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Acton Wins Two Games from Preston

Exhibition Games Played Were Both Local Wins—Everybody Tried Out

The preliminaries in hockey of a couple of warm-ups for the season were staged with Preston and Acton won both bouts. The first game was in Preston last Friday night, and was a 4-2 decision for Acton. The game was at times a bit rough. Preston boys are young and can hand it out, but Acton could take it and gave it back.

All eligible for the team were in uniform and given a work-out, which would seem best for the first of the season. A couple of other shots looked like goals, but 4-2 was the decision.

Monday night saw the first local game when Preston returned. The dyed-in-the-wool two hundred were out to stop the 1936-37 line-up, and Johnny Jones was the referee. Terry, Lindsay, Walters and Eward ran in four goals for Acton in the first period, while Smith scored one for Preston.

Preston came up with a goal in the second period to make it 5-1, when Good scored. But Terry regained the lead of three goals when he scored on a pass from Marso. A flare-up over pushing in the corner put in some pep, and three men in the penalty box—two of them from Acton. Acton wasn't passing as well as Preston, but could get past the Preston defence better than Preston could pass Acton defence.

The third period started with four in the penalty box, and others followed as seemed necessary. Both sides had some nice chances, but both failed to click the red light. Acton proved the better team on the night's play, but a lot of the plays need something out and the locals tried to play more combination. These will both likely come as the season progresses and the lines are straightened out. Jack Kentner was not in the lineup for this game, owing to illness.

The teams:—Goal, Walker; defense, Cicurcio and Hendry; forward, Smith, Knucz, Belkic; alternates, Tilk, Tait, Pawelko, Dean, Good.

Acton—Goal, Greer and Woods; defense, Walters, Glibson, Y. Kentner; forwards, Lindsay, Terry, Marso; alternates, Eward, Mooney, Marso, Huffman, J. Woods, Arbic, Anderson.

AMONG THE EDITOR'S CHRISTMAS MAIL

Among Christmas greetings in the editor's mail this week was one from the Kellogg Company that was unique. It was a box containing a generous assortment of the breakfast foods for which this firm is famous. The Kellogg Company have been among the regular advertisers in *The Free Press* and this Christmas greeting is one that extends the very kindly relations that have existed for several years. And then from out West Jack Agnew sends greetings to the editor and wishes "The Old Man" and Mary a Merry Christmas. We'll turn his letter over to this contributor for comment in his column when it makes its next appearance. From Saul Ste. Marie and many other points the Christmas wishes come in until we feel the lack of the editorial column this week to give better expression to the many kindly messages and greetings that have met your editor and staff at this time. The holidays and a lack of business messages (ads) account for the abbreviated form this week, which, we assure you, not to continue for long.

KILBRIDE SHORT COURSES CLOSE WITH BANQUET

The Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics at Kilbride were brought to a close with a banquet in the Kilbride Community Hall, on Thursday evening last. One hundred and twenty guests sat down to the sumptuous repast served by the ladies of the Kilbride Institute. With Agricultural Representative J. E. Whitehead acting as toastmaster, a program of toasts were proposed and responded to by the following members of the two classes: Arnold Coulson, Jean Snyder, Frances Coulson, Ross Harbottle and Norman Smith. The toast to the guests was responded to by Warden George Currie, Reeve George Thorpe and Mrs. George Agnew, District President of Women's Institutes.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Y. H. Gilroy, of Milton, gave his audience a most inspirational discourse on "Life's Bargain Counter." Another pleasing feature of the evening's program was the announcement and presentation to the prize winners, who were as follows: Home Economics, Woods and Cookery, Jean Snyder; Sewing, Lillian McNeill; Note Books, Frances Coulson, Agriculture: Live Stock Judging, Norman Smith; Note Book, Harold Harbottle; General Agriculture, Ross Harbottle, following a presentation to the members of the staff, the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, the music being provided by Bennett's Orchestra.

