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## Village of Orton no longer exists

The police village of Orton no longer exists. The Ontario Municipal Board has approved an application by the village trustees that it dissolve the village effective April 3.

The board agreed that in recent years, the cost of administration, particularly road maintenance, was too heavy a burden.

The board felt it was in the best interests for all concerned if the townships of Erin and East Garafraxa, in which the village was located, took over the community.

Orton has been in existence for 60 years and had a population of 58 persons.

## Youngster hit by car Wed.

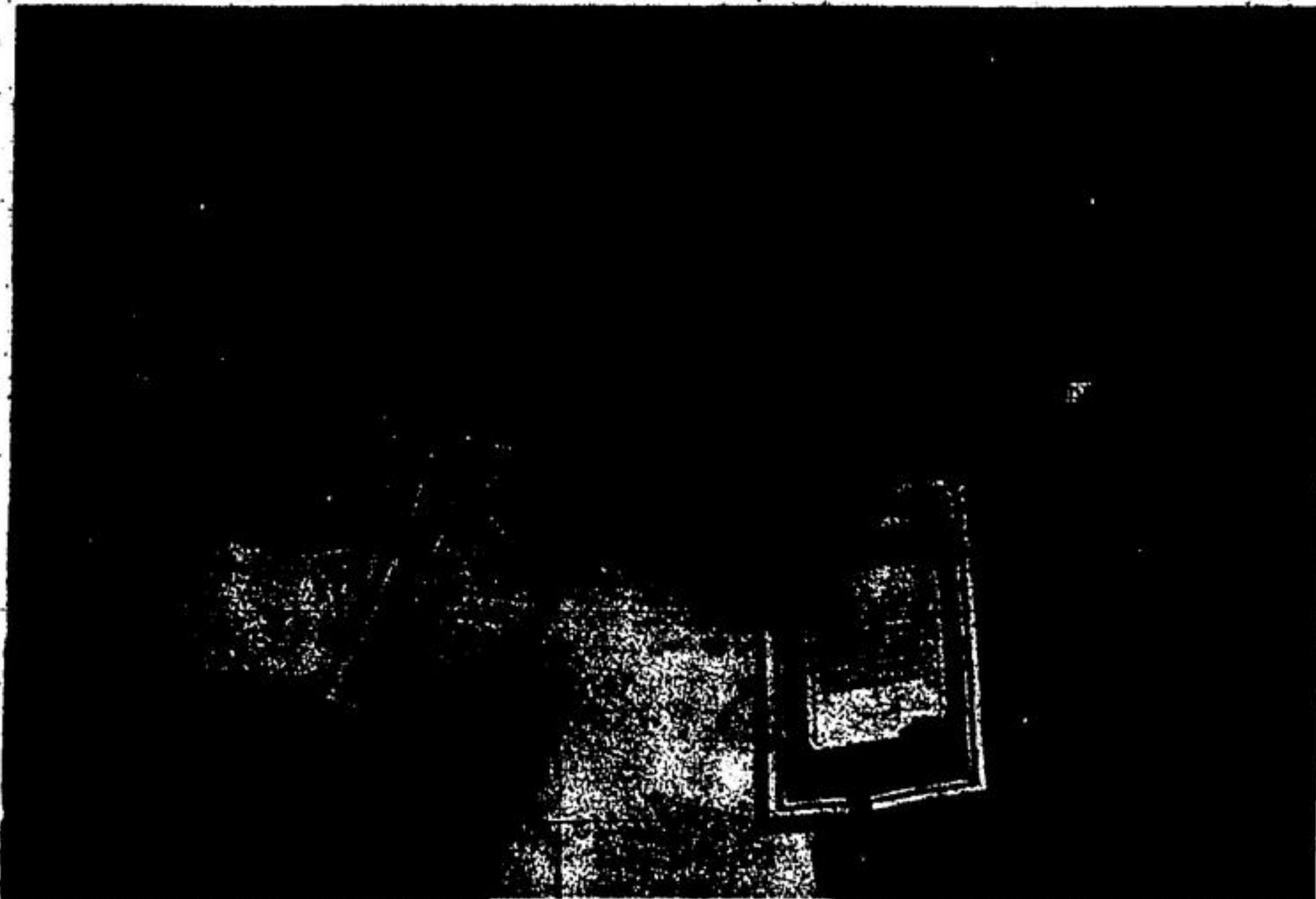
Kindergarten student Bert Post, 17 Mill St., was struck by a car and injured last Wednesday afternoon on Mill West in front of the laundromat at 4:40 p.m. The youngster ran onto the road in the path of a car driven by Hendrik Kuiperij, R.R. 1 Acton. He suffered bruises and lacerations to his head and back, and after examination in the nearby office of Dr. Brian Moore he went to Guelph for X-rays.

