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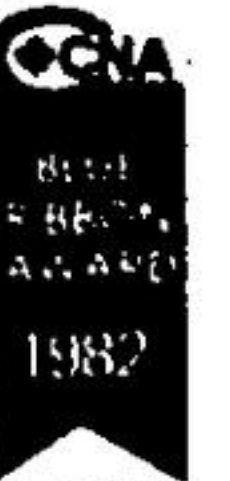
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Losers are those who missed band's concert

So there's nothing to do in Acton? That's a continual refrain in this community.

Well, twice on Saturday a total of about 700 children and adults learned there was indeed something very worthwhile and extremely enjoyable to do in Acton on a rainy Saturday.

Unfortunately, another 1,500 adults and children missed out and unquestionably they are the losers.

Of course, we are talking about Saturday's two performances of the Central Band of the Canadian Forces.

Are there enough adjectives to describe just how great the band is? The remainder of space allotted to this comment could be filled with accolades for their performances here. Suffice to say the band was absolutely tremendous.

Saturday afternoon they played their children's program for only about 100 youngsters and a handful of parents, mostly cub and brownie leaders.

Saturday night the crowd was better, around 600, but far short of capacity.

Jack Carpenter, his helpers from Walker Lodge of the Masons here in town and in the district, and arena staff were understandably disappointed. They put a lot of effort into bringing the band here. But like all others who heard this highly talented group of Canadian musicians they couldn't be disappointed with the shows.

About 1,000 tickets were distributed to area schools for free admission to students to the afternoon show. Another 1,200 were for sale for the evening performance at \$6 each.

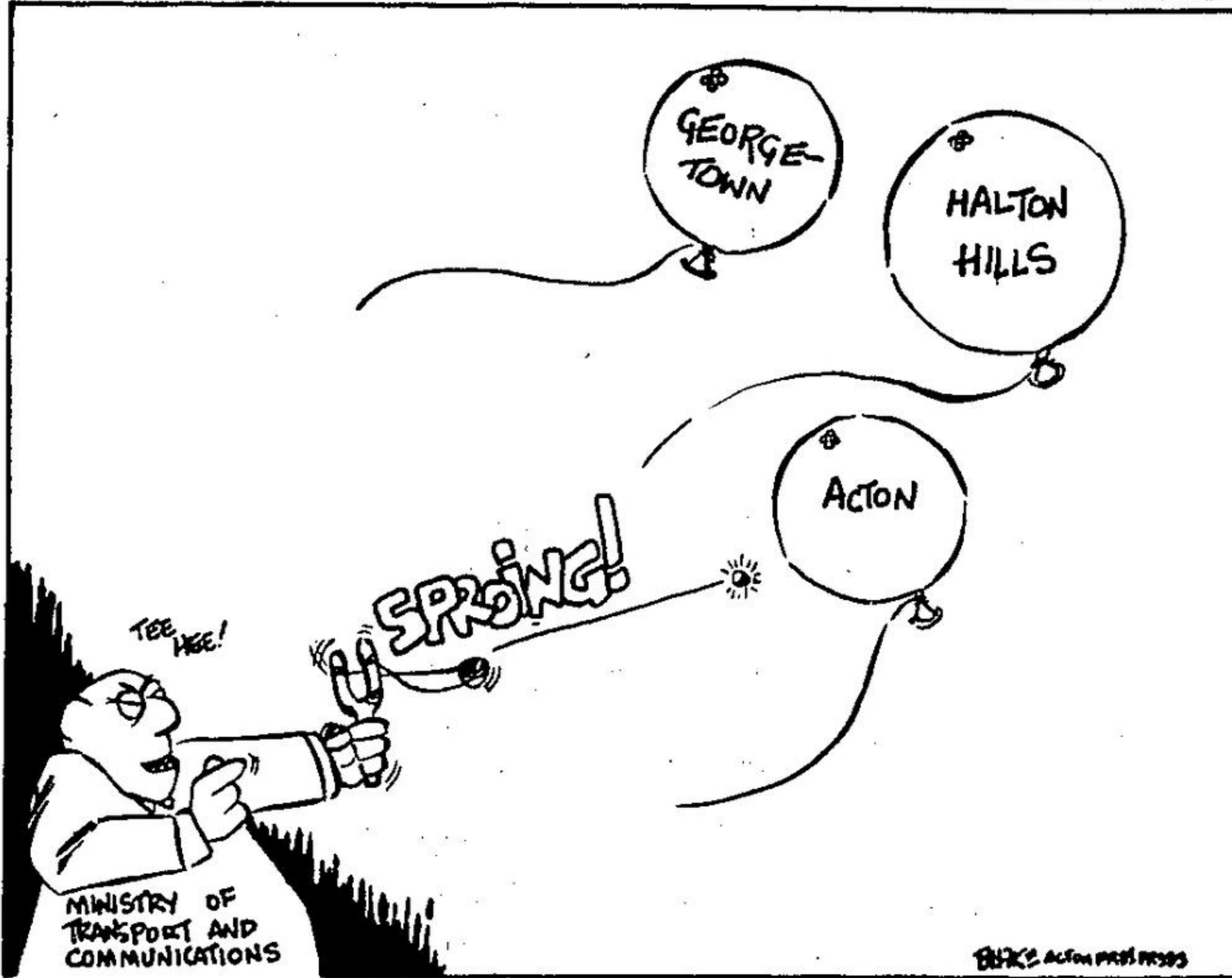
The list of excuses or explanations for the failure of so many in town to take advantage of the chance to hear and see such a highly acclaimed band is almost as long as the number of no shows.

