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DRINKING A COKE with two pretty young admirers beside him is Teddy, a 13 month old bear cub, who was present at the Acton Fair last week. Pictured on the left is Lynda Wood and her girl friend, Mary Braam, both of Acton. The bear, quite tame, allowed children to pet him and was fond of sweets. He enjoyed a few bottles of coke during the two day fair. The young cub is being trained to be a wrestling bear with the T. Green Amusement Co. of Toronto.

P.U.C. Estimates \$33 Loss Per Unit On Water Service Installations

A breakdown of water service installations on 32 lots in the Glendale Subdivision revealed the Public Utilities Commission was assuming a loss of \$33 on installation charges, during the regular meeting of the commission on Thursday, September 18.

A report submitted by water superintendent J. Lambert showed the 32 services were installed at a cost of \$2,331.82.

Following much discussion by commission members and some pencil work by secretary-treasurer J. McGeechie, the commission realized a loss of \$33 per installation on the services. A service charge of \$45 was paid for all water service installations.

Allowing the costs and material added up correctly, members were satisfied the condition would be rectified under the new building agreement whereby the services are paid for in advance by the builder.

Temporary Approval
A bid of \$35, less a \$50 allowance for the old unit from Shortell Sheet Metal for the installation of an oil heating furnace at the Alice St. hydro building was accepted. Included in the contract was to be a 500 gallon underground supply tank.

The property committee was authorized to draw up specifications and sign an agreement with the company if satisfied.

Supply Poles
Hydro superintendent D. Mason informed members during a recent discussion with Jim Farrell and Don Armstrong of the H.E.P.C. Hamilton, they had requested the Acton hydro department install poles for the Minto Electric service on Main Street North.

Mr. Mason pointed out the H.E.P.C. would string the wires and pay rental on the poles for this service.

Flat Rate Heaters
A former resolution setting regulations for flat rate heaters was rescinded and a new resolution approving heaters with specified

covers was passed. The newly approved type cover varies from 1 1/2 to 2 inches in thickness.

The commission agreed application must be made at the Utilities office and an inspection of the heater made before approval for flat rate is granted.

Broken Valves
J. Russell, selector for Thomas and Thomas contractors in the Glendale subdivision, informed the commission by letter of a number of shut-off valves in the area being broken.

He also pointed out a number had been reported at the company's expense and agreed with a suggestion of Mr. McGeechie to have the company officials, P.U.C. chairman and waterworks superintendent meet to discuss the situation.

A letter from J. H. Price, assistant to Mr. McGeechie, informing the commission of his resignation effective September 26, was received.

Broken Main
Water superintendent J. Lambert informed members his department had replaced a broken main. (Continued on Page Two)

Record Fair Crowd Jams Acton Park Officials Claim Event Huge Success

Sparkled by excellent weather, nearly 10,000 people filed through the gates at the Acton Park last Friday and Saturday to enjoy the Agricultural Society's annual autumn presentation of exhibits, competitions and entertainment.

Fair president W. Thompson pointed out this year's fall fair was the largest since World War II, if not the largest in the history of the Acton fair.

Friday evening, more than 1,000 people enjoyed a horse show for the first time in many years and Saturday over 8,000 paid admission at the gates for the show.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that over 1,000 free passes had been issued to school children and other exhibitors.

Friday Evening Show
The fair got into full swing Friday evening following a parade down Mill Street to the arena by Acton Citizens Band upon arrival at the arena the band marched into the enclosure and gave a fine

display of precision marching and playing.

Among others from the audience, Acton Junior Pipe Band marched into the arena to the beat of the drums and were soon playing the audience with several rousing Scottish numbers. Comment from various sections of the crowd indicated the favor found by the young pipers who began their playing two years ago.

President W. Thompson welcomed the huge crowd to the 1958 fair before the show started.

Included in the Friday night performance were the high jump, knock down and just class, hackney pointers, single and team, harness jumping, tandem harness games and a hunter class. Competition was keen and judging was made difficult by the many fine entries in the exhibits.

The highlight of the horse show was the high jump, when horses ridden by H. Livingstone and V. Narasim both cleared six feet, two inches, and split the prize money.

During the Friday evening show, past pumpkin growing champions, Beth McEnery and John Pickett, had their entries judged. Beth McEnery won the contest and was presented with the trophy, which she is now entitled to keep.

"Most Attractive"
The hall was believed to be "the most attractive ever." Newly whitewashed it was decorated with orange and blue streamers and arrays of brilliantly colored lanterns.

Against this background were ranged the handicrafts, school children's work, fruit and vegetables in colorful profusion. Commercial booths draw much attention.

Those who had booths displayed inside the hall included Ross Hurdware of Beckwood, J. J. McMillen with aluminum windows and siding, Simpson's Meats, Gough's food plan, Denny Insurance Agency, Howald Floral, McInnes dinnerware, Hinton's to be \$1 store with a display of fish and 15¢ food store.

