

Four Classrooms Ready Monday

Acton public school board members were assured by architect A. G. Barnes at a special meeting Monday evening, that four rooms of the new 12-room addition would be ready for occupation on Monday, September 28.

Alarmed at the slow progress of the new addition the board called a special meeting to discuss further action.

During the meeting Doug Manning, runner-up in the last municipal elections was appointed and declared a full fledged member to take the place of Monty Root, who resigned when he moved to his new home in Rockwood.

Mr. Manning will complete the balance of Mr. Root's term until December 31, 1960.

Color schedules for the entire new addition were reviewed and plans finalized to have the various colors adapted for each room.

1959 Acton Fall Fair Attracts Crowd of 9,000 To Witness Many Exhibits, Arena Performance

Azuro skies, warm sun and an autumn breeze spelled perfect weather for Acton fall fair last Saturday afternoon and both evening performances drew crowds to the arena, as the Agricultural Society racked up another highly successful event—the 47th.

Paid attendance Saturday totaled 6,000, with 1,000 free passes given out to exhibitors and school children. With the night shows drawing another 2,000 a splendid attendance of 9,000 over all was tallied by the happy fair board.

Every corner of the grounds and buildings was worthy of attention, all the way from the monstrous sheep pen in the hall to the sheep pens in the far corner of the grounds. Between them stretched the gaudy midway of games and rides.

Children Parade

School children paraded to the park early Saturday afternoon with both bands setting the pace. They were careful to step smartly this year, for they were competing for plaques.

Walt Woodburn later presented the awards. Best class was Mrs. Norm Turner's grade six from the M. Z. Bennett school, followed by Mariken Allen's grade four from the M. Z. Bennett school. In third place was grade two of the Robert Little school, taught by Mrs. Grace Reid.

The parade also included the fire truck, other floats and the St. John Ambulance, which already had a

small wasp-stung patient in it. (He was later noted in fine fettle at the fair, both hands full of food.) There were decorated float entries, bicycles and tri-cycles and the winners were best decorated doll carriage, Elizabeth Hurst, Joanne Wasowicz, Tricycles Susan Lawrence, Teddy Saltz, Janet Clon-donning. Best decorated bicycle under nine, Linda Dunn, Sharon White, Bruce Bothwell. Bicycles over nine, Raymond Saltz, Sandra Slingerland, Linda Ralston.

Official Opening

Stan Darling, Burks Falls, past president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies, officially opened the fair and stressed importance of fall fairs in Ontario centres. He expressed the hope that the businessmen of Acton were behind the fair. He praised excellent washroom facilities of Acton park and the evidence of co-operation between the agricultural society, council and the Board of Parks Management.

"May Acton Agricultural Society continue to grow," he concluded as he pronounced the fair open.

New Highlight

Classed by many visitors as the highlight of the Acton Fall Fair, the Central Ontario Aberdeen Angus Club's Regional Show, with 110 entries, held the spectators' attention and provided a difficult time for judge Don Edwards of Watford.

Spruced to perfection and gleaming in the sunlight with their black

coats sprayed with dressing, the many beef cattle were paraded in their various classes in the showing and after much deliberation by the judge, were awarded prizes and ribbons.

Larry Schenk of Petersburg won E. Bralda and Son's trophy for the grand champion female, in the Angus class.

Brought Herds

The following are the exhibitors in this show:

C. A. Kee, Creditvale Farm, Streetsville, R.R. 3; Colbeck Bros., Grand Valley, W. F. James, Malden Farms, Georgetown, R.R. 3; Russell Longstreet and Son, Bellefountain; Gordon L. Berry, Blainville Angus

Farm, Blainville; John McKinnon, Milton, R.R. 6; Harry A. Willis, Bellefountain.

Russ and Doug Kohler, Oukleigh Farm, Cayuga; Angus Manor Farms, Petersburg, R.R. 2; J. H. Wilcott and Sons, Wilton Farms, Milton, R.R. 1; John Ontario, Hespeler, R.R. 2; Albert Stilling, Elmira, Wm. L. Stephens, Woodbridge, R.R. 3.

