sargent and Samperson, alternates. Referee—Johnny Jones, Guelph.

## MUSIC AT THE ARENA

Splendid Sound System Now Installed Permanently — Band Will Play at the Hockey Games

The sound amplifiers and music recently installed at the Arena by Jack Smith, has proven very satisfactory and are now part of the Arena equipment. The previous system was a disappointment but reports on this new installation are very congratulatory to the local builder of the set. Records are being secured and there will be music at the Arena every night. The cost of the system has been met by the special arena fund and there will be no extra charge on skating nights.

The system has two horns and it is so arranged that both or only one of them may be used as the need arises. It has ample volume for the building. The reproducing machine is an electric unit and it and the microphone are located in the secretary's booth at the main entrance, and operated by him. It will also be gratifying to the patrons of the Arena, who enjoyed the music of the Band at the hockey games to know that arrangements are also being made to have the Band play at the games. The arrangements should make the arena more popular than ever.

## School Board Members Take Allegiance Oath

Other Matters Dealt With at the Meeting of the School Board on Tuesday

At the monthly session of the School Board on Tuesday evening, Trustees Dr. A. J. Buchanan, Dr. P. W. Pearson, P. E. McCleary and H. I. O. Fraser were present and Chairman J. M. McDonald presided.

The members of the Board all subscribed to the new oath of allegiance to King Edward VIII.

Principal MacRae reported the suspension of Victor Bristol indefinitely. The Trust Officer and Principal had consulted and the Board were agreed that if the Principal agreed that he would be allowed to return.

As requested by the Principal, a group of books were ordered to be repaired. A supply of stationery was also to be ordered for the Principal. Music for the orchestra was also to be secured.

Transportation arrangements for the pupils attending the orchestra practice in Guelph, in preparation for the appearance in Toronto at Easter, were discussed. Trustee Fraser was put in charge of the arrangements.

The matter of continuing physical training at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium was left over, to be considered when the Inspector had made his regular visit.

Dr. Buchanan reported from the janitor that the Public School had been entered on Sunday night. The matter was handed to the Chief of Police for investigation.

The second report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts: Red Jacket Coal Co., fuel \$261.94; Highway Garage, repairs 3.30; Moyer School Supplies, supplies 1.65; National Stationers, supplies 2.75; The Geo. M. Hendry Co., supplies 7.00 \$276.70

The report was adopted. Permission was given Mrs. W. McMillan to be absent from school on Thursday afternoon to attend a funeral.

JUST PASSES  
Imagine it! Georgetown and Acton played a game with only three penalties and a whole period without one penalty. She ain't what she used to be!

No wonder Doc Nelson is all smiles. Ten group games and not a loss! It's something to smile over for any manager?

Acton scored 53 goals in the ten games and had 23 scored against them.

Oakville gave Guelph a bad jolt on Thursday when they handed the Royal City crew a 7-2 trimming, right in the Royal City.

The Junior game with Elora had to (Continued on Page Five)

## Fire Destroys Kennedy Block Threatens Business Section

BLOCK-CONTAINING STORE, BARBER SHOP, PLUMBING SHOP AND TWO APARTMENTS COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED — WAS FORMER MASONIC HALL AND KENNEY SHOE STORE — FIRE BRIGADE DID EXCELLENT WORK IN CONFINING BLAZE

Temperature 8 Below — Westerly Gale Blowing

Fire last night completely demolished the Kennedy Block, on Main Street, in Acton and threatened to spread through the entire business section. Only the good work of the Fire Brigade kept the fire confined to the one structure.

The temperature was eight below zero and a bitter west wind swept down Main Street, carrying burning wood, smoke and spray from the hose lines right over the business section of Mill Street, and several blocks. Firemen were covered with ice, but fought the stubborn blaze for six hours to bring it under control. The adjoining building, occupied by F. J. Roney, was separated from the burning structure by only ten feet. At the rear were several old frame outbuildings, while on the west was the Bell Telephone Office. With three lines of hose and splendid pressure maintained, the Fire Brigade confined the fire to the one building.

The alarm was sounded about 10.15 p. m., and while the brigade responded promptly the fire had made such headway that the roof was well alight before the water was put on the building.

