

**The farmers are very busy** haying.

The wading pool at the park is a popular spot for the tiny tots.

Surveyors were out the site of the new liquor store last week.

Quite a number of homes are being improved with a fresh coat of paint.

Temperature on the Dominion Day weekend 50 years ago was over 100 degrees.

The heavy rains this spring and early summer have residents continually cutting grass.

Acton District High School Board held its final meeting for the summer Monday evening.

In spite of notice in the paper last Thursday several put out garbage for collection Monday.

While Miss Madge Chapman is away, Mrs. Jack Chapman will be taking her place in the library.

Caretakers at all three schools are busy cleaning, waxing and getting everything in order for the fall term.

Except for an occasional child enjoying the swings and slides, the school grounds are abandoned for the summer holidays.

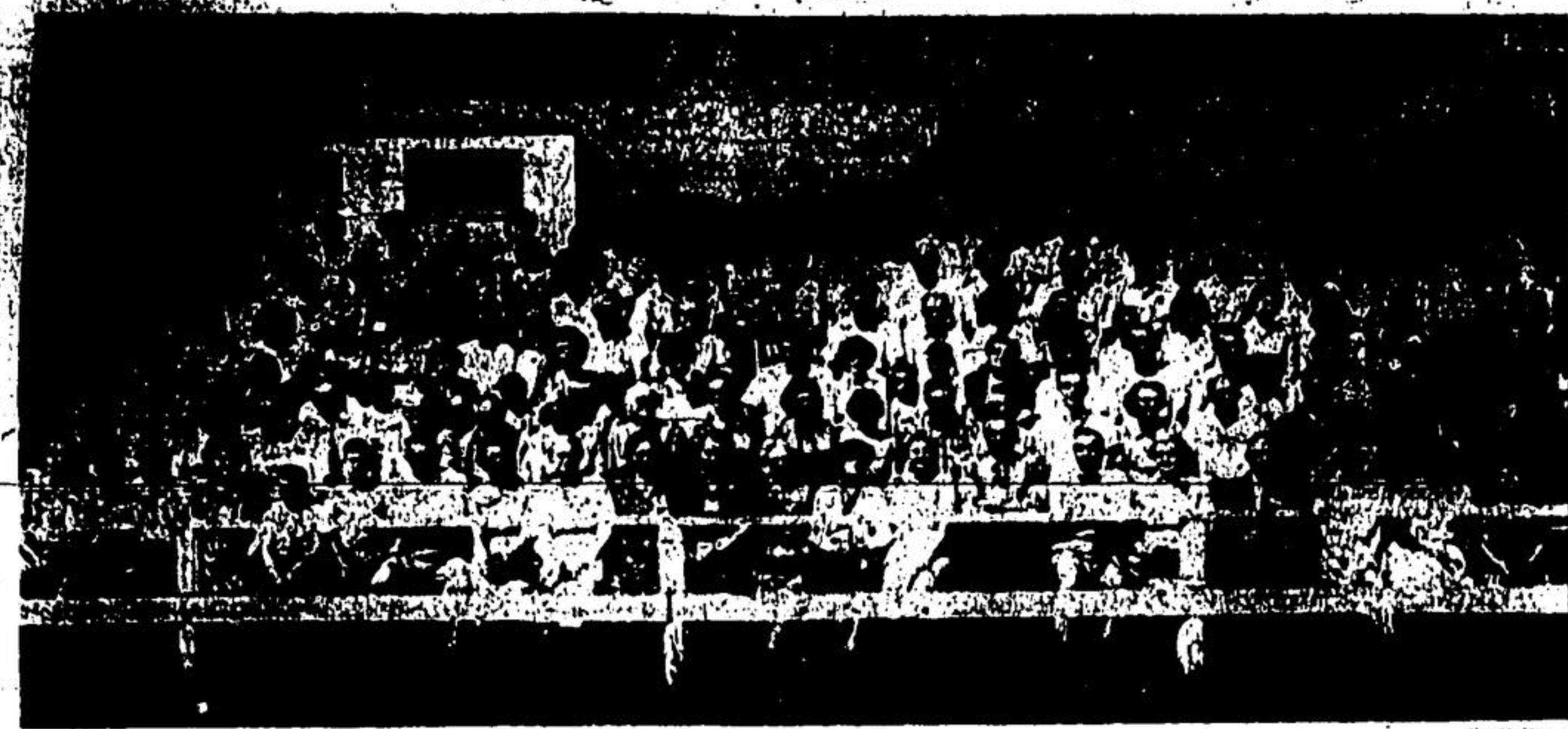
Boy Scouts from Acton were joined by a few from Trafalgar Sunday when they left for a 10-day camping trip to Grand Bend.

