

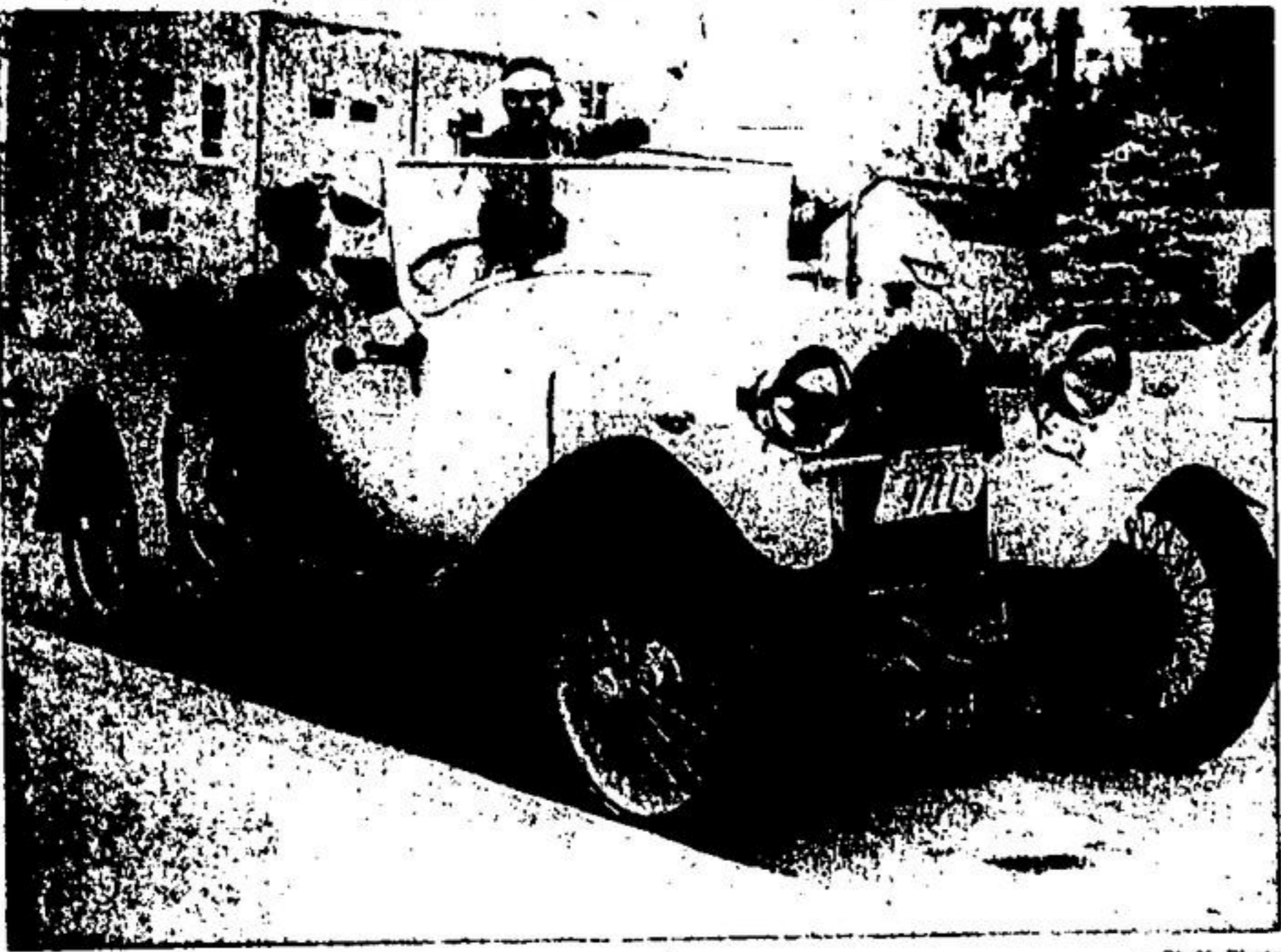
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ONLY TWO of its kind are found in Canada and Jim Allward of Toronto proudly boasts of being an owner of a 1923 Darracq. The ancient car was one of 23 that passed through Acton Tuesday morning en route to Brighton from London, during the annual Antique and Classic Car Club tour. Mr. Allward and his wife Geraldine are pictured above in the right hand drive vehicle. The trip took three days with stops at Guelph, Peterborough and Brighton.



1911 FORD chugged right along during the Antique and Classic Car Club tour from London to Brighton Tuesday morning. Owner of the vehicle, Ron Fawcett of Oshawa, takes time out to keep the brass gleaming while his wife Lydia and two children, Pat and Pete, wait to resume the trip. Several of the 23 cars on the tour stopped at Acton for pictures.

