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New Attractions Draw Many To Acton Fair

Big Arena Show Friday Night has New Acts — \$300 Offered in Prizes for Races — Big Horse Show and Livestock Parade on Saturday—Baby Contest to be a Feature—Two Bands will attend Fair

Once again it's fall fair time in Acton and this year the annual fair climaxes a round of activities and preparations which have been going on since the grounds at Acton Park were cleaned up after last year's fair.

Many of the old features looked forward to so eagerly from year to year are on the program again this time, and just for variety, there are new events, new exhibits, new features of many kinds to meet the approval of all fair visitors.

On Friday night a three hour program has been planned for the big arena show. Professional artists have been engaged to supply the entertainment. Vallee and Doreen who played for five consecutive weeks at the Casino in New York and who have appeared at most of the major cities and night clubs in the United States will make their Acton debut on Friday night. Al Emerson, internationally famous clown will perform on slack-wire and do feats of balancing, using table, chairs and other props.

The newest Hammond Organ Co. discovery featured at the C.N.E., Freddie Godwin, pianist and solo-voix virtuoso, will be on the program. Charlie Jackson, comedian and novelty musical interpreter will be there to provide a treat-in-a-nut.

Also on the bill is Jerry La Belle, known as America's zaniest MC, comedian and impersonator. He has appeared with such stars as Mickey Rooney, Frances Langford, Gary Cooper, Lanny Ross and several others.

Another item on the list for Friday night is the performance of high jumping horses, and the musical chairs contest for horses and ponies.

Two bands will be in attendance at the show. Acton Boys' and Girls' Band will give a concert on the first night. The other band which has been specially engaged is a Clown Band.

Exhibits will be open for inspection on both days. On Saturday afternoon a big parade is scheduled to take place at 1:30 o'clock, which all school children may enter free.

A special feature of Saturday afternoon is the harness race in the 2:26 and 2:20 classes. In addition there will be high jumping horses, road horses, and a gentleman's road race. And then there is the big parade of livestock at 4:00 p.m. and the judging which will be going on all afternoon.

The annual baby show is drawing large entries and will be one of the greatest attractions of Saturday afternoon. It has been rumored that there will be keen competition in the contest for the most freckled-faced boy and girl, a new feature to be added this year.

Of course there is a midway with merry-go-round, rides, shows and amusements that everyone always enjoys. And then to close the fair, a huge dance will be held on the second night of the fair in the town hall.

GLADIOLI AND CEDARS FORMED BACKGROUND FOR ROBSON-THOMPSON VOWS

Tall spikes of pink and white gladioli and cedars decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman McEachern on Saturday, September 27th, when Margaret Alice Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, Acton, became the bride of Harold Robson, son of Thomas Robson and the late Mrs. Robson, Rev. A. O. W. Foreman officiated.

Mrs. Wm. Thompson played the wedding music and Miss Della McIntyre sang "The Voice that Breathed of Eden" during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white tulle with a sweetheart neckline. Her long embroidered net veil fell from a coronet of silver-thrives and her only ornament was a double-strand pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. She carried her sister, Doris Thompson, was her sister's only attendant, wearing a pink net over satin and gown in a shoulder-length veil, which was held by a floral bodice. She carried pink and white gladioli, pink and red roses. Jack Robson was his brother's best man.

At the reception following the ceremony, the bride's mother received in a beige flowered jersey dress with tany accessories and corsage of pink roses.

For the wedding trip to Niagara and Buffalo, the bride donned a brown gabardine suit with brown accessories and corsage of red roses. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Robson will reside in Acton.

United Church At Churchill Is 109 Years old

One of the oldest churches in Halton County had another birthday this week. The Churchill United Church of Acton celebrated the 109th anniversary of its founding.

The church, which was originally Congregational, was established on a hill overlooking Acton, about two miles north of the town's present limits. The present pastor is Rev. O. R. Flindall, B.A., who is also pastor of the church at Ballinfad.