Maybe there were some small failings in promoting this event and ensuring there were big crowds for the band. But, ultimately the individuals who could have attended and didn't must accept responsibility for the fact that Acton was somewhat embarrassed in front of visitors on Saturday.

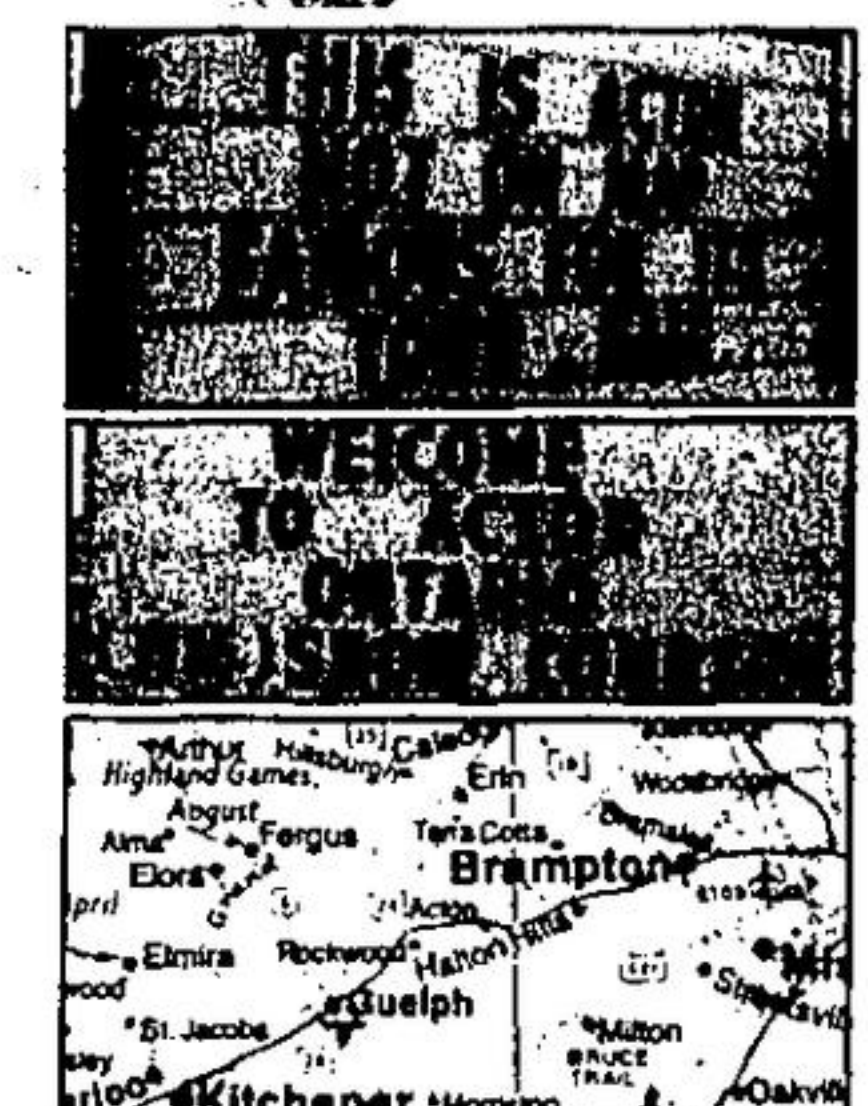
There are a number of sad notes to be sounded on this matter. A goodly number of parents called late last week to see if they could take their children to the show, and not expecting a dismal Saturday afternoon crowd, organizers said no.

