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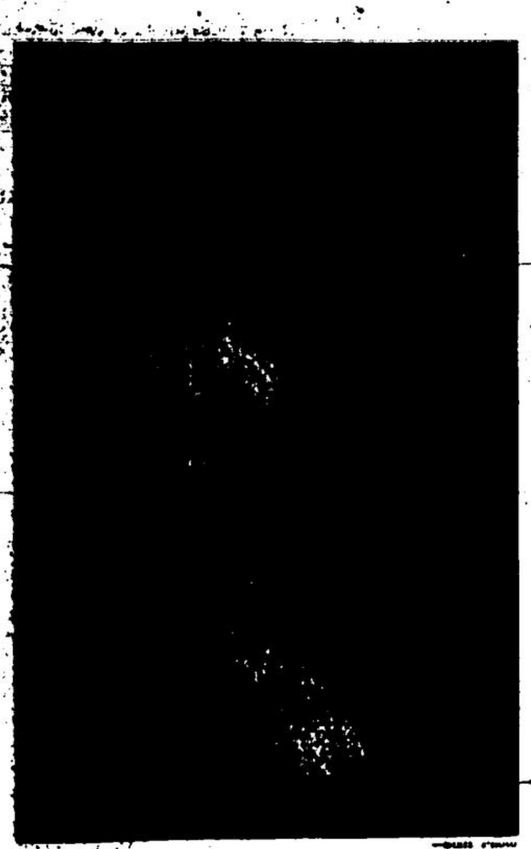

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SPECIAL PRIZE went to this young bride and groom last Monday as the judges chose Beverly Brunelle as bride and Sandy Cripps as groom for a special award. Many children were present attired in costumes of various designs and added plenty of colour to the day's events.

"Hot Rodders" Zig Zag In Acton Soap Box Derby

With a conglomeration of nuts and bolts, wire, wood and axle grease, Acton's first Soap Box Derby got underway last Monday as part of the day-long Civic Holiday celebrations under the auspices of the Minor Sports Committee. An anxious crowd of approximately 700 onlookers cheered and dodged, then cheered again as their favorite driver went zooming down the Angus Street hill.

The proud owners and builders of the array of baby buggy springs, bailing wire and foam rubber seats, gathered in the Acton Park at nine a.m. for the initial inspection and final okay from the Derby organisers.

Having received their numbers and a pat on the back, the "hot rodders" paraded behind Acton Citizens' Band up Mill Street to the starting post at the corner of Frederick and Agnes Streets. Motive power was supplied during the parade by the bug-eyed and excited flock of admirers pushing or pulling their chosen driver.

Ten entries showed up at the starting line and the officials decided on two classes for the race, Senior and Intermediate.

In the intermediate class, entries were made by the following: car no. 1, Ricky Ironside; car no. 2, Don Maude; car no. 3, Keith Tarrant; car no. 4, Gerald Weick and car no. 5, Ted Quennell.

No. 5 emerged the winner in the first heat, no. 3 in the second heat and no 5 in the third heat. In the final heat, it was a battle between nos. 3 and 5, with Ted Quennell piloting no. 5 to the intermediate championship.

The senior class saw Jay Ironside driving car no. 1, Don Harris no. 2, Andrew Tarrant no. 3, Wayne Roszell no. 4 and Garnet Roszell no. 5.

The first heat was copped by car no. 4 with the second and third heats going to cars nos. 2 and 3. The final run for the senior championship was a battle between cars nos. 2 and 3, with Don Harris being crowned the senior champ.

As there were no entries for the junior class, the officials awarded the trophy to the designer, driver and owner of a car on the basis of mechanical efficiency, ingenuity, handling and appearance. After serious consideration had been given, the judges decided the prize should go to car no. 3, jointly owned and operated by Andrew and Keith Tarrant.

Praise should go to three newcomers to the community, who through their untiring effort worked out all the details and arrangements which made the Derby a huge success. Ron Smith, Doug Tarrant and George Richardson all living in the Glenlea subdivision, deserve a special cheer for their unfailing work, not only with the Minor Sports but the various activities they participate in, helping the children of the community.

CHURCHILL

Local Residents Attend Reunion

We are glad to hear that Mr. Harold Griffen is home from the Guelph Hospital and is progressing nicely.