The guest speaker for the occasion was a former minister of the church, the Rev. Charles Jolliffe, of Rockwood. Special music by guest artists featured the morning services.

At the evening service the choir sang "Higher Ground", following the Scripture reading. In his opening remarks, Mr. Jolliffe recalled that he had been pastor at the church eight years ago. He urged the young people to remain loyal to their church.

During the offertory, Mrs. Gordon Aitken played "Largo," by Handel. Following this, Mrs. Wm. Black sang "Open the Gates of the Temple." The choir was assisted by the Churchill orchestra.

Mr. Jolliffe chose as his subject, "Brotherhood," and used as his text, "All ye are brethren."

FRIENDS GATHER TO WISH 'RON VOYAGE' TO FRED COLES

A group of friends of the Baptist Church called on Mr. Fred Coles on Monday evening for a surprise party prior to his leaving for England. Mr. Coles is leaving for New York City on Thursday (to-day), where he will sail on the Queen Elizabeth. It is thirty-two years since he visited the mother land.

The Rev. W. H. Wallace read an address to Mr. Coles and following some singing and games Mr. Wallace presented Mr. Coles with a gift of money. In a few words, Mr. Coles expressed his deep gratitude to his friends for their consideration.

Lunch was served after which there were a few brief speeches of good wishes from those present. After singing "God Be With You" and wishing Mr. Coles "bon voyage," the group dispersed.

HOSPITALIZATION GROUPS FORM FEDERATION AT CONFERENCE

A provincial conference of the 21 Group Hospitalization Services was held at Honey Harbor on September 19th and 20th at Delaware Inn. During the late summer of last year the groups then operating met together to talk over the problems and possibilities, at which time a provisional committee was appointed to render assistance and information to other groups wishing to organize. The rapid development this spring and early summer warranted the calling of another meeting of all the county and urban groups now in operation.

Each group was asked to send two voting delegates to the conference. Mr. M. J. Brown, Norval, vice-president and Mr. R. S. Heatherington, secretary Halton Co-operative Medical Services, represented Halton. Mr. Heatherington was elected to the board of directors for the new federation of Co-operative Medical Services for the province of Ontario.

KNOX LADIES' AID PLANS ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

Mrs. Cameron Leishman was hostess to the Knox Ladies' Aid for their September meeting. The president, Mrs. F. McCutcheon presided. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. Geo. Somerville read the secretary and treasurer's reports.

All members present were asked to remember an absent member who is in a hospital with a card or letter, with greetings and good wishes from the society.

