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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 1957

#### The People's Choice Acton's electors have chosen their mun-

icipal representatives for .1958

There are a number of changes in the 1958 council with the Public Utilities Commissioners and Public School trustees remaining unchanged Walter Cook will assume the position of mayor with W. Wilson becoming reeve and Jack Greer deputy reeve.

Two of this year's councillors have been returned with a former mayor, two former councillors and one newcomer elected to municipal life.

The interest and action of this election have been good and no doubt welcome on the part of those who seek positions since election by acclamation never seems quite like election by popular vote. With six ballots to count returns were not completed until after midnight. The interest in the voting was reflected in a 62 per cent vote.

A 62 per cent vote is still no credit to the citizens who place so little value in the marking of ballots

As in any election there must be losers and this is one of the unfortunate circumstances. Many good citizens, some with past experience and a deep interest in the welfare. of the town, offered their services to the ratepayers. The renewed interest in Acton's administration, as evidenced by the number who allowed their name to stand for election. is a good sign. Any community's strength lies in the number of interested citizens it has.

It's our hope that the interest of its citizens will continue and be increased that Acton and Acton's administration may be one of Ontario's best

Our congratulations to the winners, our best wishes to the losers. On to 1958.

#### Keynote Co-operation

Santa's arrival on Wednesday of this week certainly attracted considerable interest. · He was visited in his temporary High School quarters by a good many youngsters to whom the cheery smile meant so much.

We can't help but commend Jim Ledger and his staff for their work, plans and effort in providing Acton with a note of the festive season through Santa's visit.

It provides the nucleus of an idea that with the co-operation of every merchant could be the beginning of an annual Christmas parade and event that would make Acton noted for its attraction.

'The idea isn't new, indeed it has been carried on in neighboring towns for years, but with some new twists and the co-operaion of the entire business section, industry and service clubs, the event could make Acton as a community and Acton as a shopping centre more familiar to those at home and in the district.

The keynote is co-operation. Another welcome bit of evidence that the festive season is approaching is the colored light decorations. The Chamber of Commerce and the co-operating groups are to, be commended for this activity.

### A Plan for the Future

Zoning by-laws in most municipalities are contentious pieces of legislation. Apparently not so in Acton.

A public meeting called for last week by the planning board was to have given some indication of those parts of the by-law with which the public found particular disfavor.

Attendance at the meeting, if it was indicative of the interest in the by-law, certainly uncovered no significant protests.

Capies of the proposed by-law mailed to citizens no doubt frightened some from its reading, by the length of the text and the regal phraseology. In simple terms though the by-law has far reaching arms that establish the position on a lot in which you may build a house or garage, the size of a house you must build, the kind of sign you may erect in the business section and innumerable

other points. No by-law, is perfect and the Planning Board has apent hours on the review and un-

derstanding of the sections of the by-faw. I has not been finally approved yet since that approval comes only from the Ontario Municipal Board after public hearing, Amendments to by-law are possible but usually involve a lot of red tape.

Those who have not yet read the proposed zoning by-law for Acton are urged to do so in their own interests and the interests of the town, it is a plan for the future to protect the value of existing properties and raise the standards of the town.

#### No Greater Work

"There'll be no greater work than that designed to save lives, prevent injury and reduce damage to property," claims Prime Minister Diefenbaker in expressing his support of Canada's national Safe-Driving Week. The Prime Minister calls on every Canadian citizen to regard this work as his personal responsibility.

It has become common knowledge that the motorist and the pedestrian by his own actions, by doing what he knows is right, by doing them so often that they become normal reactions, can wipe traffic accidents from the highways of the nation.

Everyone knows this, but because everyone is human they must be reminded of it again and again.

The perils of carelessness, thoughtless ness, deliberate chance taking and false pride In our roads and streets are being pinpointed so we will not, even for a day, take the risks

In abstaining for a week, may we all see for ourselves the nonsense of such driving and walking and abstain for the years to

"Since traffic is rated only below cancer and heart disease as a killer of Canadians. every action that might reduce this hazard to our national life and economy must be strongly encouraged," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

#### Dime's Worth of Hope

Canada's share of the cost of keeping up the United Nations works out at about 10 cents per person, points out The Financial Post, which comments: It's true that Canada, like the other 81 members, does not always get precisely the results she would like to have from her support of the UN.

Nevertheless, it's most unlikely that Canada would get better results from any other form of international activity. As a small nation with great friends, Canada can operate more effectively in a UN setting than she could in a non-organized world

What we buy with our assessment is not a guarantee of peace and prosperity on terms favorable to us, we buy a dime's worth of opportunity," or perhaps a dime's worth of hope. Any way you look at it, it's a bargain

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#### Eight New Stamps

With an abundance of designations for the weeks and months of the year it now appears the post office is getting caught in the race for publicity and to keep up is this year . issuing eight new stamps.

