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Acton Fair Scores Another Success Opened by Fairs Superintendent

Drop in Attendance Recorded, Due to Infantile Paralysis Epidemic in Province — Arena Crowd Over 1,500 and Within 20 of Record Year — Trotting Races Had Close Finish — Coronation Badge Went to Winner at C.N.E., Ottawa and London Fairs — Weather Was Perfect — Visitor from Germany Won Prize.

Favored with perfect weather, Acton Fair in Coronation Year closed last night with another success in its chain of twenty-four years of successes, which have built it up to its present high standing. True, attendance did not quite measure up to other high peaks that have been set, but in this respect every fair from the Great Canadian National Exhibition down through the line has been hit this year by the prevalence of infantile paralysis throughout the Province. In comparison, Acton Fair was not as seriously affected as these other events.

The arena performance drew a crowd that was within twenty persons of the highest record set here. Writing this article as President of this year's Fair, and in close touch with all departments, I can assure all that every officer is very grateful for the outcome in view of the circumstances that were faced.

One of the finest exhibits of horses were shown that has ever been seen at Acton Fair. The sheep were of splendid quality and the comment by the judge of this department was that they were the finest exhibit he had presided over in some time. All breeds, except the Jersey cattle, were well represented in the cattle section.

The exhibit of hogs was good, although the number of this class, as well as that of poultry, was perhaps not as large as has been seen.

In the hall, the exhibits were well up and made a splendid showing. The two new departments, the Women's Institute and Historical Exhibits, were features that drew a great deal of favorable comment.

Splendid exhibits of grain were shown, but the entries were not numerous. Vegetables classes on the new display benches were attractive and much admired. Apples and other fruit were well represented and of good quality. The home baking class and canned goods were also the subject of much favorable comment.

A good showing of plants and cut flowers was made. The ladies' work department was well filled and much work was shown and a number of new exhibitors carried off prizes in this department. Fine and decorative arts and children's work had good exhibits and brought up their section of the hall.

In the Women's Institute exhibits there were six exhibits and this new section was very attractive and shows possibilities of creating a great deal of interest.

Another new feature was the historical exhibit. Here, too, is a department that has shown great possibilities of development. This year the collection was remarkable for a beginning. Spinning wheels, clocks, centuries old, old coins, photographs and variety without number of articles were exhibited. A collection of fire-arms, owned by Mr. Geo. Brandon, of Ancaster, included everything from the old flint locks down through the years, to present times, and also included revolvers and pistols. It was keenly inspected and admired. There was no prize money awarded for this section, but citizens of the countryside kindly loaned these articles for exhibition. Mr. J. K. Oute, who is well on in the nineties, had a collection that was admired and the elderly gentleman was present at the Fair and greatly enjoyed the event.

So much for a general review. But to get on with the show. A crowd of 1,500 jammed the Arena on Tuesday night, and for two hours and a half enjoyed the performance that was staged here.

The Acton Y.M.C.A. gymnasts were assisted by a team from the Guelph Y.M.C.A., and under the direction of Mr. George G. Emery, of Acton Y.M.C.A., gave three splendid acts of pyramids, tumbling and on the parallel bars.

Marie's Animal Circus, which was booked as another feature, was unable to be present, owing to some of the animals being in quarantine at the border. In its place Travers' Animal Circus appeared and with trained dogs, goats and ponies put on three acts that pleased. The Fair Board regretted very much that cause beyond their control made this change necessary, and they were unable to fill the program as advertised. It did not measure up to what was anticipated in the original booking.

When eight or ten men attempted to catch a greasy pig, the squeals of the pig could scarcely be heard above the roars of laughter that came from the 1,500 spectators. It was a lively animal and took three or four to land him first, but the rules said it must be one against one. By this time dirt of the arena floor was pretty well mingled with the pig's greasy hide, but Archie McDonald

captured the animal, picked it up bodily and deposited the 125 lbs. of squealing pork back in the crate.

The foot race had as winners J. Kampshied, Georgetown; H. Bridgman and R. Wildford, both of R. R. No. 2, Rockwood.

The high jumping horses gave splendid exhibitions and the winners were both from the stable of R. M. Bell, of Lambton Mills.

The musical chairs and potato race were both events that created the same amount of fun and excitement. They were keenly contested. W. Thompson won the musical chairs contest, and the potato race prizes went to W. Thompson, A. Devereaux and J. B. Devereaux.