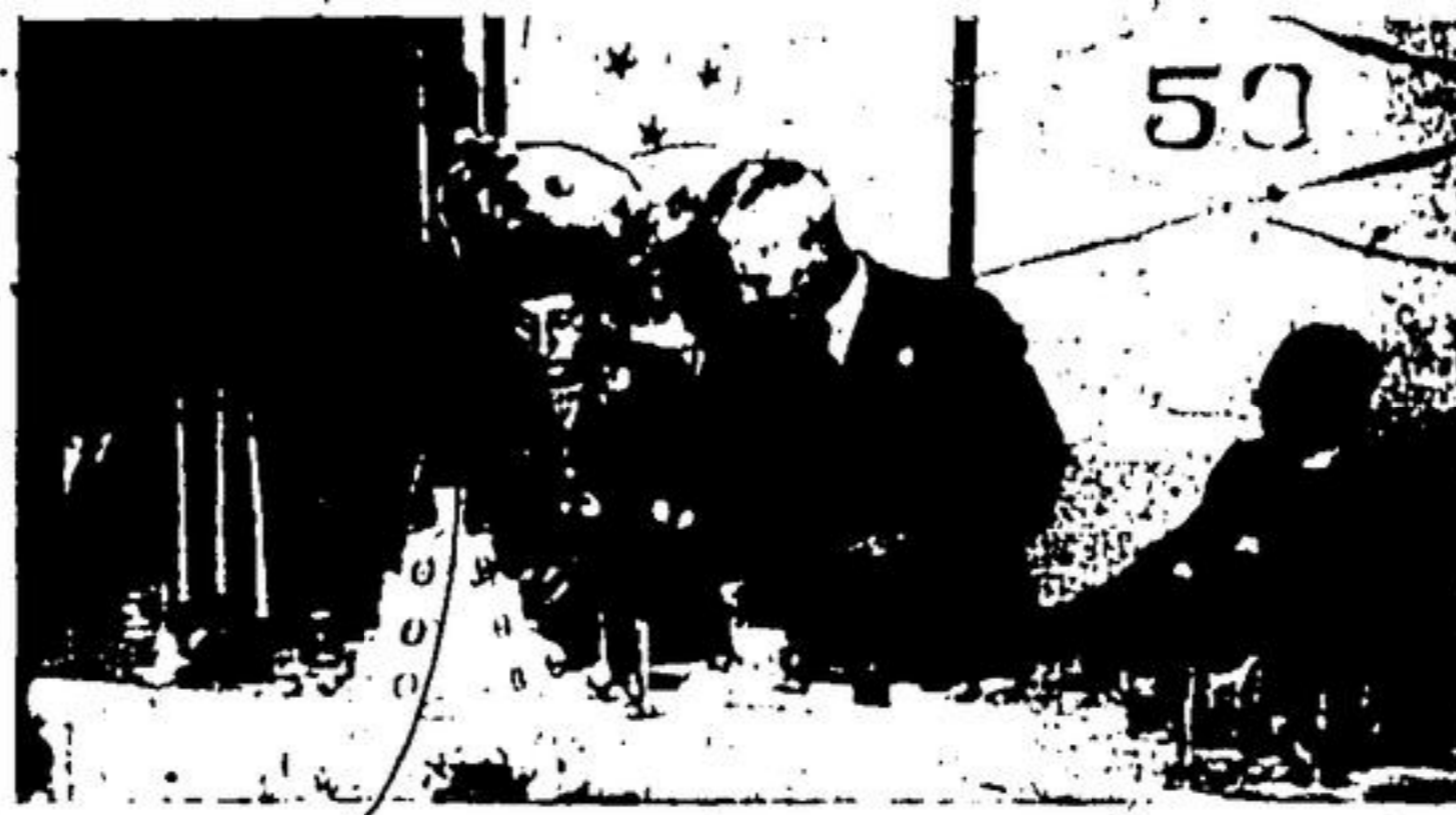
Plans were made for the anniversary supper to be held Monday night. A hot supper followed by an interesting program provided by choir members and friends will be enjoyed by all. Conveners and committees were reported to the various preparation duties.

Mrs. F. Blow led in prayer and Miss Belle Roscoe sang a solo. A reading, "Happiness for sale" was given by Miss McCutcheon; Mrs. F. Anderson sang the number, "In the Garden of Your Heart."

The hostess and a committee served lunch.

A vote of thanks was expressed by Mrs. John Anderson to Mrs. Leishman to all who had assisted in any way.

At Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbens, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, are shown as they cut the wedding cake at the dinner in honor of the occasion, held in St. Joseph's Church Hall, last Saturday morning. About sixty attended and joined with Mr. and Mrs. Gibbens on this occasion.

Force Electric Erecting New Extension to Plant

Force Electric Products of Acton, are constructing an extension to their present building on Church street, eventually for the manufacturing of electrical appliances.

Planned as a two-story construction, the extension will measure fifty by forty feet when completed. All of the work will not be done immediately. The new wing will be put up in stages and when finished will follow the design of the present building.

Construction was begun last week, and it is hoped that it will be finished late in November.