Actually though the stamps to be issued are to mark milestones in the history of the country while the week and month designations are strictly commercial efforts to achieve more publicity.

Next year the new stamps to be issued will cover the following:

In January, a salute to the newspaper and printing industries.

In March, honoring Canada's role in the International Geophysical Year

In May, commemoration of B.C 's centen-In June, the Canadian Nurses' Association

50th Anniversary, and attention to the increasing role of womanhood in public and industrial affairs. In July, the 350th Anniversary of Samuel

de Champlain's founding of Quebec City. In August, another in the Explorer Series

In September, the significance of the oil

industry. In October, the bi-centennial of the convening in Halifax of Canada's first elected

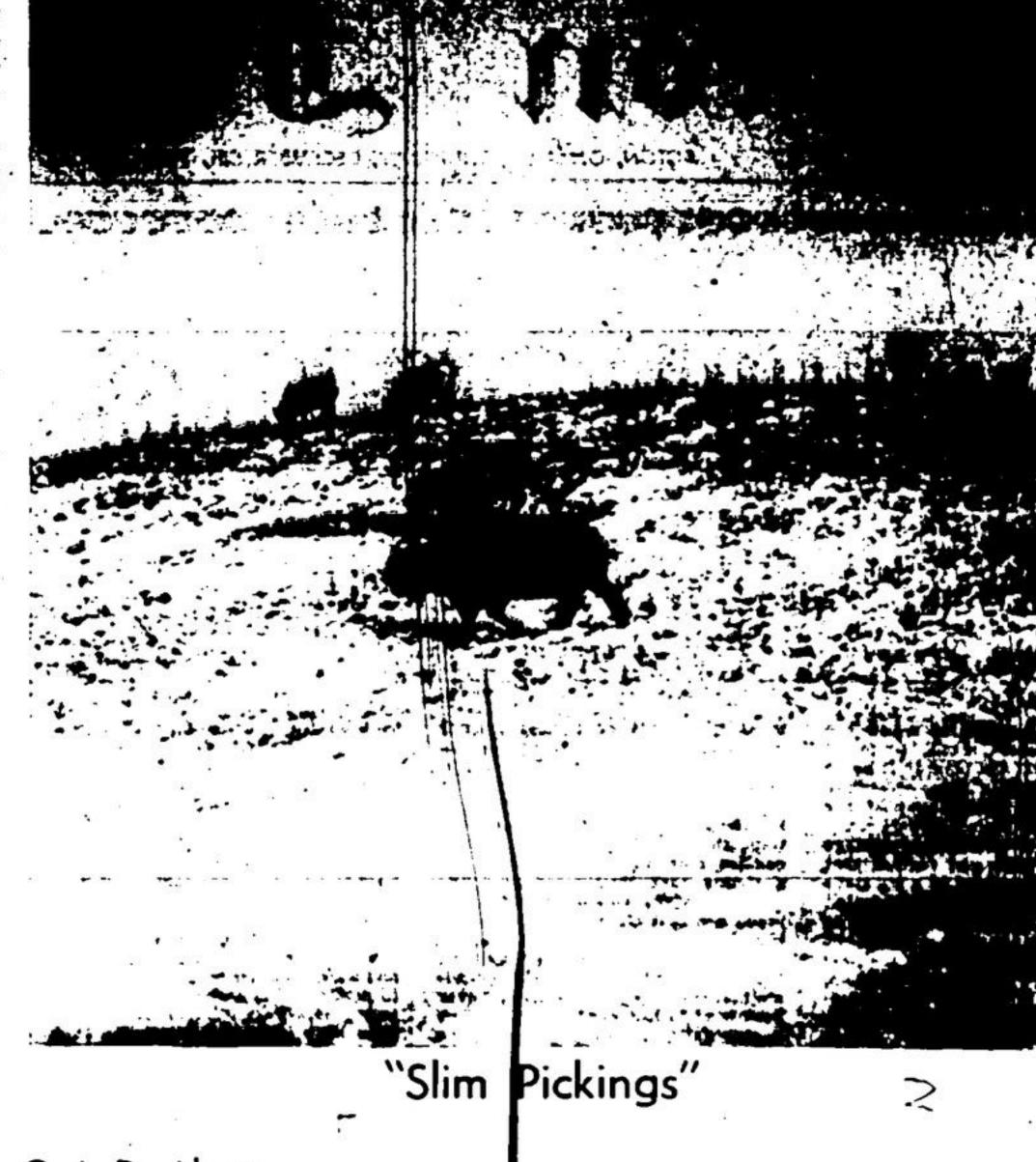
# Comment

La Verendrye.

Anyone who fires a gun at a movement in the bush without definite evidence it is a wild animal, is guilty of crimminal carelessness, whether or not the law so regards it.