If you are going away for the summer holidays, don't forget to check at the Free Press and have your newspaper forwarded.

Traffic was heavy over the holiday weekend and many vehicles bearing United States plates were prominent throughout the area.

The Bell Telephone dial exchange building on Church St. is gradually being completed and the white brickwork adds a striking touch to the neighbourhood.

There seems to be some activity in the long hoped for county museum. The barn on the Alexander property near Kelsco Dam is presently getting top consideration and it could be a worthwhile start.



160 Brownridge Descendants Attend 11th Annual Reunion at Brampton Fair Grounds

## 160 Brownridge Descendants Gather for Annual Reunion

On Saturday a happy reunion was held by the Brownridge family at Brampton Fair Grounds. Family and friends to the number of 160 gathered to celebrate the 11th reunion of this branch of the Brownridge family since the first one was held on July 1, 1907 at the old Homestead, lot 4 concession 7 of Esquimaux Township.

This farm was homesteaded 142 years ago by Thomas Brownridge who emigrated to Canada from Yorkshire in 1819. He married Eliza Ward of Islington and together they raised seven sons and one daughter on the homestead.

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 Descendants of this pioneer family now number close to 700 including over 40 in the sixth generation born in America.

William, the eldest son of the founders of this family in Canada, moved to Michigan about 1882 and established another branch of the family there. Several families from Michigan attended the reunion.

Mrs. Minerva Biggar and Miss Mary Brownridge of Milton, both close to the century mark in years, were unable to be present.

Mrs. Ransom Brownridge, 72, of Milton was the sole representative present of the second generation born in America. Mrs. Mabel Widner, 85, of Brampton was the oldest woman and Ellery Brownridge of Brampton, in his 80th year, was the oldest man present.

While little Marilyn Joan McNabb of Georgetown R.R. 2, only four months old, was the youngest descendant present.

A picnic basket luncheon was served at noon by the Women's Association of Norval United Church, following which a moment of silence was observed in memory of those who had passed on since the last reunion, including several stalwarts of the family who had been very active in organizing and promoting earlier reunions of the family. As part of this commemoration an attractive past presidents' panel had been prepared with photographs of all former presidents of the family association, and was displayed to view for the first time, along with pictures of former reunions and family groups. Greetings were extended to friends and relatives from near and far.

Following luncheon a fine program of sports was directed by Joseph E. Brownridge of Norval and his energetic sports committee.

Following the sports program the group gathered on the track stand for the traditional reunion photograph then adjourned for evening supper after which the following officers were elected for the next reunion tentatively set for the same time in 1964: immediate past president, J. Ward Brownridge, R.R. 2, Georgetown; president, Lyle Brownridge, Lansing, Mich.; first vice-president, Earle K. Brownridge, Lorne Park; second vice-president, Joseph E. Brownridge, Norval; third vice-president, Wilfred F. Irvin, Toronto; recording secretary, John H. Brownridge; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Earle K. Brownridge, Lorne Park; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Bailey; historian, Wilfred F. Irvin.

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**Bell Building Nearly Finished**

The new Bell Telephone dial exchange building for Acton will be completed ahead of schedule and tomorrow (Friday) the tractors expected to have everything completed but inside painting.

Painting has been completed for a parking area at the rear and landscaping is nearly finished and inside fixtures installed. Bulldozers are levelling piles of earth and last minute touches are being completed.

Northern Electric Company will be installing the dial equipment in the building and the system is expected to be in operation sometime in December.

**Bible School Starts At Disciples Church**

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Parker of Ripley visited recently with the latter's mother and brother Colin.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Plusha of Milton were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Justin.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stewart and family moved Thursday of last week to their new home in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bye and family of Burlington spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Benham.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fountain, Donna and Doris are away on holidays at Penetang and Lindsay.

Mrs. Clara Blacklock of Toronto is visiting with Mrs. John Alton and Miss Jennie Towell.

Vacation Bible School opened on Monday for two weeks at church of Christ Disciples.

