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Looking Back in 1936 Hockey

The Sticks Are Hung Up — the Suits are in Mothballs and Plans Are Being Made for Next Year

Hockey ended in Acton for the present season on Saturday night and what a season! Opening on December 28th, and with plenty of cold weather, it has lasted almost three complete months. It's all history now, but even history has its interest. We'll not dwell on the games, because they have been pretty thoroughly discussed from all angles. On Saturday the team and Executive went to Guelph and had the annual family photograph and was it a happy family picture to our readers this week, but somebody must have been a flax and the pictures, we are informed by the studio, are spoiled, and before it can be presented will have to be retaken. We'll give a word picture instead.

Jack Greer—Came to Acton in 1929 from Bragebridge, and one of the original members of the team. Played defence until two years ago and now does his share in goal. He's the first man on the ice. Call him "Bologna" and he'll smile any time. He's married.

Frank Gibbons—Born and raised in Acton and has played defence for the Acton team since the first year in O.H. Only missed playing in one game until this year. Plays baseball on the local nine, too. Familiarly known as "Gout". Married, also.

Norm Morton, centre man, and the one the fans from other towns say, "Watch that fair-haired guy!" Still eligible for junior hockey, but stepping fast even in the intermediates. Came to Acton with his parents three years ago. On the baseball field he's a south-paw pitcher and a blamed good batter. He's not married, girl!

Bus. Morton, another son of Jack Morton's, plays on right wing, and came to Acton three years ago. Teams up well with Norm and Terry, and plays third sack in baseball and can take a turn in the pitcher's box. Can sing and tickle the ivories. And he's single, too! His name isn't really Bus, but that's what everybody calls him.

Frank Terry—Came to Acton from Galt and has played on the team here for four years. Was centre man, but this year went over on the left wing and teamed up with the Morton brothers. Plays left field in baseball and is an all-round athlete. Frank is his name, but he's called Flint more often. He's married.

Harold Mooney, centre man, was raised in Acton and learned his hockey here. Said to be one of the fastest skaters on the team—played on the junior line until last year and has set the pace for the starting line. Plays some baseball, but takes his hockey more seriously. Another leap year prospect.

Edo Marzo, born and raised in Acton and came up through the Juniors. Plays right wing on defence and rounds up that line. Doesn't play any baseball, just hockey. Brother Ilo was on the Oakville Seniors this year. Nickname seems to be "Red", but we're not sure on that point. But he's single.

"Duke" Lindsay—Came to Acton from Guelph last year, and has made himself right at home here. Started on centre but shifted to left wing and scored one of the fastest goals of the season—in 11 seconds, in Galt. He's scored lots of other goals, too, and was coach of the Junior team. And he is single!

Keith Scott, came to Acton from Gravenhurst last year, and is a defence man. A broken jaw rather hampered his play at the finish of the season. He hasn't been around in the ball season, so we can't say anything about his summer pastime. But he knows his (More on Page Five)

SCHOOL CHILDREN ON PROGRAM

Tuesday evening was literary evening at the United Church Young People's, under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Mills. A feature of the evening was the performance of the sixty-voice school children's choir and solo by a number of the pupils under the direction of Mrs. T. F. Hunt, director of music in Acton School. Mrs. McEwen contributed a reading, "The Church of Long Ago," and Norman Brada a violin solo. The topic for the evening was taken by Mrs. W. E. Ramsden on the subject, "The Handless Artist." The scripture reading was given by Mr. Arthur Gamble.

Diamond Jubilee of United Church

Will be Observed This Year — Pipe Organ Will be Installed in June

It will be sixty years this June that the present building of the United Church was opened and at a meeting on Monday night the congregation decided that this Diamond Jubilee occasion would be appropriately marked. Elaborate plans were formulated for this occasion. It will be marked with special services for the last three Sundays in June and the first Sunday in July.

Former pastors of the church and visiting speakers will take part in this Jubilee occasion. The Trustees Board was given the approval of the congregation for the plans presented.

It was also proposed and received the unanimous support of the congregation to install a new pipe organ in the church and the project already is backed by members and friends with financial support.