And possibly the saddest note of all. The poor crowds likely won't encourage the Masons, or other groups of volunteers here trying to do things for the community, to attempt to bring first class attractions to this town in the future. That will mean there's less to do in Acton.

To the band members, from the grateful 700 who heard you, a final heartfelt thanks.



On the Leavell
With Helen



Some interesting revelations have been uncovered since the Free Press reported last week Acton was left off the new provincial road map.

Two local merchants have gotten into the swing of things and used their road signs to promote the boo-boo. Tyler Travel sign says "This is Acton, Not on map, Famous for its town hall." At Halton Hills' Furniture and Appliances it says "Welcome to Acton, Ontario (Jim) Snow Country (referring to the minister of transportation and communication's attitude about the entire issue).

And long-time Acton resident Wilo Near last week brought in a December 1978 National Geographic magazine containing a road map of Ontario.

On the regular map, Halton Hills is depicted with just a dot. No Acton or Georgetown mentioned.

But—on the blow up of the area, Halton Hills is listed, and so is Acton. There is no mention of Georgetown. Acton has its own dot, but Georgetown must be the Halton Hills dot.

And, to cap it off, Halton Hills recreation director Tom Shepard also called the Free Press to point out to the American Automobile Association (AAA) and the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA), the map of Ontario for 1981 shows Halton Hills and Acton, but once again Georgetown is left off. The maps are for use of members only.

Now's the time to put her veins where her mouth is. At the Acton Unit of the Red Cross Association annual meeting in January, Halton Hills councillor Terry Grubbe said at the next blood donor clinic she would give a pint of blood.

Well, Terry, and everyone else, the next clinic is next Tuesday starting at 5 p.m. at the Legion. Push up your old sleeve Terry.

Birthday greetings go out to Laura Dittich who turned 75 years old on Monday.

Talk about finding a needle in a haystack. Downtown shopkeeper Paul Nielsen can go one better. Paul was approached by someone who

had lost a diamond ring set in Lake Ontario. He donned his scuba gear and headed for the spot the jewellery was last seen. And guess what—he found the rings.

Acton High School is holding a car wash this Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. Proceeds go to help pay for the graduation celebrations. Rain date is Sunday.

Trinity United Church is holding a farewell reception Sunday, June 20 in the Church Parlour to honor Rev. and Mrs. Chuck Beaton who leave at the end of the month for a new church in Hamilton. The reception runs from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

The North Halton Hospice is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested is welcome to a meeting next Thursday evening (June 17) at Milton District Hospital.

North Halton Hospice is a volunteer agency which has been in existence for 18 months, laying the groundwork for a very sensitive but needed service. The Hospice services rely completely on volunteers.

The goals of the group are to make holistic (total) care of the terminally ill family member more readily available for those who want this service during a terminal illness; to provide supportive and educational services to bereaved individuals and families in the area of death, grief and hospice, palliative care; and to encourage and assist the integration of a Hospice care principles into the existing health care system.

For more information call Eva Sansom at 853-1703.

Mothers and mothers-to-be interested in information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of the Acton La Leche League. It will be held on Monday, June 14 at 8 p.m. at the home of Anne McIntyre, RR1 Acton. The topic for this meeting is "The Art of Breastfeeding

and Overcoming Difficulties" and the Informal discussion will include encouragement and information on how to establish a happy nursing relationship.

A lending library on childbirth, child care, breastfeeding and nutrition is available at the meeting. Babies are welcome. For further information, call 878-4803 or 878-3884.

Acton readers of the Toronto Sun were surprised to find Miss Acton Fall Fair 1980 Lisa McGrath on page 3 as last Wednesday's Sunshine Girl.

The information given said Lisa was Miss Labatt's Blue Can-Am, and reigned over the Molson Can-Am race last weekend. It also noted her 20th birthday was on Sunday.

