

Sunday's sunshine lured some people out to sit on their porches.

Acton United church is planning a Vacation Bible school this summer.

These longer periods of daylight are certainly helpful to the spirits of spring.

Some of the scenery for the Lions ice carnival is here already stored in the arena.

Tree trimming has made quite an improvement in most sections in town.

There were plenty of children at the Y Saturday for the Y's Men's showing of "Pollyanna".

Police this week issued a warning to stay off the ice on Fairy lake and the school creek.

Some of the rural roads are showing signs of spring fever. Potholes are prominent in quite a few places.

Town workmen cleared the snow off some side streets this week in order to prevent a flooding condition.

The winter snow is fast melting away and residents will be pleased when spring cleaning is done on the roads.

Patrons to the hockey match at Acton arena last night (Wednesday) certainly appreciated the gravel spread over the oozing mud.

To prevent people headed for the arena from sinking in morass over their heads a thick bed of gravel has been laid right up to the door.

Quite a number of robins have been spotted in town now. We even saw one at the school creek opposite the Free Press building.

High school students are busy writing Easter exams this week. Grades 9, 10 and 11 write now, with grades 12 and 13 starting in the near future.

Those who travel north and south are amazed at the difference in the density of snow just between here and Milton. Below Speyside there is almost no snow and even the fields are bare.

A Milton merchant was one of those who got caught by a recent cheque passing artist who visited that town. He learned the individual had been apprehended and lodged in the county jail. He just couldn't resist the opportunity of visiting him and bringing him a package of cigarettes. His greeting: "Glad to see you here."



—Staff Photo

FRENCH COOK turned Irish for St. Patrick's Day seemed to be the situation Saturday during the Legion zone cabbage tournament as George Cooper made tasty hamburgers and meat pies for the large crowd in attendance. George is shown above with a green bow tie and Irish chef's hat just to lend a touch of Ireland for the occasion.

Married 40 Years

Mr. and Mrs. W. McIntyre Feted

Married 40 years ago, in Moffat, Mr. and Mrs. William McIntyre were honored on the occasion of their anniversary when 250 friends, relatives, and neighbors feted the couple during a reception at Brookville Hall, Friday evening.

Following the marriage, Mr. McIntyre and his bride, the former Emily McDonald moved to 23 Nassagaweya, where they have made their home ever since. Presently semi-retired, the couple still enjoy looking after a small herd of stock.

Dance All Night Mrs. McIntyre enjoys sewing and gardening and is quite active in Women's Institute work. Her husband has never lost his knack for dance steps and still enjoys an evening of dancing whether the music is old time or modern.

Family Present Present to join with their parents were the couple's five children, Calvin, Georgina (Mrs. Stan McMillan), Don, Lloyd and Mary. Ten of their 11 grandchildren were also in attendance during the evening and congratulated their grandparents on the happy occasion.

Many gifts, cards and flowers were received by the couple during the night. Dancing was enjoyed for many, while others enjoyed reminiscing over the past 40 years.

Lunch was prepared by the family and served during the evening.

Grand Valley Man Buys Restaurant Here The Clansmann restaurant was sold to "Barney" Featherstone of Grand Valley on Tuesday. Fred Briggs was former owner. Mr. Featherstone is now a salesman but has had restaurant experience in Arthur. After redecoration, the Mill St. restaurant will likely open in April.

SCHOOL NEWS It appears that spring has finally come to Speyside P.S. Although some may not quite agree, there are many signs which indicate it can not be far away. Playing alleys has already be-

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St. Patrick's Euchre Party Held at Bannockburn School

A good crowd enjoyed an evening of euchre at Bannockburn School on Saturday evening, March 17.

Winning prizes at this St. Patrick's event, sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society were ladies' first donated by B. Rachlin, won by Mrs. F. McCutcheon, Acton; ladies' second donated by Simon Hardware won by Mrs. Wilfrid Harding, Limehouse; men's first donated by H. H. Hinton won by Fred Kentner Sr. and men's second donated by Gordon's Hardware won by Roy Haley, Georgetown.

Ladies' door prize donated by Lovell Bros. was won by Mrs. R. L. Davidson and men's door prize donated by Acton Creamery Ltd. was won by G. G. Matthews.

The delicious cheese served at lunch was donated by Ledger's I.G.A. Miss Beryl McEnery drew the tickets for the door prizes.

Conveners of this enjoyable event were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McEnery and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson.

High School Highlights

By Gary Murr

There was not a busier boy in Acton high school last week than Randy Daly. Two nights were spent in climbing the Fittell Tower in the gym in feverish desperation to complete the decorations for the At Home.

