

Editorial Page

Well Done

The curtain has been rung down on Acton's 47th annual Fall Fair.

The sun shone brightly, the entries in many classes were larger than usual and attendance seemed well up in comparison with former years.

The addition of the Central Ontario Agricultural Regional Show was a welcome new feature as were the changes in many other classes.

It was particularly interesting to see the strong co-operation of town and country citizens in making the event successful. This year the action of the Chamber of Commerce in establishing industrial exhibits in the main arena drew loud praise from those who saw it. The Chamber and the industries who co-operated are to be congratulated in introducing the new feature. It gave many residents and visitors a better idea what Acton's industries do produce.

Need a New Name

If this keeps on we may be forced to find a new word for what we are. Mr. Khrushchev repeatedly uses the word "capitalism" when he refers to the United States and the rest of the Western world. On one score that may be accurate enough. The dictionary definition is the dominance of private capitalists. Whether even the United States can fit such a description today is arguable on fact. There is many a businessman struggling to keep going after paying his taxes and satisfying his labor union who would question his dominance. But at least these countries do believe in free individual enterprise.

Mr. Khrushchev, however, is using the word in contrast to communism and this is where he and many others make the mistake.

A Problem Trend

The money market is indeed a confusing and complex one. We pose no economies expect but we were concerned about a new trend that may be developing quite innocently.

The new Savings Bond issue, at approximately 5%, looks upwardly until a second glance reveals a new "quimick" with an appeal for the larger investor who purchases \$20,000.

By the device of redemption at a premium of \$3 a hundred the government has introduced a tax free inducement. Since most Canadian bonds today are selling at a discount this is not unique. For the premium redemption makes it stand out as a particular

There were other evidences of rural-urban co-operation that has been the by-word of Acton fairs since their inception. Members of the Rotary Club were on hand to sell tickets at the gate, members of the Fire Brigade did excellent work in directing traffic and there were dozens of rural and urban directors that acted in a variety of capacities.

It was in 1913 the Acton businessmen decided to organize a fair after the arrangement of altering the Esquesing Fair in Georgetown and Acton was cancelled.

Over 4,000 attended that first event with over 2,000 entries for \$1,000 in prize money. Agriculture, the keystone of the fair, has undergone many changes since and it is good to see the Fall Fair continue.

President Lloyd McEnery, secretary Mrs. Irene Swickhamer and the hundreds of directors, officials and volunteers deserve sincere congratulations on the 47th Acton Fall Fair.



-Photo by Esther Taylor

Hints of Autumn"

Sugar and Spice....

BY BILL SMILEY

It seems to me that about this time last year, I wrote a tendentious column, practically an aside, about September. The golden, rusting days, the cool, haunting evenings, the farewell ring of the old Mother Nature, lyrical, voluptuous, amid the fruits of her labor. Yes, September is the most delightful month of the year I burble.

Well, take it all back. You can take September, and if the ladies will leave the room for a moment, I'll tell you exactly what you can do with it.

This September has scared me for life, and has also elated me for years from my allotted span of some. What happened? I got caught with my pipes down.

On September fifth, it was 90 degrees in our upstairs, and we all lay around on our beds, naked as newts, sweating and sweating for water. On September 15th, it was 40 in our upstairs. The kids lay in misery with cold, and a heap of blankets. Downstairs, the dogs howled with chill. And in our bed, the Old Lady and I swaddled in Gammelte pajamas clutched each other, a hot water bottle, and the hope that a miracle would happen and the heat wave would break in the morning.

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I had iron, while fighting the heat wave with coffee and drink, and to myself truly, "Must get to the cellar and get out winter ashes out so I can get out in early this year." Don't want the end truck driving over the lawn when it's all soft from those fall rains. Better get that broken window in the living room fixed too. That's another reason to be different this year.

So, I'm out and about as though I was not fairly well prepared. But I didn't expect my old sawdust to September to put me over the edge to pull the curtain and my feet lower the bloom on me, and stain me in the back all in one fell swoop.

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