Cons. Bruce MacArthur investigated.

## Choraliers sing at Guelph Legion

Acton Legion Choraliers were entertainers at the social evening following the induction of over 30 new members into the John MacRae branch of the Legion in Guelph last Friday evening. They sang a lively program and were very well received.

They are holding extra practices and increasing their repertoire for their engagement to sing at Expo this summer. Following the Guelph date, they received an unexpected and very welcome donation of \$50 toward their Expo expenses.



**VETERAN BLOOD DONORS** who totalled over 128 donations between them were presented with special certificates, at Thursday's blood donor clinic in the legion hall. Nurse June Lawrence made the presentation top to Hargy Halladay, left, for 27 donations and Elmer Roszell who has made 29. Bottom, Sharon

Saunders presents Ray Mason with his certificate and Miss Lawrence makes the presentation to Rev. Stanley Gammon, pastor of Acton Baptist church. Corp. Mason gave his 43rd pint of blood at the clinic while Mr. Gammon's donation was his 29th.

(Staff Photos)

## Nothing settled

# Esquising council, committee of adjustment discuss thorny issue of land separations

Esquising council and the township committee of adjustment found they could come to no agreement with each other because there was disagreement among themselves concerning the direction Esquising should take on land separations for building houses in the township.

Asked to appear before the regular meeting of the township council Monday night following a recommendation they made to slow down separations from one to four years, the committee of adjustment and council could come to no conclusions.

There were differences of opinion on almost all matters up for discussion on changing the present legislation which allows one separation at a time to a total of four from each 100 acres.

Councillor C. F. (Pat) Patter-

son listened to two suggestions for cutting down separations before he told the meeting the township could not continue to go the way they were going.

"Let's look ahead to the future," he said. "We could have an education tax rate that will put the farmer out of business."

It's not the farmer's business to sell off lots. There's got to be a brake put on it somewhere. If we on council don't do it, somebody's going to tell us to do it," he continued.

"Mr. Plunkett may be right," he said, referring to the Plunkett report which recommended the northern part of Halton be kept rural. "The education tax is higher than I ever thought it could be."

Councillor George Currie disagreed. "If you never sell another lot we're still going to

have to pay for high schools in Milton, Georgetown etc."

"The additional cost could break us," interjected Reeve George Leslie.

"We're not going to stop the towns from growing," opined Mr. Currie.

Edwin Harrop, chairman of the committee of adjustment, told the meeting that allowing new houses in the township, was only making conditions worse.

"Good quality homes never hurt anybody," retorted councillor Currie.

"We should decide whether Esquising is an urban or a rural area," said councillor Patterson. "If it's urban, throw it wide open. If it's rural — put the brakes on. I'm a guy who says we should be farming the country. We're heading for chaos as long as we leave it open."

"We can't blame people for taking advantage of the situation. We need intestinal fortitude to close it off," continued Mr. Patterson.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay when questioned on the number of lots sold said 1913 were sold in the 10 years from 1953 to 1963. Last year there were 102 separations.

"A lot of 10 acre lots sold before the by-law was put through," said the clerk. "You can sell 10 acre lots to your heart's content — they're considered farms."