In connection with the Diamond Jubilee an historical booklet will be issued that will put in concrete form the history of the church. Pictures of ministers who have occupied the pulpit during the sixty years will be included in the booklet; the original Trustees and much material that will make it a valuable compilation of history of the church and its relation to Acton.

The arrangements for this event will naturally take some planning and at the Monday night meeting, committees were appointed, as follows:

General Congregational Committee — Rev. Dr. T. A. Moore, Honorary Chairman; Rev. Dr. E. M. Morrow, Chairman; N. P. Moore, Secretary.

Historical Committee — Rev. Dr. Morrow, N. P. Moore, A. T. Brown and J. C. Matthews.

Registration and Entertainment — C. H. Harrison, Miss M. Nelson, Mrs. J. Dryden.

Pipe Organ Committee — Dr. E. I. Nelson, Miss P. Brown, Mrs. R. R. Arnold, Messrs. A. Mason, D. Taylor and B. Marion.

Press Committee — Rev. Dr. Morrow, G. A. Dills, C. McKee, W. T. Watson, C. A. G. Matthews.

Pulpit Supply Committee — Rev. Dr. Morrow, R. J. Kerr, J. Bell and D. N. McTavish.

Invitation Committee — Messrs. M. Z. Bennett, P. Brown, B. H. Speight, Messrs. G. A. Dills, and J. H. Denny.

The committees are now at work on the phases of the project and planning the event. The congregational meeting were very enthusiastic in their endorsement of the program, and this June will be a memorable occasion in the history of the United Church in Acton.

It was also decided to hold a boys' Golf Club which connects with the Fair. The copy of this activity will be broadened this year and include several breeds, which will give opportunity for a larger entry.

Committees were also appointed to negotiate for the usual grants and promote the sale of members' tickets and secure prizes and special donations.



By a queer freak of circumstance nobody in the background seems to be paying any attention to King Edward of England. In reality and most likely the camera would have showed it had it clicked any other time. The King was the centre of all eyes as he paid an unexpected visit to St. David's Day ceremony at All Hallows, Tower Hill, London, to celebrate the coming of age of the Welsh Guards. This regiment was raised in 1915. The King handed out keys to the officers in the Tower of London as part of the ceremony. King Edward VIII. is pictured in the uniform of colonel-in-chief of the Welsh Guards for the first time since his ascension to the throne. He carries a sword and wears his many medals. On his arm is a mourning band in memory of his father, the late King George V. of England.

57 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Ramshaw, formerly of Acton, Observed Their Anniversary on Saturday.

Surrounded by all the members of their family, enjoying good health, and with congratulations showered on them by a host of friends, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Ramshaw observed the 57th anniversary of their marriage at their home, 66A Osborne Avenue, Toronto, on Saturday.

A large number of their friends and relations gathered at their home in the evening to offer congratulations on this occasion.

Their two sons, Leslie of Toronto, and Garfield of Oshawa, with their families, were present. At the close of the evening a buffet luncheon was served in the dining room, which was profusely decorated with tulips and sweet peas.

Mrs. Ramshaw and Mrs. W. Clark, Toronto, prepared coffee. Mrs. W. Clark and Mrs. Ramshaw were for many years residents of Acton.

JUST ONE GOAL BETWEEN GUELPH AND TORONTO TEAMS

St. Michael's Buzzers won the first game in the finals for the O.H.A. Junior "B" championship on Tuesday night in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto, by beating Guelph Maple Leafs, 7 to 6, in 10 minutes of extra play.

The second game of the championship round will be played in Galt on Friday, and the third, if necessary, on Saturday. The score, and overtime indicates, there was not much difference between the clubs on Tuesday night, and although the boys from the Basildon College are in front at present it still seems a toss-up as to which one will win out.

Blond Billy Taylor, just a few pounds over the 140-pound class and enjoying the year of sweet life, was the little hero of the first game. He figured in six of the St. Michael's scoring plays, netting five and supplying an assist for another. He seemed to have the solution of beating the Leaf defence and goaltender and he popped in his points at opportune times.