The store is at present unoccupied. Mr. Fred Davison occupied the barber shop premises and Mr. W. H. E. Blair had his plumbing shop in the rear of the building. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kirkness occupied one of the apartments and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Tyler the other just above the stores. It is owned by Mr. J. W. Kennedy, Georgetown.

Some of the contents of the building were removed before the building was destroyed, but water damage will be heavy. The furniture of the apartments and the contents of the barber shop were nearly all taken out. None of the contents of Blair's shop were saved.

Three lines of hose were put on the blaze, but the structure, which was a stucco and sheet metal one, with a brick front, was doomed in spite of any efforts that might have been put forth. Water pressure was excellent and the firemen stuck at their posts for six hours before the pile of debris was finally extinguished. The thermometer registered 8 below zero and the howling west wind froze the spray of water on everything as it fell.

At 11.40 the big brick front collapsed on the Main Street, but—hose—lines and men had been kept well clear of it and no one was injured. The plate glass windows in the store building had broken with the heat earlier, but the large window in the barber shop had to be broken to get the water at the fire and withstood the heat when the building back of it was almost burned away.

The street was flooded with water and in this morning over a foot thick with ice. The adjoining buildings are encased in ice. The snow on the roof of the buildings was the only thing that saved many of them from catching on fire. The building adjoining, with P. J. Roney as tenant, is flooded with a foot of water. It is on a lower level than the street.

The building is one of the oldest structures in Acton, although it had been modernized in recent years. The store was for years occupied by Kenny Bros. shoe store, which is Acton's oldest business establishment. The late John Lawson, V. S., also had quarters therein for years. Later J. W. Kennedy & Son conducted hardware and plumbing shops in this building, and W. D. Talbot had his hardware store there. The last occupant was A. H. Keith, with his 5c to 21 store, the sign of which still hung in front of the building. Mr. Davison and Mr. Blair were the last to leave.

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## Police Officer is Threatened in Making Arrest in Acton Saturday

On Saturday evening Chief McPherson was called to the home of Mrs. W. Alexander, on Victoria Avenue where her son, Fred, had become abusive and had struck his sister and was threatening to do bodily injury to the members of the family.

When the Chief arrived, Alexander had gone upstairs to bed, and taken the son with him. Chief McPherson went upstairs to talk to the man, and as he came to the head of the stairway, Alexander sprung out of bed and grabbing the axe, threatened the Chief to use it if he came closer. The Chief tried to reason with him and get him calmed

down, but the attempt was useless. Provincial Constable Oliver was called and when the officers returned to the home, Alexander was sleeping and the officers reached his bedside before he had a chance to secure the axe. On being questioned by Constable Oliver, he said he would certainly have used the axe on Chief McPherson if he had attempted to arrest him. He was taken to Milton and remanded for trial in Acton at police court to-day, and has in the meantime been lodged in the County Jail. The case has since been adjourned for a week and will come up for hearing at next week's court.

WINTRY WINDS  
The severity of the February gales is noted in several incidents that have been heard of the past day or so. A dog was reported to have been swept off the bridge on Maria Street by the wind. A motor car left standing on the highway was blown down the road for a hundred yards before it was brought to a standstill. It's been quite a blow.

## R. J. KERR OFFICIAL OF FAIRS ASSOCIATION

R. J. Kerr, of Acton, was elected as Second Vice-President of the Ontario Fairs Association at the annual convention in Toronto this week. Mr. Kerr is a Past President and Director of Acton Fair and a former District Fairs President. He is well versed in the work of the Fair Pairs and will ably fill the position in the Provincial association. President G. W. Murray, Secretary F. L. Wright and Mr. Kerr were delegates from Acton Fair to the convention.

## WON IN DOMINION CONTEST

Elmer Lasby, of Acton, was winner of the prize for reference book in the Dominion contest, recently conducted by the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. He won first place in Senior IV, Elizabeth King, of Burlington, won honorable mention in the Poster contest for High School students. Elmer had previously won the County and Provincial awards in this contest and now has secured the highest award. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Lasby, Main Street, and friends join in congratulating him on his winning of this contest.

## JUBILEE SINGERS PLEASE

The Virginia Jubilee Singers proved popular again in their concert in the United Church on Saturday evening, and were greeted with a good audience. They have appeared here previously and always left a most favorable impression. The company comprised eight artists. Their group songs, spirituals, solo, trio and quartet numbers were all well rendered and made a well balanced program. Their plantation songs, presented in costume made a pleasing presentation. Rev. Dr. Morrow was chairman and introduced the company. The singers attended the church service on Sunday morning and contributed appreciated selections to the service of praise.

