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ANGUS AQUATIC ACT, a contest not sponsored, was performed impromptu by this 10-month-old Angus calf shown by Glen Jackson, R.R. 3, Acton. Glen's calf swam Fairy Lake, undoubtedly the first to do so! During unloading Saturday morning the calf bolted from the truck, made for the north-west point of the park and plunged into Fairy Lake. Without turning or looking back the calf swam to the north shore where he was rounded up, brought back to enter less strenuous and drier competition.

Hospital Situation Studied as Oakville Seeks \$50,000 from County Council

A request for \$50,000 grant was made to Halton County Council in regular session Tuesday by the Oakville-Trafalgar hospital. Tom Chisholm, appearing on behalf of the hospital board, said the hospital now contained 172 beds and 42 bassinets. "Our hospital board are out to raise \$285,000, all of which is being raised from private sources with the exception of the \$50,000 which we hope will be a grant from this council," Mr. Chisholm said.

Warden Stanley Allen told council the County Hospital survey is now completed and Dr. H. Agnew will make the presentation of the report at a special meeting of council, called for September 26.

It was suggested by deputy-reeve Don Bath, Trafalgar, that all hospitals in the county be debentured by the county instead of at the municipal level. He also felt it would be wise to have officials of all hospital associations in Halton present at this special meeting to discuss the matter with the county committee.

At the Warden's suggestion, notices are to be posted in all county papers inviting interested persons to attend the meeting next Wednesday. "I don't think this matter should be kept quiet, and we should have as many here to hear

this report as possible," Warden Allen observed.

While our board is interested in the report, I am here today to appeal for the grant. We need the money now, not a year from today," Mr. Chisholm concluded.

In giving a report on the County Planning Committee meetings, Deputy-reeve Bath said it was necessary to consult with provincial authorities. A general meeting was held and it was felt planning should be continued in the southern section of the county with the exception of Nassagaweya and Esqueving. Further studies and meetings will be held; members and officials of planning boards in the county will attend.

Stewarttown Tenders
Tenders for the Stewarttown bridge and storage shed have been let and construction will commence as soon as materials are available.

Further study and application will be made to the Board of Transport Commissioners in respect to grade separations at the Eighth Line Trafalgar, Seventh Line Esqueving, Fisher's Corner and the Campbellville crossings. Detailed estimates will have to be prepared and the board pays 60 per cent, the county 25 per cent, and the railway 15 per cent. Reeve Robert Marshall stated. He

said the Town of Milton should make the application for grade separation at the Bronte St. crossing of the C.P.R. as this was solely within the town boundaries.

Council approved of accepting their portion of the costs of construction of asphalt pavement on the Second Line, a connecting link in Acton at an estimated cost of \$4,766, providing approval of the Department of Highways is obtained. A similar request from Georgetown was accepted, construction of the pavement there

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Hope to Excavate For Church Shortly

The congregation of the Christian Reformed church, which holds services in the Y.M.C.A., after considering locating their church in Georgetown, have decided to remain in Acton. The members are mostly New Canadians of Dutch descent and they look forward to having even more members in this area.

The church has a lot on the third line and excavating to make a basement where meetings may be held is hoped to begin shortly.

Acton Fair Sparkles Before TV Camera Despite Bad Weather

Saturday was cold and wet in Acton, but the dreary weather failed to prevent over 3,000 local and district people from filing through the gates of Acton Park to enjoy the Agricultural Society's annual autumn presentation of exhibits, competition and entertainment.

This year's fall fair, officially opened by Wellington county agricultural representative W. D. Black, came under the camera eye of CBC television crews. Big attraction for the CBC was the pumpkin contest, open to Junior Farmers across the province and won by a Ballinacraig girl, 16 year old Beth McEnery.

A former president of Acton Fair, John Moles, directed the camera work and interviewing on the grounds. Shots of the fair and the "Pumpkin Queen" are to appear on the CBC program, Country Calendar.

A Bustling Show
Elsewhere, this year's fair was a bustling show.

The midway was one of the largest in years with the fare for the youngsters—and those not so young—ranging from a Ferris wheel through an avenue of games booths and rides to the inevitable candy apples and popcorn.