Final Meeting of '36 Council Shoe Factory Payment Made

Councillors Pass Resolution Appreciative of Services of Reeve Harrison and Regret of Removal from Acton—Police to Prosecute Those Who Misuse Public Lavatories—Second Line to Town Limits to be Kept Open This Winter—Council Pleased at Action of County Council.

At the final meeting of the 1936 Council on Monday evening Councillors A. Mason, J. McMillan, P. McCutcheon and Dr. E. J. Nelson were present, and Reeve C. H. Harrison presided.

The twenty-second report of the Finance Committee recommended payment of the following accounts:

Dr. A. G. M. Bruyns, refund of business tax	\$ 3.10
King Calcium Products, tile	29.16
J. B. Chalmers, work at Arena	13.30
County Treasurer, hospital accounts	137.50
A. T. Brown, supplies	1.25
N. McEachern, care of fire truck	25.00
Acton Public Utilities Commission—Refund on exchange of tax arrears and street lighting	\$152.00
Town Hall service	7.26
Pump House lighting	.30
Arena lighting	11.03
Power at Pump House	10.20
Bell Telephone Co., services	100.47
R. J. McPherson, Tax Collector, taxes on shoe factory	84.64
Frank Holloway arena secretary	10.00
C. McElin, sanding streets	1.40
Mrs. H. L. McDonald, insurance on Arena	170.00
W. P. Mooney work at Arena	5.00
	\$883.36

A letter from the Howerton Company enclosed a cheque for \$1,000.00 as payment according to their agreement. The Company felt that in view of the fact that a sprinkler system, storm windows and other equipment being left in the building, that they should be relieved of further payments. Council was agreed to this proposal and the Clerk was instructed to complete arrangements.

The matter of defacing the walls and loitering in the public lavatories at the Y.M.C.A. was brought to the attention of the Council and the needless damage and nuisance that was being made of these conveniences. The Chief of Police was instructed to prosecute all offenders and put a stop to this damage and prohibit loitering in these public conveniences.

The tender of Norman Scarrow for the Arena booth was received. He offered \$7.00 for the season. Council decided this tender could not be accepted but agreed to rent the concession for \$15.00, as a lower figure would not pay the costs in connection with the concession.

Council confirmed the Clerk's letter regarding assuming costs for an indigent patient.

The Clerk was instructed to have the usual notice regarding the tax delinquents inserted in *The Free Press*.

The Junior Hockey Club requested a rebate of the Town Hall, but Council felt they could not grant the request.

Taxes that had been found uncollectable were, by resolution, ordered to be written off.

In concluding the year, the Reeve expressed his appreciation of the co-operation.

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A CHRISTMAS SUPPER

On Thursday last, at 6:00 p.m., the Sunday School of the Acton United Church was provided with a Christmas treat in the form of a supper and entertainment. The supper, presided over by Superintendent A. T. Brown, was in charge of the teachers, with a few extra helpers in the kitchen, and was in cafeteria style, supplied by the senior members of the School. Following this Betty Gibson and Millie Vincent rendered two vocal duets, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "Rhythm in My Nursery Rhymes." Some interesting slides were shown on the screen, portraying the early life of Jesus, and Dr. Morrow told the story in connection therewith.

"That jolly old fellow, Santa Claus, then made his appearance, ably carried out by Mr. Ernest Coles, to the delight of the children and grown-ups as well. On behalf of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School Miss Kitty Savage, a bride-to-be, was presented with silver tray, cream and sugar. During the evening, Donnie and T. H. Lamb were presented with awards for perfect attendance during the year.

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REEVE C. H. HARRISON Who Was Host at the Reeve's Dinner

Reeve Harrison Entertained on Tuesday

Toronto Home Was the Scene of Gathering of Council and Officials

Reeves of Acton have in the past tendered dinners to fellow Councillors and to the officials. But always the Reeve has been residing in Acton at the time. In that respect the event on Tuesday evening was unique. Reeve Harrison has in the past few months had his home in Toronto.

Councillors, town officials, County Warden and other friends were guests at the city home on Tuesday evening of Reeve and Mrs. Harrison at 63 High Park Boulevard. The hospitality of this home is well known in Acton and on this occasion lived up to the traditions of which Actonians have known it. It's the day before Christmas and we'll not dilute on the way that table groaned. We'll just say it was a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings.