PLOWMEN SELECT TEAMS FOR ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MATCH

On Wednesday of last week, Halton Junior Farmers, with the co-operation of the Halton Plowmen's Association selected the members of the horse and tractor teams to represent Halton at the big international to be held near Kingston, October 14 to 17 inclusive. The local event was held on the farm of A. T. Woodley, near Milton. The special coach and judge of the day was George Hostrawser of Brampton, who is a former champion tractor plowman of a few years ago.

In the inter-county events at the International each county plow team is made up of 2 young men under 20 years of age.

Notwithstanding the dry condition of the soil some very good ridges were plowed at the Woodley farm. The young men selected to represent Halton in the inter-county events are as follows: inter-county walking plow class, Jack Ferguson and Gordon Ferguson, both of Nassagaweya Township; inter-county tractor class, Wm. Brain, Norval, in Esqueving Township and Keith Morry, Hornby-of-Traralgar Township, with Charles Hunter of Georgetown as reserve. Incidentally each member of the winning county team at the International will be awarded a trip to the 1947 International Live Stock Show at Chicago and also basic expenses of one year at the Ontario Agricultural College. Such basic expenses will include tuition fees, board and lodging and an allowance for books.

Wartime Housing Land Is Annexed by Acton

11.6 acres of the Township of Esqueving are Annexed to the Village of Acton—Municipal Board Held Hearing with Councilors and Reeves on Tuesday Morning

The Municipal Board which held a hearing in the council chambers on Tuesday morning, September 30, approved the annexation of part of the township of Esqueving to the village of Acton. It also directed that the township should receive taxes on the land annexed until December 31st, 1947, and that Acton should pay any expenses for the township.

The parcel of land to be annexed includes all of the Wartime Housing subdivision and a small corner of the Nelson Duckett farm. It comprises 11.6 acres of the east half of Lot 29 of the Third Concession of Esqueving township.

Commissioners Colter and Moore of the Ontario Municipal Board were present at the meeting along with Reeves, George Cleave and Fred McCutcheon and Councilors Aylsworth and Crighton. Mr. Nelson J. Duckett also attended.

Mr. Charles Leatherland acted in behalf of the village of Acton and the village was represented by Mr. Lester Dale.

Keen Competition At H.S. Field Meet Last Wednesday

Blues Came out on Top by Narrow Margin — Winners Meet in Georgetown

The athletes at the High School enjoyed cool but sunny weather for the annual field day last Wednesday afternoon at the Park. Competition was keen in all events. Considerable rivalry was evident between the three teams (Reds, Whites and Blues) into which the school had been divided.

The Blue team, captained by Jim Spielvogel and June Watkins, won the greatest number of points, edging out by a narrow margin, the Reds captained by Moh. Blow and Joan Coles. The Whites led by John Agar and Patsy Chew were only four points behind the winners. The two losing teams, must now provide a party to entertain the Blue team.

The individual champions with the points scored are indicated below.

Junior Girl—Jacqueline Chew (34)

Junior Boy—Don Davidson (37)

Intermediate Girl—Patsy Chew (39)

Intermediate Boy—Jim Spielvogel (53)

Senior Girl—Joan Coles (60)

Senior Boy—Moh. Blow (61)

Runners-up were:

Junior Girls—Helen Somerville (30)

Junior Boys—Phillip McCristall, Ray Webster (30)

Intermediate Girls—Dena Bralda (32)

Intermediate Boys—Crawford Douglas (45)

Senior Girls—Shirley Elliott (42)

Senior Boys—John Agar (38)

The winners of the several events are now preparing for the inter-school meet to be held next week in Georgetown.