"Just in one area of the township, though," said councillor Patterson.

"No, all over," said the clerk.

The plight of elderly couples wishing to build a small house came in for discussion after a committee recommendation to limit lots to 20,000 sq. ft. and houses to 1200 sq. ft.

Mr. Harrop said a 20,000 sq. ft. lot was not going to affect the number of land separations. He cited Nassagaweya where houses could only be built in specified areas — villages.

"Don't think they aren't going to get busy making youngsters there, too," said councillor Currie.

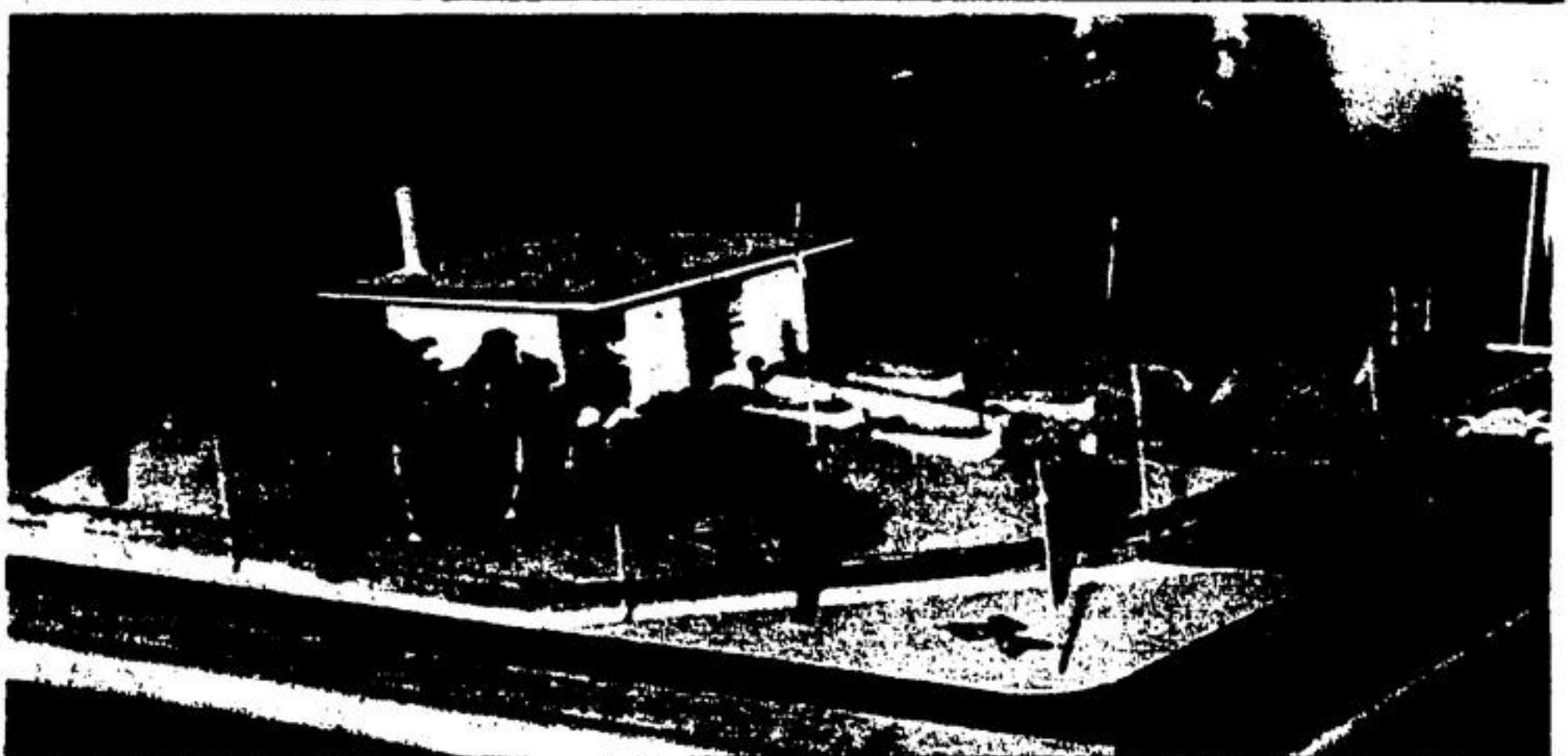
"Bigger villages and then you are faced with sewer and water problems," cautioned the clerk.