There were absentees through illness, who were missing, and this was regretted, and the occasion of many a kindly wish that their convalescence would be rapid. In the social time over the card tables, in the Reeve's favorite brand of euchre, the prize winners were ex-Warden Harold Cleave and Councillor Dr. E. J. Nelson.

It was indeed a splendid evening that was climaxed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and other old-time favorites. But the parting left a pang that was not spoken but fully realized by all that this was the last gathering that would be held with Reeve Harrison in Acton municipal circles. It was a culmination of seventeen years residence in Acton, almost every year of which has seen Mr. Harrison fulfilling some municipal office.

It will be noted in the County Council proceedings of last week that his interest in Acton is very manifest. He sponsored a resolution by County Council urging that the second line become a provincial highway. In "Auld Lang Syne," "Jolly Good Fellows," the voices were perhaps louder than musical on Tuesday evening, but if Passersby in Toronto heard them, none could doubt their sincerity.

During the evening ex-Wardens A. Mason expressed the pleasure of the company in this gathering and the regret that was the last of such. A bouquet of chrysanthemums and a box of the Reeve's favorite cigars were presented as a little token of appreciation on behalf of the gathering.

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A CHRISTMAS SMILE

The story is told that an Acton mother took one of her children to see Santa Claus in one of the city departmental stores, where the youngster confided to the jolly old fellow what he desired for Christmas and was duly assured his wants would have every attention.

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Year End Business of Utilities Com.

Transfer Funds from Operation of Waterworks Account to General Account

The Acton Public Utilities Commission meeting on Monday evening had Reeve C. H. Harrison and Acting Chairman C. M. Hansen present.

The Secretary was instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department	
Bell-Telephone Co., services	\$ 6.83
H.E.P.C. of Ontario, supplies	8.15
Community Electrical Supply Co., supplies	8.58
Packard Electric Co., flat rate heater installations	76.24
Canadian General Electric Co., metre	42.06
C. N. R., express	1.12
W. R. E. Blair, supplies	3.50
	\$162.48

The list of arrears was checked and instructions issued for their disposition.

The Secretary was instructed by resolution to transfer \$500 from the waterworks operations account to the General Account of the Corporation.

The Superintendent was instructed to secure a set of chains for the Hydro truck.

Waterworks Department	
Canadian Westinghouse Co., repairs to motor	\$58.35
Hydro Dept., power at spring	48.11
Hydro Dept., November operations	90.25
	\$196.81

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MISS ANDERSON GUEST SPEAKER AT U. F. P. O.

The Farm Women's Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Miss Jessie McGregor. The meeting opened with singing and prayer, the roll call being answered with a Christmas verse.

After the business part of the program Miss Jessie McGregor favored the ladies with an instrumental, and Miss Nellie Anderson, missionary on furlough from Korea, gave a wonderful and beneficial talk on her work in Korea, and the wonderful people she has to work with. She also favored the ladies with the solo, "Holy Night," which she sang in the Korean language.

Mrs. Robertson kindly offered her home for the next meeting. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Miss Anderson and Miss McGregor. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction, after which the ladies in charge served a dainty lunch.

FIRST GAMES IN RURAL LEAGUE

The Acton Rural League swung into action on Tuesday. There was a fair crowd on hand and a jazz band livened matters up.

Everton was scheduled to play but failed to make an appearance, so Rockwood and Eden Mills played an exhibition game, with the Bulldogs beating Eden by 3-2 in a very close game.

Hullinford, a new entry, made their initial appearance and held the Army boys to a 3-3 tie.

The third game, between York Road and Storey Grove was a little late in starting and the boys were put off the ice before the game was completed. At that time York Road were leading, 2-0. It is doubtful if the game will count.

County Council Approves Second Line as Highway

Reeve Harrison and Irving Sponsor Motion Adopted at Meeting on Friday—Warden Currie Complimented on Courteous Conduct of Meetings—Wig-wag May be Installed on Oakville Crossing—Reeve McCutcheon Appointed to Mother's Allowance Board.