Lisa's face is not new to Sun readers. Last year she appeared as a Sunshine Girl and readers voted her Girl of the Month. Her picture also appeared in the paper earlier this year when she was Miss Outdoor for the Sportman Show in Toronto.

MEANDERINGS
By Mabel Barkman

The battle of the black fly
Every year I try something different to keep the pesky black fly from biting me. But no matter what I try, I get a lot of bites and have to endure the itching and the sores resulting from scratching.

The sprays are so expensive and although I keep some on hand as a last resort, I search the kitchen cupboards and medicine cabinets for an effective remedy.

This year I am keeping cloves of garlic in my pocket and when the flies get troublesome, I take them out and rub them a bit. I have also taped band-aids behind my ears because this is a favorite place to bite.

So far, I haven't had a bite, but never fear. The laws of nature never seem to change much.

Outdoors

BY LORNE FLETCHER

fish in the freezer justifies the money spent in the catching or trying, whichever the case may be.

A few Rainbow are still hitting at Georgian Bay, although the time spent in that pursuit would account for few fish hooked. Earl and Gail Beerman of Acton have had good luck right up to the time of penning this column fishing in the Meaford area.

Good spring Rainbow and some Lake Trout are hitting well in the north shore waters of Lake Superior. This lake is cold and the spring run-off has just settled down, a good bet for dedicated Trout anglers.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has started a new program of hatching trout eggs on a few feeder streams in the Georgian Bay area.

This program has been perfected in British Columbia on the Salmon spawning grounds. A welling box is installed alongside a stream and it is fed a supply of running water plus an outlet back to the stream. Eyed or fertilized eggs are inserted at the inlet end and after hatching and moving with the water flow they eventually find their own way back to the stream.

The advantages of this system are that virtually all the eggs inserted end up in the stream as living fry with little loss due to predators. This should make much better use of money and time spent in our hatchery programs.

Keep smiling in the rain.

Back issues

10 years ago

June 7, 1972

Mr. and Mrs. E. Huisman of the Holland Shop have just arrived home from a three week vacation in Holland. The trip back to the old country was a 35th anniversary gift from the family.

The strike of Local 23650 of the Saw Workers Union against Disston (Canada) Ltd. have had no talks between company and management in the nine day old strike.

Bill Yundt, John Hoare, Jon Hurst and "Tiny" Miller travelled to Indianapolis, Indiana, May 27, to watch the "Indy 500" auto race.

A fifth place finish in a field of 24 at the all-Ontario high school meet has brought scholarship offers from five U.S. colleges for Acton High School javelin hurler Steve Van Fleet.

Barrie Bruce and his wife Carol both graduated on June 2 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, at the University of Western Ontario, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stuckey and daughter Pauline enjoyed a trip to the Maritimes. Crossing to Prince Edward Island by ferry they were surprised to see many icebergs, gradually melting in the May sunshine.

20 years ago

June 7, 1962

Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Beatty returned home on Wednesday from a five week trip to Europe.

Members of the Catholic Women's League will be enjoying a barbecue at the home of Mrs. Hartley Coles tonight before their regular meeting.

Mrs. Edith Frank, Mill Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frank spent the weekend with friends in Mount Forest and Owen Sound.

Mrs. Isabelle Winfield spent a week recently with her brother, Mr. Wilmer Watkins and Mrs. Watkins, near Shelburne.

Charles Kelly Browne, well-known nonagenarian and businessman in Acton celebrated his 92nd birthday Monday in a quiet manner as he worked during the day in his tobacco and sundries store on Main Street North.

50 years ago

June 2, 1932

Miss Louise Swackhamer has returned home from Schomberg, where she has been visiting for the past month.

Mr. John C. Dennis attended the Convocation Exercise at Western University, London, last Friday, when his sister, Miss Hazel E. Dennis, R.N. graduated as a Public Health Nurse.

The Duke of Devonshire Chapter, IODE, will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, June 7, at the home of Mrs. G.W. Masales, Main Street.

Mrs. Peggy and little daughter, Betty, of Carlisle, are spending a few days at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. McLaren.

Mr. James Plant, who has been visiting with his sons in Seaford and Branford, for the past few weeks, returned home on Saturday.