A perfect day, with not a cloud in the sky, blessed the second day of Acton Fair. Smiles vied with the sunshine in brilliance and from early morn until long after dark the fair ground was a scene of great activity.

The parade of school children was cancelled and this inhibited with entries in the decorated vehicles. Betty Bauer won the prize for decorated doll carriage and Vernon Agnew for decorated bicycle. Pallant's float was also an attractive entry and took the prize offered in this class.

On behalf of the Fair Board, the President, G. A. Dilla, welcomed the crowd to the Fair in the opening ceremonies. He pointed out that success was due to the hearty co-operation of all and expressed appreciation for the splendid help that had been accorded by all.

Mr. R. J. Kerr, First Vice-President of the Ontario Fairs Association, then introduced Mr. J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Association. Mr. Carroll had visited about the fair grounds prior to addressing the visitors. He paid fitting tribute to the untiring activity and ability of Mr. R. J. Kerr in promoting Acton Fair and the work of fairs generally. He noted many improvements that had been made since his last visit to Acton. There was improvement in showing of stock for judging, consideration for the safety of spectators and evidence of planning and preparation for the fair.

He congratulated the exhibitors on the hall exhibit, and especially in the ladies' work department. He approved the plan of having exhibitors name on the articles displayed. His comment on the midway was that it was one of the cleanest of any fair he visited, and did not have one objectionable feature. And lastly he complimented all on selecting such a splendid day for a fair. Mr. Carroll then officially declared the Acton Fair of 1937 open.

From then on the fair went into action. Superintendent of the Field, R. J. Kerr, and his assistant, V. B. Rumley, made sure that nothing was left undone and that all departments were smoothly at work. The judging in all departments went forward and was watched with interest in the various rings.

Robinson's Baby Show was cancelled in the interests of keeping babies healthy but the rest of the program provided by this company was enjoyed by many. Mothers participated in a lucky draw contest, and the winners were Mrs. H. W. Skilling, Mrs. P. Parry and Mrs. E. Evans.

Travers' Animal Circus gave another performance on the platform that pleased the audience.

Johnny Emmonson, of Georgetown, the travelling cowboy singer, was a new feature that all enjoyed. He is a popular entertainer and his performances here are always enjoyed.

The old-time Fiddling contest was as popular as usual and Hillsburg provided the winners. They were Chas. Dyer, Wm. Hall and Mrs. Beath.

The square dance contest went to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cox, Mrs. Beath and V. B. Rumley, with second to Miss I. Beath, Mrs. Barber, Archie Beath and Bill Evans. Here again Mr. Rumley followed the example of Mr. Kerr in showing that events must go on and when one more was needed to fill in a square, the Assistant Field Superintendent stepped in and went on with the dance. He was not to be outdone by Mr. Kerr, who, the night before, went through all the preliminaries up to catching the greasy pig but headed for the judge's box when the animal was released.

Miss Irene Beath won the prize for step dancing.

The best high jumping horse was owned by Dr. James McQuibben, and second went to R. N. Bell.

The potato race was a scramble and contest from start to finish. J. B. Devereaux won first, W. Thompson second, and A. Devereaux third.

The harness races were a feature of the afternoon and a new track record of 2:14 for the mile was established in these events. The 228 class was well filled and every heat was a race and close finish. Following are the results:

228 Trot or Pace
June Harvest, owned by Geo. Maitland, Elora 2 1 1 1
Jean Harvester, owned by Mrs. Myrtle Engel Watson 1 3 3 2
Oddie Stratton, owned by L. Chambers, Milton 3 2 2 3
Emma Harvester, owned by Wm. Laiger, Hillsburg 4 4 4 4
Times—2:18 1/4; 2:17; 2:18 and 2:19.

216 Trot or Pace
Lee Handley, owned by Lloyd Watson, Woodbridge 2 1 1 1
June Peters, owned by A. Scheffer, Waterloo 1 2 2 2
Victoria Grattan, owned by D. Clarke, Norval 3 5 3 3
Times—2:15 1/4; 2:16; 2:16 and 2:14.

This race, in the final heat, set a new record for Acton track.

The parade of prize winning animals was one of the big features of the day. Led by Acton Citizens' Band, the best section provides in livestock went in parade before the grandstand in review and around the judging ring. They were announced by R. J. Kerr at the microphone, who knows more exhibitors and stock than any other individual in this district.