Presentation Made to Terrys At P.O. Party in Parish Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Terry were the guests of honor when about 25 post office employees, carriers, customs men with their husbands and wives held a farewell party and presentation in St. Alban's parish hall Wednesday evening. It's Mr. Terry's last week as postmaster here.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by ladies of St. Alban's Guild, and cards were played during the evening.

A corsage of pink and white carnations was worn by Mrs. Terry, to whom the party was a complete surprise, and Mr. Terry had a carnation boutonniere.

Gifts for Both
A gleaming chrome golf cart was presented to the postmaster.

Mr. Terry takes over as postmaster in Owen Sound next Tuesday, and they will be moving at the end of the month from their attractive home on Queen St.

Among the guests were former customs officer Billy Middleton and Mrs. Middleton.

1500 Gallons Of Gas Spilled On Erin Road

When a gasoline tank truck overturned spilling 1500 gallons of gas Monday at 5 p.m., neighbors turned in the alarm to Acton. The township fire truck was dispatched with four men to lot 1, fifth line, concession six of Erin township.

The large, dangerous patch of gasoline was covered with foam and all possible precautions were taken to prevent it taking fire.

The fire siren did not sound here, but firemen were hastily contacted when the nature of the accident was known.

The truck, driven by Roy Laidlaw, was owned by Don Ryder Fuels Ltd., of Brampton.

Inspection Shows Rewiring Needed For Town Hall

The complete main floor of the town hall will be rewired and power to the upstairs cut off, as a result of inspection by Ontario Hydro inspectors during the current town hall improvements.

Town workmen are presently preparing the council chambers for the application of mahogany plywood and tile ceiling and floor. The wall and ceiling have been stripped and plywood is being applied to the floor in preparation for the tile.

The tile floor will also be carried out to include the main hall of the building.

It is expected rough wiring will be completed in the council chambers by Tuesday.

Muffled in Wool

Awarded \$100 Scholarships

Linda Branda and Elizabeth Force have each won \$100 scholarships to the summer skating school at Guelph. The awards, made by Ross Smith, are for ability and interest.

Mr. Smith runs the spring and summer schools at the curling club here.

Both girls are fine skaters with keen interest in progressing.

Look Delightful
They skate with effortless ease, and this week particularly their practising looks absolutely delightful. The curling rink is even colder now than it is in the dead of winter. To practice, they bundle themselves in long tight sweaters with woolen mitts, scarves and sweaters.

Still, their intricate figures and graceful turns are the result of many, many hours of practice. Both attended the spring skating school, which concluded two weeks ago, and it was then the announcement of the awards was made.

Acton Council Urges Study County Welfare Officer

Acton Council Tuesday evening unanimously endorsed a suggestion that the county give serious consideration to appointing a county welfare officer.

The recommendation, originating from the administration committee was that one official would co-ordinate the various areas of welfare that are available.

Mayor John Goy suggested the plan would also eliminate Acton from ever having to have a full-time welfare officer as required in larger centres.

Administrator J. McGeachie reported that welfare which used to come through the department now originates from at least four different sources. He noted that much of a county officer's work would be, in relation to admissions to Halton Manor.

Included in county welfare services organizations all under different directors are the Children's Aid Society, the Halton Centennial Manor and the Halton County Health Unit.

In reply to questions on loss of local autonomy and the handling of local welfare cases it was emphasized that the payments would still be made by the town but the county director could recommend under what provincial acts the payments could be made.

The suggestion of the county director was approved and will be forwarded for appropriate county discussion.

Can't Get Drums
Deputy Reeve Jack Hargrave inquired why garbage was not being collected in the park and sparked a reply from the administrator who noted there were 18 45-gallon drums in the park that couldn't be lifted to the top of the truck. They were also inaccessible in many cases since blocking of sections of the track.

Administrator McGeachie reported arrangements had been completed with the chairman of the Parks Board and the matter was dropped.

Councillor Hugh Lowe reported receiving a number of complaints about the admission charge at the park being levied against local citizens on the weekend.

Mayor John Goy noted the charge was under discussion at the Parks Board. "It's not a dead issue".

Councillor A. Field suggested there should be no objection to the charge when people didn't object to paying to enter provincial parks.

Maybe Self Supporting
Councillor Barbeau recalled that when the charge was originally set up it was thoroughly discussed and it was even hoped that at some time the park might become self-supporting and not dependent on taxes.

Mayor Goy argued the natural resources offered by the park should be open to the public but the Board should be entitled to charge for the services it offers such as parking.

It was concluded the matter was Parks Board business and the discussion dropped.