## UNITED LADIES' AID MEETING

The regular business meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the United Church was held on Tuesday, at the Parsonage, with the President, Mrs. Symon, in the chair. The devotional period was in charge of Mrs. R. L. Johnston. The Society has been divided into six groups with each group to plan their year's work.

After business was disposed of, Mrs. Morrow, assisted by Mrs. Ramsden, Miss Bernice Reid, Jenn and Sylvia Morrow, entertained the ladies to a very dainty lunch, after which a social time was spent.

## Opening of Township Roads

And Discussion Warble and Bot Fly by Nassagaweya Council Meeting

At the meeting of Nassagaweya Council on Monday, accounts were passed as follows: For Relief, \$234.58; and Miscellaneous, \$199.29.

The auditors reported that they had checked all receipts and expenditures of the Treasurer's books, finding them correct, but had not completed their work in other respects, and agreed they would be ready by next meeting of the Council. Council authorized the Agricultural Representative to purchase a quantity of powder for Warble Fly treatment.

Lengthy and interesting discussions took some time over the Warble Fly, Bot Fly and the big problem of keeping the Township roads open for winter travel.

Council adjourned to meet March 2nd, at one o'clock.

## Georgetown \$40,000 Post Office Officially Opened on Saturday

Georgetown's new \$40,000 Post Office building was officially opened by Dr. R. K. Anderson, of Milton, for a score of years representative of Halton County in the Federal House, on Saturday afternoon, in the presence of some 200 Georgetown residents, to whom the building was thrown open for inspection during the afternoon.

Built by J. B. Mackenzie & Son, Georgetown, the building is one of the most up-to-date in Central Ontario, and the most handsome structure in Halton County. Construction was carried out in Credit Valley limestone, and nearly all of the raw materials of the

## Sound Equipment Has Been Purchased for Use at Arena

Council Satisfied with the Installation of Present Equipment — Oath of Allegiance is Taken by Reeve and Councillors — Accounts Are Passed for Payment.

## Occupancy of Shoe Factory Building Discussed

### PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERED

On Sunday night some person or persons forced entry at one of the rear doors of the Public School and apparently spent the night in the teachers' room. Everything was in disorder when Mr. Mann, the caretaker came the following morning and the room was in a terrible condition. The lights had been turned on and during the evening someone had been sick in the room. The local and provincial police are investigating the matter and have several important clues to work on.

### REV. JOHN WALDIE

Rev. John Waldie, who has been stationed at Walker's, Ontario, has received a call to the Presbyterian Church at Arthur, Ontario, which he has accepted. Friends here will be glad to hear that Rev. Mr. Waldie is being stationed closer to the home of his parents and his friends.

## Acton Schools Roll of Honor

The Pupils Who During January Took Highest Standing in Classes

Senior Fourth  
Gordon McCutcheon, 437; Margaret Scriben, 426; Marie Brunelle, 405; Anita Molozie, 389; Beverley Arnold, 381; Kathleen Gibbins, 380. Total 550.  
M. Z. Bennett, Principal.

Junior Fourth  
Polly Forty, 483; Frances Chisholm, 456; Lorne Masaks, 441; Frances Lamb, 435; Leonard Lambert, 434; Jack Chapman, 432. Total 600.  
D. Polster, Teacher.

Senior Third  
Austin Gibbons, 481; Olga Dyrill, 478; Margaret Smith, 463; Dora Wood, 446; Margaret Somerville, 444; Ruth Pisk, 430. Total 550.  
M. Orr, Teacher.

Senior Third  
Charles Arnold, 420; Bob Jackson, 377; Sammy Brunelle, 348; Emola Marczak, 335; Marjorie Darby, 300; Mary Marzo, 278. Total 500.

Junior Third  
Evelyn Brada, 431; Winnella Hollis, 359; Bobby Pearen, 354; George Smith, 340; Herbie Dron, 338; Winnie Dawkins, 337. Total 500.  
I. Anderson, Teacher.

Senior Second  
Victor Masters, 395; Joe Taylor, 374; Edward Arnold, 372; John Turkoz, 370; T. R. Lamb, 363; Lois Pryer, 361.  
Eleanor Allen, 385; Betty Gibson, 381; Victor Warner, 354; May Nicol, 340; Mae Spines, 338; Earl Masaks, 337. Total 500.  
A. W. MacMillan, Teacher.