The W.A. and the Board of Churchill church are to hold their regular meeting Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Denny.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Freeman and Ted attended the Howe-Graff reunion at Stanley Park, Erin, on Sunday afternoon. There were about 50 present from Acton, Guelph, Kitchener, King City, North Bay and Lacombe, Alberta.

Rev. and Mrs. Earle Leslie and Patricia Anne spent Civic Holiday with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denny.

OBITUARY

Herbert Simmons Buried at Rockwood

Ill for one week, Herbert Simmons, Rockwood, passed away in Guelph General Hospital on July 30.

Born in 1872, Mr. Simmons is survived by his wife, the former Maude Johnson. They were married at Speedside in 1903. Spending his whole life farming in Eramosa township, he retired 13 years ago. Mr. Simmons was a member of Rockwood United church.

Funeral service was held from the Runaley funeral home, Acton, on Friday, August 2. Rev. John Ward officiated, assisted by Rev. G. A. B. Moore. Interment was in Rockwood cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ross Martin, Stuart Martin, Ross Harper, Fred Harper, Bob Kingsbury and Bill Lindsay.

Lucky Draw Winners

Bush McWhirter, Galt, present for the old timers' ball game, had the honor of drawing the lucky draw tickets between innings of the ball game which concluded the Civic Holiday program provided by Acton Minor Sports committee. There was a draw for a $50 bond and two consolation prizes of $10 vouchers.

First prize went to J. J. Virkus, Kingsway, Toronto, who receives a $50 bond. Second prize of a $10 voucher went to Mrs. Robinson, Wynford Place, Glenlea subdivision, Acton. Third prize of a $10 voucher went to A. B. Jones, Toronto.

Beginner's Luck

Last Tuesday evening two cars were involved in a slight accident at the corner of Willow and Bower Avenues when Dianne Newton, driving with a beginner's permit and accompanied by her father, misjudged the turn onto Bower and scraped the side of a car driven by C. F. Leatherland.

The damage was slight and both car owners reached an agreement on settlement.

Destroy Deer After Accident

A half-grown male deer had the bad luck to become impaled on a barbed wire fence belonging to Gordon McPhail, just to the north of Eden Mills on the third line.

He was seen by Jim St. Marie, Cambridge St., Galt, on Sunday afternoon who got in touch with authorities. Mr. St. Marie had pliers in his car and released the creature but it was unable to move.

Game warden Gordon Matthews lost no time in coming out, hoping to save the animal. It was too late, however, for the deer was too badly hurt on the cruel barbed wire.

Society Announces '57 Winners For District Farming Projects

Acton Agricultural Society this week announced the results of the oat competition in which 19 fields were scored by J. M. Cockburn of Guelph.

Mr. Cockburn reported that farmers in this district were to be commended on the fine crops they were entering in the competitions sponsored by this society. No wild oats or oat smut were found in any of the fields scored.

Winner of the competition with 96 points on a field of Garry oats was Charles McNabb of Rockwood. Second place went to Melvin McCullough with 94.5 points, also on Garry oats.

Other winners were: third, Harvey Bayne, 94 points on Rodney; fourth, Ralph Denny, 93.5, Rodney; fifth, S. E. Griffin and Son, 93, Garry; sixth, D. McPhedran, 92.5, Garry; seventh, George C. Wallace, 92, Garry; eighth, J. A. Swackhamer, 91.5, Garry; ninth, R. H. McPhedran, 90, Garry; tenth, Charles Thompson, 88, Rodney.

Winners of the hay competition, in which 17 fields were scored, were: first, Albert Gray, Rockwood; second, Lloyd Marsden; third, George C. Wallace; fourth, Charles McNabb; fifth, M. McCullough; sixth, M. M. Coles; seventh, E. Passmore; eighth, C. W. Swackhamer; ninth, Don Mathews; tenth, S. E. Griffin.

Ivan Clarridge Heads Ont. Firemen's Association

At the Ontario Firemen's Convention held at Waterdown last week-end, Ivan Clarridge of Milton was elected president of the Ontario Firemen's Association. His executive elected was as follows: first vice-president, C. O. Eade of Fallsview; second vice-president, H. Lowe of Humber Bay; secretary, E. O. McNeely of North York; treasurer, V. Meaton of Scarboro and L. D. Coulson was elected as one of the directors.