**No Business Done Council Has Fun**

Headed by Mayor John Gov on water skis, six members of council invaded Lake Belwood last Thursday and enjoyed a steak fry.

Water skiing highlighted the evening and the mayor was applauded when he managed to stay on top of the water after the third try. After delicious thick steaks were devoured, the group toured the lake before returning home.

**Story Clan Holds 37th Annual Reunion**

Many acquaintances were renewed and reunions were enjoyed when members of the Story clan gathered for their 37th annual reunion held at Brookville Hall, Nassagaweya, recently. Some of the senior members now are Dave Story, Framosa; Belle MacDonald, Toronto; Tosh Brownlee, Toronto; Agnes Case, Toronto; Dick Brown, Acton and Bob Wilson, Toronto.

During the year, Bob Brownlee of Toronto, Miss Allison and Mrs. Allen of Acton had passed away. Three minutes' silence was held in memory of these members.

Races for the children were held in the afternoon while the men played horseshoes. Those taking part were Harry McLeod and his sons Mervyn, Ivan, Henry and Art, also Jim O'Rourke, Andy Frank and Roy Arnold.

Evening Program  
 Program conveners Mrs. George Brownlee, who is herself a fine violinist, and Mrs. James O'Rourke organized the program for the evening, which included many fine numbers by the children. Andy Frank congratulated them on their performance. Glen Brownlee is only 12 years old and is trying his grade 11 piano examinations this year. He has also won several medals and scholar ships. Karen O'Rourke won a bronze medal for piano this year as well as a silver medal last year for voice. Dorothy Anne O'Rourke won first class honors this year, plus a gold medal for violin at the Peel Music Festival.

The program included the following numbers: piano solo, Nancy McCallister; violin duet, Karen and Dorothy Anne O'Rourke; vocal duet, Mildred Rowe, Marion and Linda McLean; violin solo, Andy Frank; piano solo, George Brownlee; violin solo, David Brownlee; vocal duet, Dorothy and Mervyn O'Rourke; old time music,

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**Service on Shore At Y.P. Weekend**

Last Sunday members of the United Church Young People's Association, and girls of the Senior C. G. I. T. held their church service on the rocks on the shore of the French River in northern Ontario. They were spending the weekend at the summer cottage of the minister, the Rev. Dwight Engel. The quiet of the isolated site made an impressive change in atmosphere for the service of worship.

In the group were Mary Beth Elliott, Carolyn Hibbard, Donna Pendleton, Pat Bunnell, Paul McGeachie, Hans Van Wierburgh, Norman and Paul Elliott, John Wood, Gerald Weick and David Lidka with Mr. and Mrs. Engel and Jack McGeachie.

They left at 4 a.m. Saturday morning for the long drive.

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**Knox Ladies Donate To Deaconess Home**

Knox Ladies Aid assembled in the church parlor on Tuesday afternoon for their monthly meeting. Mrs. A. M. McPherson presided and opened with a good thought for the day.

The worship service included the hymn "Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and a scripture lesson chosen and read by Mrs. E. Grindell. A prayer period was presented by several members, Mrs. W. McArthur, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. R. M. McDonald, Mrs. J. Dennis, Mrs. D. Kennedy and Mrs. F. Anderson.

**Pay Tribute**

The worship concluded with a silent tribute to the late Mrs. W. Hall, who was a member for many years. Mrs. McPherson read the following verse from a favorite hymn of Mrs. Hall's: "When the day of toil is done, When the race of life is run, Father grant thy wearied one Rest for evermore."

During the business, correspondence was read. A letter was received from Mrs. C. G. Jones, who now resides at "Oen Marston" in Paris, reminding the ladies of the invitation to visit her and plan the annual picnic there. This will be arranged at the July meeting when Mrs. A. J. Murray has invited the group to her home for the meeting and a pot luck supper.

**Make Donation**

A donation of \$25 was made to the furnishing committee of the new deaconess home under construction in Toronto. Other business arrangements were made for two weddings to cater to during July. Mrs. J. Dennis was named as buying convener for both weddings.

The returns from the unique baking sale were brought to this meeting. The treasurer reported \$74 received to date. The cooperation of all the church members who assisted with this project was gratefully appreciated. The meeting closed with the

**\$38,000 WORTH**

Nassagaweya Township issued \$38,000 in building permits during June. The permits included three new homes, one cottage and an alteration.

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