The Guelph team passed through Acton early in the afternoon on their way to the game, and their supporters followed later.

Y.M.C.A. Doings Cover Wide Field

Boxing, Wrestling, Radio and Aeroplane Model Building Are Now Active on Program

Activities at Acton Community "Y" are taking on a real impetus the past week. Classes, with supervisors, are now being well attended and enthusiastic. W. E. Oshroff has charge of the boxing, and Roy Denny is giving instruction in wrestling. These periods are on Monday and Wednesday evenings, from 8 to 9, and the word is that there is plenty of scope and room for all in both classes.

The Radio Club is at the stage where all who wish to be included should leave their names with the Secretary at once. A Model Aeroplane Club is getting set up in the workshop room. The boys have been constructing a table this week and are at their club work.

Plans are also being formulated for the formation of a Women's Auxiliary in connection with the Y.M.C.A. to do the things that only women can do in making the place home-like.

In the gym, the big drive is of course toward the circus. Just what it will include we haven't been able to find out, but it seems that it's a two-night affair and quite the event of the season.

All those who are interested in forming an orchestra kindly leave their names at the office in the "Y".

KNOX YOUNG PEOPLE'S

The regular meeting of Knox Guild held last Tuesday evening was attended by a large number of the members of the Guild and of the congregation. The particular reason for being the presence of Mr. J. M. Card, of Guelph, who gave one of his well-known and much appreciated talks on his travels in other countries. On this occasion it was his trip to New Mexico and the Southern States and it was beautifully illustrated by slides—the photographs of which he had taken on his tour—and the hour in which the Guild members actually felt that they were on that trip themselves. Mr. Card has the happy faculty of making you thoroughly interested and sustaining that interest, while his touches of humor with laughter, through the entire evening. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Card for his most interesting and entertaining lecture.

York Road Won Rural League

Will Hold the Rumley Trophy for Year — Final Game a Real Tussle

The Jones' Boys were eliminated from the race for the Rumley Trophy on Thursday night of last week when the Dublin Greenhills beat their makeshift team by 2-1. Four of the regular Jones' Boys were unable to be on hand, and they took the ice with just two substitutes, but they gave a very good account of themselves and Dublin were rather lucky to pull out a win. Jim McGeochie scored the only counter for the Jones' Boys in the first period, and they held on to their lead for quite a while, until Pookah banged in the equalizer, after a scramble in front of the Jones' Boys net. They battled even-Stephen for awhile, with Dublin having all they could do to keep the battling Jones' off the score sheet. With about five minutes to go, Lantz broke away for the Irish, and his shot, from the wing, found a hole in Gibbons' pads for the winning goal. The Jones' pressed hard to the end of the game, but they lacked the man-power necessary to navigate on the rough ice.

On Friday night, Dublin put another feather in their hats when they whitewashed Brookville, 4-0, and eliminated "Blacklock's Battalion" from further competition this year.

The Dublin boys had little difficulty in pulling out a win, although the Brookville lads gave them several anxious moments around the net. The Irish liked the heavy going, their weight, combined with good speed, giving them a big advantage. Their ability to skate better than their opponents was also a big factor in their win. But Brookville were a very good bunch of sports and took their beating, admitting that the better team won.

Saturday night saw the final wind-up between Dublin and York Road, this being Dublin's third game in three nights. About the biggest crowd of the year was on hand, and the Band also happened to be present before the game started and livened proceedings with music. However, things didn't finish up so lively for Dublin, as they lost the game, 2-1 after nursing a one goal lead.

The ice was wet and sticky, but a very good game of hockey was played up. Both teams battled to a splendid draw for the first two periods, with both goalkeepers turning aside numerous shots that looked like sure goals. Everybody on the ice worked like Trojans, but neither side could make the red light register.

