

1,500 Pack Community Centre Saturday To Watch Lions Club's Skating Carnival

The Galt Skating Club in "Col-orama", mixed with special solos and combined numbers of Acton skaters (members of the Guelph Club) attracted the largest crowd estimated in 17 years to Acton Arena Saturday evening. Paid admissions exceeded 1,100 (about 500 children). Including complimentary passes and guests, the crowd reached in the neighborhood of 1,500.

Scintillating organ tunes played by Paul Berg, organist at Central Church in Galt, director of music at the University of Waterloo, and director of the famous Schneider male choir, kept the audience tapping toes and clapping hands as the young skaters whirled and twirled on their blades, under the sponsorship of the Acton Lions Club.

The arena section of the Community Centre was transformed into the brilliance of a "Winter Wonderland" setting for the carnival, complete with colored lights all around the ice surface and two brilliant spotlights. Seats were at a premium as the crowd began to arrive early to procure their tickets in spite of a drizzling rain.

Action On First

As soon as the lights were dimmed and red colored footlights lit up the ice surface, young beginners from Acton demonstrated a lesson in figure skating. The youngsters ranged in age from three to 17 years. Included in this group were Bonnie Bristow, Elaine Doherty, Anita Brada, Peter Arbic, Elaine Lamb, Diane Lamb, Joan Cook, Barbara Cook, Sally Wilson, Sharon Bradley, Linda Braida and Elizabeth Force.

Members of the Lions-sponsored Juvenile hockey club donned skates and got into the act. Their number, entitled "The Goalers",

performed in almost total darkness, gave the children many thrills. The hockey players, decked out as miniature spacemen, skated back and forth on the ice surface and came right up to the crowd in seats nearest the ice surface.

Mare Collapses

"The Old Gray Mare, She Ain't What She Used To Be" caused gales of laughter throughout the arena as Pete Papillon and Gerry Jerome played the part of the mare. When the horse collapsed from exhaustion, a quick call was sent out for the veterinarian, played by Rae West.

Elizabeth Force, Linda Braida and Sharon Bradley had solo numbers during the evening. All Acton skaters received hearty applause for their performance.

During the two-part program entitled "Wonderland" and "Kaleidoscope", each section complete with several phases, the skaters, arrayed in bright, attractive costumes, waltzed and skated among the interchangeable scenery. The ice was specially painted.

Champions Applauded

Headlining the Galt skaters were Linda Ann Ward and Neil Carpenter, W.O.N.P. Senior Pairs Champions, 1962 and runners-up Canadian Pairs; Gail and Neil Snyder, W.O.N.P. Junior Pairs Champions, 1962; Gail Snyder and Wayne Palmer, third in Canadian Junior Dance, 1962; and Linda Farrell and David Hardwick, W.O.N.P. Junior Pairs runners-up, 1962.