The four-horse team and general showing of horses were much admired and other prominent entries.

The winner of the Coronation Badge, for the best heavy horse, was owned by A. Hewson, of Oakville. This animal was the champion at Ottawa and London and at the Royal and Guelph Winter Fairs last year. It is considered the best heavy gelding in the Dominion.

Again it was proven that Acton Fair attracts persons from many points and the prize for the person coming the greatest distance was won by Mrs. Ida Cochrane, of Badenhausen, Westphalia, Germany.

The oldest married couple at the Fair were Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Mack, of Elverton, who have been very happily married for 58 years. Mr. Mack is 83 years of age, and Mrs. Mack 82. Their wedding anniversary is to-day, September 23rd.

We give below the winners of the various events in the hall classes, and will next week, publish the winners in the field classes.

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Winter Wheat—F. J. Brownridge, J. C. Cunningham.
Spring Wheat—J. C. Cunningham.
Early Oats—H. Reid.
White Oats—F. J. Brownridge, J. C. Cunningham.
Barley—F. J. Brownridge.
Emmidge Corn—F. R. Fendley, J. C. Cunningham.
Sweet Corn—F. J. Brownridge, Mrs. G. E. Cook.
Emmidge Corn—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. O. Somerville.
Collection of Grain in Sheaf—F. J. Brownridge, Mrs. H. Reid.
Collection of Grain—J. C. Cunningham.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES
Early Potatoes—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. J. E. Parren.
Late Potatoes—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. J. E. Parren.
Half Bushel Potatoes—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. J. E. Parren.
Field Carrots—2nd J. E. Cunningham.
Table Carrots—A. Swackhamer, F. R. Fendley.
Swede Shipping Turnips—2nd, G. W. Nelles & Son.
Feeding: Beets—J. E. Cunningham, F. J. Brownridge.
Mangold, Wurtzel—F. R. Fendley, J. E. Cunningham.
Table Beets, long—J. E. Cunningham, F. R. Fendley.
Table Beets, turnip—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. F. West.
Cabbage, White—F. R. Fendley, A. Swackhamer, Georgetown.
Cabbage, Red—F. R. Fendley, J. E. Cunningham.
Celery—Mrs. G. E. Cook, J. E. Cunningham.
Cauliflower—2nd, F. R. Fendley.
Field Pumpkins—O. Somerville, J. E. Cunningham.
Pie Pumpkin—F. R. Fendley, J. E. Cunningham.
Hubbard Squash—A. Swackhamer, F. R. Fendley.
Table Squash—W. Clarkson & Son, F. R. Fendley.
Field Squash—J. E. Cunningham.
Onions—F. R. Fendley, Mrs. G. Muscell.
Onions, red—F. R. Fendley.
Onions, any other variety—F. R. Fendley, J. E. Cunningham.
Tomatoes—Mrs. G. Somerville, F. R. Fendley.
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MR. J. A. CARROLL
Superintendent of Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions, Who Officially Opened the 1937 Acton Fair Yesterday

Decrease in Attendance at Esquering Fair

Winners in the Livestock Classes — Billy Hadley Winner in Baby Show

Dread of infantile paralysis was blamed for a decrease in the attendance and number of exhibits at the Esquering Township Fair, which concluded there last Friday, to mark the end of Georgetown's centenary celebrations. Both figures were substantially lower than those of last year's Fall Fair. Officials attributed a part of the decrease to the fact that the Fair was held on Friday.

The baby show, which featured the attractions was won by Billy Hadley, six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Hadley, of Georgetown. Junior Moody, aged four months, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moody, of Brampton, took second place in the contest, close behind the winner.

Cattle and horse classes, with other live stock, formed the bulk of Judgments on Friday.

Among the winners in the live-stock classes were:

Agricultural Horses—J. B. Devereaux, Georgetown; R. Hewson, Malton; O. H. Wilson, Georgetown; J. Curtis, Belwood.

General Purpose Horses—J. B. Devereaux, Georgetown; W. O. Brownridge, Georgetown; E. Armstrong, Brampton; W. B. Reid, Brampton.

Heavy Draft Horses—John Fletcher, Brampton; R. Hewson, Malton.

Carriage Horses—W. B. Reid, Brampton; Charles Austin, Georgetown; E. Armstrong, Brampton.

Roadsters—Daniel Campbell, Georgetown; J. B. Devereaux, Georgetown.