Acton C.H. Forage Club had their display beside the grains.

Craft Classes
Acton Night School had examples of work done in classes on display in one booth. This included art, millinery, smoking, leather work, metal jewelry and brass and bookbinding. Telephone table and baby items made in shop work classes and a chair recovered in upholstered class. Examples of panel and charcoal sketching and silk screen printing looked forward to new classes this year.

As usual the non-competitive displays by Women's Institutes and Junior Institutes were much admired. Topics for the senior groups were Grandmother's Birthday and Ways with Potatoes. The juniors had studied making their cloths convenient and tidy.

Many Exhibits
Exhibiting were Silverwood W.I., Dublin W.I., Billy Beers W.I., Acton W.I., Limehouse W.I., Bannockburn W.I., Ballinadfad W.I., Acton Junior Institute, Bannockburn Tidy Team, Lamehouse Clothiers, Hangers, Dublin, Fether-Meades, and Nassagawaga, Thumble Belle's.

The United Suburban Gas Co. and Bill Baker's fuel oil supply and equipment from Brampton, had displays outside. Hay exhibits were on display in the arena area.

Saturday Activities
Saturday at one o'clock, Acton Citizens Band led a half mile long parade of school children, Bands decorated with longos, bicycles and bicycles from the town hall to the park. Acton Junior Pipe Band in their colorful kilts also participated.

The following won prizes for entries in the parade: best dressed bicyclist, John Beatty; best dressed bicyclist, Billy Beers; Best Bannockburn and Allan McKenry.

In the girls' decorated doll bugbies, first prize went to Darlene

and moved outside for Saturday's truck trade.

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BEST HEAVY HORSE ON THE LINE in the \$50 stake class at the Acton Fair last weekend was won by Alvin Taylor. Pictured above is the owner's son, Bob, seen with the horse. The young horseman showed the animal in the competition and came out a proud winner. Entries in the heavy horse classes were many and judges had a hard time picking a winner.

Agree to December Vote For 1/2 Mill Grant Split

Acton council agreed to a plebiscite at the December election for the half mill grant, to be split by the two local bands, when they met on Monday night.

The action followed a request from the two bands, and an explanation of the planned financial split of the funds.

A letter submitted by councillor E. Footitt, band representative, explained a joint meeting of both bands had been held and they had agreed to ask council to present a plebiscite at the coming election.

It was pointed out in the letter that the Acton Junior Pipe Band's share would not be less than 15 per cent of the half mill grant and the Acton Citizens' Band's share would not be less than 80 per cent of the grant.

It was further explained that the remaining five per cent would be divided annually by the executives of the two bands according to the greater need for the ensuing year.

The letter was signed by the president of the Citizens Band and an executive member from the Junior Pipe Band.

Council agreed to the arrangement and approved a plebiscite to be drawn up for the coming election.

Sign Agreement
Following three readings, a by-law authorizing the mayor and clerk to sign an agreement with J. B. Mackenzie and Son for the laying of concrete sidewalks in Mill Street was approved.

New sidewalks from Frieslock Street to Wilbur Street on both sides of Mill Street was approved with an agreement with J. B. Mackenzie and Son for \$2,500. This action followed considerable debate. Deputy-Reeve J. Greer informed council that specifications for the work had been laid out by the town engineer and a four year guarantee was included in the contract.

Councillor B. D. Rachlin objected that a one year guarantee did not seem long enough. He pointed out that a section of sidewalk from John Street to Willow was supposed to have been completed but the existing condition of the pavement was terrible.

Mayor W. H. Greer recommended councillor Rachlin that Deputy-Reeve Greer could compromise chairman, had made a thorough investigation into the situation and informed him. What happened seven years ago is now water under the bridge.

Mr. Rachlin remarked: "It is the same engineer and contractor now as it was then."

Mr. Greer argued that sidewalks installed two or three years ago were in worse condition than the ones installed seven years ago, adding "I say the sidewalks put down by J. B. Mackenzie are better than the others."

The Deputy-Reeve told council the engineer had assured the committee he would make a thorough check and pointed out that the engineer did not want poor sidewalks.

It was pointed out that the engineers claimed the curing had been the big problem in the past and a new curing process was available and would be used.

It was suggested that a longer guarantee for the work be obtained and Mr. Greer consented to contact the company.

When the vote on the issue was called all members, with the excep-

tion of Mr. Rachlin voted in the affirmative.

Breaks The Vote
At the beginning of the meeting, when approving a past council minutes, council debated over an

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On Malton Scene

President Sees No Layoffs

In a statement to employees on Wednesday, Crawford Gordon, president and general manager of A. V. Roe Canada Ltd, assured them, "The Arrow-Ingotina development program is continuing as the Prime Minister said it would in the policy statement. We anticipate no change in the operations at Malton nor any reduction in the employees either in the engineering department or the production shop."