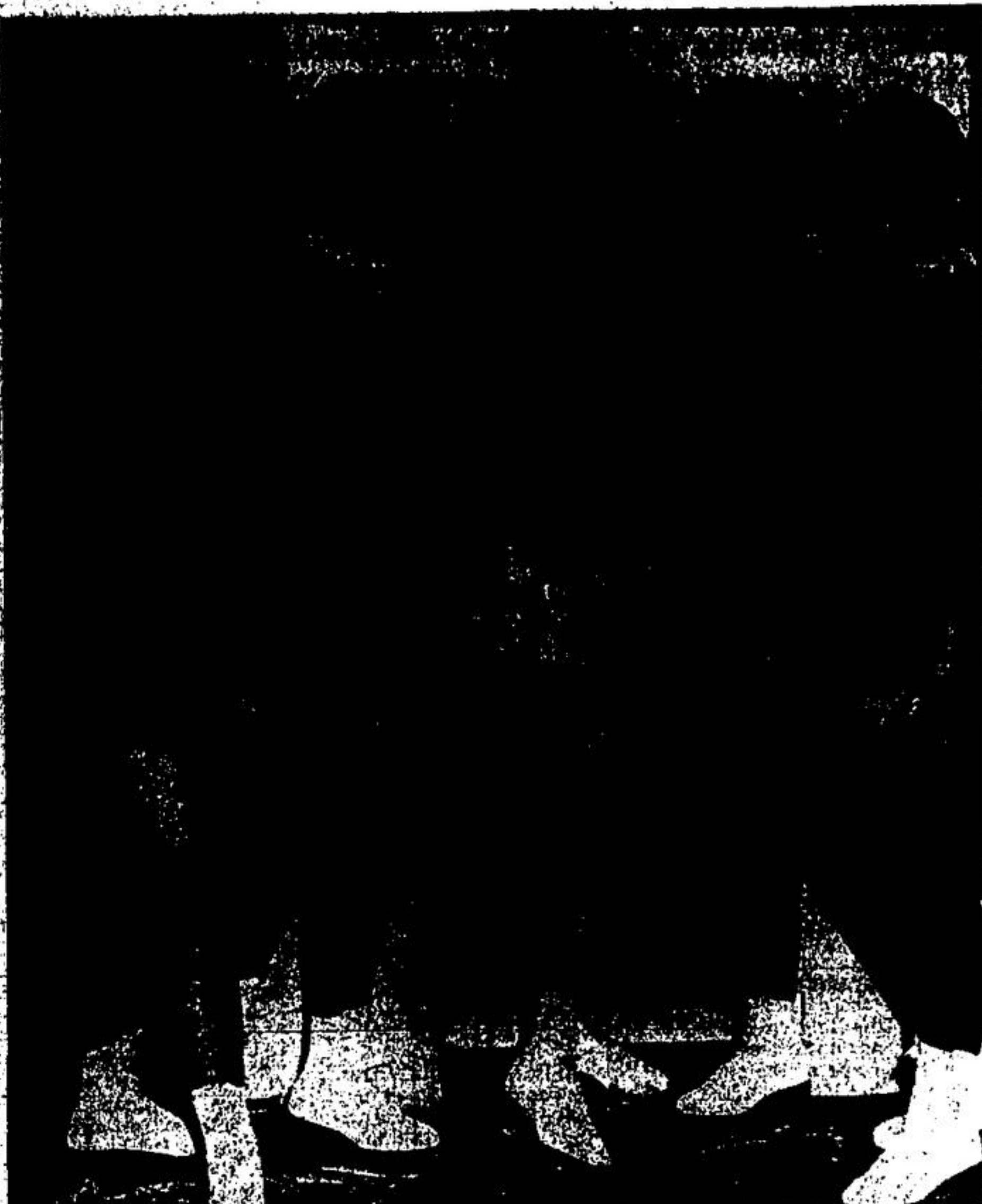
President Ray Arbic of the Lions Club opened the show, welcoming the crowd. Mayor Johnny Goy congratulated the club for making artificial ice their main project. Norm Braida was master of ceremonies.

There was very little sleep all the week before the carnival for Vic Bristow and Murray Harrison, who were in charge of the very successful special effects.

After the last skater had left the ice and patrons were filing out of the Community Centre, Lions Club members' wives served the skaters a buffet luncheon. President Ray Arbic presented a



COMIC SKATERS always thrill the children, especially during any carnival, and three members of the Lions Club dressed up to take part in one of the comic numbers. Rae West, shown dressed as a veterinarian, is ready to give "The Old Gray Mare" a shot to keep her going. Pete Papillon was the front half of the horse and Gerry Jerome the back half.



ATTRACTIVE COSTUMES were worn by the skaters Saturday evening. Four of the Acton skaters were snapped by the Free Press cameraman as they posed with Linda Farrell of Galt. Pictured left to right are Sharon Bradley, Joan Cook, Miss Farrell, Sally Wilson and Barbara Cook. The Acton skaters are members of the Guelph club.

