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## NOT THE OFFICIAL POLICE



Harold Dagg, a very genial chap, who appeared in various costumes on Friday and Saturday, was the clown who invariably had a good following of boys and girls. He led parades, donkeys or anything to make fun and the children loved it. *Free Press Photo.*

## Resignation Night Held By Acton Council Monday

Two Members of Library Board, the Cemetery Board and Police Officer Allan are resignations that had to be dealt with in one meeting - Bus Company Like Park Space But Merchants Object to Council's Attempt For Traffic Safety - Appoint Representative To Credit Valley Conservation Authority

All the Councillors and Deputy Reeve Tyler were present on Monday evening when Acton Council met in regular session and Reeve T. Jones presided.

In the absence of Clerk McGeachie, who is ill, Solicitor C. F. Leatherland acted as Clerk.

Accounts were passed for payment as follows:

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| Kenneth C. Griffin Co.                  | \$37.38 |
| Manuel Nalla, tractor and truck         | 25.00   |
| County of Halton, re grader             | 3.00    |
| Ontario Municipal Board, re fee, by-law | 10.00   |
|   | \$75.38 |

A letter from Gray Coach Co. expressed appreciation of the plan to mark off a section on Mill St for bus stops and said that a 50-foot space would be sufficient. They felt this would be a safety measure and would instruct the drivers to use this space and display when parking.

A deputation of business men from Mill Street protested the granting of a space for a bus stop. A protesting petition was presented, signed by most of the business men. They felt this would be detrimental to customers as no other provision was made for parking. The petition urged that a bus stop be established on Willow Street or Main Street. The present ticket office was satisfactory. The petition stated that several buses would not be accommodated by this arrangement and traffic would still be blocked. Council pointed out that it was considered only as a safety measure and the request had not come from the bus company. Council agreed to give the problem consideration and decided to consult the bus company further. The Clerk was to write a letter and see if the company would send a representative to consult with Council.

A letter from the Department of Public Works asked Council to appoint a representative to establish a Credit Valley Conservation Authority. The meeting will be held in Georgetown. Council decided to appoint R. R. Parker as delegate and Wm. Ruddick as alternate. While Acton is not vitally interested in the project, unless a representative is appointed, they may be burdened with a share of the costs without any voice.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector was empowered by motion to offset all moneys payable to parties against taxes that may be owing by these parties.

Council approved account of the Toronto General Hospital for an indigent patient.

Mr. C. A. Stewart and Rev. L. Pickering tendered their resignations as members of the Library Board. Rev. R. H. Armstrong was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. L. Pickering and the Clerk was instructed to express appreciation of the services he had given. The resignation of Mr. Stewart was referred to the School Board.

Council was advised that Mr. Yeates of the Ontario Municipal

## Highway Work Is Making Progress Nearing Completion

Top surfacing of crushed stone has now been liberally spread on No. 25 Highway from Glenora to well above the concession north of Spesside. Iron culverts have been put in at two locations and the last three or four cement culverts are now being poured. Filling material is still being used to bring up the road level and the road is rapidly coming into good condition.

It is quite probable we learn that the bridge on Main Street over the creek will be started within a week and will be twenty feet wider than the present structure. We also learn that it is quite probable that paving will be undertaken next season if the fill is properly settled. Fences along the right of way are being moved back and Bell Telephone Co. workmen are moving the poles back and putting in some underground cable.

The road is quite passable, although rough in some spots where grading is not completed and is being travelled by most vehicles going between Acton and Milton.

## FIRST DIRECTOR AND NEVER MISSED AN ACTON FAIR YET

Mr. John Smith was again a visitor at Acton Fair last week, and he holds a unique record in connection with this event. Mr. Smith is one of the first directors elected on the Board when it was organized in 1913. He has now been made a Life Member. But here's a record, Mr. Smith has attended every fair held since 1913. Thirty six fairs and never a miss. We don't believe it can be equalled.

## Foundation Laid For Kitchen at New Scout Hall

Acton Troop of Boy Scouts have completed the excavation for the kitchen and basement craft shop at the Scout Hall and under the guidance of J. McMullen and J. Laidlaw the foundation of cement blocks has been laid. This week the Cubs and Girl Guides and Brownies held their first meetings in the new hall.

The flag stone walk from the roadway to the hall is being laid by Star Norton who also arranged for securing the stone which the boys trucked to the site. The trench for the water service is nearly finished and the excavation for the flag pole made. There's a great rush to get everything ready for the formal opening on October 28th. So many have helped with this project that the hall will likely be crammed to the doors on this occasion. There is still a need for some funds and some volunteer labor to help get the kitchen in usable shape for opening night.