Halton County Council held its final meeting for 1937 at the Court House, Milton, last Friday at 1:00 p.m., with the Warden in the chair and all members present.

Minutes and correspondence were read by the Clerk, following which Mr. Walter Cooke, representing the Department of Highways, addressed Council with reference to the installation of a wig-wag at the railway crossing, situated on Kerr Street in the town of Oakville. Mr. Cooke's purpose in approaching the Council was to ascertain if they were willing to pay their share of the cost and upkeep of the wig-wag, should the same be installed. The total cost of the wig-wag would be \$1,800, 30% of which would be borne by the Grade Crossing Fund, 30% by the C.N.R., and the remaining 30% be divided between the County of Halton, the Town of Oakville, and the Township of Trafalgar, with a rebate to the County of 50% of their share. The County's share would be \$90 for installation and \$9.00 per year for upkeep. It was left with the Road Committee to bring in a report but Mr. Cooke was given to understand Council would probably favor the suggestion.

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THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!

Holly, mistletoe, red bells and candles and a scintillating Christmas tree helped to make a gay setting for a joyous Christmas party for the Senior Girls' Club of the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening at the home of the "Y" Secretary, Mr. George G. Emery.

Following a sumptuous buffet supper, Christmas carols and a story told by Mr. Emery were much enjoyed. Then games, a question and answer contest, Sardines, "Bingo" and "4-5-6 Pick-Up Sticks" proved a lot of fun, but were interrupted by the tinkle of bells as Santa approached. Games were forgotten as the girls rushed to find positions around the tree, which was loaded with exciting looking parcels for the dear old saint to distribute. No one was forgotten — not even Perry Watson, whom Santa seemed surprised to find among the happy group of girls. Mrs. Watson, Mrs. MacRae and Mrs. Ellis assisted Mrs. Emery in the preparation and serving of the supper and shared in the fun of the evening.



WARDEN GEORGE CURRIE Honored at the Annual Warden's Dinner in Milton Last Friday

Local Hockey Schedules for This Season

Juniors Commence on December 29th and Intermediates on December 30th

At a meeting in Georgetown last Thursday night, the hockey schedules for the groups in the district were drawn up. Both groups have only three teams. It is expected the Intermediates will finish on February 1st and the Juniors complete their schedule a week later.

Intermediate Schedule
December 28th—Guelph at Georgetown.
December 30th—Acton at Guelph.
January 4th—Georgetown at Acton.
January 6th—Georgetown at Guelph.
January 9th—Acton at Georgetown.
January 11th—Guelph at Acton.
January 13th—Georgetown at Guelph.
January 15th—Guelph at Georgetown.
January 18th—Georgetown at Acton.
January 20th—Acton at Guelph.
January 22nd—Acton at Georgetown.
January 25th—Guelph at Acton.
January 27th—Acton at Guelph.
January 29th—Guelph at Georgetown.
February 1st—Georgetown at Acton.
Play-offs for first and second teams are best two out of three games, and scheduled for February 3rd and 5th.

Junior Schedule
December 29th—Orangeville at Acton.
January 4th—Orangeville at Georgetown.
January 7th—Acton at Orangeville.
January 12th—Acton at Georgetown.
January 14th—Georgetown at Orangeville.
January 19th—Georgetown at Acton.
January 21st—Acton at Orangeville.
January 25th—Orangeville at Georgetown.
January 28th—Georgetown at Acton.
February 2nd—Georgetown at Orangeville.
February 4th—Orangeville at Acton.
February 8th—Acton at Georgetown.
Play-off dates between first and second teams are arranged for February 10th, 12th and 15th. First and second teams will play for best two out of three games for the group championship.

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OAKVILLE NOW HAS ONLY ONE PAPER

A newspaper amalgamation was made in Halton County last week when the Oakville Record acquired the Star of that town. Oakville was the last town in the County to have two newspapers. Some time ago there was three in that position as most other towns with only one newspaper. There are few towns in the Province who have two papers, as their existence is impossible. Towns and cities are having fewer publications but usually the merger results in the publication of a better paper.

