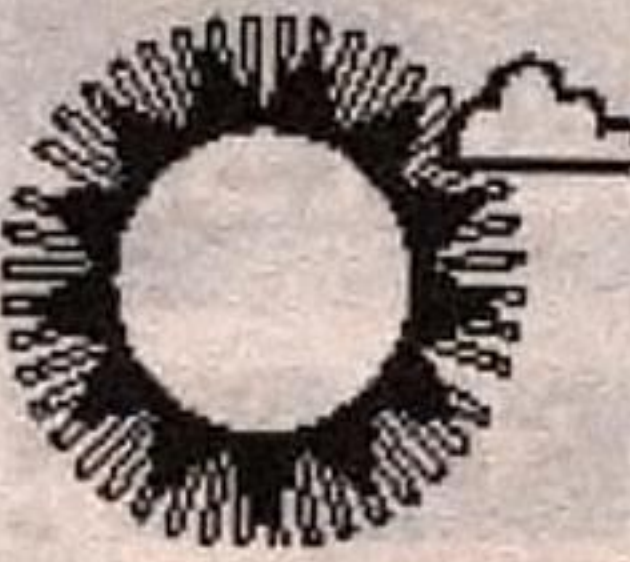
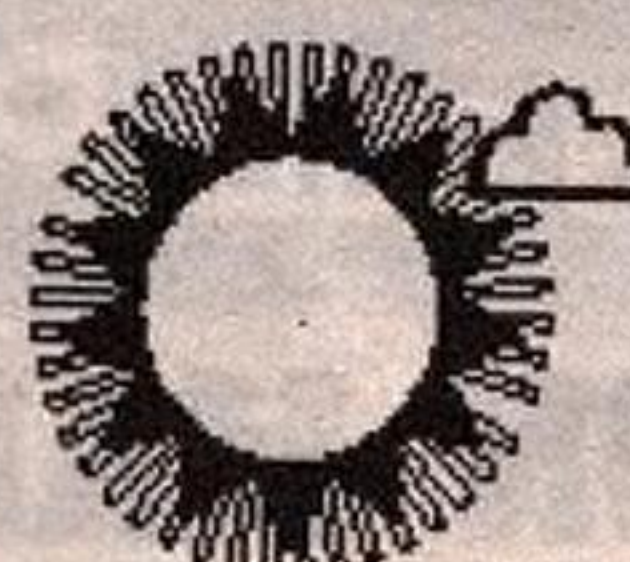



3 DAY WEATHER

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Sunny High 2 / Low - 5	Sunny High 2 / Low - 7	Sun/Cloud High 2 / Low - 5

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This house on Young Street was completely destroyed a week ago yesterday and the next day there was no trace of it. The house goes back to the 1800s.

Young Street house demolished

The burned-out home next to that of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntyre on Young St. in Acton was demolished last week in less than an hour. By the next afternoon all traces of the over a century old cottage had disappeared.

The house has not been occupied since it was torched in September of 1987. It had been acquired by "the bank" which apparently thought it not worth repairing.

Neighbour Lloyd McIntyre said he had tried to buy the property and clean it up after the fire but was rebuffed by the bank which didn't seem interested in selling.

At one time this house was a store operated by Mr. and Mrs. W. Nesbitt and called Highway Grocery. Acton's Early Days says "the cottage was known for years as Mrs. Morton's house." She came from Eramosa township, a widow with her daughter. When her daughter died she was heart broken and shortly after removed from Acton.

There have been a number of tenants and owners since, the last one accused of starting the fire that gutted it and sitting in the back yard watching it burn.

It was one of the first home on Young St. which was named after James

Young, a surveyor from Georgetown. He was engaged by one of Acton's founders, the Adams family, to survey that section of farm land lying east of the railway line which had just come through about 1855 or 1856.

The main road in the subdivision running from Mill to Queen Streets, parallel with the railway line, Young named after himself. When the street was opened it also opened up a new route into the village on Mill St. Formerly the only way over the railway tracks was on Queen

St. and freight trains used to block it much to the dismay of people trying to reach Acton.

When business people started to lose patrons from the east because of the delays they finally got a court order and the railway received a stiff fine. There were few delays by shunting freights

At one time this newer part of Acton was referred to as "Rosedale", a self-applied appellation coined by residents to suggest the east end of the village was a superior place to live.



OLD TIME FUN: Sunday was time for music and shenanigans at local seniors homes as entertainers brightened the day with music and song. At Morrision Park Nursing Home the Harmons from Guelph showed up to render some Irish songs and laughs while assorted musicians, including pianist Eileen McEnery, and fiddlers Jim McDermott, centre, and Cecil Warmington, right, entertained residents and visitors at Heritage House south of Guelph. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

Rockwood Digest

Guelph OPP are warning motorists to be wary of helping a female apparently seeking help because her vehicle broke down.

The afternoon of March 3 a woman picked up a female on County Road 29 asking for a lift into Guelph because her car had broken down. The driver dropped her passenger in downtown Guelph and soon discovered her wallet was missing from her purse. It had been on the back seat of her car.

Then the morning of March 11 another driver picked up a woman on County Road 29 needing a

ride because her car broke down. That time the woman said she lived in Milton. She got out at County Road 29 and Highway 7 and was immediately picked up by a man driving a green minivan.

After the passenger got out that driver too, found her wallet was missing from her purse which had been in the back seat of her vehicle.

The first driver described the woman as being around age 25.

The second driver described the woman as being in her 20s, having red, shorter length hair and wearing a black leather jacket.

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