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## Field Day at Acton High School Held Last Week

Three Team Competed in Athletic Events—Champions Are Declared

The annual field day of athletic events was held last Wednesday in Acton Park with keen competition and good sport.

Following the practice of recent years, captains were chosen for three teams—the Red, White and Blue—and the student body divided accordingly. This made for keen competition in the various events. The weather was sunny for the most part, and a fair number of townspeople assisted at the pits and on the track.

Among the girls, the Blue team, led by June Watkins emerged with a winning total of 334 points. The Whites, led by Pat Chew, gained 228 points while the third position went to the Reds captained by Joan Coles, with 185 points. In the boys events the Red aggregation piloted by Mab. Blow, collected a total of 274 points; in second place the Blue with 250 points led by Jim Spielvogel; then came the Whites, with 210 points led by Ray Everdell.

The Senior Boys' Champion was easily Mab. Blow, with 27 points over his nearest rival, Jim Spielvogel. The Intermediate Boys' Champion was Ron Anderson, who came ahead of the runner-up Lyle Marchmont by only three points. Among the Juniors, a keen struggle for first place developed between John Ware, Bob Cunningham, Dave Staddon and Don Perkins, with John Ware emerging victorious with a margin of three points for a total of 31.

Senior Girl Champion was Joan Coles (62 points) with June Watkins (41 points) as runner-up. Jackie Watkins and Pat Chew were tied for Intermediate Championships with 38 points. Doreen Coles took the Junior crown, with Helen Somerville trailing 8 points behind.

In addition to the Champions and runners-up, the following boys and girls gained a total of 15 points or more: Doris Thompson, Betty Wilds, Lorraine Mullins, Frances Chew, Joan Veldhuis, Ray Everdell, Crawford Douglas, Dunc. Gibson, Ron Cripps, Roy Webster, Allan Eilerby, Don Davidson.

## Youths in Milton Court Yesterday on Serious Charges

Five Remanded in Bronte Shooting—Campbellville Robber in Court

Five young men were remanded in custody yesterday, when they appeared before Magistrate Kenneth M. Langdon in Halton County Jail, until October 13 on charges of assaulting Douglas A. Allan, Bronte druggist, while armed last Saturday night.

Those charged were, Joseph S. Grebski 17, Milton; Dick J. Rebeck, 21, Toronto; Buddy Rogers Smith, 18, Willowdale; Edward Douglas McMan, 20, Milton and Fred P. Jackson, 22, Toronto.

The five accused were not brought into open court, but Magistrate Langdon, explained to the press, "They haven't been put through the line up, so they were remanded in the jail office."

Surrounded by four Provincial Police officers and two jail guards, Leo G. Adams, alias Brunell and Sloan, appeared briefly and was remanded a week in custody on request of Crown Attorney W. I. Dick. Adams recently brought back from Vancouver is charged with robbing the Bank of Nova Scotia, Campbellville, while armed of \$10,000 cash and \$95,000 bonds, July 8, 1948.

Henry McTrash, convicted a week ago of causing a disturbance was fined \$10 and costs of \$10 or in default of payment 10 days in jail.

James Howard was remanded a week until he could obtain monies coming to him, to enable him to return to his Milford home. He told the court he suffered a seizure and the people he was working for thought he was attempting to take his own life. Medical evidence disclosed he was able to stand trial. The court ordered the remand when the crown had no evidence to offer.

## PRIZES WINNERS IN VARIOUS GROUPS AT 1948 ACTON FALL FAIR



Here are some of the pictures from Acton's 1948 Fall Fair—Upper left picture shows the Everton Sheep Breeders with three of their prize winning entries in the sheep class, which had a fine exhibit this year. Left to right are, Colin Parker, J. R. Peavoy and J. P. Benham & Son's entry. Upper left is Mrs. Norman Bradshaw with Linda Jean winner of the red ribbon for girls 3 to 6 months old who also won the class at Milton; and at Georgetown Fairs this year. Lower left is one of the heavy teams shown by W. Hewson, Milton, which also won at Orangeville, Caledon, Milton and Georgetown this year. There'll be genuine interest in the picture at the lower right, since beef seems to figure so much in every-family budget. This is the champion steer in the beef classes, and is owned by W. H. Merry of Oakville. The cattle classes at Acton were a splendid show this year. The picture of the heavy horse team is through the courtesy of Vic Bristow, Acton Photographer and the other pictures are Free Press photos. We appreciate the willingness of Mr. Bristow to assist with his pictures when our own camera failed to function properly on Fair day.

## IRISH AGAIN

An Irishman got out of a coach at a railway station for a sandwich and coffee, but the train left before he had finished his repast. "Hold on!" cried Pat as he tried along, "hold on, ye murther-ould stame Inpin—ye've got a passenger on board that's left behind."

## Fire Destroys Store Shed in Business Section

Prompt Action of Brigade. Saved Serious Conflagration

A fire about eight o'clock last night destroyed a storage shed at the rear of the Acton Creamery and for a few minutes threatened a section of the business district of the town. The shed was used to store egg crates and new butter boxes and barrels for the creamery and was of corrugated iron construction. In a few minutes it was a roaring mass of flames. It immediately adjoined a barn but the flames were confined in the shed and little damage was done to the barn or the creamery building.