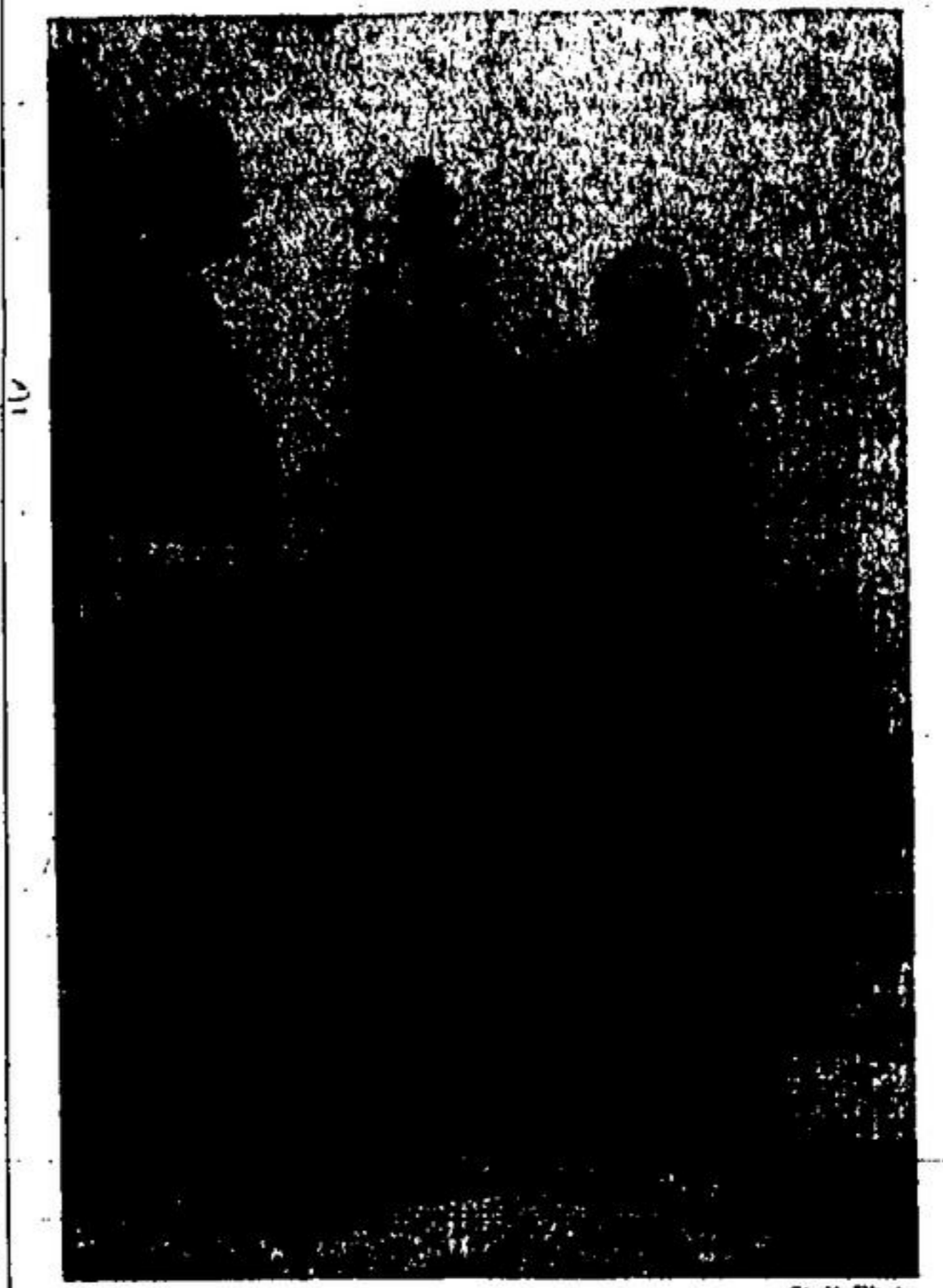
Industrial Display

That the Chamber of Commerce industrial display met with success on its initial showing was evident by the crowds of interested spectators which filled the main arena on Saturday afternoon.

