

Remember when...

# Getting there was half the fun

Photos and Story

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Do you remember sitting back in the railway coach listening to the train puffing up the incline coming home from Toronto?

How about the distant whistle in the night that helped many residents predict the weather?

What about cinders in your hair and even your eyes if you weren't careful? These are just some of the many memories brought back along miles of track aboard the Credit Valley Railway last Sunday.

It has been about 20 years since the last steam train made regular passenger runs through Georgetown chugging along with a trail of black smoke, billowing steam and flying cinders not to mention the blaring whistle as it reached the level crossing now gone, at the Canadian National station.

Train travel was different, with each engine having its own personality in the manner in which it moved. It's constant breathing as it was fed coal (later oil) to keep the boiler hot until it reached its destination where it was given a short rest and turned around for the return trip.

Members of Ontario Rail crewed the all day Sunday excursion through the Credit Valley to Orangeville and back with scheduled stops at Forks of the Credit, Inglewood, the Cataracts, Cheltenham siding and Brampton to give photographers and sound technicians a chance to record the train with engine 1057 in action.

The colourful Caledon Hills were easily paced its way along the seldom used north line connecting Orangeville and points north with the manufacturing centres of Toronto.

A variety of passenger cars were put on the 400 capacity excursion ranging from a non-luxurious baggage car with accompanying passenger compartment to a more formal car done with rich wood veneers and colourfully upholstered seats. There were seven coaches in all.

Crowds of enthusiastic steam fans lined the official stops at Inglewood and Orangeville with more at each of the many level crossings with a multitude of cameras ranging from budget Instamatics to thousand dollar graphic cameras.

One movie organization even went as far as to rent a helicopter to photograph and record the train's journey.

much to the dismay of photographers on the ground.

Those recording the train on audio tape were equally annoyed when the sound of the air being beaten by the copter rotors outshouted the quiet chugging of the locomotive.

Attendance was down compared to last year when the same excursion was packed almost to the point of discomfort to view the autumn colour of the Credit Valley. Of the 400 tickets made available only slightly over 200 were sold.

"Once the weather decided to change, calls began to come in," explained Joan Rollings of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority who sponsored the annual event.

For many along the route as well as aboard 1057, it was the first time they had seen a steam engine. The cattle and horses along the winding route of the north line retreated quickly as the train passed along the track belching smoke and clicking frantically

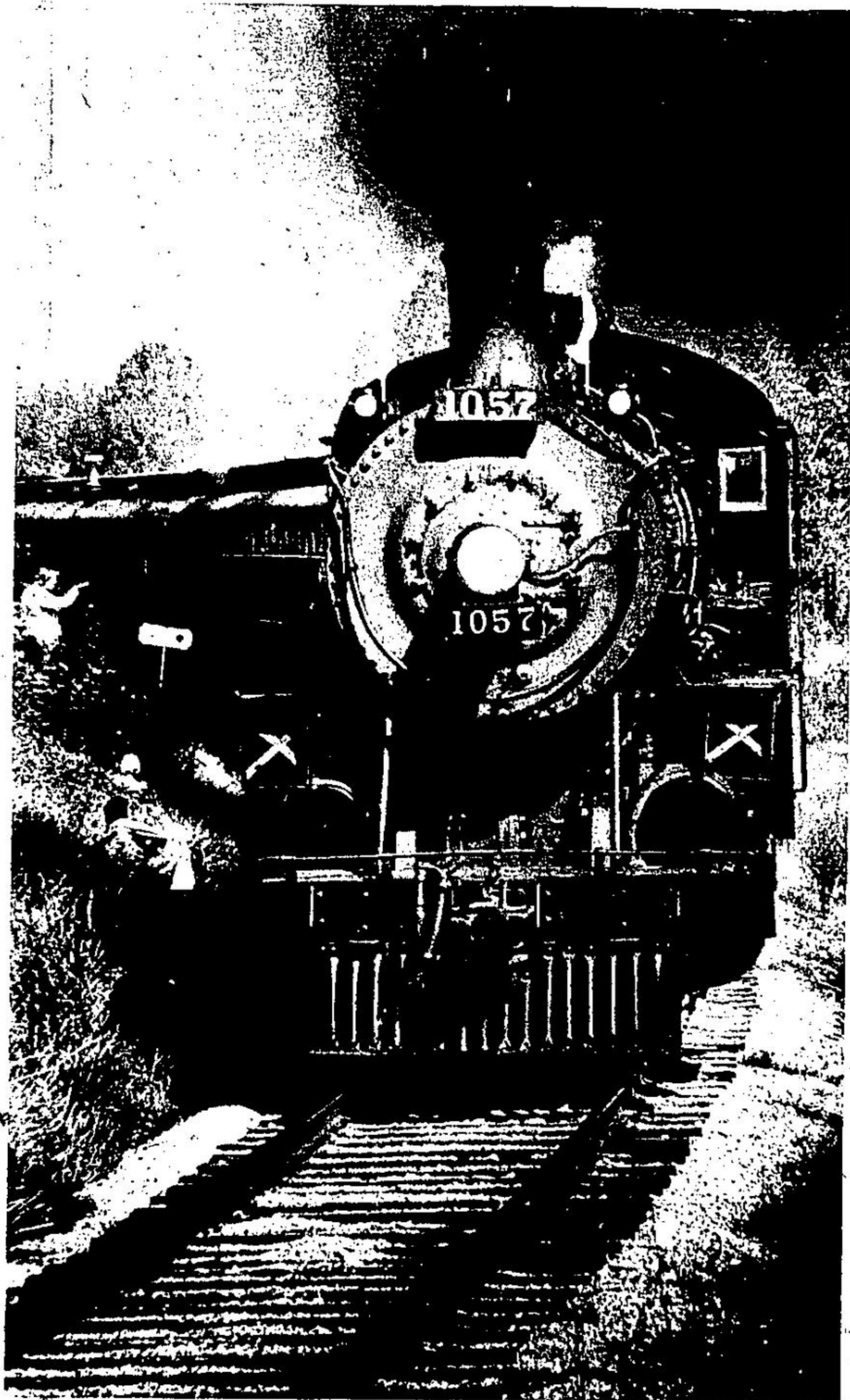
along the old tracks.