Council adjourned and began an extensive review of town insurance. At the conclusion of the informal discussion the matter was left in the hands of the administrator to compile for quotations from the two bidding firms.

Arena East End Slated For Fall Fair Exhibits

When the fall fair opens in September, the exhibits which were displayed in the now-demolished curling rink will be placed at the far end of the arena, R. L. Davidson, hall superintendent, reported to a dozen directors of the Agricultural Society when they met in the council chambers Wednesday of last week.

The east end of the arena will be ringed with exhibits, with tables set up in the centre of the building. Women's work, flowers, fruits and vegetables, arts and crafts and children's work will be shown there, with commercial booths at the sides.

The remainder of the arena on the north and south sides will be occupied by Chamber of Commerce exhibits.

Five Rides Sure
It was announced that five rides have been guaranteed for the midway, and that the society is required to provide ticket sellers.

Following discussion on a letter from the parks board, it was de-

cidet the board would accept the responsibility for grading the track at the park.

It was agreed that the lean-to at the end of the red barn will be demolished sometime this summer.

Patching First Then Paint Lines

Acton OPP Cpl. Ray Mason said the white lines to be painted on the Main and Mill St. intersection will have to wait for the completion of patch work on No. 7 Highway which seems to be well on its way.

Meanwhile confusion is still prevalent, especially to out-of-towners who are unfamiliar with the traffic light which has been installed. Drivers do not seem sure which street has the right-of-way. Cars on Main St. must stop and let Mill St. traffic have the right of way.

Pipes, Fifes, Drums Serenade C. K. Browne, Parade in Fergus

The biggest gathering of members of the Orange Order and associated bodies ever to be held in this part of Ontario was held at Fergus Saturday, and two Acton groups took part in the colorful parade.

The drone of pipes and lil of files reminded townspeople here of the Battle of the Boyne hours before the parade in Fergus got underway.

The Junior Pipe Band was first to strike up. They played here about 9 a.m. before marching in Guelph from the Armouries to the Cenotaph for the wreath-laying ceremony there.

About 10:30 a.m. the life and drum band set the beat for members of L.O.L. 467, Crews on Corners, to march through town. They were headed by majorettes from Rockwood.

Mr. Browne Serenaded
Both groups stopped to serenade much-decorated veteran lodge member C. K. Browne, a former county master, district master and past master of the Black Knights of Ireland. Mr. Browne, who has attended Orange parades since his youth has had to miss them lately due to ill health. But he sat outside in the wheelchair Saturday, and members of several lodges, on their way to Fergus, stopped to greet him.

He hopes perhaps he will feel able to attend the parade of the Black Knights of Ireland in August at London.

Many Spectators
The Fergus parade route was lined with spectators including many from Acton. During the afternoon there was a softball game, pony rides and other entertainment in the park, with a dance in the evening.

The Battle of the Boyne took place in 1690 and William III of England — William of Orange — defeated the exiled James II ending the restoration attempt of the Stuarts. The Boyne river rises in the bog of Allen in the county of Kildare and flows 80 miles to the Irish sea.

2000 Swamp Merchants at First Community Picnic

Shining silver dollars and small colored vouchers exchanged hands at a great rate when businessmen held their first community picnic in the park Monday afternoon.

Sponsoring merchants were swamped by 2,000 people, all bearing vouchers given out since June 22 at stores with purchases. These entitled holders to refreshments, draws and games.

While the busy shop keepers took back their vouchers by the thousands, they handed out 200 silver dollars as prizes.

29 Leaders Study At Scout Reserve
There are 29 scout leaders taking training this week at Blue Springs scout reserve, with five on staff.

They attended churches in town Sunday morning in uniform.

Picnic Statistics
Other items given away, helping to gauge the crowd: 2,000 programs, 3,600 bottles of soft drinks, 800 hot dogs and 800 ice cream cones.

Demand for refreshments, as well as causing the tent to collapse twice also resulted in a rush call to a soft drink delivery truck to drive right into the park to replenish stocks.

The venture cost participating merchants \$900—which they feel was well spent. However, they grudge losing \$70 in pop bottles which disappeared.

The Junior Pipe Band played in the afternoon and the Citizens Band in the evening. The Rovers put up the bell tent.

\$30 For Draws
More silver dollars clinked into the hands of the winners of the lucky draws. They were Mary Hazenberg with \$10, John Leatherland with \$10, Bobby Cripps with \$5 and Fred Lawson with \$5.

In the afternoon, the minor sports all-stars defeated the peewees. In the early evening, the band overwhelmed the Legion 17-8 and the Juveniles swamped Bronte 13 to 3.

The park was jammed, and many were unable to even use their vouchers for bingo, pony rides or refreshments.

