

—Last weekend was a good one for raking leaves—if you and the wind could manage to go in the same direction.

—The baseball team has started their practice sessions and the old familiar sound of "Play Ball" will be resounding throughout the park area.

—Gordon Colquhoun, 123 Crescent St., Acton, was a consolation winner in the recent Irish Sweepstakes, when he had his ticket drawn.

—Understand there were a few sick grandmothers on Wednesday of this week and many sympathetic relations went to visit them on the first base line at Maple Leaf Stadium.

—This year the 24th of May is on the 18th. (We know perfectly well that's a silly sounding piece of news, but we don't want anybody planning a weekend holiday a week late.)

—In Milton, of 196 originally registered with the mutual employment service there, 67 are still without full time jobs and 22 of the 67 are planning to leave for the United States or the United Kingdom.

—Kindergarten enrolment forms are published in this issue. Seems that instead of thinking about summer holidays some of the children are just beginning to dream about going to school.

—Then came the rains! Yes, the rain was welcomed by farmers with open arms.

—Youngsters from the lowest grades at the school went out into the country last week to visit farms.

—Sidewalk superintendents are advised to keep a sharp eye out for the demolition of the old school. Should be an opportunity to while away a few hours while watching an old landmark disappear.

—Anyone noticed that there aren't any more steam locomotives running through Acton anymore? Diesel has cut into the railroading field and the familiar sight of smoke billowing from a steam locomotive is almost extinct.

—Vehicles driven by Tom Perkins of Acton and Henry Sweeney of Kitchener received a total of \$800 damage in a head-on collision on Highway 7 at McCullough's Corners Tuesday. Mr. Sweeney received minor injuries.

—While sauntering along one day, a gentleman was accosted by a panhandler who blandly asked for the gent for \$200 so he could go to the movies. "Good heavens, man," cried the gentleman, "why do you need \$200 to go to the movies?" "Well," drawled the panhandler, "there's a picture at the drive-in that I want to see and I don't have a car."



SCOTTISH SISTERS from Galt danced the "Double Swords" during the Acton Scottish Dance Club's "Ceilidh" in the Parish hall on Saturday, April 25. Shown above, Kathleen and Margaret Thompson, strike a pretty pose as they danced to the pipes played by Phil Caddick, leader of the Acton Junior Pipe Band. A large crowd was in attendance to enjoy the evening's program and join in the dancing which followed.

Scottish Dances, Songs At Club's Final Ceilidh

Family Night, "Ceilidh" (pronounced Caylee), the last meeting of the season of the Acton Scottish Dance Club, was fun for the children and the young people. It was voted great fun, too, by the guests from Scotland, England, Ireland, Germany and Australia who contributed a cosmopolitan atmosphere to the gathering in the Luxton Memorial Hall Saturday. There were also visitors from Milton, Galt, Clarkson, Brampton, Kenora, Toronto and Guelph.

For the first hour there was some lively entertainment, provided chiefly by local talent. Where are the Joys, sung by Donna Renick; Ring, Ring the Bluebells of Scotland, sung by Joyce Rennie and a chorus of local children, mostly of Scottish families; A Godeon for Me, sung by Christopher Denny and chorus.

Four youthful lasses, Andrena Cumella of Milton, Penny Izatt of Clarkson, Jeannette Salmond and Cheryl Mellravey of Toronto, danced Sean Trews, also the Strathspey and Reel of Fair. Katherine and Margaret Thomson of Galt did the Double Sword Dance and also sang a duet.

Parents, Children Dance
The merry, vibrant, traditional Scottish music prompted many parents with their children to get up and join the whirling dances. Dashing White Sergeant in progressive groups of six, Strip the Willow, Eightsome Reel, Gay Gordons, Schottische and favorite waltzes.

The Laird of Cockpen was dramatized in song with Christopher Denny as the Laird, Geraldine Calder as Mistress Jean; Pat Graham as her maid, Heather McGeachie, holder of the knocker on the "Yett" door; O' Claversha; Len; Anne Gordon, stable boy; Robbie Buckner, narrator. Assisting with props were Anne McMillan, Christine Foyers, Heatheranne Dumarch and Terry Dawding.

