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SHOW GOES ON DESPITE DRENCHING



FRECKLE FACED WINNERS in the annual contest at the Acton Fall Fair last Saturday are from the left, Bob Cox, Pat Sterritt, Theresa Arbic, Don Dawson with Ricky Ironsides in front. Judges in the contest looked very closely to count freckles on the young faces and finally came to their decision. Prizes are to be mailed to the above winners. —Staff Photo

\$37,057 For Asphalt On Mill And Main Streets

Clerk McGeachie reported to council at the regular meeting Thursday of last week that 1,632 tons of base coat had been applied in the paving program on Mill and Main St. This was valued at \$21,494. The original estimate of tonnage for the base coat was 1,811 tons. In the top coating of the road 1,019 tons of hot mix had been applied with the original estimate at 824 tons. The top coating was valued at \$15,107.40. Total cost of resurfacing Mill and Main St. was \$37,057, a part of which will be paid by the Department of Highways.

Council endorsed the recommendation of the Planning Board to sell the eastern entrance of the lane running behind Bower Ave. houses from Alice St. The 13 foot entrance from Bower Ave. was originally part of Lot 17 now owned by J. W. Wolfe. It was explained to council that Mr. Wolfe would provide a turning area at the end of lots 15 and 16 on the lane to which entrance could still be made from Alice St.

Necessary steps were authorized to close this part of the lane. A Municipal Board hearing will be held if any ratepayers object to closing this entrance.

It was reported to council that D. Lindsay had purchased the truck formerly used for garbage collection. The truck was sold for \$375.

Fire Chief F. Dawkins reported to council on a meeting at Oakville of the Halton Fire Chiefs for mutual aid. Chief Dawkins reported a discussion on the adoption of standard equipment in Ontario. The organization deals with fires that get beyond the control of the local fire brigade. The brigade of another town may be called and that town is protected by another brigade.

Considerable discussion followed on the possible storage of the old truck when the new one arrives. No decision was reached.

Council received a letter from J. Phillip Jones, editor of "Jones Shopping News", suggesting that bicycle stands be placed in front of every store and a junior police patrol be organized to protect them against hoodlums. If no action was taken Mr. Jones said he would send a letter to the Department of Education. He also suggested that coal deliveries on main streets be made between 7 and 8 a.m. Council ordered the letter filed.

Clerk McGeachie was instructed to contact Engineer Anderson for information on whether three inch pipe would be satisfactory for inside plumbing installations. Council felt four inch pipe would be more suitable but some three inch was being installed.

A copy of the by-law passed by county council as the basis for the payment of the county rate set Acton's assessment at \$2,326.200. Appeals were to be tried by the county judge.

A letter was directed to the county clerk suggesting that any municipalities appealing the assessment pay the costs of the appeal if it was not sustained.

Councillor E. Taylor, chairman of the property committee reported regarding the proposed move of the library to the council chamber. Miss Taylor said on making measurements, the council chamber was actually found to be smaller than the present room occupied by the library.

Chairmen of the committees with the Mayor presiding was appointed.

P.U.C. To Ensure Materials On Hand

Del Jordan was present at the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission Tuesday evening to discuss wiring of the sewage plants. He pointed out that on the pumping station some material required did not correspond with the engineer's list. Before the tenders for the disposal plant are opened, the Commission is to check with the engineer to see that all material required is on hand.

All members of the commission attended the meeting.

A motion was passed hiring Mrs. Audrey Urquhart at a salary of \$30 per week as clerk in the P.U.C. office. Another motion was passed, increasing the salary of K. McPhail by \$150 per year.

Superintendent Lambert reported that three of the water pipe leaks would be repaired by this week but there still are some to be repaired.

He also reported that the new water main for the school has arrived. Arrangements were to be made for its installation.

It was decided to ask the contractors to finish the pump house on Main St. before the new pump is installed.

The following accounts were passed for payment:

Hydro Accounts	
Bell Telephone	\$ 35.45
H. G. Barlow and Co.	1.150
Whitham's Garage	9.85
H. E. P. C.	7942.84
D. H. Howden & Co. Ltd.	11.39
MacDonald Electric Ltd.	13.79
Boardman & Co. Ltd.	236.87
Can. General Electric	139.66
Masco Electric Co.	68.50
Can. Wire & Cable Co.	19.97
Jas. R. Kearney Corp.	38.12
Northern Electric	90.07
Petty cash	27.08
H. Palmer	17.00
	\$8,672.74

Waterworks Accounts	
Thompson's Farm Service	\$ 56.23
Can. Brass Co. Ltd.	123.97
Boardman & Co. Ltd.	4.15
National Iron Corp. Ltd.	15.10
	\$199.35

Two Year Old Only Week's Polio Case

One case of poliomyelitis was reported to the Halton County Health Unit during week ending September 22nd according to Dr. James Mather, M.O.H. This was a two year old girl in Trafalgar Township. She had been admitted to hospital on September 9 but diagnosis was not made until September 19. She shows paralysis.

