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Everyone Works, All Benefit

There is a time for everything, and winter is really the best time for doing many of the things we traditionally put off until spring.

This is the logic behind the winter work campaign being conducted in this community. As in other communities all across Canada, this is a campaign to establish a more even employment pattern at between summer and winter, by enlisting the support of government, business, industry, trade unions and individual householders.

Campaigns which have been conducted at the community level are very important part of the winter employment program. Where they have succeeded they have received the vigorous support of local business and industry. Obviously, business leaders consider this support to be in their own best interests. There are various reasons for this. One is the cost of unemployment to the community in terms of loss of wages and purchasing power, welfare costs, and so on.

What Election Will Cost

For the next few weeks, the thoughts of many Canadians will be on the federal election, set for March 31. Enumerators have made up their lists and printers across the country are busy putting the lists in printed form.

According to Nelson Castonguay, chief electoral officer, the election will cost the taxpayers of Canada close to ten million dollars - \$9,400,000 in round figures. These figures compared with \$6,709,000 for the June 10 election. The increase is partially due to an increase in the pay scale for the enumerators hired to draw up the voters' lists.

For the last election urban enumerators received 10 cents for every name put on the list, with the minimum of at least \$25. This time they will receive \$25 plus 10 cents a name. Rural enumerators were given 11 cents a name with a minimum of at least \$25 plus another \$11 for the revision of lists 18 days before the election. For their work this election they will receive the basic \$25 plus 11 cents a name and \$15 for the revision.

As evidence of Canada's expanding population, it is estimated there will be 100,000 additional names on the voters' lists across the country over what appeared on the lists for the election on June 10, 1957.

Members of the Canadian Parliament are paid at the rate of \$8,000 per year (less income tax) plus a \$2,000 tax-free expense allowance which is paid to all members in a lump sum at the end of the year. The \$8,000 payment to members is divided into monthly instalments and members will continue to draw their monthly salaries throughout the general election campaign until March 30, the day before the federal election.

No Control-Greater Sale

In these days of unemployment and reduced expenditures in many lines it is interesting to note the report of the Liquor Control Board for the year recently tabled in the Legislature. There was an increase last year of 14,574,309 gals. in the consumption of all types of beverages. Never satisfied the Liquor interests are all out to boost the sales more and nothing is done by the Liquor Control Board to control the flow.

The province received \$55,100,000 out of total revenues of \$154,000,000, the Federal Government's share being \$97,000,000. Municipalities received \$860,918 in license

fees and \$225,734 in business and realty taxes.

The gallonage increase was 0.7 per cent, from 94,378,826 gallons in the last fiscal year. The dollar increase was 5.2 per cent. Biggest increase in beverage sales was for wine, which rose 7.2 per cent.

The report showed that sale of spirits, beer and wine from 210 government liquor stores totalled 8,113,069 gallons the previous year. The dollar value was \$130,950,608 and \$128,273,676, respectively.

Sales from brewers' outlets totalled \$146,991,692, compared to \$144,610,083.

Commenting on the fact that license holders spent \$34,853,281 in improvements to premises during the year, the report said this indicated that considerable improvements have taken place.

At March 31 there were 2,134 licensed establishments in Ontario, an increase of 29 over the previous year.

This is the sad story of Liquor Control in Ontario. Money seems of more concern than the welfare of the Province's people.

Responsibility of the Individual

This is the age of escape literature, tranquilizer pills, spectator sports, late, late TV shows and other devices to ease the boredom of increased leisure. There appears to be a growing belief that the greatest good is to be completely free of all anxiety and this in turn means that one should be completely free of all responsibility.

The truth is that the difference between a strong man and a weak man is that the strong man accepts responsibility whereas the weak man shuns it. It is very frequently true that this is the essential difference also between the poor man and the rich man. Despite the fact that man has made such strides in the field of science that it is now necessary for him to spend less than a third of his time at the job of earning a living, man would appear to be no happier than he was when he spent more than half his time struggling to keep body and soul together. Man just hasn't faced up to his responsibility to put his free time to effective use.