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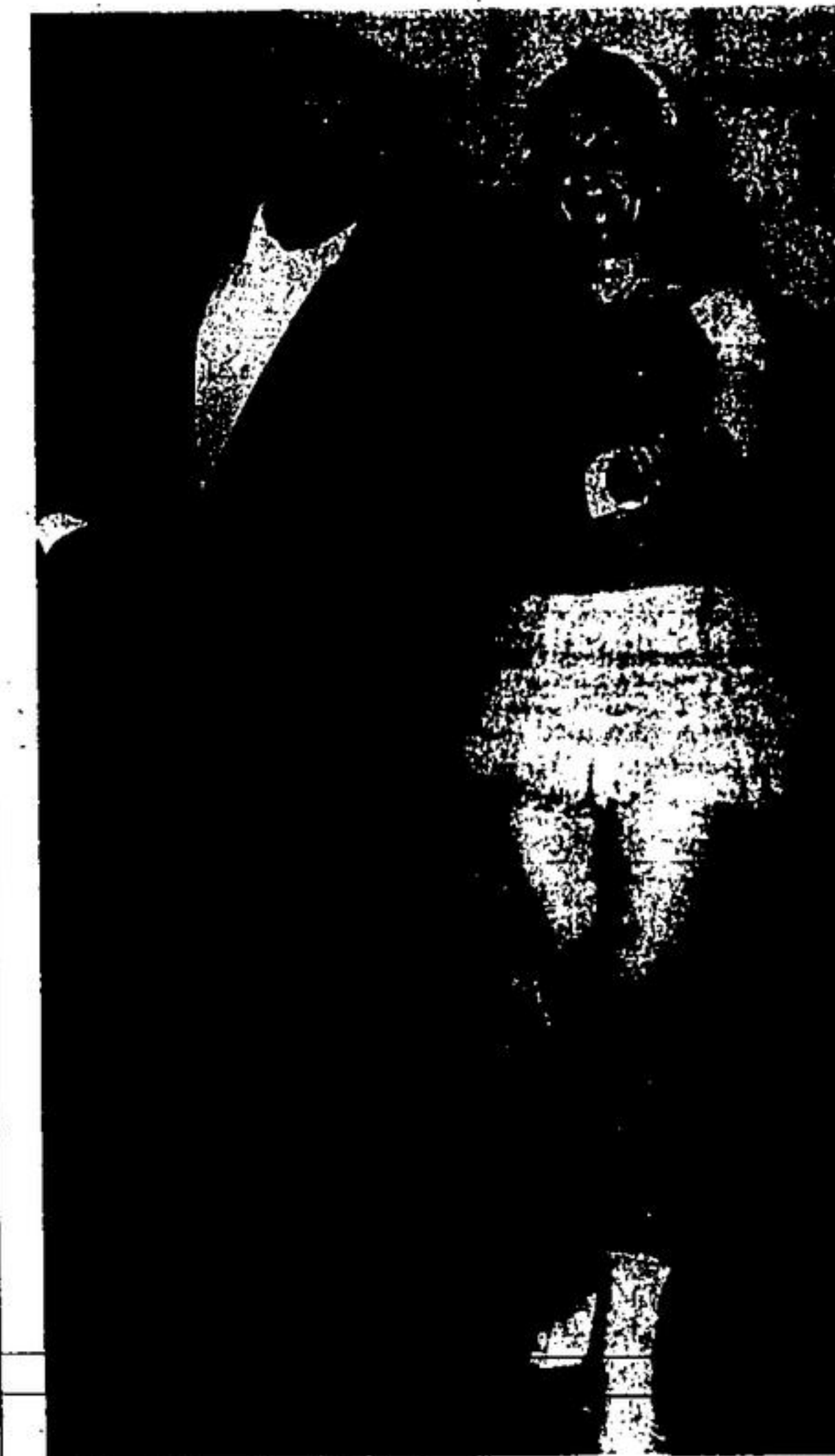
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FIGURE SKATERS during the Acton Lions Club carnival Saturday night relax prior to their appearance before the large crowd in attendance. Pictured above left to right are Patsy Memmott, Galt; Elizabeth Force, Acton and Neil Carpenter, Galt. The largest crowd to attend a public function in the arena within the past 17 years, was estimated by officials



"THE DIAMONDS", a comic team from Brantford, amused the large audience during the Acton Lions Club Skating carnival Saturday evening. Pictured left to right are Bob Lester and Les Reeves. Both have been skating together for a number of years and are well known at skating carnivals.

EDEN MILLS

Continue Successful Dances Decision of Community Club

(Intended for last week) Powell with other Guides from The Executive of Eden Mills Ontario Wednesday in Toronto Community Club met Monday evening at the Marton home with the President, Mansel Lowrie in the chair. The executive and dances are to be continued as they are proving popular with the Curries Orchestra supplying the music.

Prize winners Saturday evening were ladies, Mrs. J. Gilbertson, Mrs. H. Gilbertson, Fran Tolton and Mrs. Bill Martin, Jim Tolton and Gerry Goldthorpe.

Toronto Rally
Helen Malby and Patsy Wright of Eden Mills Spirit Val ley 1st troop Girl Guides were chosen to meet Lady Baden C. Blanchard of Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sinn and Mrs. Larry of Orilla, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. McIntosh.

Dianne Stevenson is home after being confined to hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cann and Art Stevenson attended the Dickenson Stevenson wedding at Knox Church, Guelph recently.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cann were Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Hamilton Mr. and Mrs. C. Blanchard of Exeter.

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