A driving clinic and a safety display by the firemen added to the array of goods shown by Beardmore, Diston Saw Co., Acton Glue Company, Acton Flour Mills, A. P. Green, Marzo Glue Co., Micro Plastics, Tyler Transport, Corona Shug Co., Proton Motors and Acton Precision Engineering.

Education sound films were shown in a darkened section of the arena.

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ACTON FALL FAIR was officially opened last Saturday by Stanley Darling, Reeve of Burks Falls and past president of the Ontario Agricultural Society and president of all fairs in Ontario in 1958. Pictured above on the left is Lloyd McEnery, president of the Acton Fair with Mr. Darling as he opened the fair.

Change Dates Of Election

Acton voters this year will have the opportunity of attending nomination night for candidates for the municipal election on a Thursday evening instead of the regular Friday and casting their ballots on a Tuesday instead of Mondays as in past years, as a result of council action Tuesday evening.

Council agreed to alter nomination night to the third Tuesday in November and change the election date to the first Tuesday in December.

Although the time lapse from nomination night to election day is extended from seven to 14 days, candidates nominated for municipal office must qualify by nine o'clock on the day following nominations.

Reeve Gray pointed out that the original by-law for elections in Acton was drawn up in 1922 and amended in 1930.

Letters to Council Tuesday

From the United Packinghouse Workers of America Local 479

Gentlemen:

Local 479 of the United Packinghouse Workers of America covering the employees of Beardmore and Co. are disturbed by the interest shown by your Council in an Air-Pollution By-law.

We are opposed to the passing of such a by-law.

Effect of such a By-law on the Town of Acton

A by-law of this nature would strike a very crippling blow to the economic life of this community. More than one industry, and most certainly the industry in which we are employed would be forced to either drastically reduce its operation, and possibly even cease its operation entirely. The loss of Beardmore wages spent in this community, coupled with the loss of taxes paid by this Company to the Town of Acton would mean virtual economic ruin to the Town, to its merchants, and to its people.

An examination of existing legislation in other municipalities in Ontario will show that without exception other municipal Councils have refused to consider such a measure. The reasons we think are obvious. In times of rapid economic growth such as Ontario has been experiencing over the past decade all communities find themselves in conflict with each other to attract new industry. Legislation such as that being considered by this Council would end Acton's industrial expansion. Indeed even a sign of open and serious discussion of such a measure may be enough to end "Acton investigations" by new industry.

The record will show that our Company has, and is continuing to spend a great deal of time and money to eliminate the periodic odor caused by tanning operations.

We sincerely hope that this Council, elected to represent all persons in our Community, will reject this most dangerous legislation.

Submitted in the interest of sound and progressive town planning by Local 479 United Packinghouse Workers of America.

HAROLD COXKE, President.

From Beardmore and Company

September 21, 1959.

Mayor and Council,
The Corporation of the Town of Acton,
Acton, Ontario.

Gentlemen:

We have been informed that the Council of the Town of Acton is giving consideration to the adoption of an air pollution by-law, and it is our understanding that such by-law is mainly directed at the operations of this Company. As our interests and the interests of our employees might be seriously injured should the powers conferred by such by-law be unwisely used we register our objection to its adoption.

At a recent meeting with the Council, which was also attended by Dr. Berry and Mr. Voage, this problem was thoroughly discussed and assurance given that we were doing everything possible to reduce odours which arise from time to time in the hot weather from our spray operation. We should mention that we have since discovered sources of odour one of which was many times more serious than any which could arise from our operation. This particular operation was carried on for a period of time, and it is not unlikely that it was attributed to the operation of Beardmore and Company, and was the cause of complaints against this Company. The sources we refer to were outside the Town limits, but we feel sure that by this date the Council has been fully informed about them.

The matter of disposal of the effluent from our plant which includes odour control, has been a very costly business for this Company in recent years. We have done extensive work, in association with the technical personnel of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, and such efforts have received the close personal interest of Dr. Berry. We can claim that substantial progress has been made which will be of benefit to industry generally in this Province and elsewhere even though it may not, up to this point, have provided the means of designing a sewage disposal plant for our own use. Under the circumstances, we feel that we and the Town can take pride in what has been done, but at least the Company should receive a measure of good-will and patience from the Town Council which we hope and believe is already ours from the majority of the people of Acton.