Better Next Time
Merchants who were still wiping their brows on Tuesday agreed, "It was a great success, and there was a terrific response. We feel we gained a lot of experience and will be much better prepared the next time."

In planning they had figured there would be about 600 at the picnic—and got 1,400 they hadn't counted on!

Race winners were as follows:
Boys and girls 6-8, Ron Johnston, Len Teller, Martin Kelly.
Girls 9-10, Jo Ann Landsborough and Kate Van de Mere, a tie, Ann Smith, Christine Preston.
Boys 9-10, L. Vanderpolder, Bill Hogan, Ron Haggard.
Teen mystery race, Don Earl and June Lawrence, C. Norfolk and D. Rennie, D. Hargrave and Thelma Phillips.

New Accountant For Local Bank
J. K. King has been transferred from the Eglinton and Mount Pleasant branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia to Acton and started his duties here last week as accountant.

The new accountant replaces M. L. Hepler who has been transferred to Toronto.

Mr. King hails from Oxford, Nova Scotia, and has only been in this district two months since being moved from the east coast. He is single and living in Acton.

Shoe piles, Sandra Lunt, Lonnie Marks, Lynn Vale.
Boys wheel-barrow race, Michael Holmer and Ken Elliott; John Foley and Frank Morton; Don Price and Don Harris.
Egg on a spoon; Jackie Dawe, Ann Vale, Beanne Mothson.

Two '60 Cars Smash Attempting to Pass
An attempt to pass between two other parked cars ended in a collision at the corner of Mill and Elgin Sts. Sunday evening tallying up a total of \$150 damage to both cars.

Drago Vrainik of Longfield Rd. was travelling east on Mill St. and Leigh Reed of Georgetown was driving his car west when the two 1960 models smashed.

Acton OPP Constable Bruce Kressler investigated the accident. Neither driver was injured.

Shoe kicking contest, Mrs. Hofstede, Mrs. Marion Storey, Pat Quennell.
Three-legged race, Ann Vale and Thelma Phillips; Sandy Davidson and Frank Marisak; Mrs. Pringle and Mrs. Barr.
Donut eating contest, Ian Johnson, Thelma Phillips, Allan Robertson.
About 30 stores purchased the vouchers to give out with sales, to defray picnic expenses. Those who helped Monday were: P.A. system, Bert Wood, Bill Benson; bingo, Jim Ledger, Pat Patterson; races, Paul Nielsen, Dave Manes, Rae West, Dorkin McBride, Wilfred Davidson; draws, Bill Benson, Ralph Pallant, Jack Newton.
Handing out refreshments at top speed were Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Golden, Mrs. Williamson, Mr. Huisman, Doug Rodgers, Bill Benson, Sparky Dron, Paul Neilson, Dave Manes and Ralph Pallant.

Painting Places First in Guelph

A painting from Acton won first prize of \$50 at the Guelph Painters' Group art exhibition at the Parkway motel last weekend.

Dr. V. W. Fenn, who has been living in Glenlea since June, took top place with his painting of a blind beggar, "The Mendicant". The painting was given by M. Gorman, Booklet Company of Canada.

About 60 paintings were on display at the show.

Sponsors of the event plan to hold an annual exhibition.

Patching Highway 25 Blame 401 Traffic For Spring Break-Up

Increased traffic leaving Highway 401 just north of Milton has caused spring break-up problems on Highway 25, especially between Milton and Acton. This week the poor state of the road was rectified by an asphalt paving patch job over sections of the road.

Plumbing, Painting At Speyside School

Right on schedule, work is progressing at the new consolidated Speyside school.

Latest news: the windows are in, blackboards in, levelling done, pump installed. Underway now are plumbing and painting.

Esquising school board members will be hiring a caretaker, and are working on two new bus routes.

Seems Finished

Work appeared to be completed Wednesday when the work gang reached Milton. They started Thursday morning of last week at Acton.

The Speyside hill, about midway between the two towns, received the brunt of the work where long sections of the 25 Highway were covered with new pavement. White lines have yet to be painted on the new patches.



PLACID PONY is as exciting as a bucking broncho to three-year-old, John Pink, who was thrilled with his ride at the community picnic in the park Monday. Dave Manes, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Manes who operate the pony rides, leads the popular animal. There was a steady lineup of youngsters waiting their turns. Several merchants sponsored the picnic.



HILARIOUS RELAY RACE at the community picnic in the park Monday saw entrants snatching a comical variety of old clothes from bags, donning them with all possible speed, and struggling to the finish line. Girls flinging on their outfits are pictured above. An estimated 2,000 attended the first merchants' picnic which lasted all afternoon and into the evening. Sponsors were delighted with response.