JUNIOR BOYS

Bicycle Race—P. McCristall, R. Webster, J. Ware

High Jump—D. Perkins, P. McCristall, R. Webster

Pole Vault—D. Perkins, P. McCristall, C. Deforest

Obstacle Race—R. Webster, A. Elberly, D. Davidson

Running Broad—D. Davidson, R. Cripps, D. Perkins

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NEPHEW OF FATHER V. J. MORGAN WILL GO TO INDIA

Vincent Morgan, nephew and namesake of Rev. Fr. V. J. Morgan will soon be leaving for service with the church in India. He is a scholastic of the Jesuit Order in Toronto and sailed aboard the Queen Mary on October 11th for England, continuing his trip from there. He is bound for Dalgating, a city of 25,000 in northern India near Nepal. He will be accompanied by another scholastic and two Jesuit fathers.

Watford Wins 7-6 in Close Game with Acton

Local Couple Married 50 Years Last Saturday

In the year 1897, when London, England boasted of its gas lamps and of its native sons then fighting a war with the Boers, a quiet marriage ceremony took place in a chapel of that same city. Emily Thomas became the bride of James Gibbens in a simple candlelight service, attended by a few friends.

Half a century later in St. Joseph's Church, Acton, the couple realized the full significance of the marriage vows, "all death do us part." They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with all the beautiful liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church in High Mass of Thanksgiving.

The service was a sharp contrast to that first wedding day in London. It was held last Saturday with Rev. Father Killoran the celebrant. He sang the High Mass to the friends and members of the family, children, grandchildren and great grand children of the happy pair. A catalogue of events had taken place since the year 1897.

Residing in London until 1907, the couple, accompanied by five children, had sailed to Canada on H.M.S. Canada. They settled in the little Canadian village of Fesserton, situated in the Muskoka Lakes district, later moving to Bracebridge a few miles distant. During their stay in Bracebridge, Mr. Gibbens and three of his sons enlisted in the C.E.F. and served overseas for the duration of the First Great War. When hostilities ceased, they along with many others from the district, removed to Acton, where they have resided since.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gibbens arranged a 50th anniversary banquet after the Mass on Saturday morning in the Church Hall. Catering to the event was the Altar Society of St. Joseph's. They served a tasty cold plate to the relatives and friends of the family who numbered fifty-nine in all. Mr. James Gibbens of Toronto, the eldest son, acted as master of ceremonies. He read an address to his mother and father. "God has been good to us and now we return thanks to Him for having blessed us with the parents who struggled through the early years and accomplished such wonders with such a large family," he said. "It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to be near you and bless you with some of his choicest gifts."

Mrs. E. Nelson of Goderich, the eldest daughter presented the celebrants with a suitable gift for the occasion. Little Patricia Coles of Acton and Johnny Gibbens of Detroit, both grandchildren, presented a Spruce Broom and a picture. The other three sons of the anniversary couple gave brief addresses. They were John of Detroit, Charles of Goderich and Cecil of Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbens are living on Cameron Street in Acton. They are devout Catholics and attend St. Joseph's Church. Among telegrams of congratulations received was one from his Holiness the Pope in Vatican City and another from Viscount Alexander, Governor General of Canada.

There are nine children, twenty-three grandchildren and three great grandchildren scattered over Canada, the United States and England.

Those who attended the celebration included: Mr. and Mrs. James Gibbens of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbens, Doris and Johnny of Detroit; Michl; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gibbens, of Goderich; Mr. and Mrs. E. Nelson, of Goderich; Mr. and Mrs. E. Coles and family of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. W. Capps and family of Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. V. Papillon and family of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gibbens and Carol of Acton; Miss Lorraine Gibbens of Toronto; Mr. and Bernard Dobbie and Paul of Stratford; Mrs. S. Papillon of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. W. Coles and Miss Jessie Coles of Acton; Mr. C. McCall of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. George Gibbens of Acton; Mr. and Mrs. Singlestep of Detroit.

OCCUPANTS UNHURT AS MILTON CARS CRASH ON HIGHWAY 25

One car received slight damage when in collision with a second car on Highway 25 about two miles south of Milton Tuesday night, officers reported. The car, owned and driven by Norman Straub, Milton, was salvaged by a car driven by Verne Wilson, also of Milton, about 10:30 p.m. Damage to the Straub car was estimated at \$25. Provincial Constable Al Lemon is investigating.