We can assure the Mayor and Council that it will not be necessary for them to prompt this Company in their continuing efforts to reduce or eliminate any odours which arise from time to time in our disposal operation, and we trust the Council will give us their cooperation by abandoning any action with respect to the above mentioned by-law. We feel that the Town of Acton, in common with most other municipalities will give the technologists of industry their confidence and assistance so that they, in close co-operation with the staffs of the appropriate Government Departments, will find the answer to this and many other pressing problems which have arisen with the rapid industrial expansion which has occurred in recent years, especially in the Province of Ontario.

Yours very truly,
Beardmore and Co. Limited,
W. J. Beatty,
Vice-President and
General Manager.

From the Acton Chamber of Commerce

September 20, 1959.

Mayor and Council,
Town of Acton.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Directors of the Acton Chamber of Commerce this evening, concern was expressed that an Air Pollution Control By-law is being given consideration by Acton Council. It is felt that such a by-law would have far-reaching effects and would be detrimental to the general welfare and economy of the community. Accordingly the following resolution was passed:

"That we strongly protest the passing of any proposed Air Pollution Control By-law which would prejudice the operations of any local industry."

Would you kindly notify us at the next meeting of Acton Council at which this matter will be discussed, and please place us on the agenda so that our spokesman can present our view.

Respectfully,
J. Bert Wood,
Acton Chamber of Commerce
Secretary.

Commence Work on Crossing Signals

Work has started on the Main Street C.N.R. railway crossing signals and this week workmen have installed concrete footings for the bell signal boxes.

The installation was approved by the C.N.R. and Department of Transport some months ago after a coroner's jury brought in a recommendation following the death of C. Boylan, an employee of the Diston Saw plant in Acton, who was killed by a C.N.R. locomotive.

When completed, the new signal service will give ample warning to drivers approaching from north or south as they ascend the rise to cross the tracks.

Council Renews O.P.P. Contract Debates Protection, Cost Increase

Unanimous approval was given by Acton Council Tuesday to renew the Ontario Provincial Police contract. It was noted that under the new terms it would mean an increase of approximately \$3,780.

When the increase was pointed out to council, Mayor Cook explained, "Slowly but surely it is moving the town into the position of considering their own police force."

Councillor Rachlin enquired what hours during the 24 hour period were not being policed. He was advised by councillor W. McLeod, chairman of the police committee, the entire 24 hour period was being policed.

No Police

Mr. Rachlin suggested that during certain hours in the morning the town had no police on duty. He was informed by clerk J. McGeechie that as Justice of the Peace he has had occasion to be at the police office during various times in the early morning and has always found someone on duty.

Councillor E. Pope informed council he has had different occasions to be up early, either going fishing or returning, and had always found the police car on patrol.

Councillor McLeod asked Mr. Rachlin to lay his cards on the table and stop beating around the bush and the problem could be settled.

Prompted by this challenge, the council had advised that at certain times during the summer the town had no protection. He also suggested more control should be exercised over the money spent on gas for the police cruiser.

The chairman of the police committee informed the councillor, council was not spending enough money for police protection.

The debate ended on the cheerful words of Reeve Gray, who remarked, "The crime record speaks for itself in town."

Defeat Motion

A resolution supported only by councillors H. Peal, E. Pope and B. D. Rachlin to install adequate lighting on Acton Boulevard, including a new pole at the north end, was defeated following a discussion.

This action was prompted by a former request from Acton Public School Board officials when they asked for more adequate lighting in the school area.

Dep. Reeve J. Greer, chairman of the streets, roads and lights committee, advised council his committee had investigated all aspects of lighting on Acton Boulevard and agreed that to properly equip this area with lights would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000, which his committee had no budget for.

He noted, however, that installing two or three lights near the school would improve the lighting. He suggested that the school board should be responsible for lighting on their own property. By installing the few lights, it was pointed out the committee could remain within their budget.

