Hagersville Highlights

Once again the arena was the scene of another successful auction sale on Friday evening. During the afternoon there was a rummage sale of gigantic proportion and a bake table added unlimited surprises. All proceeds go towards the Secondary School Band of Hagersville, for their trip to Europe. Mr. Hubert C. Fields was auctioneer for the sale in the evening.

Sod turning ceremonies were held following the morning worship services on Sunday at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Eva Hobbs, who is the superintendent of the Sunday School, performed the official duty. Construction of new additional rooms is to start soon, and upon completion will give added Sunday School and kitchen space.

There were many local and area residents that attended the 103rd anniversary services at Cheapside United Church on Sunday. Both morning and evening services were held with the guest speaker being Rev. G. Earl Leard MA BD of Toronto. This was also an opportunity to be re-united with Miss Leota Werner, a missionary just returned home from Trinidad. A corsage was presented to her by the minister, Mr. Arnold Creaser.

Only 125 people donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic at the local Legion Hall on Friday afternoon and evening. This was far short of the required 300 donors. Rejects numbered nine, and 22 secondary students had recently donated at Cayuga.

Hagersville Lawn Bowling Club had their turkey supper and social evening in the Parish Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Alvia Almas is president of this group and new interested members are always welcome. Several energetic members are actively engaged in readying the green.

A chartered bus load of enthusiastic youths and adults journeyed to Toronto on Saturday for a day of visiting, sightseeing, etc. The bus trip was sponsored by the local Hi C Group. This was an opportunity to give many people a trip to Ontario's Capital City, to do as they pleased.

The Hagersville Explorer Girls recently completed their course of study, which consisted of "Learning More About Your Community." In the past four weeks they have enjoyed guided and informative tours of the post office, fire hall, municipal office building, and the Hagersville Creamery. Explorer activities will close the 28th of May with a swimming party in Hamilton, followed by refreshments upon ruturning home.

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral of Michael VanEvery, on Thursday at the Hyde and Mott Funeral Home. Mr. VanEvery was in his 20th year, and was one of the four involved in the boating mishap on Lake Erie.

A quilt, recently completed by the afternoon group of ladies from the United Church, together with boxes of good used clothing was delivered on Thursday. These went to one of the families who suffered much in fire losses in recent months. Another quilt has been started by the ladies, also to be donated to someone in need.

EXPANDED FISHING

RED DEER, Alta. (CP) – Sport fishing has expanded in Alberta as a result of stockpiling a large number of pothole-type lakes with fast growing strains of rainbow trout.

Cayuga Hospital Auxiliary

The Cayuga Unit of the West Haldimand Hospital Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. R. Slack, the new chairman for 1971–72 season on Thurs., May 13. Twenty-seven members answered to the roll call.

Mrs. P. Plug gave a report on sewing done for the hospital. A peg board shower was held by the members and many useful pretty gifts were presented.

The auditors reported books were all in order.

The annual meeting and dinner in April was attended by 17 persons from the Cayuga Unit.

We were sorry to hear of an accident in Niagara Falls, where Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tye were injured. We all wish them a hasty recovery.

Five of the members attended a conference at the Niagara Institute and had busy days while there.

Volunteer workers may be used on many jobs in hospitals where they are suited.

Mrs. R. Turner reported that the Cayuga Unit had contributed more than was stated in the annual report and explained the amount to members.

Mrs. Snowden will be in charge of the Crystal Ball, the first Saturday in December and will need two members from each unit to be on her committee. Mrs. J. Melhenbacher offered her services, but one more is needed. All proceeds from any tickets sold must be turned over immediately to the main executive.

The coffee shop will be closed on May 24. The sheets for the workers in the coffee shop are not always filled in and this upsets the correct accounting of monies taken in.

The mail on Saturday morning is sometimes collected from the post office by the auxiliary to give patients their mail especially on occasions such as Mothers Day when it would be quite a sad occasion without mail.

Mrs. Ed. Parsons would like to make tray favors again for the hospital, with her children from handicapped school. [illegible] of articles was given [illegible] members to save and [illegible] in a paper bag [illegible] September meeting.

A discussion of [illegible] and films for our meetings [illegible] the future made [illegible] activities bright.

The Caledonia [illegible] committee from the [illegible] executive will be head[illegible] our chairman Mrs. R. [illegible] who is also vice-president [illegible] the HHA.

The next meeting [illegible] 9 will be held at the [illegible] of Mrs. R. Turner.