"What do you think the cure is?" asked Mr. Currie.

"Cut down land-separations," answered councillor Pat Patterson.

The ensuing discussion on 10 acre lots brought forth suggestions for increasing the minimum lot size to 25 acres and a suggestion from Denny Charles to enforce 20,000 sq. ft.

(Staff Photo)



**LANDSCAPED MODEL OF ACTON'S** new centennial library which won a first prize for a graduating student of the Niagara Park Commission school of horticulture was received by

the town this week. The model will be on display as soon as possible. The entire graduating class assisted in the project.

## Sixth is best yet

# 800 applaud skaters

Undoubtedly the best carnival to date, according to all concerned, was the one iced Saturday evening at the end of the sixth year of figure skating in Acton. Just over 75 children were matched by almost an equal number of assisting adults to put on the colorful show for an admiring audience of over 800 — a record high.

Concluding her second year with the club, professional Mrs. Nancy Skuce and Acton's Sally Wilson, both silver medalists, concluded many, many hours of planning and practice in a final swirl of blades and burst of cheering as they accepted flowers at the end of the smooth-paced centennial show.

"It was definitely the best carnival yet," said Figure Skating Club president Phillip McCristall. "It's a new club coming up with improvements each year. This year we had more costumes and better ideas on how to run it."

He added "it was the best year for co-operation, too."

A record number of nearly 80 parents helped, when the names were all added up. "And one of the main things was the way the two professionals worked together," he concluded with admiration. He explained during the last three weeks, they spent many extra hours together working the carnival all out. They did all the choreography themselves. Last year, Mrs. Skuce's par-

ents helped her in tasks that this year could be taken by local people who have been gaining their experience in carnivals gradually.

Harold Townsley prepared the music and the tapes were played by Ed Leatherland, the fiancé of skating teacher Sally Wilson.

Heading the carnival committee were Mrs. Harold Townsley, Mrs. G. de Bruyn and Mrs. Stu Reed.

Costumes were highly praised this year, and Mrs. Reed designed most of them. There were no rentals at all and the costumes will be stored for future use. (A storage area has been prepared for them in the community centre.)

The most striking headress-

es were again this year made by Mrs. Skuce's mother from Montreal. Her parents were here for the show.

The lighting effects were unusual; in charge of spotlights were John Buckman and Vic Bristow with assistants Kevin Hall, Ab Irwin and others.

Jim Inglis looked after the gate with the help of others; Howard Pearce gave the commentary and president Phil McCristall spoke briefly in appreciation of the co-operation and the crowd attending.

On the Friday evening before the carnival, the "bee" began to paint the ice and decorate the boards, hang the curtains, cover the lights and build the little train. Among the most active workers at the head of a roster of volunteers were Harold Townsley, John Buckman, Ab Irwin, Ed Leatherland, Frank Thompson and Don Ford.

After the dress rehearsal Saturday morning, the children and their parents enjoyed hot dogs, chocolate milk, pop, coffee and cake in a kind of pre-show celebration.

The two sections of the program were "Canada's Northland" and "Canada West to East" and the centennial theme carried through every number.

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AS AMERICAN Beauty Rose, Lynne Dunn had a featured solo.

# Outdoor sportsmen's show, buffalo roast C. of C. hopes

This week is Chamber of Commerce week across Canada and although the Acton group has its main event of the year on Saturday, April 29, for centennial year they also have other plans under consideration.