One of the responsibilities which should be ours as individuals is to understand and appreciate the economic and political system under which we operate. We are proud of the fact that we live in a democracy but if we accept the definition that democracy means rule of the people, by the people and for the people then we must also accept that responsibility of knowing something of how to rule. Every individual has responsibilities to his family, his friends, his community, his country and his God. To shirk them off is to invite frustration as well as moral and social bankruptcy.

Brief Comment

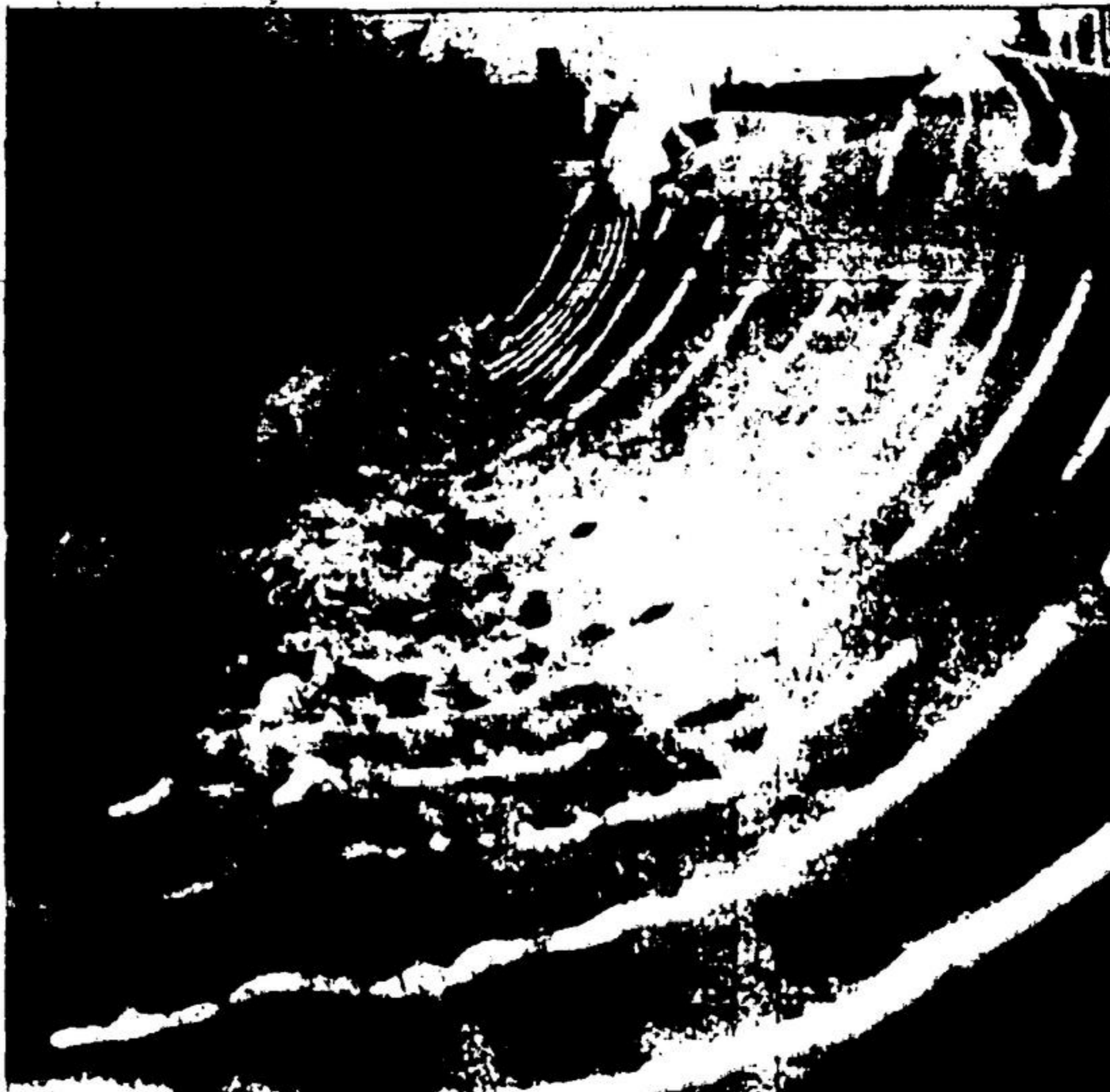
Let us not turn our higher schools of learning into hot houses of technology and force-feed a crop of scientists just to pop glittering objects into space and plan machines capable of destroying mankind. The little red school house with its three R's was much superior education to this Grenfell (Sask.) Sun.