Children covered their ears when the whistle gave its all clear blast at the station with its shrill sound echoing from the neighbouring buildings. The sound was different, not a mechanically or electrically reproduced warning but an actual expression of the train and its engineer.

The sharp blast or the slow easy tone and a combination of the two varied with each sounding of the brass whistle.

The many trees in vibrant reds, soft yellows and flaming oranges combined with those that still wore their summer shades of green were often so close to the train that they were within arms reach from the metal sides of the Canadian Pacific coaches.

If you didn't mind the soot and the cinders it was possible to pick a handful of autumn souvenirs as the train passed the farms, the rivers and the people of the Credit Valley.



THE PICTURESQUE CREDIT VALLEY was a natural scene for the old steam train as the 1912 vintage engine pulled the 250 guests along the seldom used, North Line in Sunday's colour tour sponsored by the Credit Valley

Conservation Authority. Thousands blocked the major traffic routes along the way to catch a glimpse of the revived steam locomotive.



## HALTON HILLS RECREATION AND PARKS DEPT. LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAMS

The following schedule represents the Learn to Skate-Improve your skating programs being offered by the Recreation and Parks Department.

<b>MONDAY</b> 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	<b>TUESDAY</b> 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>4 &amp; 5 years</b> up to 3 years adults - all levels	<b>3-5 years</b> 4 - 10 years 11 years and over
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Registration at the Recreation Department Offices located upstairs at the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena on Monday, October 6th, 1975 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
For further information, contact Recreation Department at 877-5185, ext. 60.