There were roughly 500 attending the annual four day convention which began on Friday and lasted till Monday evening. There were approximately 34 departments represented, 93 delegates, 219 life members and 185 visitors attending.

The firemen voted to extend a membership drive into central regions of the province. They are also trying to get legislation for firemen to be allowed to have a flashing light on their cars to be used only when going to fires.

During the convention, firemen were educated with films and lectures on new firefighting techniques.

To Our Readers

Like a new car, our new Goss Printing Press must be broken in according to manufacturer's specifications.

If you note a change in the picture reproduction or the printing material, bear with us for a few weeks. It is expected then to have sufficient press wear covered in order to make adjustments.

—Acton Citizens' Band always add color and entertainment to any parade.

—The Soap Box Derby was enjoyed by both young and old and the children made a good showing with their entries.

Acton Runner Tops Champions

Keith Andrews, 16-year-old son of Mrs. and the late Hank Andrews, emerged top runner in the two-mile road race on Monday held at Melgrove.

Keith defeated the two first class runners in Canada when he crossed the finish line in nine minutes, 58 seconds, with Ed Graydon of Hamilton close behind at 10 minutes, and Billie Reynolds third in 10 minutes and four seconds.

For his effort, Keith receives a trophy which will adorn his shelf with others he has won. He will also keep in his possession for one year the annual competition trophy.

Plan Development Industrial Acreage Extend Road, Sewer, Water Services

Following Acton council meeting Tuesday at which arrangements were made for the development of an industrial acreage, it was learned Wednesday that firm options had been signed for the entire 70 acre J. J. Stewart farm on Main St. north.

Plans to extend McDonald Blvd. west, indicate a new industry will be located near that area of the farm and bordering the C.N.R. tracks. Plans for a railway spur line were known to have been prepared three years ago by the C.N.R. for such a development.

In an interview Mr. Stewart confirmed his signing of the option for his entire farm with possible occupancy to August 21 and occupancy of the house for an additional six months. He noted the town was purchasing part of the land to provide roads for future development and the balance was being purchased by an unnamed corporation.

Test holes drilled on the site would indicate a fairly large type of industry but no actual building size, employment potential, firm name or products could be obtained for publication.

The way was cleared for development of a 65-acre parcel of industrial land when Acton Council Tuesday approved purchase of an estimated 10 acres of land for roads and future water site; approved extension of water and sewer lines and called for specifications on a culvert necessary to instal the extended McDonald Blvd. road.

Land purchased by the town included a road area surrounding the J. J. Stewart property to provide for future development and a water supply site located several years ago but not available at the time. Cost of the land was $30,000.

A 447 foot road extension from McDonald Blvd. west to the property line, including a culvert over a swamp area, was approved by council. R. V. Anderson and Associates were to draw up the specifications and the work is to be done by the town workmen under the supervision of the town foreman.

Approval was granted for the continuation of the sewer and water main from McDonald Blvd. for a distance of 447 feet to the property line with estimates to be given by the Public Utilities department and the work carried out by this department.

The cost of this work was to be borne out of current revenue and no loan or debentures issued.

It was understood at the meeting the balance of the J. J. Stewart property amounting to approximately 60-65 acres was to be used for industrial development.

C. F. Leatherland, acting town solicitor, was instructed to close the deal for the purchase of the town's portion of the J. J. Stewart property.

A letter of objection from R. H. Elliott to the apartment building project proposed for the corner of Mill and Elgin Streets was submitted to council.

Mr. Elliott expressed alarm at the concentration of people the building would lead to in this small area. He suggested a concentration of 63 persons on the one-fifth acre lot was exhorbitant and compared it with that of city tenement areas.

The writer questioned on provisions for a play area for the children and parking facilities for the tenants of the apartments and business places.

Mr. Elliott suggested a greater fire hazard would be involved in this type of building because of the crowded area.

The problem of depreciated values of properties in the immediate vicinity if the outlined conditions were allowed to develop, were reviewed by the writer.

Mr. Elliott said he felt council should consider this problem and deal with it promptly before it has gone beyond the planning stage.