75 years ago

June 6, 1907

Mr. W.D. Beardmore asked for the privilege of laying a pipe line from Anderson's Pond to their works and of using the surplus water for tanning purposes. At present the firm are using the water from the stream which runs from Fairy Lake but they find it considerably polluted, probably from the refuse of the glove leather tannery above. They require considerable pure water for operations. They propose to lay a pipe line along Elgin St. Council promised to investigate.

It seems some enterprising farmers have been washing their sheep at the corporation hydrant at the rink.

Acton Tanning Co. is installing machinery in the immense new building with individual electric motor systems. This will do away with thousands of feet of shafting and consequent loss of power. A huge new dynamo has been installed driven from the new 350 horse power engine.

100 years ago

June 9, 1882

The lectures given on Wednesday and Thursday evenings by Prof. Kent were largely attended. The professor is very interesting and practical in his experiments of electricity, chemistry and magnetism.

Mr. L.G. Mathews has fitted up his ice cream parlor very nicely.

A large number of sewing machine operators at Canada Glove Works struck for higher wages, asking a raise of from five to 10 cents per dozen on gloves. Mr. Storey declined to concede and 26 young ladies marched out. The action of the workers will put the firm to considerable inconvenience and we think there should be a little compromising.

Information has been received that Mrs. W.C. King and Messrs. A.E. Matthews and W.J. Nicklin, who left here about three weeks ago for England, have arrived safely.

Our readers write

Thanks for band concert

Dear Sir:
I would like to express my sincere thanks for a wonderful musical experience afforded by the exceptional performance by the "Central Band" of the Canadian Forces held in the Acton Community Centre June 5.

lights of my life in Acton and I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Jack Carpenter and the Masonic Walker Lodge for organizing and making such a enjoyable evening possible.

Again many thanks.
Marguerite Taylor

Central Band was brilliant

Dear Sir:
Saturday evening's outstanding musical concert at the Community Centre Arena was an occasion for the town and the Showband Committee cannot praise the Central Band of the Canadian Forces enough for their brilliant performance, courtesy and professionalism. They are the finest Canadian ambassadors.

land; Lakeview Centre; Mackenzie Build-All; Nielsen's Clothing; Goy Cartage; Shoemaker Funeral Home; Halton Cable TV; Tullman's Garden Centre; Roof Trusses and Components; Rockwood; Acton Figure Skating Club; Halton Regional Police; Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197; Ladies' Auxiliary Canadian Legion; Acton Free Press and the many advertisers. Mayor Pete Pomeroy, Harold Townsley and his arena staff, Jim Frizzell and his electrical crew for the excellent lighting; and piper Stuart White of Campbellville.

The majority of the audience met the band for the first time and like many thousands before them, became instant fans. Impressed by the spectacle, surprised by the versatility, and more important proud to be Canadians.

Above all thanks to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor for graciously accepting our invitation and thanking the Band on our behalf.

The Wellington Masonic District were generous in their efforts in bringing the Band to town, but it really was a community affair with the co-operation of many and we should thank the band once again for creating the incentive.

A truly community affair. It was all made possible by this long list of citizens and the tireless group of men who transformed the arena into an unbelievable, well lit, colorful theatre for one festive night and returned to leave an empty arena by 10.45 Sunday morning.

Thanks to the many people who supported the concert, especially those who dressed so elegantly and added color to a dismal rainy day.

Thank you, The Central Band for making it all possible.
Sincerely, Jack Carpenter

Special thanks to Ridley Cartage; Acton Agricultural Society; A.B. Food.

Praise Masons for concert

Dear Sir:
I would imagine that the Free Press is doing an editorial on the program presented by the Central Band.

As one of the audience I can assure you that I have never been more entertained, and the performance was outstanding, and a credit to the Canadian Forces to have such a fine musical band.

I trust that credit will be given to the local Masonic Lodge for the part they played in bringing a program of such high calibre to Acton.

Yours truly,
Harold Denny

Concert was super!

Dear Sir:
It was a super concert!!!
The band was superb. The transformation of the arena was unbelievable. Jack, your rendition of the Musical Sweepstakes was great.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Masonic Lodge, the arena staff and anyone else involved for bringing such high calibre entertainment to Acton.

The ads often read "Something for everyone." The concert truly provided music for everyone.
A very sincere thank you to all.
Bernie and Steve Ormsby
120 Elizabeth Dr.