Often one hears criticism at a fire of tardiness in getting water on a fire. It so happened the other way in the Town Hall when the alarm was sent in by the telephone connection. The siren sounded immediately and we answered the call to find out where the location of the fire was. In just eleven minutes from the time the alarm was first turned in, two streams of water were subduing the fire and it was under control. The Acton Fire Brigade which is a volunteer organization, we think deserve the highest praise for promptness. A third line of hose came into action a few minutes later and was laid from a hydrant a block away.

Cause of the fire has not yet been ascertained nor the loss estimated. The building was owned by the Acton Creamery of which Mr. C. Anderson is manager.

## 1948 Acton Fair Another Success In Spite of Cold and Cloudy Weather

Big Crowd Saw Outstanding Arena Performance on Friday Evening—Showing of Cattle was One of Largest—Midway had Half a Dozen Rides and was Crowded All Afternoon—Trials of Speed Gave Fine Contest for Trotting Horses—Baby Show Had Many Entries—Good Exhibit in the Hall

The weather was the deciding factor with Acton Fair on Saturday and perhaps the afternoon was the most unsuitable for out-of-doors of any this past two months. It didn't rain, but it was cold and dull. The result was reflected in the gate receipts which were down by \$100 to \$150 over those of last year, but a crowd of 6000 braved the weather and witnessed a good fair, met old friends and had a good time.

There were other respects in which the 1948 Fair excelled that of last year which was a top show. This year the arena audience was larger and the performance found more general satisfaction. The cattle show this year set a new record for Acton with all the spaces filled and the various breeds well represented.

The arena show on Friday night drew a crowd of 1200 who saw a new type of program. The high jumping horses were first on the bill and a dozen fine jumpers participated in these events and Dr. Fowler was the officiating judge. In the performance class Miss Jean Gowland with Symphony Lad carried top honors; Mr. Stoddart, second; Stewart Holding's Patches was third; Lorne Masales with Rocky came fourth and Miss Gowland's other entry of King was fifth. In the high jumping class Miss Gowland again won first or Symphony Lad; Mr. Stoddart was second; and Stewart Holding's entry carried off third and fourth, while in fifth place was Fair Candor, owned by Dr. Bouvard.

During the performance, Mr. Elwood Johnston, this year's president, welcomed the visitors to Acton Fair, expressing appreciation of the help and co-operation of all and told of some of the features of the event. Acton Boys' and Girls' Band, under C. W. Mason, provided

a fine musical program, and the very capable Robt. R. Parker, was master of ceremonies, keeping the show running smoothly and doing the announcing. Nicking Bros. brought a new act to the arena when they performed on the parallel bars as comedy acrobats. It was fast moving and skillfully executed. The musical chairs was brought in to fill a gap in the program and Mr. Stoddart was the winner.

Highlighting the program was the trick riding and trained horses of Lee Fairchild and ridden by Joar Ross and Betty Fairchild. There was a real western flavor to the rope tricks, bull whip tricks and the fancy riding. The horses used were splendidly trained animals and put on a fine performance. It was an act that moved quickly, gave plenty of thrills and pleased the crowd.

The Hall Exhibits Many folk visited the hall on the first night and viewed the exhibits shown there. The entry in the baking classes was the largest in years and other classes were well represented. The ladies and children's work, flowers, grain, roots and vegetables all had a commendable showing. The Women's Institute display was also admired and filled a good section of the hall with exhibits by Bannockburn, Rockalong, Georgetown, Limehouse and Dublin branches. In the commercial exhibits, J. B. Mackenzie & Son had a fine booth for building materials and McEachern Electric exhibited the latest in electrical appliances. The spinning wheel and lamps made by John Roggvadson were admired by many.

Cloudy and Cool It was cloudy and cool Saturday, but Casey Shows and all the other rides and amusements soon filled the midway. It was still dull and

cool as the parade left the Town Hall and made a short cut by Bowyer and Knox Avenue to the Park. Decorated doll buggies and bicycles added color and the band led a lively group of children, who soon took possession of the grounds.

Every section had its attraction for the fair visitors. The trotting races saw J. H. Holmes of Milton take first money with Jimmy H., second went to Ken Thompson of Elora with Roy Direct and third and fourth prizes to A. J. McKinley of High River Alta, with P. H. Worthy and Bertha Gratton. This was the 226 class.

The 217 class was won by J. Barnerman of Stratford with Bud Braden; Slim Acres owned by A. J. McKinley won second; third went to Guy Wire from the same stable and fourth entry was Harry Van, owned by K. Thompson of Elora. Dr. C. H. Heslop was the starter and he was assisted by J. M. McDonald and J. A. Robinson.

Winners for the best doll carriage and child in the parade were, Norma Sinclair, Marilyn Roggvadson and Margaret Jean Anderson. The best decorated bicycles were those of Avelline Rocher, B. H. Roggvadson and Donnie Price.

Winners of the judging in the horse ring, at the cattle enclosure and in the poultry, sheep and hogs are all to be found in the classes under those headings. The horse ring of course drew the best crowd and there was a fine group of light horses, but the heavy horse classes were not as well filled.