The statement continued: "Reports that 2,000 are to be laid off at Malton are erroneous."

Not Cancelled
I want to stress most emphatically that the Arrow program has not been cancelled. Nor has it been decided not to put it into production," the president stressed.

"The development program as it now stands involves the building of 27 aircraft and an appropriate number of engines. This situation remains unchanged. The program calls for six to be test flown by next March, at which time numbers seven, eight, nine and 10 will be in flight test or on the production line."

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Approve Y.M.C.A. Program To Operate Minus Secretary

A full Y.M.C.A. program will begin next week. The Y board and the Y Men's club are carrying on activities there without a general secretary this year.

Supervisors have agreed to be present each night of the week and Charles Greig has been hired as building superintendent. Plans were finalized at a board meeting in the Y last night (Wednesday).

Don Bothwell, liaison between the board and the Y Men's Club, and boys work chairman of the board, reported supervisors were arranged for Monday evening.

Doug Cowland will be in charge, Tuesdays, Ralph McKewen, Wednesdays, Jack Carpenter, Thursdays, Fred Kosh and Fridays, Bud Evans.

Nights for some activities have been arranged and badminton and the Cruising Club are already underway.

The physical culture club room will be open every night and Saturday will be project day.

Daily Schedule
Mondays the Gray Y club will meet Tuesday is scheduled for wrestling under Ray Hopper and the Methyl Railroad Club with Harry Otterham.

A St. John Ambulance course is being held Wednesday evenings with Mr. Flint of Guelph instructing. The Cruising Club, senior badminton with Peter Dunham as leader and junior badminton under Jack Carpenter are also planned.

Junior Hi-Y club will meet Thursday. A leader is still being sought for this group which has been organized in previous years.

A dance will be held every Friday evening, starting next week. It is being sponsored alternately by the Cruising club, badminton

club, physical culture club and Hi-Y.

The regular swimming program in Guelph under Ralph Weaver continues Fridays.

Senior badminton is set for Saturdays.

Later groups which are expected to fit into the schedule are the chess club, junior and senior gym classes, basketball and nursery school.

New Activities
New activities in the Y will be the father and son club and drama group.

The board approved a change in fees. The eight to 14 years group will pay \$2, 15 to 18 in school, \$1, 16 to 18 out of school, \$5, and over



GRAND CHAMPION YORKSHIRE BOAR is shown above with Paul Driscoll of Elora. The boar, owned by Paul's uncle, J. A. Kelly of R. R. 2, Elora, took the prize in his class. Mr. Kelly won many prizes at Acton Fair with his hogs and sheep. He is a consistent exhibitor at the local fair and usually wins his share of prizes.

High School Champions Declared at Field Day

Grade nine to 13 students at the Acton high school enjoyed their annual field day at the High School grounds last Friday, September 19 when they participated in events ranging from 50 yard dashes to pole vault, high jump, shot put and an open 800 yard race.

Crowned champions in the boys' events were bantam, Jim Peal with 17 points and Matthew Russell, second with 13 points.

In the junior boys' events, Anne Daintith ran up a total of 36 points to win the championship and Betty McArthur, won second position with 23 points.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the boys' open 800 yard race, won by Bruce Andrews, who completed the event in two minutes and six seconds leaving his two competitors yards behind.

Principal E. A. Hansen reported the field day was a huge success with participants turning in an excellent performance in the various events and all students taking a keen interest in the competitions.

Senior championship went to Frank Cooper with 39 points and in second place was Ross Shortill, with 25 points.

Girls' Champions
Elke Macke won the bantam girls' championship with 22 points and

Rosemary Platt placed second with 20 points.

In the junior girls' class, Jackie Dargatzis won the events with 22 points and tied for second were Jo-Ann Force and Elizabeth Force, each with 20 points.

Ruth Lamborough won the intermediate title, when she ran up a total of 34 points and Carolyn Headly placed second with 23 points.

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Acton Wins

Acton High School won the inter-school field day championship on Wednesday of this week at the school grounds here when they ran up a total of 153 points.

Nielsen placed second with 114 points, Erin third with 85 and Georgetown fourth with 56 points.

Bruce Andrews, local school athlete and Guelph Legion track star, capped the trophy for the 800 yard race for the third year in a row when he led the field of runners, completing the stretch in two minutes and six seconds.

A complete list of entries and winners will be published in next week's issue.



PRIZE WINNING STEER in the Commercial feature for the 'Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy was owned and cared for by Bob Merry, of Milton. Pictured above, during the presentation of the trophy, are left to right: W. Thompson, fair president, G. Norrish, judge, Bob Merry and W. Woodburn, manager of the local bank branch. The competition was open to a boy or girl under 21 years of age and the calf had to be cared for by them for at least six days prior to the fair. There were 19 entries in this event.