Play started off lively again in the last period, with both teams going at top speed. However, halfway through the period Dublin managed to get the first counter. York Road then put on the pressure, with Dublin waiting for the breaks. The Greenhills were penalized for tripping and while a man short the Silver Foxes tied it up, when a man was left uncovered in front of the net. The teams again turned it on and were going from one end of the rink to the other. The Foxes scored the final and winning goal when a long shot slid in off the Dublin goal's pads. The Greenhills then turned on the pressure, but they couldn't penetrate the stiff defence put up by the Silver Foxes, who held on to their lead, and won the Rumley Trophy.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. V. B. Rumley presented the cup to the York Roadsters, and congratulated them. During the year's play they lost but one game, so they took like the best team. The trophy is for annual competition.

SPLENDID AUCTION SALE

Roy Young, Eramosa Township, held a very successful auction sale last Thursday. There was a large attendance. The stock was in good condition and fair prices were realized. Everything was disposed of without reserve. R. J. Kerr was the auctioneer of this sale.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday evening friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. Henry Gibbons, on Young Street, to spend a social time with him on his 84th birthday. Games and cards were played. The prize winners were Miss Emma Robinson and Mr. G. H. Brown, first and consolation prizes to Mrs. G. H. Brown and Mr. Andrew Murray. After the birthday cake, with lighted candles was presented, lunch was served to the gathering.

DIED AT 101 YEARS

Mrs. Thomas McDowell Passed Away at Milton After Reaching Century Mark

Milton's grand old lady, Mrs. Theo. McDowell, who on February 5th last celebrated her 101st birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur D. Bradt, 35 Reginald Street, Hamilton, where she had been spending the winter, died there on Thursday. Mrs. McDowell was twice married. Her first husband, Henry Parrell, died in 1860, and she married Thomas McDowell in 1862. Mr. McDowell died a number of years ago. Mrs. McDowell's maiden name was Sarah Memory. She came from Ireland in 1842 to reside in Milton, at the age of seven years and had lived in the reign of five sovereigns, beginning with William IV. Surviving are two sons and two daughters, Thomas McDowell, of Calgary; Robert McDowell, of Victoria Harbour; Mrs. Hugh Ross, of Port Stanley; and Mrs. Bradt, of Hamilton.

Obituary

MRS. MALCOLM McLEAN

Many friends here were grieved to learn of the death on Monday in Ottawa of Mrs. Malcolm McLean, who was until two years ago, one of Acton's most highly esteemed citizens. Mrs. McLean had been in failing health for the past two years and had gone to Ottawa to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Norman Lambert.

Mrs. McLean was born in Invercauld, Scotland over seventy-three years ago, and came to live in Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Skinner, when she was a small child. The family settled in Lindsay, where the Skinner home was located for sixty years. In 1886 the deceased was married to Malcolm McLean, whose family had settled at Manilla, near Lindsay, in the middle of the last century.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean came to Acton from Uxbridge, about nineteen years ago, when the store of Henderson & Co. was purchased by Messrs. Conway and McLean. Just four years ago this month—on March 11th—Mr. McLean passed away, after a rather lengthy illness. Following his death Mrs. McLean continued to reside in Acton at "The Cottage," on Dover Avenue, until her health failed and she removed to Ottawa. In the church and community she has been missed and many friends here join in sympathy with her daughter, Mrs. Lambert, in her passing, who is the sole surviving member of the family. Four sisters and two brothers also remain. Mrs. David MacKenzie, of Calgary; Mrs. William Grant, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Diers, of Clarkson, Ontario; and Mrs. Albert Knight, of Ashburn, Ontario; and her brothers, William Skinner, of Orillia; and James Skinner, of Peterborough.

The remains were taken to Lindsay on Tuesday afternoon for interment in the family plot there on Wednesday, beside the beloved husband, who had gone on but a short time before.

Homework to be No More

If Decision of Debaters in High School Was Upheld—Literary Society Has Many Features

Group Two of the Literary Society at Acton Continuation School had charge of the program last Friday afternoon. The Kitchen Orchestra had, as head waitress Sylvia Morrow, and chief cook Patricia Harrop. Their offerings included quite a variety of popular numbers.

A novel feature was a shadow fight, that was very amusing. A group of recollections of other days had musical selections, a duet by Doris and Hazel Wilson, and a piano solo by Ursula McDonald.