The Baby Show The Robinson baby show was a centre of attraction. Owing to the cool weather, the judging was done in the arena and the judges had a real task in awarding the best ribbons.

Best girl under 3 months was, Gail Marlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Breen, Acton, and best boy under 3 months was Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Black of Acton.

In the class, three to six months, the red ribbon for a girl went to Linda Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bradshaw, who has won (Continued on Page Five)

## INDEFINITE

"Is the Doctor in?"  
"No, he isn't."  
"Do you know when he'll be back?"  
"I really can't say—he went out on an eternity case."

## C.N.R. to Pay Half Cost of Main Street Fill

Brief Session Acton Council Last Night Dealt With Routine Business

Councillors F. Davison, W. J. McLeod and A. McIsaac were present last evening and Deputy-Reeve Coon presided at the regular session of Acton Council.

Accounts passed for payment as follows:  
County Halton, grader \$ 54.00  
Nonskid Pavement supp. 60.00  
MacSwain Motors 1.00  
Personal Stationery, supp. 13.25  
Acton Free Press, printing, Etc. 26.57  
Dr. D. Garrett 5.00  
W. D. Talbot, supplies 12.15  
Jones & VanGils, School contract 3,005.88  
\$3,177.93

A letter from the Board of Transport Commissioners enclosed a copy of an order sent to the CNR for widening the approaches at the Main Street railway crossing. The railway was ordered to pay half the cost of this fill.

A letter was read from the solicitors for the Sick Children's Hospital regarding an account for a girl claimed to be an indigent and which the Council denied.

An account from the Guelph General Hospital for an indigent patient amounted to \$648. Another account from the same hospital for \$88 was refused.

A motion authorized the Treasurer to pay the Library Board \$100. balance of their annual grant. Council refused to erect any more no parking signs on Mill Street.

The Clerk was instructed to prepare a by-law for the next meeting calling for nominations and arranging for the municipal elections.

## Some Quick Facts About Hydro in Acton

Cut-Offs Will be From 4 to 5 Each Day When Quota is Exceeded

Acton manufacturers and business men met on Wednesday morning with Superintendent Wilson of the Acton Public Utilities Commission and Mr. Edward, municipal engineer of the Ontario Commission to endeavor to meet the present power emergency and, some very interesting facts came out of the discussion.

Industry in Acton has co-operated by cutting 4,800 kw. from the load.

Acton's present quota is 19,500 kw. in the five day period from Monday to Friday inclusive and there is every possibility that before spring this quota will be lower.

Another 2000 kw. must be cut from our present load.

Transfer of use of energy to Saturday and Sunday will be a most helpful solution.

The greatest demand for power is from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Acton street lights have been cut by 25% and when smaller bulbs are procured a further reduction will be possible.

There will be no interruptions of power if Acton keeps within its quota.

In the event of exceeding the quota, power cuts will be for an hour from four to five o'clock each day.

There is no prospect of bringing new power projects before 1950 and some in 1952.

A long period of wet weather would help fill the reservoirs supplying developments on the Gatineau river.

A committee of Messrs. D. Manning, B. D. Rachlin and R. P. Watson was appointed to secure the co-operation of the retail merchants in conserving power. Lower voltage lamps will be installed and all unnecessary lighting will be turned off.

Representatives of industry agreed to secure figures, make a study and confer with Mr. Wilson yesterday afternoon to further cut power consumption, or transfer to other hours.

It appears that domestic consumers have up to the present, made little reduction in their use of the power.

## WHY THEY SHUN PUBLIC LIFE

There is much truth in the claim that the personal smear campaign suffered by men in public life are an important reason for keeping many very useful citizens out of it, asserts The Financial Post. Decent people regardless of political allegiance, will deplore the smearing to which men in public life are too often exposed. A man's policies are the proper subject of debate and comment.

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Events, or Other Events, must be in time, are charged, unless otherwise stated, with a minimum charge for the announcement of 10¢.

Dance, Brookville Hall, Friday October 8th. Admission 40¢.

Come to the Acton Junior Farmers' meeting in Lorne School on Thursday evening, October 14th. Lunch provided. Admission 35¢.

The Woman's Association of the United Church are holding a sale of home-made baking, candy and aprons, Saturday, December 4th.

Opening euchre and dance, L.O.L. 467 Crewson's Corner, Friday, October 8. Refreshments. Good prizes. Admission 25¢.

An event to remember Turkey dinner and musicale, Acton United Church, Monday, October 25. Auspices the Church Choir.

Euchre and Bridge, Y.M.C.A. Acton, Wednesday, October 20, 8:15 p.m. Admission 40¢ Auspices Lake-side Chapter I.O.D.E. Refreshments.

Bannockburn Women's Institute Euchre and Dance will be held in Bannockburn School, October 22 at 8 p.m. Admission 35¢ Lunch provided. Everybody welcome.

Barn Dance at Claude Pickett's Farm, Seventh Line 1 1/2 miles north of Hornby, Tuesday, Oct. 12th. Modernaires Orchestra. Admission 50¢.