Apple Day is coming up and with the gathering of scrap paper the boys hope to be able to purchase the necessary material for the finished project.

At the Fall Fair the Scouts provided a rest tent and had an exhibit with model of the new Scout Home near the Fair entrance. The troop also provided information about the project for the visitors. There were also several pictures of the work on the building and exterior, and interior views.

## One of Best in History Was Record of the 1949 Acton Fair

Attendance, Exhibits, Entertainment and Weather Made the Friday and Saturday Show Tops in the Long Record of Successes - Cattle and Horse Show Were Well Above Average - Poultry and Baking Were Record Breakers for Quality and Quantity - Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band and Acton Boys' and Girls' Band Gave Splendid Service - Parade Again a Big Feature and Grandstand Event Pleased a Big Crowd All Afternoon

One of the best all-round events in the history of Acton Fair was the general summing up of the 1949 event held on Friday and Saturday when 8000 attended the two day event. There were many contributing factors to this achievement and not the least of these was the ideal fall weather with bright sunny skies that prevailed.

There was a big crowd on both Friday night and Saturday afternoon and gate receipts came very close to records established in other years and well above those of the past few years. The finest exhibit of cattle ever seen in Acton was in the show ring with both beef and dairy breeds well represented. The horse show had as fine an entry as any local fair could present and here again all the classes were well represented including driving horses, jumpers and heavy horses. The poultry show was a record exhibit with not sufficient room for all the birds presented and the sheep pens were all filled with a good entry. The showing of hogs was not large.

In the hall the baking classes were the best ever seen in Acton Fair. Apparently some of the new experts on baking are taking interest and the judge in this class said it was the best exhibit of quality baking he had ever placed. More fruit and apples were in evidence and the school children's work was plentiful and well presented. Other classes in the hall were well up to average. The Women's Institute Exhibit was not large but was well presented. Commercial exhibitors in the hall were Manning Electric, Acton Home Furnishings, Hazzard's Radio, Symon Hardware and McEachern Electric.

The Arena Show

A crowd of 1200 greeted the Friday night arena show when President A. Robinson extended a welcome and a word of thanks to all who make for success of the Fair. The skit of pipes and the color guard of the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band was a start for the evening's performance. The band delighted the audience and the fancy drills and playing featured the night's show. A clown delighted the children and kept all in good humor.

The horses in the jumping classes put on a real show. It was a record entry of fine performers. In the performance class Symphony Lad owned and ridden by Miss Jean Gowland took first place. Mountain Lad, owned by James Stearns, of Brampton was second and Heather owned by S. Stanley, of Weston, was third. Golden Slipper another Gowland entry was fifth and Pat another entry of James Stearns was sixth.

Look-Out, owned by Stewart Holding and ridden by Mr. Stickney took the high jumping event at

well over the five foot mark. Symphony Lad owned by Miss Jean Gowland was second, 3rd. Heather owned by S. Stanley, Weston, 4th. Golden Slipper owned by Miss Jean Gowland, Brampton, 5th. Pat owned by Jim Stearns, Brampton.

Visitors to the arena show also anticipate and see some good variety acts and this year Eddie and Ben Frisco were the top performers. Their slack wire act and knife throwing provided skilful performance that thrilled and delighted Music by Acton Boys and Girls Band provided the background for the performance and the MC and main back of the whole show was 2nd Vice President R. R. Parker.

Grand Old Saturday

The day was the finest of the fall but the sunbeams were hard to count. President A. Robinson when he came to the platform on Saturday afternoon and beamed over the field to express thanks to all who helped the fair, gratitude for good weather and a warm welcome for all. He called on Mr. Stanley, Hall member for Halton who congratulated the officers on their achievement and introduced Hon. C. D. Graham, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, who officially opened the 1949 Fair.

Not a Dull Moment

There were no dull periods in the Acton Fair program. The trotting horses after their last year's parade were admirably omitted from the program and the money spent on other attractions which provided entertainment to more people.

Les Fairchild, Barbara Fairchild and Muri Hardy on their highly trained horses gave exhibitions of trick riding that thrilled. Their performing horses drew plenty of applause and appreciation.

The road races were keenly contested and were real heats with every contestant out to get in ahead of the other. The program by Acton Boys and Girls' Band held an appreciative audience all afternoon and the band led the parade of livestock late in the afternoon.

The musical trio of Geo. Fountain, Les Dubsy and Harry Shortell were winners of this new novelty and their music pleased so well that they had difficulty breaking away from the audience who clamoured for more.