If debating would abolish homework, that it would be no more. The affirmative side of the subject, "Resolved that homework should be abolished in High Schools," was upheld by Betty Watts and Vernon Agnew, of Group Three. The negative side was taken by Douglas Smith and LaVerne Smith, of Group Two. The affirmative won the decision. Judges Miss V. Blair and Messrs. J. Hinton and Harvey Hazard. During the interval of arriving at a decision, Margaret Harrison gave piano selections.

The markings given for the program were explained by Miss Bell, and Mr. B. Hinton was the critic. Principal MacRae asked a rather pointed question, "What do you think of a person who bores?" and the Principal then gave his opinion of these individuals. The National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, under this heading are charged to poster line, with a minimum charge for any announcement of 2c.

Lakeside Chapter I.O.E. Dance on Thursday, April 16th, in Town Hall, Harmony Orchestra.

Regular business meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. Chisholm, Thursday, April 2nd, at 2:30 p.m.

The postponed Hot Meat Pie Supper will be held at Ebenezer Church on Wednesday, April 1st. Supper from 8 to 8. Splendid program.

The Easter drama, "Resurrection," under auspices of the Young Ladies' Friendly Circle will be given in the United Church on Wednesday evening, April 8th, at 8:00 p.m. Admission 15c and 10c.

Referee's View of the Game

Why the Acton-Durham Game, of Course — Referee Wortley Writes Free Press

The Free Press is in receipt of the following letter from Referee Ernie Wortley, of Toronto, and his comments will be read with a great deal of interest and we publish it in full:

Toronto, March 21st, 1936
Editor ACTON FREE PRESS,
Acton, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Regret very much to read in a local paper the accusation that the players of the Acton Hockey Club were not in a fit condition to play hockey in their last game at Durham.

I would like to say, in defence of your team, that such a statement is very far from the truth and I am quite confident that should you care to make enquiry from the Durham team or supporters, that you will find that every player will back me up in saying that every Acton player and official, who had anything to do with the game was absolutely sober.

The actions of the Acton players on the ice speaks for itself, as every player acted like a gentleman, and there was not one penalty handed out for anything other than a minor infraction, and could easily have been overlooked if the playing conditions had of been better, which would eliminate the possibilities of players being hurt.

I would say the game was lost owing to conditions over which your hockey club had very little control, viz: Thin ice, poor speed, which they thought was ample to carry them to victory without scoring any more; the small surface; and the poor ice, which was covered with slush. The Acton team are not a defensive team and were lost when forced to play this style of hockey by the Durham Club, who ganged them from the drop of the puck, and like many other good teams in the past, have gone down to defeat trying to play a game they were not accustomed to playing.

Acton are essentially a hard ice club, being much lighter than their opponents, and were lost under the existing conditions. Durham defeated Acton at home last year under the same conditions, by a score of 5 to 1, and being a good club, who had also only lost one game this winter, played "heads-up" hockey and deserved the win on the night's play.

Referees, coaches and players all make mistakes due to the speed of the game, at some time or other. But if they had the same time to make up their mind as the spectators do, they would make very few during the course of a game.

But it does seem too bad that a club which only loses one game in a season, is accused of "not playing the game," because they were defeated in one. Unfortunately as long as hockey is played, this kind of critic will have to be tolerated and players, officials and referees will have to be content to say, "We can make it."

Yours sincerely,
ERNE WORTLEY,
Referee.

NO JURY CASES LISTED FOR SPRING ASSIZES

There will be no injury cases at the Spring Assizes which will begin in Milton on Monday, presided over by Hon. Mr. Justice Kingstone. No criminal cases are to be tried and only three civil cases have been set down. Peer vs. Peer, an undefended divorce action; Werneck vs. Georgetta, an action in connection with an alleged partnership on a farm on the Dundas Highway, near Oakville; Howley vs. Downes, a damage action arising out of a collision between an automobile and a horse and buggy, on the base line, Esqueping, on the 28th day of July, 1934.

SHOPPERS' GUIDE

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