-Rimbey (Alta.) Record. It is quite evident that more and more drivers are drinking and driving and that is the matter that is causing the appropriate public authorities grave concern.-Trenton (Ont.) Courier-Advocate.

Several things are becoming increasingly clear' in connection, with the two Russian satellites. The first of these is how much loose talk there has been about how stupid the Russians are. . . The second is how seriously the United States has handicapped satellite and presumably intercontinental ballistic missile development by refusing to share scientific knowledge with other Westem nations. Red Deer (Alte.) Advocate.



G. A. D. About

# Mostly Skating in Acton

in the arena were broken and not could be procured to guard them I want to assure one and all that it wasn't my age group that perpetrated this damage of public prop-

I am in the age group who, 28 years ago, was enthusiastic about Acton providing an indoor arena Of course, like every other decision on spending public money, there were two sides to the question There were those who opposed the spending of public money and those who favored providing an arena for the young people In those days it was the usual thing to boild a vote on a question of spending \$15,000 in the town

To make the expenditure look like a good investment, the group for the arena went, among -their supporters and got 150 people to pledge up to \$100 a year for every year for 20 years if the debenture debt was not obtained in yearly revenue Well, the by-law cariea and the arena was built, and every game the hockey club played was as keenly followed as a Grey Cup game There were crowds at all events and the team

At the conclusion of the first year there was more than enough to pay the debenture amount and all expenses Matter of fact, there was sufficient to provide a banquet in the Town Hall and the hockey club, from their share, set aside about \$600 from that first year for maintenance and future repairs for serves me right, the arena for the next four years provided sufficient funds to meet all costs, but it grad-

THIS SUNDAY'S

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 195

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chener, Past Moderator of the

7.00 p.m.-Bible Society Service

Wednesday, 8 o'clock - Mid-work

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OF CANADA

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 1957

(ADVENT II)

830 a.m.-Holy Communion.

9:45 a.m.-Church School

11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Classes

11.00 a.m.-Morning Prayer.

Bible, Class.

and Pireside, Knox church.

10.00 a.m.-Sunday School

Guelph Association

11.00 a.m -Morning Worship.

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ually declined for 15 years, end of the Mason to fix the thows Of course none of \$100 guarante and it is doubtful if many could be reached from the list of enthusiasts, who were so 4.-cn back in 1929-30

The arena is paid for now and there is a keen desire by another young groud for artificial me. The mena has grant well in those rather day, it provided programs that the whole town and countryside enjoyed It's been worth in the community byided I am sorry has gone into disrepair. I regret that in the present day there are many other attractions in which the young people do not participate in like they did in 1930

around town the other ent down by Fairy Lake s first coating of ice. It was thin then and dangerous for skating but it recalled days bedena was built. There were two ladies of water in Acton television and the picture show and what winter for

Some of von may recall the old spring skates which fastened unto the shoes will out screwnards had to carry a key and straps secure and adjist them and they had a bad hable of falling off Don't suppose many of you remember Will Speight, who was the champion speed skat I in this district 60 years or so ago last time I saw him on skates, he was wearing spring skates and writing his name

Skating beford the arena came, provided fun and aithrill that was different That the facres or five acres of Henderson's Pond was an exercise that was different from

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1957

K. G. McMillan, general sec-

9.45 a.m.—Church School 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worth 7.00 p.m.—Community: Bits jety Service. Address

IN CANADA

9 00 am.—Morning

10 (k) a.m. -Junior

Church School

11.15 a.m.—Morning W

Change your skates or over on the old club house steps. There was always the chance of dropping er and the season was limited neconding to the amount and frequency of snowfalls

Any of you recall the winter provided the most sheltered spot with the best ice. That winter you start at the dam and skate not to the beaver meadow in fact all over the pond Rad fences provided the fuel for a

bonfire and a few logs could be drawn up for taking a breather The young folks didn't seem to requite so many smokes in those days. The out-of-door exercise and kating was stimulating and of cours none of the guls ever smoked. It just wash't done

Their weight any restaurants in town in those days so after skating you went to some of the gang s home and had a snack and a hot drink You went home because you were exhausted from the out-ofdoor exercise and even if your home was not heated all night, you slept and planned for another simdar outing if the weather held and there was moonlight