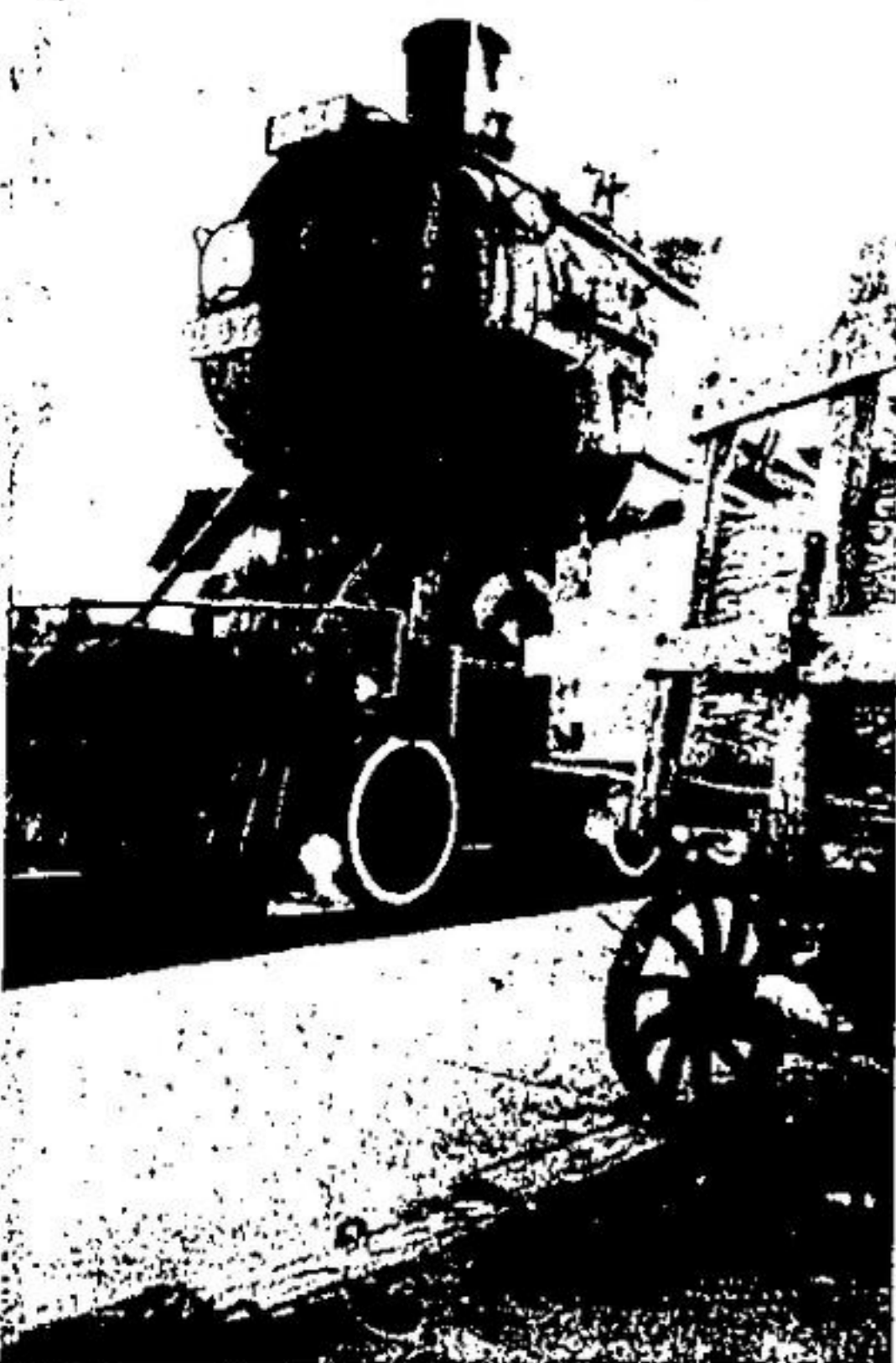
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## Limehouse

We extend sympathy to Mrs. Clifford McDonald who is at the east coast for the funeral of her sister.

We also extend sympathy to the parents and other members of the family of David James Moore who was killed in a traffic accident last Thursday night.

Two well attended services were held at Limehouse

Presbyterian Church for the one hundred and fourteenth anniversary on September 28. Many old friends welcomed Reverend and Mrs. Young after four years of absence. The choir was enjoyed presenting four anthems.

Mr. Trevor Wood of Redcar, England visited his cousin and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Broomhead.

THE HALTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**Pure and Applied Sciences Program Council**  
will present its annual report at a meeting open to the public  
**Wednesday, October 8, 1975**  
at 7:30 p.m.  
To be held at Milton District High School  
396 Williams Avenue Milton, Ontario  
Copies of the report may be obtained by contacting  
**DR. BRENDAN KELLY AT THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BLDG.**  
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## Lions draw

The Georgetown Lions Club held their 22nd Lions Lottery draw last week. The winning numbers and the lucky names are: 288-Steve Buttigieg; 384-Katby Cloke; 85-Murray Gibbs; 324-Dorothy Wright and 227-Jackie Money Penny.

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