In the exhibit hall, entries were down slightly from last year, particularly where the poor weather had affected produce sections. However, quality of handwork, domestic science and floral displays retained a high level. School children's exhibits, the non-competitive displays and the night school work attracted wide attention.

Livestock exhibits and competition proved as lively as ever, particularly in the tendency for an increasing number of cattle and horse classes to be dominated by younger or Junior Farmers.

The fair got into full stride Friday evening when over 1,000 attended a sparkling variety show in the arena. President Smith Griffin welcomed the crowd before the show started and R. R. Parker acted as master of ceremonies.

Announce Pumpkin Winners
During intermission Mac Sprowl announced the winners of the pumpkin contest, 12 in all, and named the "Queen", Beth McEnery. The Acton high school student was presented with a trophy by Wm. Davey, local Bank of Montreal manager. The presentation was repeated Saturday before the TV cameras.

Before the variety program, which featured clowns, tap dancing, acrobats, an accordionist, juggler and magician, Acton Citizens' Band played selections and later during intermission.

Saturday afternoon, light rain fell as W. D. Black officially opened the fair. He noted poor weather this year was affecting many fairs in the province but pointed out this was still no deterrent to agricultural shows promoting better urban-rural relations and encouraging young people to take greater interest in agriculture.

Prior to Mr. Black's remarks, President Smith Griffin paid tribute to the hard work of directors, exhibitors and all connected with the annual show who work to make it a success. He also stressed the role of the fall fair in bringing rural and town residents to a closer understanding.

Before opening ceremonies, hundreds of public school children paraded into the grounds. At the lead was the Band and a colorful assortment of decorated bikes, wagons and costumed youngsters. Prizes were awarded to Don and Eddie Long, Judy Thompson, Kathy McKenzie, Nancy Rogivaldson, D. Hargrave, Linda James and Ronnie Groeneboer, while in the freckled face contest, Ricky Ironsides and Susan Cohen led. Other freckled winners were Pat Hull, Milton, Shirley Cohen, Bill Currie, Campbellville and Frank Yale, Guelph.

In the pumpkin growing contest, runners up to champion grower Beth McEnery were: Donald Swackhamer, Ted Freeman, Elgin Awrey, Jan Van Arragon, David Hunter, James Aitken, Fred Thompson, Jack Moles, June Renwick.

All the space available was used in the newly-enlarged refreshment booth operated by Acton Women's Institute. Here, meals were served to many and hot coffee and refreshments were sold all afternoon.

Dismiss Charges In Fatal Accident

Charges of careless driving were dismissed in Magistrate's Court, Brampton, this week against Hugh Marshall, 19, Acton, driver of a car which fatally injured Anthony Furman, 52, of Oak Ridges in a Labor Day accident north of Acton.

It was noted in the court that there was fog the night of the accident and that Marshall had stopped another car after the mishap.

The case was heard on Wednesday. There were no other charges arising out of the accident.

Excitement Caused Here Before Fugitive Caught

A 17 year old inmate of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph who escaped from a work gang last Thursday, caused a flurry of excitement around Acton's west end Saturday at noon.

Before he was taken into custody by Cpl. R. Mason of the Acton O.P.P., the fugitive was tracked and watched by a bevy of citizens as he fled from the C.N.R. tracks, through a culvert, across the highway and into Lakeview, where he tried to hide in the swampy area on the north shore of Fairy Lake. Mrs. E. Van Norman called the police office here shortly after 1 p.m. Saturday — just as school

Snow in Summer Season Is Glimmer Fall an Early Comer

Tomorrow is the first day of autumn, few need to be reminded.

But today, believe it or not, is the last day of summer—a summer characterized by too much rain, below normal temperatures and little sunshine. It hardly seems out of character then, for snow to be falling today.

Sure enough, this morning big, sluggish flakes of snow floated down, whitening rooftops and the cold ground. This may or may not be some kind of record, but few are happy about the dreary way of the weather.

It may be presumptuous to think of a warm Indian Summer, but it's a pleasant thought this last, cold, snowy day of summer.