Haldimand Association For Mentally Retarded

Over 350 delegates attended the 18th annual conference of the Ontario Association for the Mentally Retarded, May 12–15 in Thunder Bay.

Attending from Haldimand were Mrs. Ross Deagle, Caledonia, and Mrs. Victor McColl of Hagersville.

Hosts for the conference were the Lakehead Association for the Mentally Retarded. For three days delegates from 117 local associations throughout Ontario discussed the many problems still facing the three percent of our population who are mentally retarded. Special guests and speakers included Fred Krause, deputy director of the President's Committee on Mental Retardation in Washington D.C. and Dr. Don Zarfas, director, Mental Retardation Services Branch, Ontario Department of Health. It is Dr. Zarfas' office which is responsible for the operation of the Ontario Hospital Schools for the Retarded.

Mr. Krause, the keynote speaker, opened the conference Thursday by noting that "now after so long a time of being thought helpless, hopeless human accidents we know that the retarded can be helped, can become in many cases, contributing citizens."

Among the issues discussed at the conference were improved workshops and residences for adult retarded, better services for the whole family and recreation programs for all age retarded people. As outgoing Ontario President, Doris Nobes de Burgh of London, Ontario stated "we realize that our services need to be enlarged and improved, and this is the responsibility of the local and regional groups working in co-operation with the provincial body."

At the Association's annual meeting a new Board of Directors was [illegible] The New Pro[illegible] President is [illegible] Robertson of Wil[illegible] Vice Presidents are: [illegible] M. Scott, London; [illegible] Nisbet, Wardsville; [illegible] Kurisko, Sault St. [illegible] Treasurer is Frank [illegible] Brantford.

In the Hal[illegible] Association we ha[illegible] Nursery School, [illegible] Public School, [illegible] Workshop, and the [illegible] group YACMR etc.

Much credit goes [illegible] these services. Many [illegible] to all of the organi[illegible] who have given [illegible] support to this [illegible] cause.

Renton

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Sloot and family [illegible] spent the weekend [illegible] home of her mothe[illegible] Flo Kitchen.

The Murtland chil[illegible] Simcoe spent the w[illegible] with their grandpare[illegible] and Mrs. Lewis Iliffe.

Mrs. John Inguan[illegible] patient in the [illegible] General Hospital at [illegible] writing.

Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Calwill of Ancaster [illegible] Sunday guests at the [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Weidendorf.

The members of [illegible] Renton WI were enter[illegible] at the home of Mrs. [illegible] Duncan for their meeting [illegible] Wednesday of last [illegible] with 20 members and [illegible] visitors in attendance.

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Sports Roundup

by Pete Myke

[illegible] Jarvis Chevies travel [illegible]erford this Saturday [illegible]o open their new [illegible] They will be playing [illegible] former Jarvis Players [illegible] Edwards and Joe [illegible]who will likely be the [illegible]ng battery for [illegible]rd.

[illegible]y people feel this is [illegible] to be a second rate [illegible]hat Jarvis is fielding [illegible]ar but this is basically [illegible]me team that was [illegible] the Merchants for [illegible]years minus Edwards. [illegible] not about to take [illegible]g away from the [illegible] performances of [illegible]s, in the past but no [illegible]hould build a team [illegible] one man and feel [illegible]cannot win without [illegible]his Jarvis Team will [illegible]ot of games this year [illegible]nish near the top of [illegible]gue. They will not be [illegible] compete in the big [illegible]ments as they have in [illegible]years where even then you need two big pitchers to go all the way.

Coach Bobby Smith will likely start Nick Pantzourie Saturday night against Waterford and the boys should have little trouble getting up for the game.

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The Hagersville Intermediates dropped their second game of the season to the Langton Juniors by a score of 14–4 Monday night in Langton under the lights. Sardine started for Hagersville but could not find the plate, he was followed to the mound by Fehrman, Simon, and Prince. Gee and Lammens had four hits apiece for Langton, while Bill Prince led Hagersville's attack with three hits. Dennis Craddock and Larry Simon had two hits with singles going to Rob Johnson, Lou Atkinson, and Winston Sardine. Hagersville will host the local Juveniles who are competing in the intermediate league this year on Thurday May 20 at 6.15 p.m.

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SEVEN RUN SEVENTH GIVES HAGERSVILLE WIN OVER LANGTON

A seven run out-break in the seventh inning sparked Hagersville IGAs to a 9–3 win over Langton Lions in their opening game of the Southern Counties Baseball League on Sunday in Hagersville.