A lengthy discussion followed with councillors voicing various opinions. Council agreed to approach Albert Van Gils, the builder, to see if suitable arrangements could be worked out and to learn what the builder had planned regarding the construction of the building.

Council agreed the building permit had been issued according to the present zoning by-laws and little could be done to alter the builder's plans.

Various means of blocking the enterprise were suggested and abandoned in view of the zoning conditions.

The rural fire agreement question arose and the Mayor stated Walter Linham of the township council had phoned him to request the fire equipment owned by the townships be left at the fire hall.

Mr. Linham noted that an agreement had been reached with the Georgetown council and he thought an agreement was pending with Milton council, the Mayor related, according to the phone call.

Mayor Tyler suggested the council await further word from the Georgetown and Milton councils and get confirmation of any agreement signed by them with the township councils. He stated if the

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—Staff Photo

TROPHY PRESENTATIONS for the soap box derby were made at the afternoon session of the Civic Holiday events. Legion president Vic Patrick made the presentation. Shown left to right, front row, Andrew Tarrant, Keith Tarrant, Don Harris and Teddy Quennell. Back row, Ron Smith and Vic Patrick. D. Harris won the senior championship and T. Quennell the intermediate class. The Tarrant boys won the trophy for the best all round car.

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HEADING FOR THE FINISH LINE in the soap box derby are two of the entrants in the senior heat. Shown on the right is Don Harris wheeling his hot rod down the course ahead of Wayne Roszell. All eyes were on young Harris as previously in the warm-up trial it appeared as though the car was going to defeat him but he got the feel of the wheel and pulled the vehicle out of its bobbing and weaving pattern.

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ACTON CITIZENS' BAND led the Civic Holiday parade last Monday when the afternoon activities started with a calithumpian parade formed at the C.N.R. tracks and proceeded to the park. Ball games, bingo, races and various other sports filled the afternoon and evening program.

Busy Bees Institute Visit Acton Ladies

At the August meeting of the Acton W.I. held at the home of Mrs. James Wilds, Main St., South, the members of the Busy Bees were guests and contributed numbers on the program, introduced by their president, Mrs. Oscar Locker.

A humorous reading entitled, A Letter to a Friend, was read by Mrs. Coxe. Mrs. Allen sang a solo and Mrs. Roy Lindsay introduced a contest on well known flowers, with Mrs. Carl Lambert winning the prize for having the most correct answers.

Mrs. George Fryer, president of the Acton group, welcomed the visitors and conducted the business including plans to have the booth in the park painted, the annual bus trip to Toronto exhibition was discussed and plans arranged for same. An auction sale is planned for the next meeting, each one contributing something to augment the funds.

The roll-call was answered by naming an outstanding Canadian woman, and an open discussion was held on the subject, Should women take part on school boards, community welfare groups and public work in general. The decision was decidedly in favor as long as your home did not suffer in doing so.

The various conveners reported for their department and the meeting closed by singing O Canada. The committee in charge served lunch and a social time was enjoyed making friends with our guests. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Wilds and all who had contributed.

—A large crowd was present for the Civic Holiday events sponsored by Acton Minor Sports Committee.

Eden Mills Tops Locals In Civic Holiday Game

Eden Mills softball team had a field day on Civic Holiday when they defeated a pick-up team of local boys here 13-1 at Acton park.

Having the situation well in hand, Eden Mills laid off with six runs in the first inning, before the locals could get oragnized.

J. Zajac countered for Acton's only run in the second inning after hitting a single, getting on second on an error and trotting home on Somerville's double.

Eden Mills were held scoreless in the second but counted two in the third and five more in the fifth.

Eden Mills have a well balanced team and have been playing together for a number of years. They are leading in their league and are strong contenders for the championship.

The following are the line-ups:

Eden Mills — Don Blackhock ss, Aunt Perry (Ron Martin) 1b, Jack Nesbit 2b, Ted Barden 3b, Max Lowrey cf, Melvin Tolton lf, Doug Buttingham c, Dean Taylor p, Bruce Cargill (D. Meehair) rf.

Acton — P. McCristall ss, B. Quennell 2b, L. Robinson 1b, R. Morton c, F. Irvine cf, Wm. Depa (K. Allen) p, J. Zajac lf, F. Somerville 3b, C. Shultis (G. Miller, sub Jenkins) rf.