Approval was given the Oakville Humane Society to hold a tag day in Acton on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3.

Council agreed to petition the Department of Highways for an interim grant amounting to \$61,417-70 up to the end of August.

Council endorsed a resolution from the city of Barrie to urge the Dominion and Provincial governments to have tree trimming done in the winter months in order to provide work for the unemployed.

Clerk J. McGeechie received council's praise when the mayor advised that a \$1,000 mistake in the favor of the town had been caught by the alertness of the clerk after he had returned from his holidays.

Workers, Company, Chamber Oppose Odor By-law

A delegation of 24 citizens armed with a petition containing 835 signatures opposed the adoption by Acton Council of a by-law to curb smoke and air pollution, at the regular meeting of council on Tuesday. Mayor W. H. Cook told the delegation there was no need for such a concern. They were assured that a bill would have no part in passing legislation to force any plant to close its doors.

Headed by president Howard Cook, representatives of the United Packinghouse Workers of America Local 479, submitted the petition accompanied by a letter opposing the passing of the proposed by-law.

Register Objections

Also present were representatives of the Acton Chamber of Commerce who presented a letter in opposition to the proposed by-law. Council also heard a letter from W. J. Beatty, vice-president and general manager of the Beardmore and Company plant, registering the company's objections.

This act stemmed from the last council meeting when a petition was presented signed by 157 Mr. Cook on behalf of the tannery workers. Councillor Lowe advised the delegation the intention of the

by-law was to control the odor not to close any plant.

"Control the Tannery"

"The intention is to pass the by-law and control the tannery and I still think the by-law is bad business," the union president reminded council.

Mr. Lowe asked if the 835 names represented Beardmore employees not necessarily living here. He was told the entire town was covered seeking signatures but a few of the names were workers living out-of-town. The councillor inquired, "Did you think that is fair?"

"Certainly, the men are protecting their jobs," replied Mr. Cook. The councillor advised it would be more fair to see the local workers and people sign but noted it was nice to see people worrying about their jobs. It is a funny thing to see the union getting between the company and council," exclaimed Mr. Lowe. He was asked by the president what was so funny about it.

Questions Information

Mayor Cook enquired if any of the Beardmore management had informed the union the plant would close if the by-law became effective. Mr. Cook replied they had not.

Mr. Cook suggested it was then the opinion of the local union the plant would close and enquired if Mr. Cook knew the name of the by-law. The president advised the mayor he did not know a word about it.

How then, he asked, did the president of the by-law know what you are opposing? Mr. Cook who was asked if he knew the name of the by-law, replied, "I don't know."

By-law Not Begun

The mayor then told Mr. Cook the by-law had not been begun. Deputy Reeve J. M. Greer advised that the by-law had not been begun because the by-law had not been passed.

Are we passing a by-law? Mr. Cook asked. He was told the by-law had not been passed. He was told the by-law had not been passed because the by-law had not been passed.

by-law they have to enforce it. This brought a further enquiry by Mr. Greer, who asked, "Can it be enforced?" He was told it could be enforced.

Have Reported on Act

Reeve J. H. Gray reminded council that a delegation had been given the name of a by-law, and the petition of opposing such a by-law and after discussing the by-law, the delegation had reported to council that they were opposing the by-law.

Consider Inviting Industry

Instead of by-law to restrict we should be considering inviting industry, exclaimed the councillor.

Councillor B. D. Rachlin reported there had been no intention of closing the plant down as far as council chambers.

make the company move faster. If it was meant to close the plant down, I don't know of anyone who would go for it," concluded Mr. Rachlin.

Mayor Cook presented the delegation that their representatives would be notified of a meeting when the by-law was prepared and read. He reminded he was very sympathetic toward the workers and very respectful of the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

Primer Delegations

If the people feel something will be done, they should let the town know it is only right and proper to do this," suggested Mr. Cook. In conclusion, the mayor told the gathering the council would not take part in or encourage any action which would close the doors of any plant large or small. He said, "I would not see one of you people put out of work by any action of this council."

After being assured they would be notified when the by-law was prepared to go before council, the delegation adjourned from the council chambers.