The Lions had been coasting along on a 3–2 lead from the fourth inning with J. Knowles appearing in command on the mound for Langton. Then the IGAs found the range and connected for five safetys in the seventh as the Langton defence fell apart with three of their six costly errors.

The Lions opened the scoring on the third on a bases-loaded walk and just failed to add to their total when Rob Johson made a sensational diving catch to end the inning on Rick Lammens bid for a hit into left field.

Hagersville tied it up in their half of the third when Denny Wilson's single drove in Ted Phibbs who had reached base safely.

The IGAs committed their only two errors in the third to give Langton a run and they added another with a walk when the bases were filled.

A Langton error and Bill Prince's clutch-single accounted for the IGAs second run in the fourth.

Three Hagersville Pitchers combined for five strikeouts, 10 walks and one hit batsman. Phibbs started with Larry Cassidy taking over in the fourth and Mel Fehrman working the final two frames.

Barry Ferguson pitched the eighth inning for Langton after Knowles had gone seven. They had two strikeouts and two walks.

Paul Kett and Bill Prince had two hits apiece for the winners with singles going to Wilson, Johnson, Dennis Craddock, Phibbs, and Bigger.

L. Boughner had two of Langton's three hits with Dan Lamb getting the other.

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Knowles, Ferguson (8) and Leighfield; Phibbs, Cassidy (4), Fehrman (8) and Kett.

Umpires: Szabo, Tyne, and O'Donnel.

Sports Camera

by Scott Button

(CP) – This is no knock against hockey; it's an exciting, interesting game.

But it does seem somewhat silly that the National Hockey League playoffs continued well into May again this season.

The NHL board of governors should come up with an arrangement to end them by the end of April – before the temperature reaches the 70s and people start losing interest.

Maybe just the first-place teams in each of the NHL's two divisions should be eligible for post-season play. This would shorten the playoffs and also lend greater importance to the regular season.

If the governors feel playoffs are necessary to keep up interest among the league's mediocre teams, then they should reduce the length of each individual series.

Perhaps the quarter-finals and semi-finals should be best-of-five affairs, instead of best of seven. This undoubtedly would shave a couple of weeks of the playoff schedule.

Hockey, however, is not alone in this trend toward longer seasons. Baseball, basketball and football also are guilty.

The result is an overlapping of seasons, which drives sports editors crazy and frustrates fans.

The reason for the longer seasons is the increasing importance placed on playoffs. The reason for the increasing number of playoffs is greed.

Owners in all sports realize they can fill their stadiums, parks and areas for post-season play.

But one day this strategy might backfire. FAns might begin to realize that all too often playoffs are merely a gimmick to raise money and often lack deep significance.

Boston Bruins, for example, were a far superior hockey team this season to Montreal Canadiens. Yet the Bruins were finished for the season when Montreal was playing in the finals against Chicago Black Hawks.

Does this mean that the Canadiens are a better hockey team than the Bruins? Probably not, as regular season competition shows.

Baseball, which stayed away from playoffs for a half a century, has had them the last two years. The first-place finishers in the east and west divisions of the two major leagues meet to decide the two league champions who go on to the world series.

This system, in contrast to other sports, is sensible. At least only four of 24 teams make the playoffs. In hockey it's eight out of 14 and in Canadian football it's six out of nine.

On The Green

by Roy Hagan.

The Hagersville Lawn Bowling Club held its annual spring banquet recently.

Plans were made for the coming bowling season.

Mr. Thomas Laidlaw, supervising manager of the green, reported that the lawn is in the best shape that it has been in years and will be ready for bowling in the near future.

The executive for this year for the men are – President, Mike Vanni; Vice-president, Fran Almas; Secretary Russell Miller. The executive for the ladies are – President, Alvia Almas; Secretary, Marg Laugheed.

The Hagersville Club draws its membership from the Hagersville, Cayuga and Jarvis area. It provides an opportunity for both young and old to experience, an outdoor activity in which everyone can take part.

During the past summer as a member it was most rewarding to experience the friendliness extended to everyone and to see the developing skill and keen competition bring out the youthfulness of the aged and the maturity of the young.

This rapidly growing world wide sport most surely provides an interesting diversion from the work-a-day world and is well within the means of anyone.

An invitation is extended to everyone interested in a most enjoyable summer sport.

NO REWARD

The trouble with the (federal unemployment) insurance program is that there's no reward for the man who works and contributes for years and never gets a dime. It's not so much the slothfulness of others that bothers him as the fact that his own industriousness is penalized. – Swift Current (Sask.) Sun

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