Senior First  
Joan Rumley, 358; Audrey McKinnon, 354; Jack Stewart, 253; Dorothy Pallant, 250; Joan Pargeter, 250; Clayton Pryer, 244. Total 300.  
M. B. Young, Teacher.

Junior Second  
Margaret Ryan, 332; George Johnson, 316; Vivian Girard, 311; Annie Lasby, 311; Jimmie O'Rourke, 302; Jean Brunelle, 296. Total 450.  
Senior Primer  
Joe Mirharya; Jean Gillis; Rose Arnold.  
I. Bruce, Teacher.

Junior Primary  
Edward Gillis; Aldo Brada; Jean Massey; Betty Masters; Frances Pryer; Betty Bauer.  
T. P. Hunt, Teacher.

At the meeting of Acton Council on Monday night, Councillors Mason, McMillan, McCutcheon and Nelson were present, with Reeve Harrison presiding. Clerk Farmer had all the official subscribers to the oath of allegiance to King Edward VIII.

The attention of the Council was drawn to the advisability of installing a blower for heating at the pump house by Councillor McMillan.

The Finance Committee's third report recommended that the following accounts be paid:

J. W. Jones, arena supplies	\$ 1.31
P. H. Powell, rent of sound equipment	26.00
Ritchie & Agar, coal for shoe factory	9.80
John E. Williamson, wood for Hall	9.00
Acton Free Press, printing and advertising	19.46
Acton Public Utilities Commission, street lighting	151.34
Acton Public Utilities Commission, Town Hall lighting	3.10
Acton Public Utilities Commission, pump house lighting	.77
Acton Public Utilities Commission, arena lighting	19.46
Acton Public Utilities Commission, power at fire pump	19.24
Alex. McEane, welding	.50
	\$259.88

A letter was read regarding arrears of taxes and ordered paid.

A group of representatives were present to discuss with the Council arrangements for occupying the shoe factory building, recently vacated, and the assuming of the agreement of the Hewitson Co.

Council agreed to accept responsibility for the hospital account of Mr. Earl Anderson, forwarded from Guelph General Hospital.

Clerk Farmer gave an explanation of a controversy over payments of the cigarette license fee of Mr. John Mellon, and the matter was settled.

Councillor Nelson reported that he had tested the new sound equipment in the arena and felt it was satisfactory and a great improvement over the former installation.

The special account for the arena showed a balance of \$100 in the account, and it was felt this improvement would make the skating nights much more enjoyable.

Moved by E. J. Nelson, seconded by A. Mason, that the sound equipment for the arena be purchased from Mr. Jack Smith. Price to be \$181, payable out of special arena savings account. System to be guaranteed for one year and payment to be made on presentation of such guarantee.—Carried.

Council also favored having the Band play at the hockey games as previously, as it was felt it added more interest and enjoyment and the Clerk was instructed to write the Secretary of the Band to this effect.

With the new sound equipment popular music has been enjoyed for skating and "admission" prices will not be increased as was the case on band nights. Skating is now quite popular at the arena again.

Following the meeting, the Council and representative negotiating for the shoe factory building made a tour of inspection of the premises and a report on the decision arrived at will probably be made in a week or so.

Owing to the stormy weather the concert at Churchhill, arranged for February 5th, has been postponed until Wednesday, February 19th.

A meeting of the Acton Radio Club will be held this (Thursday) evening in the basement of the Y.M.C.A. A talk will be given by an Acton old boy from Toronto, on "Amateur Radio." Come and bring a friend.

Acton Lawn Bowling and Tennis Club will present the four-act play, "The Arizona Cowboy," in Acton Town Hall on March 4th and 5th. The cast will include Misses F. Hurst, Laura McMillan, Marguerite Hyder, Helen Cook, Flora Haynes, Messrs. Jack Held, Chas. Kirkland, Jas. Ross, Gordon Cook, Gordon Cooper, Joseph Hurst. Miss Frances Hurst is director of the play.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading, are charged, in cents per line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 25c.

There will be a meeting of the Scout Mothers' Club at the home of Mrs. W. G. Mason on Monday evening, February 10th, at 8.00 p. m.

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