Acton Had the Game till the Seventh Inning—Series of Errors by Acton in Seventh and Ninth Gave Watford their Run—Chabun Went the Route for Losers and Dann for Winners

Acton lost the second game of the 4th round of the Intermediate "C" playdowns to Watford by a score of 7-6 in Watford Park on Wednesday, October 1st. Acton held the play for most of the game but a decastrous 7th and 9th innings robbed them of eliminating another team in their quest for the championship.

Masales spiked the Acton batting with three singles and a double to his credit. "This potent Acton battery of the last few games was dimmed under the hurling of Dann, the Watford right-handed pitcher, who went the route for the opposing team.

Lanky Peter Chabun pitched the entire game for the triple A's and came up with a good performance. Acton's weakness in the 7th and 9th innings can be attributed to a series of mistakes, but throws him generally. Before this, the game was in the bag at the beginning of the top of the seventh with a score of 5-1, when Lady Luck deserted the hapless triple A's with a vengeance.

Acton's scoring began in the 3rd when Morton reached home, and followed in the 4th with Masales and Footitt romping over the plate on hits by Watfhouse and Chabun. Dann, the Watford hurler, balked in the sixth, bringing Masales in from third. Masters reached the home sack in the seventh and in the eighth, Masales stole home on a single by Waterhouse, erasing the scoring on the Acton end of the score sheet.

Watford threatened in the sixth and 8th and 9th respectively. However, Chabun bore down and pitched himself out of the hole.

The seventh started the ball rolling the wrong way as far as Acton was concerned. Masters' high throw to Morton got Dann on first and Galbraith on third. Galbraith raced for home when Chabun missed G. Shea's fly, while another fumble brought in both Dann and Shea, making the score 5-1 for Acton.

The ninth saw three more runs cross the plate for the Watford squad. Dann got to first on an error of Kentner's. Cayley's hit got him to second and advanced Dann to third. Dann reached home sack and Tait hit Cayley in, which tied the score 6-6. Shea hit between centre and right field causing Tait to cross the plate, breaking the tie and winning the ball game for Watford.

Box Score:

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Acton	001	201	110	4	10	7
Watford	001	000	303	7	7	3

Line-ups:

Watford—G. Shea, ss; Cayley, 2b; Rawlings, c; Tait, cf; C. Shea, 3b; D. Smith, rf; A. Galbraith, 1b; J. Smith, lf; Dann, p.

Acton—Masters, 3b; Morton, 1b; Evans, 2b; Lindsay, c; Kentner, cf; Masales, ss; Footitt, cf; J. Waterhouse, rf; Chabun, p.

Umpires: Isher and Gallivan.

FALL FAIR DATES ANNOUNCED FOR THIS DISTRICT

ACTON	Oct. 3, 4
Markham	Oct. 2, 3, 4
Streetsville	Oct. 4
Erlin	Oct. 11, 13
Woodbridge	Oct. 11, 13

Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Conventions, or other Events, in which the public are interested, are published here with a minimum charge of one cent per line.

Friendly Circle Bazaar and Baking Sale Saturday, October 25th at 3 p.m. at United Church.

Y.M.C.A. opening 1947-48 Season, Monday, October 6th. Watch for full details in next week's issue.

Faculty and dance, Thursday, October 2, 1:01, Hall, Grosvenor's Corners, 8:30 p.m. Refreshments, 6:30 p.m. Admission 25c.

Barn Dance will be held at Claude Pickett's new barn, Seventh Line, 14 miles north of Hornby on Tuesday, October 7th. Modernities Orchestra. Admission 50c.

Come to Lamhouse Memorial Hall October 10th, October 24th, November 7th, November 21st and Dec 5th. 8:30 p.m. Marathon Euchre. Dance following, sponsored by Hall Board. Admission 10c, includes lunch.