Need Managers Coaches, Execs

Coaches, managers, executive? Legion members hope to eliminate that question mark, following an open meeting in the Legion Hall on Monday to locate volunteer leadership for their enthusiastic youngsters. Over 100 boys participate in the Legion-sponsored Minor Sports Club's hockey and baseball schedules. These youngsters who wear their team sweaters so proudly are in serious need of leaders.

With hockey upcoming, the teams will need managers and coaches to accompany the present participants, let alone take in more kids. The baseball season was discontinued due to lack of leadership.

Herb Woods as the present chairman, and George Hollinger, the secretary, will be stepping down from office as elections are held Monday. They are earnestly hoping for a good turnout of interested citizens at the meeting.

Full Complement Of Leaders Now For Scouts, Cubs

Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs have no more worries about their groups. Following an appeal for help, there are new leaders for all four organizations. The scout hall will see youngsters playing games and taking their specialized training under competent leaders Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The call for help brought out a husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. John Boardman. Mrs. Boardman is the new Brownie leader. Her husband began this week as an assistant scoutmaster.

Mrs. Lenore Wright agreed last week to take over the Guides for the Scout and Guide Mothers Association, who have been seeking for leaders for both groups of young girls. The Guides will be meeting Tuesday afternoon at the scout hall and all interested girls are welcome.

Scouts and cubs held meetings to determine where their much-needed assistance would come from. Now they have a full complement of leaders and are ready to start into the busiest season yet.

New Scoutmasters are Roy Kirkness and Hartley Coles. Assistant scoutmasters are John Boardman, Jim Irving and Wavue Currie.

Murray Scoyne is cubmaster of B cub pack, which meets Tuesdays, and Mrs. Eileen Wensley heads A pack, which meets Thursdays. A third pack is being formed this year; C pack's cubmaster is Ray Costerus. Last year's assistants, Miss Doris Allan, Ron Smith and Doug Tarrant, will be joined by Lorne Youngblut, Robert Foyers, Gordon Clow and Gordon Hardy.

Former scoutmaster Dave Dills is helping with the re-organization of the scouts and later will form a Rover Crew of older boys.

Carnival Employee Charged by Police

Mrs. Marion Burns of Rockwood received deep face and head lacerations when she was thrown into the windshield of her husband's car in an auto accident two miles west of Acton on No. 7 highway Friday evening.

She was rushed to Georgetown by ambulance and treated by Dr. McIntosh. Police said the car, driven by her husband, Norman, was in collision with a car driven by Robert Taylor of Oshawa, who was making a left turn into the Cedar Springs Motel.

Damage to the Burns car amounted to \$500, while damage to the other car was estimated at \$400.

Taylor, an employee of the carnival group at Acton Fair, has been charged with careless driving.

Fair Day Draw

Because of the fair, the Merchants' Appreciation Day draw was made at 11 a.m. last Saturday. The chance was lucky for Mrs. R. A. Turkoz who won \$76 with 20 per cent coupon. Mrs. Howard Musales took the regular \$5 award.

Next week's chest stands at \$319 and the draw is back to 3 p.m.



MOVING CAMERA AT THE FALL FAIR captures many moods, highlights and odd sidelights of the annual agricultural showcase sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society for this district. Here are a few of the graphic stories recorded in the hustle of activity that marks the event. At lower left the CBC TV camera focuses on Pumpkin Queen Beth McEnery while John

Moles, director, Mac Sprowl and CBC commentator George Atkins keep the young winner in a state of excitement. Upper left Eddie Long and Berja Groeneboer exchange grins and peek-a-boo around a sign, pulled by Eddie on a wagon, urging I.O.D.E. tag sales for park improvement. Lower centre, Burnie and Kevin Root whirl happily around and around on toy jeeps; upper-

centre, wee Lorna Murray, 5, daughter of Ken Murray, R.R. 1, Acton, shows no reticence in holding her father's and uncle's grand champion and reserve champion Jersey female for admirers to see. Upper right Faye Sagaskie and Marilyn Patterson attest that no tour of the midway is complete unless there's a candy apple or two to keep company. Lower right, again the roving camera.