Freakles and proud of them were three bright lads and two lassies. The judges had quite a time counting on the lads for the best freckles. They put in another class for girls when Shirley Lillie was 1st and Florence Gibson won 2nd. Carl Turnan, Guelph, was top in the boy's freckled face, Donald Anderson second, and little Jackie Robinson won third place. Eleanor Webster had the best

decorated bicycle and Jimmie Callan took second prize. The school children did not parade this year but were given their tickets at the school.

Baby Show

The Robinson Baby Show is always an attraction for young and old and this year's group had some fine future citizens shown by proud mothers. Best girl under three months was Carol Williamson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Williamson, Acton, 3 to 6 months Arlene MacSwain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. MacSwain, Acton, 6 to 12 months Susan Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weaver, Hamilton.

Best boy under 3 months was Allan son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harding, R.R. 2, Acton, 3 to 6 months Garry son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tallifer, 6 to 12 months Garry son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Couture, of Acton.

The visitor from the greatest distance attending the fair was Mrs. Louisa Crump of London, England and the odd-lit married couple attending were Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Anderson of Guelph. They have been married 52 years.

Mr. R. R. Parker was again MC for the grandstand events and put on a superb job.

Results of the Gentlemen's Round Race gave Mr. Somerville first and second with a team of roadsters and Joe Hamilton third. In the single roadster Mr. Somerville took first and second again with W. Wheeler third and Mr. Hamilton fourth.

In the open performance class for jumpers Look Out was first, Golden Rule 2nd, Rocky, owned by Lorne Macleod, third, Symphony Lad 4th and Pat 5th.

In the high jump event Look Out took first, Rocky, second, and Golden Rule third.

Following are the results of field and ball judging in the various exhibits at the Fair.

## CHURCHILL MARKS 11TH ANNIVERSARY LAST SUNDAY

The 11th anniversary services of Churchill United Church on Sunday were largely attended at both the morning service and evening drama with many from surrounding communities present for the occasion.

Rev. Eric Currie of Orton was guest speaker in the morning and gave a very inspiring address. Soloists for the day were Mrs. H. G. Turner of Churchill and Mr. Douglas Peck of Georgetown with special music by the choir. Mr. Charles Landborough of Acton was at the piano. In the evening the passion play "Four He Hath Great Possessions" was presented by Misses Young People. High praise is due Rev. Currie for her direction of the drama. The fact was well chosen and talent exceptional.

Today's Canadian worker carries for each hour he turns a machine more than the workers of 80 years ago carried for a whole day's effort.

## CATTLE SHOW AT ACTON FAIR



The greatest exhibit of cattle, both in quality and quantity featured the 1949 Acton Fair. Here are shown winners in the Jersey cattle class. This is the head of E. Arnold, of Breslau, who was a winner with these fine Jerseys. *Free Press Photo.*

## Int. A's Decisively Downed in Second Semi-Final Tilt

Bow To Strathroy 6-0 As Beggs Weaves a Three Hitter - Second Straight Loss

Although they had to rely on an umpire's decision to edge Acton in the first game, Strathroy's American slugged Arrows posted a decisive 6-0 victory over A's on Saturday in Strathroy to sweep the O.B.A. Intermediate A semi-finals series in two straight games.

Behind a magnificent mound performance from southpaw Wally Beggs who yielded only three hits, Arrows topped on to Bill Leader for ten solid bingles to win the contest at a walk. Not a man passed second base as the swarthy Yankee took sides as he whiffed ten Acton batters in the process.

The loss eliminated Acton from any further contention and sent the Strathroy outfit into the finals against Pictou.

Whitewashed as they were, the Acton team bowed out of the title hunt with dignity befitting a club which with only two exceptions were all local men. They fought their way up the play down ladder only to be eliminated with the elusive championship in sight. The fact they lost out to Strathroy is no reflection on their ability and every-one connected with the club are to be congratulated for providing a splendid season of baseball.

A's refused to be eclipsed by the Strathroy club in spite of the fact the Arrows were virtually a carbon copy of this year's London Majors. Undoubtedly they had good grounds for protest on the strength of this. However realizing the futility of prolonging baseball any further this term they conceded defeat without any loss of face and in addition with what is a vital factor today, good sportsmanship.

Strathroy had little trouble downing A's on Saturday with Beggs practically putting on a one man show. Only three men got on base as he set down Acton's heaviest guns with three sparse hits.

A double from Dalton the first man up in the first frame accounted for Arrows first run. Roman, next at bat, smashed a single to score Dalton.

In the second inning singles to Jones, Benetta, Dalton and Roman, coupled with a free ticket to Beggs scored three additional runs before Leader offered a pitch to Rally who fied out to right.