For a centennial feast, Chamber of Commerce officials have placed an advance order for a thousand pound buffalo with the Department of Indian Affairs. Each year a certain number of buffalo are slaughtered and sold commercially, and the meat is a treat that's not easy to obtain.

Just when Acton shoppers will meet Acton merchants over a buffalo steak sandwich has not been definitely decided. It is possible Actonians will shuffle off to buffalo (meat) this spring.

Chamber member John Shadbolt, who is in Ottawa on business, is checking up on the Acton C. of C. menu this week.

For the big centennial fair weekend, the Chamber is putting out feelers in all directions for the lining up of Canada's first outdoor sportsmen's show.

The show, which would run the same time as the fair, could be across the lake at the Nelles farm.

Inquiries made give probab-

ity of trap shooting with the 1966 Canadian trap shooting champion demonstrating archery, the Black Gunpowder club with ancient blunderbusses, dog trials, a flying exhibition and of course commercial exhibits.

A few especially keen members of the Chamber are pursuing the possibility of the sportsmen's show with much enthusiasm.

Another aspect of current planning is the hope of forming an agricultural society here. Member John Rol is still investigating the possibility and trying to determine how much interest and support there would be.

Of course the main event of the month, coming shortly after the Chamber of Commerce week, is the annual Citizen of the Year dinner.

This year the dinner is being expanded into a more social evening with a program and a dance following, in the band hall. It is a pleasant occasion for all Actonians, and it's expected the usually good attendance will be increased this centennial year.

As usual, the members of the Chamber have had several suggestions as to this year's choice of Citizen of the Year, but they are glad to hear from anyone else. Orval Chapman is in charge this year.

## Herman Freuler's centennial hymn published, now on sale

"Hymn to Canada," the song written by Herman Freuler especially for Canada's centennial year, has been published in sheet music form by the Toronto branch of BMI Canada Limited, a large music firm.

It is now on sale, at sixty cents a copy, at Watson's Music store.

The song had its premiere at the Robert Little school opera when Diane Frank and Bob Krul sang it to a delighted audience.

A four part arrangement of the tune has been made by George Elliott, Citizens' Band leader and also organist and choir leader of the United church. He tried his arrange-

ment with some of his choir members, and had taped it for George Musselle, the leader of the Legion Choraliers.

Now that choir is having sufficient copies made for all the members and Mr. Elliott is transposing the piano arrangement.

Additional rehearsals are being held each week by the Choraliers and they are boosting their repertoire prior to singing at Expo on the Dominion Day weekend. Extra engagements and special events are piling up as they couple their preparation of the program and their drive for funds to finance new uniform trousers and some of their Montreal expenses.

## Two accidents 17 charges laid in O.P.P. report

Officers of the Acton Detachment patrolled 752 miles and worked a total of 200 hours during the period Mar. 26 to April 1 inclusive.

Acton O.P.P. report there was no court-held on March 27 at Magistrate's Court in Milton. One charge of having liquor other than his residence resulted to an out-of-town person.

Two motor vehicle accidents were investigated, one a personal injury accident involving a pedestrian, the other a property damage accident between two vehicles, one driver of which was charged with impaired driving.

There were 17 charges and 20 warnings issued under the Highway Traffic Act.

## Eight teachers resign from public schools

Acton public school board will lose eight teachers—three from the M. Z. Bennett school and five from Robert Little this year it was disclosed at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.

Miss K. Heller, Mrs. J. Anderson and Miss D. Lerch have resigned from the M. Z. Bennett staff. They teach kindergarten, grades one and four respectively.

Mary Beth Elliott, kindergarten; Verity McIntosh, grades 1-2; Carol Pugsley, grades 3-4; Mrs. Marlene Titon, art and Marian Gallagher have resigned from the Robert Little school staff.



CALGARY STAMPEDE members in fringed buckskin and ten gallon hats are Linda Perry, Karen Townsley, Debbie Hurgott, Ann Marie Luty,

Susan Hurgott and Gerda Seiz. A chuck wagon was pulled onto the ice for the western number. (Staff Photo)