Warden Currie is Honored at County Event

Presented With Occasional Chair at the Annual Warden's Dinner in Milton

Citizens from all parts of Halton assembled on Friday evening at the Milton Inn at the annual Warden's Dinner, which has for many years been a gathering of note in County circles. Warden George Currie ably upheld the finest of traditions of this annual event. The menu contained everything that the Christmas season and the service of this well-known Inn and a genial host could arrange for the satisfying of the inner man.

Following the dinner, Mr. J. M. Moore, editor of the Georgetown Herald, was toastmaster and concluded the proceedings. During the dinner hour and interspersing the addresses, music was supplied by Frank's Orchestra.

The toast to "The King" was followed by one to "Canada," proposed by W. F. Dick, K.C., County Crown Attorney, and responded to by His Honor Judge Munro, and Mr. Hughes Cleaver, M.P.

The toast to "Ontario" was proposed by Mr. W. J. L. Hamphreys, and responded to by Mr. P. H. Gilroy, Milton, and Mr. T. A. Blakelock, M.P.P., Oakville. "The County Council" was third on the toast list and that veteran of municipal affairs, ex-Warden W. H. Morden, of Oakville, proposed this toast, with response by Reeve Victor Hall, of Trafalgar, Reeve Jas. Hewson, of Oakville, and Deputy Reeve N. A. Robinson, of Norval.

The toast to the ex-Wardens was proposed by Reeve John Irving, of Milton, and ex-Wardens Amos Mason, of Acton, and Ernest Readhead, of Nelson, responded. The final toast was to "The Warden," George Currie, and was proposed by Mayor George Harris, of Burlington.

Before the Warden could reply, he was presented, on behalf of his fellow County Councillors, with a beautiful occasional chair, and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" came spontaneously from the assemblage. Warden Currie replied, thanking Council for their co-operation and their kindly remembrance. Any success which may have come during his tenure of office, the Warden graciously passed on to the work of his fellow Councillors.

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FELLOW DIRECTORS HONOR RETIRING PRESIDENT

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the close of the last meeting for this year of the Halton Union Fire Insurance Company, held here on Monday, the 21st instant, when the retiring President, Mr. Wallace Lauby, was asked to vacate the chair in order that he might receive expressions of appreciation and of good will from his fellow directors, for his untiring efforts and his unflinching service rendered to the Company during his two year term of office as president.

All the directors present paid high tribute to Mr. Lauby, who, while firm in his convictions, was ever mindful of the welfare of the Company, and who endeavoured in every way possible to work for the best interests of the policyholders and of the company alike. His judgment in all matters was held in high regard by his colleagues, as it always carried with it a soundness and weight, given by his long years of fruitful experience.

Mr. Lauby, although taken by surprise, in a short speech expressed his sincere thanks to all the Directors for their very kind remarks, and extended to them his deep appreciation of their co-operation and assistance given him during his tenure of office.

MASONIC OFFICERS ELECTED

Monday evening was election night at Walker Lodge. The officers for the ensuing year are:

I. P. M.—W. Bro. George Gordon.
W. M.—Bro. W. B. Rumley.
S. W.—Bro. Cecil Crispe.
J. W.—Bro. R. W. Wilson.
J. D.—Bro. P. J. Salt.
J. D.—Bro. R. P. Watson.
I. G.—Bro. J. R. MacArthur.
S. S.—Bro. C. L. Kirkness.
J. S.—Bro. George Kald.
Treasurer—Bro. W. K. Graham.
Secretary—W. Bro. R. M. McDonald.
Chaplain—V. W. Bro. W. M. Cooper.
D. of C.—W. Bro. C. W. Wilson.
Tyler—Bro. John Jennings.

Coming Events

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

—New Year's Dance in Town Hall, Friday January 1st, under auspices of St. Alban's A.Y.M.A. Good music. Novelty dances. Admission 35c.