Rotarians Discuss Peanut Day Plans

Last minute details were dealt with in connection with Peanut Day by Acton Rotary Club at their meeting on Tuesday. It was decided to offer cash prizes of \$25 for the nearest guess to the number of peanuts in the big float that will be in Acton all day. Acton Citizens Band will start off the parade at 9:30 a.m. and the Rotarians will be on the streets all day. Every contributor gets a bag of Planters peanuts and a chance on guess for prizes of \$15 and \$10 for second closest guess.

Report was made on the sale of Cocktail Peanuts and members still have several cans of their allotment to dispose of before Saturday.

Mr. Hunt was present and assured the club that the float would arrive on Friday in readiness for an early Saturday morning start.

Financial support that had been given by advertisers in Acton in their campaign for funds for the Crippled Children.

RAY THOMPSON WEDS MARGARET SMITH AT ALLENFORD SEPTEMBER 10

In a quiet ceremony at Allenford on Monday, September 10, Margaret Smith of Georgetown was married to Ray Thompson of Acton. Rev. O. R. Flindall of Ballinford performed the ceremony.

Circle Votes \$100 To Church Kitchen

Mrs. C. Rogvaldson, president, had charge of the business meeting. Plans were made to hold the annual bazaar later in the season. The members also voted \$100 to help with the work of the new church kitchen.

The devotional and social were in charge of Mrs. G. Johnson's and Mrs. G. McKenzie's group. Miss C. Grandy gave a reading and Mrs. Jennings read the scripture, followed by the Lord's prayer. Miss Bennett gave a talk on stewardship.

A delicious lunch, served by the group members, brought an interesting evening to a close.

MICHAEL BEER AWARDED FELLOWSHIP TO MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

A two-year fellowship to the University of Manchester has been awarded Michael Beer, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Beer. Dr. Beer is a chemist with Beardmore and Co. in Acton as well as operating a farm near Georgetown.

Michael Beer, one of Georgetown high school's most brilliant students, attended the University of Toronto. He spent last summer in France and Switzerland, touring with two Swiss friends.

Nearly Half Usual Crowd Brave Rain For Second Day Of Acton Fall Fair



J. H. SMITH, formerly of Acton, now of Galt, was awarded a subscription to the Acton Free Press for being the oldest person at Acton Fair last Saturday. Mr. Smith registered as 92.

Fast Operation Proves Expensive

Recently operating in this district, a couple of slick artists took several hundred dollars from a man and wife for what was claimed to be an operation on the victim's eyes. The pair called at the home, learned the housewife was having trouble with her eyes and one of them posed as an eyesight specialist of extraordinary skill. The other was a fast talker and assured the victim that his friend might be persuaded to perform an operation at the home for removal of cataracts on the eyes.

The specialist of course consented and gave the eyes some attention and when the treatment was completed, presented an account for under a thousand dollars, but finally took a couple of hundred off his bill. The account was paid in cash after the husband had made a trip to the bank in Acton and he was given a receipt for his money. The whole transaction, including the operation, did not require over an hour. The car, a sporty late model, drove into the lane and backed out. I had no license plate on the front of the machine, it is said.

Police were called in after the victims felt that everything was not above-board. The housewife reports no injury to her eyes. Police have been given a good description and all information and are on the look-out for the pair.

We received consent to write this story in the hope that others might be warned and not lose their savings, or receive some bodily harm. We understand a similar operation was performed near Stouffville. It's best to consult with your doctor or with recognized authorities whom you know. Have nothing to do with strangers. It takes only a short time to investigate.

In Yukon Territory the three mining districts are Dawson, Mayo and Whitehorse. Virtually all the gold produced in Yukon Territory is from placer operations mainly in the Dawson district.