What we need in this country are more hammocks; hammocks of the kind tied between trees or hung from hooks on a comfortably wide porch. For a man can relax and think better when he's horizontal. Yes, we definitely need a hammock renaissance in this country. Life's speeded to an unnatural tempo. -Yarmouth (N.S.) Herald.

We are not saying that there will be any mud-slinging in this campaign, but it is quite certain there will be plenty of it around that could be slung about March 31. It is our guess that if we have a heavy vote a good many farmers are going to have to come to the polls on their feet or by helicopter. -Stantard (Que.) Journal.

There is scarcely another participating sport than that of curling that provides so much enjoyment for so many. -Winkler (Man.) Progress.

Sometimes a person just wonders whether it's worth the bother or not. This discouragement comes about when we see the useless destruction and vandalism carried out by some sections of our so-called civilized population. -Medford (Sask.) Journal.



"Euclid in the Snow"

G.A.D. About...

A Seat in the Newspaper Senate

Went to Toronto last Friday after the office closed to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association and had a night that will remain in my memory a long time.

The dinner at the King Edward Hotel was given that evening by the Province of Ontario and the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Honourable J. Keeler Mackay and Mrs. Mackay were in attendance.

Just trying to recall who were the moving leaders in forming this association of editors I recall Dr. David Williams of Collingwood, Alex. McLaren of Barrie, James Eady of St. Mary's, J. J. Calman of Porton and J. C. Temple of Ferris, the Editors of Brantford, the James' father and son of Bowmanville and many others whom I cannot recall at the moment.

It's of interest in this district to note that Eddie Johnston started in the printing business on a paper published in Hillburg, known as the Hillburg Banner. It's a good many years since it was published. I don't even remember it. Mr. Johnston must be much older than I am. It's time to move into the weekly newspaper Senate to have a seat among such gentlemen.

I don't want to take any credit for founding the association, now known as the Ontario Division of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association and had a night that will remain in my memory a long time.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Ewan H. Jones, R.A., L.T.
Rector, 185 Jeffrey St., Tel. 265

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1958
(SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT)
8:30 a.m. - Holy Communion
9:45 a.m. - Church School and Bible Class
11:00 a.m. - Beginners' Classes
11:00 a.m. - Choral Communion
4:15 p.m. - Holy Baptism
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
8:00 p.m. - Mid-week Lenten Service - Communion service.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
33 Church Hill Road
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 849-W
Services for

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1958
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Wednesday 8 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study
Friday 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors
A Friendly Welcome to All

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Minister
Parsonage - 29 Lower Avenue
Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader
76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1958
9:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON
Rev. Ray H. Caster, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave.
Phone 206-W

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1958
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
8:15 p.m. - B.Y.P.U.
Thursday 7 p.m. - Mid-week service.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOWLEDGE ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd, 1958
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship and Sacrament of Baptism
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
8:30 p.m. - Senior-High Fellowship at manse.

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I don't consider the honor conferred a purely personal one, and one that is to be shared by the two towns in which it has been my privilege to spend most of my life.

My oldest and only daughter, Frances, resides at Leveck, Ont. the wife of a high school principal. Associated with me since they were big enough to toddle, to the office are David, as Vice-President and James as Secretary-Treasurer of the Hillburg Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. under which name we now operate. Our sons have also the same helpful and inspiring interest in the newspaper field.

They both actively assist in the production of the Canadian Champion and the Acton Free Press each week. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that from this third generation of seven grandchildren, there may be enough to carry on the printing and publishing business under the name of Dilla.

I have had during the years many loyal employees whose efforts are gratefully acknowledged. One of my great joys has been the opportunity to attend to every one in their what knowledge I had of the art of printing and editing. Many of them scattered in Canada and the United States and it is always a pleasure when any of them come to visit me again.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 1, 1938.