On Wednesday evening he scurried down to a dinner meeting at the Deon Golf and Country Club to represent the Guelph district in the Divisional Public Speaking Finals for the Industrial Accident Prevention Association.

Judges complimented Randy on his excellent speech and gave him tips that are directed to spur him on to repeated efforts in the future. He stood third among the group who were the prize winners of the Sectional Contest, Acton High School moving forward to your being first prize winner next year, Randy.

NOTHING BINDING Pat, speaking of former boy friend: I don't know whether I ought to recognize him in the city or not. Our acquaintance at the seaside was very slight. Friend: But you promised to marry him, didn't you? Pat: Yes, but that was all.

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Two New Appointments Made 55 Parents, Teachers Meet

Mrs. E. Browne presided over the meeting of parents and teachers held last Thursday in M. Z. Bennett school. Approximately 55 parents and teachers attended.

Following the business session the program was a panel debate on the effect of TV on children's education and this was judged by the parents in open discussion.

Of federal government revenue from taxes on personal and corporation incomes, and succession duties, Ontario provides one-half, Quebec one-quarter, and the remaining eight provinces provide the remaining one-quarter.

Two new committee members were chosen. Mrs. Lynch is replacing Mr. Drinkwater as program chairman — who felt he would not have the necessary time to devote to the position. Mrs. Bannon was chosen as finance chairman.

Six representatives volunteered to attend the home and school council meeting on March 22 in Guelph.

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SCOOPS

From Speyside School

ROOM 1 — They are studying the moon and stars. To add to their interest they listened to a poem called "The Man in the Moon". They painted pictures of the launching of John Glenn. They made a mural as part of their study of Indians. For art they made masks.

ROOM 2 — In special studies we have been studying Switzerland. We have learned that Switzerland is in the continent of Europe. We know that Holland is flat and Switzerland has many mountains. They have Swiss Chalets for houses. On the mountain three chalets are in a group. The first one has food for their herds to eat. In the second they have a dairy where butter and cheese is made. The third is where the herders stay. Berne is the capital of Switzerland. Berne means "the bear".

On top of the mountains are glaciers. The glaciers are icy and snowy all year round.

The herders use an alpenhorn for calling the cows for milking. Swiss cheese is made in the little huts on the mountain side. Some times the Swiss cheese takes over a year to age. Swiss cheese is sold all over the world. Most

people like it very well.

ROOM 3 — This week we made imaginary fish for art. On Tuesday and Wednesday the inspector visited our classroom. Outside the girls have been skipping and playing soccer. Grade five wrote their social studies examination and grade four their language test last week.

ROOM 4 — Recently in room four we had a bake and rummage sale. From this we earned \$23.00 making our total for the Junior Red Cross \$35.00. For art last Thursday many interesting figures were drawn for St. Patrick's Day.

ROOM 5 — Grade seven won in spelling although it was only by one mistake. The Declaration of Independence is the topic of grade seven's history.

Grade eight is learning about early railroads in Canada. Room five sent \$14.95 to the Red Cross this week.

Five Young Acton Skaters Spin in Guelph Carnival Five young Acton skaters with their graceful steps, jumps and spins, drew a large ovation from over 5,000 spectators present to see "Rhapsody on Ice" the skating carnival presented by the Guelph College Figure Skating Club in Memorial Gardens Friday and Saturday evenings. Although quite a number of Acton skaters belong to the club just the five took part in the carnival.

These were Barbara and Joan Cook, Linda Braida, Elizabeth Force and the youngest Acton skater of them all Elaine Lamb. Skaters ranged in age from three years to 18 years of age and the all-acton cast was trained by Mrs. Sandra Tewksbury-Ritchie triple gold medalist and member of the Canadian Olympic team and Mrs. Bruce Payne silver medalist and member of the University Skating Club who is also assistant pro to Hans Griswalter.

Dutch Theme Elaine Lamb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lamb in her first year of figure skating appeared as a Dutch maid in blue and white costume while bronze medalist Barbara Cook did the Dutch waltz. The junior skaters were featured in a "Dax in Holland."

Later in the program bronze medalist Joan Cook and silver dance medalist Linda Braida appeared with eight other girls as they danced to "Bali Hi" and "Dipsy Doodle" and presented a graceful display of ice dancing with their partners.

Solo Numbers Gold medalist Elizabeth Force did a solo number entitled "Sleeping Beauty" which included many difficult spins and jumps. Linda Braida reappeared in a solo number as she waltzed to the beautiful music of "My Fair Lady."

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