Consecutive singles to Rally and Galbraith in the 5th made it 5-0. Acton made their only bid in the fifth as three men landed on base but all were tagged on the sacks before they got beyond second.

In the sixth, Benetta sent a triple to the field, later scoring for the final run of the game. Later innings saw Acton tighten up but the first inning run proved to be all the margin necessary.

Footitt clouted the third and final Acton hit from Beggs in the 7th, advanced to second to be left there.

Beggs never issued a base on balls through the length of the contest.

A busload and many in care went from Acton to the game in spite of Acton Fair being the attraction for most. They came home with the assurance that although Strathroy were the better club, Acton had no cause for complaint from the showing of their A's. Matt Tyler, the players and all connected with baseball are to be commended for the stellar baseball season. And while we'll still hooting and hollering, let's remember the swell job R.E. Masch, Fred Dawkins and their aids did in keeping the Acton diamond the best in the province.

## Just a Short Time Left for Gifts To Benefit Fund

One of the pleasures of the Fair is to meet old friends and this year we enjoyed an added thrill when after chatting a moment, some of the visitors called us aside and said, "I want to make a little donation to that baseball benefit fund for Red Hyde's little family." Some of them added significantly, "I can't afford a big amount, but I want a share in this."

"That's just it folks, if you want a share you'll have to hurry up and do it. Other activities are coming on and all donations should be in during the next two weeks to close the books."

There's \$267.75 in the kitty now. We thought it might go to a minimum of \$250, but you folks know best. 223 subscriptions of a dollar a piece would reach that objective. Here's the record to date. Just do as your heart dictates.

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| Previously acknowledged                  | \$180.75 |
| Friends                                  | 3.00     |
| Anonymous, Guelph                        | 1.00     |
| Well Wishers                             | 10.00    |
| G. E.                                    | 2.00     |
| Anonymous                                | 1.00     |
| In Memory of Baby Lemon                  | 3.00     |
| Donald Gries                             | 1.00     |
| Fan                                      | 10.00    |
| John Drysdale                            | 5.00     |
| W. Brownlow                              | 2.00     |
| A. Fan                                   | 5.00     |
| Wes Wolfe                                | 10.00    |
| Mr. and Mrs. M. Tyler                    | 5.00     |
| Anchor                                   | 2.00     |
| A. Friend                                | 5.00     |
| Gib Jordan                               | 2.00     |
| A. Friend, Wish it could be more         | 5.00     |
| Lloyd Robinson                           | 5.00     |
| Sterling & Iynes, Ford Dealers, Oakville | 10.00    |
|  | \$267.75 |

## Coming Events

Announcements of Meetings, Concerts or Other Events, unless the listing are changed in order for one, with a minimum of 10 days notice, are announcements of 10 days.

DANCE: Cedar Valley Cowboys, Modern and Old Time Dancing, Aberfoyle Hall, Friday, October 7.

Euchre and Dance, L.O.L. Hall, Creasons Corners, Friday, October 7th. Admission Acton L.O.L. No. 467 Admission 35c.

Old Time and Modern Dance: Bob Morgan Western Playboys, Rockwood Town Hall, Wednesday, October 12, 9 to 1. Admission 50c.

Dance, Cedar Valley Cowboys, Modern and Old Time Dancing at Paradise Gardens, Guelph, Tuesday, October 18th, 9 pm \$1.00 a couple.

The regular meeting of the Lakeside Chapter, I.O.E. will be held in the Legion Hall, October 11th, at 8:15 pm. Miss Duffy and Miss Anderson, guest speakers.

The Table of Desirable Chapter I.O.E. Bazaar, Home Baking and Candy, Aprons and Miscellaneous Table, Penny Sale, Afternoon Tea, Saturday, October 15th at the Y.M.C.A.

Anniversary Services St. David's Presbyterian Church, Campbellville, October 9th, D.S.T. Services at 11 am and 7:30 pm; Rev. E. A. Thompson, D.D., speaker. Thanksgiving Turkey Supper, Monday, Oct. 10th, 6-8 pm, and Concert by outstanding artists. Adults \$2.00, Under 12, 50c.

## PRIZE WINNING BABIES OF 1949



Above are the proud mothers with the babies who won first place at Acton Fair in 1949. Left to right seated are Mrs. D. Williamson and Carol; Mrs. L. MacSwain with Arlie; Mrs. Roy Harding and Allan; Back row, Mrs. J. Couture and Garry; Mrs. Larry Tallifer and Garry; Mrs. A. Weaver and Susan. *Free Press Photo.*