On Wednesday evening Acton Citizens' Band held their first practice of the year in their band room at the arena. A. H. Perrott, bandmaster of the Lester Seale Regiment Band, was present at that practice. At a discussion following the evening's workout it was decided to engage Mr. Perrott for the coming season.

Two exciting games were played in the Y midget hockey league last night. Special interest was focused on the match between Gord Beattie's Black Hawks and John McHugh's Canadians. As these teams were tied for first place the Canadians were victors by a score of 2-0 and now have a strong grip on the championship. Bruce Partridge's Maple Leafs strengthened their third place position by defeating Gordy Partridge's Bruins 1-0.

Hang up the hockey sticks. Get out the curling shoes. Acton's curling is all over for the season. But the Tanners provided a splendid session in the group play-offs before leaving on Saturday night for the close checking of the Preston River side at the Galt arena.

The final game went to Preston 3-1 with both teams getting 14 goals each on the round.

In the last game of the four-game series Acton players gave everything they had but Preston was a little too much for them.

No folk street church badminton group came to Acton last Thursday night and were the guests of the Acton Y. Badminton club's splendid games were enjoyed and the visitors were successful in taking the long end of the score home with them winning 17-3.

The monthly meeting of the young ladies' Friendly Circle was held at the home of Frances Dilla on Friday evening. The program and lunch was in charge of Virginia Murray's group. After the business part of the meeting a singing was conducted by Miss Ruth Gibson. Mrs. Cross returned missionary work was guest speaker. Dora Wilson rendered a piano solo. Stella Adamson gave a St. Patrick's reading. Cards were conducted and were won by Miss Helen Landis, Miss Cross and Miss A. Moore.

Mrs. Beaudry and Company have closed their bookshop this year. Their work will be at McLean's.

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, February 27, 1908.

The long promised hockey match between Acton and Erin Junction was played here last Monday evening. The game was warmly contested though the Erin players did not appear to get as much vim into the sport as the Acton Juniors, as they do in the Erin team's play.

The Acton lineup for the game was as follows: goal, M. Kerber; Point, Rasmus; Centre, Clavel; Right wing, Clark and left wing, Gaudin.

The goalkeepers are likely to be put through a course of legal action unless they pay up the other taxpayers. Officer Carnigan is still waiting patiently for the new official cap.

On Saturday evening between ten and eleven o'clock Miss George Cutten had the misfortune while doing shopping to slip on the pavement at the Merchants' Bank and fracture her thigh. Dr. Hure was called and he had the patient removed to the home of her brother, William Cutten, Main St., where he treated the fracture.

At the last meeting of the Government Council the members agreed to have an application for a billiard table in town.

Erneston Mackin has proposed to be controlled to provide 50 new lamps for the street lights. The Council will ascertain when the most satisfactory stunts may be purchased and they will probably be installed early in the spring. Their installation will ensure a much more satisfactory street lighting system.

At the close of the prayer meeting in the Baptist church last week the pastor, Rev. W. S. McAlpine, was very pleasantly surprised when the members of his Bible class presented him with a very handsome silk umbrella.

The small quarantine in the east end will probably be raised in a few days.

H. F. Johnston and Co., hardware merchants, have one of the most attractive windows in the town this week. It is worthy of a place in the columns of Hardware and Metal.

About 30 of Acton's young people attended the winter carnival at Georgetown last Thursday night. Wonder when the carnival will be returned. The victors won most of the prizes offered.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE
COACHMAN LEAVE ACTON GRAY COACH LINES
Standard Time
Eastbound
6:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun and Holidays)
8:58 a.m. 11:33 a.m. 2:08 p.m.
5:06 p.m. 8:33 p.m. 8:55 p.m. 10:08 p.m. (Sun and Holiday)
Westbound
10:27 a.m. 12:57 p.m. 3:37 p.m. 5:27 p.m. 7:27 p.m. 9:12 p.m.
11:32 p.m. 1:12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Holiday)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 6:40 a.m. Daily except Sundays 10:00 a.m. 1:13 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 8:01 p.m. Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown, 9:55 a.m. 6:37 p.m. Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11:44 a.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8:50 a.m., 8:55 a.m., 7:45 p.m.; Saturday only 12:25 p.m.; Sunday only 9:46 a.m. (flagstop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:08 a.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun., 8:19 p.m.