Saddle Horses—Vivian Clark, Norval; W. Bouvaird, Georgetown; Helen Young, Georgetown; and C. Armstrong, Brampton.

Short-horn Cattle—Bruce McKinnon, Hillsburg; B. E. Griffin, Acton; T. Robinson, Hornby.

Holstein Cattle—T. O. Dolson, Brampton; T. L. Leslie, Georgetown; Clarence Dolson, Brampton; Howard Clark, Norval; J. E. Neelands, Hornby.

Jersey Cattle—T. A. Gowland, Brampton; J. M. Dolson, Brampton.

Ayrshire Cattle—James Robertson, Georgetown; Frank Petch, Georgetown; J. L. Clark, Norval.

Hogs and Poultry—William Pinkney, Cooksville; K. Featherstone, Streetsville; Mrs. Fred Conn, Georgetown; T. J. Brownridge, Georgetown; M. Moody, Georgetown; W. H. McLaren, Erin; H. Wilson, Georgetown; W. J. Alexander, Georgetown; Henry Wilson, Georgetown; Sheep—Ash Brothers, Chesley; F. Mack, Hillsburg; J. Maitland, Elora; J. C. Cunningham, Hornby; J. McKinnon, Milton; J. Willmott, Milton; J. Wilson, Normal; James Robertson, Georgetown; J. B. Maitland, Elora; E. Barbour, Hillsburg.

Collection Vegetables—A. Swackhamer, F. R. Fendley.

ROOT AND VEGETABLE SPECIALS
Bushel Basket of Mixed Vegetables—Mrs. H. Keeler.

Basket of Onions—Mrs. O. Muscell.

FRUIT
Apples—MacIntosh Reds—Colin Smith, H. Clarke.

Wealthy—Colin Smith, F. R. Fendley.

Northern Spy—H. Clarke; Colin Smith; Rhode Island Greening—Colin Smith; J. W. Pawley.

Baldwin—Colin Smith; J. W. Pawley.

Ontario—F. R. Fendley; J. W. Pawley.

King—Colin Smith; A. MacLaren.

Ribston Pippin—Colin Smith.

Culvert—Colin Smith; H. Clarke.

St. Lawrence—Colin Smith.

Craw Apples—Mrs. D. F. Williamson.

H. D. Bridgman.

Five Varieties Cooking Apples—Colin Smith; J. W. Pawley.

Five Varieties Dessert Apples—Colin Smith; H. Clarke.

Pears
Claremont—Colin Smith.

Bartlett—F. R. Fendley; Colin Smith.

Anjou—Colin Smith; J. W. Pawley.

Flemish Beauty—Colin Smith.

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ACTON CONTINUATION

SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS

The trophy winners in the academic work for the school term of 1936-37 were announced Monday at the Continuation School. These trophies are in the form of shields and are presented to the school by the various business men of Acton. The student obtaining the proficiency standing in the year's work or the highest marks in the subject mentioned on the shield will have his or her name and the year engraved on one of the small metal shields which are mounted about the school emblem on the shield proper.

The trophy winners are:

A. T. Brown Trophy, for General Proficiency in Form I—Betty Eschbacher.

W. Cooper Trophy, for General Proficiency in Form II—Jack VanCloon.

H. H. Hinton Trophy, for General Proficiency in Middle School—Jack Hollinger.

Dr. Cullen Trophy, for Highest Marks in Middle School Science—Kay Chapman.

Dr. Buchanan Trophy, for Highest Marks in Middle School Language—Shella Breen.

F. Blow Trophy, for Highest Marks in Middle School Mathematics—Jack Hollinger.

Q. McNeven Trophy, for Highest Marks in Middle School English—Jack Hollinger.

The following trophies are placed in competition for the first time in the Field Day:

Reid's Electric Trophy, in Intermediate Boys' Athletics.

Tyler's Service Trophy, in Junior Boys' Athletics.

Acton Beauty Parlor Trophy, in Intermediate Girls' Athletics.

The Continuation School Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23rd. The broad and high jumping events will be held on Wednesday morning at the school and the dashes will be run off in the afternoon at the Park.

A BRIGHT YOUNG LIFE ENDED
Deep sympathy is felt here for Col. and Mrs. A. O. Beardmore and Miss Frances in the death in Toronto this week of Knox Beardmore, the only son of this bright young man. He was killed in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during the epidemic of Polio in 1935. He passed away late Monday evening. Knox was born in Acton and each year during his college holidays he came here, acquiring practical knowledge of the tanning business with which the name of Beardmore has been so long associated in Acton.