Applaud Pipe Band
Acton Junior Pipe Band were in excellent form and won applause for their spirited performance in both sections of the program. Leader Phil Caddick also played a solo, Scotland the Brave, in addition to spirited accompaniments to the Galt dancers and the Eightsome Reel.

Especially welcome, auguring well for the future, was a solo dance by one of the pipe members.

Be A Sport

There's a big difference between just plain fishing and sportsmanlike fishing. One way to assure that your fishing is fun throughout this season — as well as throughout the opening trout weekend contest — is co-operating with the persons who own the land where you intend to fish.

The majority of farm owners will be only too glad to give permission for anglers to trespass on their property. They only worry about those who don't ask permission, trample down fences, smoke carelessly, and leave garbage and litter strewn about.

You can help — will you?

RELEASE BRAKE
A gruesome but necessary piece of knowledge for every driver is that a skidding tire will drag and mutilate a body far worse than a rolling wheel. If it is impossible to avoid running over a dog, or a fallen human being, brake until the moment before impact, then release the wheels. But a million times better urges the Ontario Safety League, is to keep your car under perfect control at all times so that the situation cannot occur.

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Catholic Center Costs \$160,000

OAKVILLE — Rev. Vincent Priester, pastor of St. Andrew's Parish, announced tenders for the proposed ultra-modern Catholic Center have been let and construction will commence immediately.

The \$163,000 split-level Center will house a spacious gymnasium, auditorium and stage, two lounges, large banquet room facilities with kitchen, washrooms complete with showers, administration offices, Knights of Columbus club room and Catholic library.

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Georgetown Taxes Up 13 Mills Debentures, Schools Boost Rate

GEORGETOWN — Local home owners face a sharp rise in tax this year.

The 1959 budget calls for a 61 mill rate for houses and a 63 rate for industrial and commercial properties — a 13 mill rise over last year. In dollars, the owner of an average town house will pay approximately \$50 more in taxes.

Presenting his budget, Finance Minister Gail McElvray pointed to high delinquent costs, schools and roads as one of the factors which have boosted the rate.

Sell Lots
A \$30,000 deficit carried forward from last year will be offset, council hopes, by sale of building lots in the Park School area estimated to bring \$20,000 when put on the market this year.

Anticipating expenditures of almost a million dollars in 1959 (in 1958, the town spent \$700,000), major increases in the budget include a \$6,000 grant to the Cemetery Board; a \$25,000 increase in road expenses, much of this due to extraordinary winter control ex-

Short Work

Constable Bob Moreau, of the local O.P.P. Detachment this morning (Thursday) figured in the shortest man-hunt of his career, when at 11:30 he was alerted to stop all vehicles in search of 10 escaped prisoners from the Ontario Reformatory in Guelph.

Fifteen minutes later the officer was called again and instructed to call off the search as the 10 prisoners had all been captured.

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76,884 Motor Accidents In Ontario During 1958

In Ontario during 1958 there were 76,884 motor vehicle accidents, involving death, injury or property damage in excess of \$100.00, reported to the Department of Transport. These accidents resulted in 1,112 deaths, non-fatal injury to 30,106 persons and an estimated property damage loss of over \$15,000,000.

The fatality total of 1,112 — or more than 52 per month — was 167 less than the corresponding total for 1957. The death rate per 100-million miles of motor vehicle travel, as shown by gasoline consumption, was 64 in 1958 as compared with 77 in 1957.

The number of persons non-fatally injured in motor vehicle accidents in 1958 was 30,106. This total represents an average of more than 2,500 persons injured per month throughout that year.

The death rate for motor vehicle traffic accidents in 1958 was lower than for any year for which information is available.

Therefore the Acton Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, May 9, are holding a "Safety Day" when cars will be safety-checked by local police and boys and girls' bicycles safety-taped by C of C members.

The city of Edmonton, Alberta, is named for the English town of Edmonton, birthplace of John Pruden, a clerk at the Hudson's Bay post built on the city's site before 1800.

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