There were several

nks before the closed

came and there were exciting

hockey games. Maybe some of you

can remember the game between Acton and Georgetown played on a rink at Glen Williams. We drove to that game in a bob-sleigh and Acton lost the gam also Remember the King Edward rink located where J.m Ledger's store now stands Of course you don't have to be very old to recall the rink at the foot of Frederick St. It had swank dressing rooms, steam heatest and a snack bar and social room with a fireplace. It too got into disceptor and was forn down In between times, when outdoor titiks were not available, there were spots of are cleaned on Hender son spend where a single electrac light provided the illumination for the skaters, or down on Farry Lake where Billy Landsborough kept a spot cleated and there was a bonfare at night. You paid that you could to provide this kno. but the revenue d.dn't even inco-

vide wages of those days when the going scale was \$110 a day . I look back with fund recollections of those early days of sport and not with any regret. They wouldn't suit the present day and generation. But good recreation is not necessarily acquired by the amount of money you spend but largely by what everyone contributes and thats into community en-

Just'a word from experience of the past. I note that dressing rooms are planned for the park next summer. Would it not be wise to eliminate, all windows from the building and construct it in such a manner that it can be readily cleaned and securely locked when

LONG WAIT LONDON, Ont. (CP) - Angus Murray turned up a live of spades to complete his third perfect cribbage hand, but the other two occurred mure than 20 years ag

## THE GOOD

#### **BACK IN 1907**

Acton Free Library is one of our helpful and satisfactory local institutions. The number of readers is constantly growing, all readers have their wants looked after by Mrs. R. D. Graham, the librarian, whose courtesy and attention are much appreciated. Mrs. Gruham reports more books issued in November than any other month, since the opening of the library. There are 2000 volumes, comprising the best historical science literature and the best of the latest fiction. The re-opening services on Sun-

day and Monday at St. Alban's church were eminently enthusiastic and succemful. The number of communicants at the morning service were very gratifying, and the attendance in the evening was too crowded for expacity of the enlarged church The Rev Gilbert David. non, M.A. Rector of St. George's church Quelph officiated, he said he was astonished at the transformstion which had taken place During the re-opening services the offering amounted to \$23.00 The following gifts were bestowed. A pulpit, alter, credence table and handsome after cover, from St George's church, Guelph, a handsome brass lectern. weeth \$75 from Mrs C & Smith. Acton, a crimion carpet covering the whole chancel, from the Women's Auxiliary and 15 from the Sunday school

The improvements to the driving sheds at Knox church are now about completed The tron rods supporting the walls are in position, tile drains have been laid down the length of the sheds, and fifty of seventy-five loads of gravel have teen teamed in The daintiest greeting calender

we have seen this season has been issued by A. T. Brown, druggist and stationer. It has a beautiful view in colors of Fally Lake, Acton and is in all respects an artistic souvenir The annual meeting of the Methodist Ladies Aid on Tuesday, officers for the year were elected as follows President, Mrs. John Step-

henson, Vice Pres, Mrs A T

Brown, secretary, Mrs II P Moore

treasurer Miss Lattie E Speight

#### **BACK IN 1937**

Prous. Thrusoday, Decouples # 1857

Saturday's snow that put a good bottom on roads for sleighing, made traveling the highways treacherous for automobiles. Occupants escaped injury, but bumpers and fenders recerved many bends and dents. NEWS FROM THE ARENA - The ice makers have been busy, day and night, and the result, a splendid coating all over the surface.

Wouldn't be surprised to see skuting there any night. The new time clock arrived yesterday and is being installed to-day, complete matalistion and maintenance is being looked after by the Imperial Tobacco Co., fans appreciate the interest of the Imperial Tobarco Co. in the local arena.

The age old story of the Serpent ind the Forbidden fruit was the theme for an excellent play, part of St Albana Young People's program on Tuesday night. The characters were Adam, George Footist, Rve. Loons Watter, the Serpent, Fred Turner The balance of the program was as follows Double Duct, "Good Night and Good Morning". Anne Holmes Esther Taylor, Ada Elhott. Alice Taylor, solo "In the Garden" Ind Holmes, trio "Holy Night" Billie Weaver, Lally Fields and Oddress Weever

Knox YWA east officers for 1938, Past Presidents Mrs Wm Conper, Mrs Bennie, president Mrs Francia Wilds, 1st Vice, Miss Emma Cole, 2nd Vice, Mrs. V. Rumles, secretary, M.s Fred Anderson, treasurer, Mass Marjorae Near

One of the largest crowds to assemble at any function in the Town Hall in Acton attended the Bingo. sponsored by the Acton Fire Brigade Eighteen prizes were awarded

Rev E E Brillinger will frave Acton at the end of the year for the new parish of St John's church at Winona Mr Brillinger has been here for four years and he has been active in Boy Scout work and seyeral other committees, he has formed many warm friendships

The annual High School at Home will be held on Thursday, Dec 16th

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Standard Time Manbound Daily 6.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.13 p.m.; Sun-

day only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.63 a.m.; 6.37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m. Westbound

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Girls' Auxiliary. 4-15 p.m .- Holy Bantism

nual Admission-Service for the

retury.

10.00 a.m. Sunday School

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11.00 a.m.—Murning Worship.
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.