PRIZE WINNING BABIES at the Acton Fall Fair Saturday were those shown above. From left to right are Mrs. Fred Dunn with son John Brian, second in the 6 to 12 month boys; Mrs. Roy Wheeler with son Ivan, winner in the 3 to 6 month boys; Mrs. C. Landsborough with William James, winner of the 6 to 12 month boys; Mrs. Lily Higgins with Frances Mary, winner of the 3 to 6 month girls; Mrs. Wallace Gordon with Linda Diane, winner of the girls under 3 months; and Mrs. Florence Dunn with Gil Ann Hooshley, winner of the 6 to 12 month girls. —Staff Photo

Oh, how it rained! The Acton Fair of 1951 will go down in history as the wettest event in its 39 years of fall events. From 10 in the morning until six o'clock in the evening the skies rained shower after shower of rain. But in spite of the downpour, Acton Fair wasn't rained out or was deprived of what had every indication of a record breaker. The attendance on Saturday afternoon was about 2500, not quite half the usual crowd for the second day but certainly a loyal group of supporters for such weather.

Between showers the judging went on, the ferris wheel rolled around many times with the seats filled and the heavens pouring. Some of the events were moved into the arena and held under cover after it was shown that the showers were there to stay. It took determination to meet the situation but the show went on. Thanks to a fine crowd, a fine group of exhibitors and a will to win on the part of Acton Fair officers from President R. H. Parker right down the line.

The Arena Show Friday night show drew a good crowd in the arena and general comment was that the presentation was enjoyed. The jumping classes took up the major part of the program and had a good entry.

In the open performance class, Mischievous, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Norm Smith was first; Brown Echo, owned by E. Stanley second; Little Caesar, owned by Lorne Masales was third and Polly, owned by Henry Wedge, fourth.

Little Caesar took first place in the knock-down and out class with Mischievous second, Bleedily third and Brown Echo fourth. In the high jump, Mischievous placed first, Little Caesar was second, Brown Echo third and Polly was fourth.

The vaudeville features were clever and entertaining. Harry Balaneta, with the high table balancing act and Darne, the juggler, were clever and played to an appreciative audience. The Mystery Woman gave an exhibition of clairvoyance that was baffling and highly entertaining.

The hall exhibit was good in most classes. Ladies' needlework and baking had an excellent showing. Gram, roots and fruit were about as usual. The exhibit of school children's work lacked any entry from the Acton School but rural schools contributed. There was a fine showing of flowers and new exhibitors were welcomed. Prize winners are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

There was a considerable display all along one side of the hall that was very attractive. Haggard, Radio and Television, Manning Electric and Earl Van Norman and Talbot Hardware all presented electrical and household appliances. Acton Home Furnishings had a fine display and T. Nicol presented a display of monuments in an attractive setting. The Free Press presented an exhibit of old pictures, news photos and printing exhibits that drew a great many voters.

Taken on the whole, the hall display was as fine as any ever shown at Acton Fair.

Before the arena show and after the big midway of Carroll's show was an attraction for young and old and did a thriving business.

Saturday morning dawned bright and fair and stock exhibits came in well. The first shower came about ten o'clock but all were hopeful of some fair weather during the day. There was one of the best exhibits of cattle ever presented at Acton Fair. Heavy horses and harness classes were however, very poorly filled. Sheep, hogs and poultry exhibits were about the usual showing.

The saddle horses were shown in the arena. The road hack class was won by Mr. S. Stanley with Buntly. Chris Fletcher's entry of Blue Ringer was second; Quicksilver was third and Golden Skipper, the entry of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Smith, was fourth.

In the open hunter class, Brown Echo, owned by Mr. S. Stanley was first; Blue Ringer, owned by Chris Fletcher was second; Mr. and Mrs. Smith's entry was third and Christine Colley's entry of Quicksilver was fourth.

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To Repeat Leather, Painting Courses

The new president Mrs. Edna Mason, was in charge of the first general meeting of the new season for the Arts and Crafts Group held last Tuesday evening at the Y.

It was announced that a beginners' leatherwork class and oil painting classes for beginners and advanced students both will be held and courses in wool rug making, sewing, smoking, quilting, weaving, leather tooling, carving and embossing were discussed.

Mrs. W. Beatty was appointed crafts convener.

After the business meeting adjourned about 40 percent signed for preferences in crafts.

Displayed at Fair, '51 Truck Crashes

Returning to Guelph with one of the trucks on display at the Acton Fall Fair Saturday, William Brant Guelph, rolled the 1951 half ton Ford truck at Crewson's Corners. The truck ended up on its side.

Owned by the Carl McIntyre Motors of Guelph, the truck was damaged to the estimated extent of \$500 in the accident at 7:15 p.m. Brant was alone in the truck at the time of the accident and escaped without serious injury. Provincial Constable Bradley investigated the accident.