He was educated at the Grove, Lakeside, and the University of Toronto Schools, and graduated from University this year. He held an executive position with the Chemical Engineering Board for 1936 and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Military Institute. He was a Lieutenant in the Royal Regiment, Toronto Grenadiers.

At the time of his death he was associated with the firm of Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth and Nash.

He was a likeable young man and was a favorite with his young associates here. The plant here was closed on Tuesday afternoon and a number of the employees attended the graveside funeral service in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where interment took place.

A memorial service will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in St. Thomas Church. Members of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Royal Regiment will attend, together with University friends. Rev. Cecil Stuart will again officiate at the service.

RALLY DAY IN THE UNITED CHURCH
The Sunday School and the regular church congregation of the United Church joined forces last Sunday morning to celebrate the annual Rally Day, with the service in charge of School Superintendent A. T. Brown. The idea was expressed that, with the two bodies meeting together occasionally, a better understanding was arrived at as to what was being done by each. The special address, planned mainly for the children, was given by E. J. Murray, who described the world as a 'Great Big Picture-Book' in which we 'not only see, but also taste, smell, feel and hear pictures, and through which we build character as we learn to turn the pages rightly.'

NOT TO DISAPPOINT THE CHILDREN
Owing to cancellation of the School Parade to the Fair, and consequent misunderstanding regarding the parade of Decorated Doll Carriages and Bicycles, the donors of these prizes, E. E. Barr and G. A. Dilla, will duplicate the prizes offered and the same conditions will rule. The entrants will form up at Barr's Grocery at four o'clock Saturday afternoon and parade on Mill Street to be judged.

Only Three More Days To Run In Good-Will Competition—Big Votes

Announcement of Winners and Presentation of Prizes Monday Night at Gregory Theatre.

MISS LORENA LOCKER MAKES BIG GAIN

Contestants Should Work Hard Till Close and Secure One of the Better Prizes Offered — Subscribers Can Pay at the Office and Credit Any Contestant

Ballot box will be emptied at one o'clock Monday at the Prize Office. Results will be announced in Gregory Theatre in the evening, between shows. Presentation of prizes following. Office open Saturday night.

The valuable Grand Prizes and Seven Cash Awards are going to be given away at the close of this big "Good-Will" Club Competition, and those contestants and their friends, who collect the most votes will secure the better choice of prizes. Now it's up to all to do their best in the closing hours.

In addition, twelve weekly cash prizes have already been awarded.

A Feature for the Last Days
See Special Advertisement on Page 7 for feature votes on cash sales and current accounts, old accounts, paid-in-advance credits and all subscription credits.

Buy All You Can—In Advance
The leading contestants and their friends should purchase in advance as much as possible to secure the last-minute votes. If there is anything you need, buy it this week.

Important Information for Each Contestant
1. All coupons must be turned in at the Prize Office not later than one o'clock Monday, to secure official count. Contestants can assist the Club Manager by turning in as many votes as possible Saturday night. Subscription votes will be given up to noon on Monday, although late coupons will be discontinued Saturday night.

2. Final results will be announced in the Gregory Theatre Monday evening between shows. Contestants will receive complimentary passes for the attraction.

3. The first 10 leading contestants will receive their choice of grand prizes, according to final standing. The next five contestants will each receive a cash prize and two cash prizes will be awarded for the largest subscription credits.

4. Presentation of prizes will be made about 9:00 p.m. at the Gregory Theatre and all winning contestants must be present to make their choice of prizes in the order of their standing.

5. Should a contestant fail to be present, the prize will be chosen for them, based upon the largest retail value of those remaining.

6. Any contestant who disputes the total votes announced in this issue must make application not later than next Saturday at 10:00 a.m. otherwise they will be adjudged correct.

This Week's Standing
The standing of contestants on Monday was as follows:

Miss Lorena Locker	459,950
Miss Kath McPhedran	433,325
Miss Annie Black	384,575
Mrs. Florence Giles	347,100
Miss Jean Morrow	345,975
Mrs. Irene Fryer	318,625
Miss Kay Chapman	311,525
Mrs. A. H. Bishop	278,925
Miss Dorothy Powell	209,075
Mrs. Wm. Findley	246,55