

# Tents, Midway Mushroom in Preparation For Acton's 48th Fall Fair

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**HARD AT WORK** Fair Board directors and assistants erect huge tents for exhibits this weekend. The tents were pressed into service when it was learned the arena would not be available this year. Exhibits formerly shown in the arena will be under canvas this year. The tents are located just inside the park gates. This week snow fences are being erected and the midway is beginning to spring up in preparation for the fair this weekend.

### Start Deaf School Construction Anticipate Completion By 1962

Ontario Public Works Minister Ray Connell announced today that the first stage of construction for the new Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton would start immediately. Fris Construction Co. Ltd. of Hamilton has been awarded the \$3,817,000 contract.

Activity on the site has already started. Surveyors have finished and bulldozers are starting to rip up the ground for the new school.

Mr. Connell said the first stage of construction comprises the junior school, staff residence, hospital, administration, laundry and boiler plant buildings. He hoped that the project would be sufficiently advanced before the cold weather to enable substantial work throughout the winter months. He anticipated completion of this first stage by late 1962.

"Eventually 450 will be housed in the new residential school—200 in the Junior School, 200 in the High School and 50 in the Kindergarten," he said. "Bidding on the first stage project was keen with 13 firms seeking the job. Fris' bid was lowest." He expected that when stages two and three are called in future years, the total cost of the school would be in the neighbourhood of \$10,000,000.

The site is on Highway 25, the former Kingdom farm south of Halton Centennial Manor. Mr. Connell hailed the early start on the school as a big step forward in providing the special training required for deaf children.

He said the population explosion since the Second Great War had greatly taxed the facilities of the School for the Deaf at Belleville. The Milton School would do much to alleviate the present situation.

The Junior School will be the first to be constructed. This is a one-story structure consisting of classrooms, dormitories and dining rooms. The classroom sector is about 359 feet by 100 feet with 25 classrooms, large activity room, rhythm room, projection and clubroom, library, teacher training and teachers' lounge.

Classrooms of about 10 children will permit highly individual instruction. Careful control of sound in instructional areas is essential to teaching deaf children. This will be assured by the plan and construction of the buildings.

Special precautions have been taken for the safety of these children who do not respond to spoken directions. Vehicular traffic will be restricted within the perimeter of the campus and prohibited in areas where children might be playing.

### To Township

#### Ratepayers Protest Smell

Fearing pollution of their wells and devaluation of their property, a delegation of ratepayers presented a 30 name petition to Esquesing Township council last week, protesting the dumping of offensive liquid near their homes outside Acton.

Reeve Cam Sinclair pointed out a charge had been laid against the Beardmore Tannery which will probably be heard September 25. Samples of the liquid had been tested but the Department of Health has made no report.

Council granted permission to W. A. Marshall to install six bulge storage gasoline tanks on his farm on the Base Line near Highway 201. The tanks include two 10,000 gallon tanks, plus two 4,000 gallon tanks and two 5,000 gallon tanks.

Council received a motion from Peel County Council asking all municipalities to endorse a petition requesting national highway sweepstakes, but turned it over to Halton County Council for advice.

Building permits were issued during August for \$32,100 worth of construction, the building inspector reported.

Councillor George Leslie was authorized to attend an Acton appeal against the Credit Valley Conservation Authority yearly levy.

One tax account was paid. Deputy Reeve Wilfred Bird called that a few years ago one page wouldn't hold the list of tax accounts.

### Broke Windows Youths Charged

Two 17-year-old youths were apprehended and three separate charges laid against each following the breaking of a window at the Frosty Freeze and another at Beardmore guardhouse Thursday, September 7.

Constable Ron Rupert investigated the breaking of a plate glass window at the Frosty Freeze and a guardhouse window at the Beardmore plant. The two youths, one from Rockwood and the other from Acton, were picked up by the constable after a car license number had been obtained.

Charges against each include wilful damage over \$50, wilful damage under \$50 and drinking while under age. They are slated to appear on the charges in magistrate's court September 25.

### P.C.C. George Smith Receives Gold Medal

A Council Commander of the Canadian Woodmen of the World for the past 25 years, George Smith, Acton, received his past council commander's Gold Medal, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Smith joined the Organization in 1906 and recalls when there were over 200 active members in the area. Today there are only eight left in Acton. Five years ago he received his 50 year pin.

The medal was presented by Charles K. Browne, another Past Council Commander, who received his medal in 1917. Other members in Acton include George Mann, E. D. Ryder, Mrs. Jim Wiles, Mrs. A. Smith, William Waller and Jack Greer.

### Maze of Wires In New Exchange

A peck inside the new dial exchange building reveals a maze of wires, switches, controls and 10 experts working at a brisk pace in an attempt to meet the December deadline for the switchover to dial in Acton.

Equipment manufactured in Northern Electric main plant at Montreal has been arriving for the past two weeks and workmen are installing the equipment as fast as it arrives.

One of the safety features for every workman is glasses. The men aren't shortsighted, it's only a safety measure.

Of interest to local readers is the fact that Jack Wood, formerly of Acton, is general superintendent of the western area for Northern Electric and is immediate boss of the Acton project.

### Sorry

News articles omitted this week will appear in next week's issue of the Free Press. A shortage of space prevented insertion of all news intended for this week.

## Expect Record Fair Crowd Exhibits Under Canvass

Massive tents, snow fence, cattle ties, rides and games are springing up throughout the fair grounds in preparation for Acton's 48th fall fair Friday and Saturday. This week directors and officials have been busy erecting huge tents for the Friday evening exhibits, installing snow fences for show rings and ties for the cattle, sheep and swine exhibits.

The T. Green Amusement Company began setting up rides and games and excitement is reigning supreme as the fair dates draw closer.

In spite of arena renovations and exhibits having to be displayed in tents the Fair Board is confident this year's fair will be one of the best to date. Mayor John H. Govt is slated to open the fair Saturday afternoon.

When it was understood the arena would not be available this year on account of preparations for the Community Centre the board members made arrangements for tents to display exhibits formerly housed in the arena. The only exhibit which will be missed this year is the industrial display sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Guards will be placed on a 24 hour basis to assure no vandalism takes place.

Poultry, cattle, sheep, swine exhibits are expected to be larger again this year and the horse competitions will top other years according to interest shown by exhibitors.

### Campsite Display

Acton Boy Scouts are providing a camping display and will set up a complete campsite in the park on the same basis as their summer camp at Pinery Forest. Meals will be cooked on the spot and displays of handwork exhibited. Parents and friends will have an opportunity to see how a scout camp is operated.

Halton County Civil Defense

will have an exhibit on the grounds this year in order to acquaint the public with safety measures in the event of a local or national crisis.

A farm safety exhibit will be on view under the auspices of the Halton County Farm Safety Council and many other innovations have been added to the exhibits.

### Most Money Ever

Secretary Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer reports entries for the various competitions are flowing in and the prize money this year has reached an all-time high.

The Friday evening show has been dispensed with for this year but hall exhibits in the tents will be open and Acton Citizens' Band will give a concert. The midway will be blazing with lights as the rides and games will be operating. Poultry exhibits will be open and other displays open to the public.

Saturday's program will get under way with a parade from the United Church to the fair grounds with Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies, decorated doll buggies, bicycles and tricycles headed by Acton Citizens' Band and Acton Junior Pipe Band.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated tricycle, bicycle and doll buggy at the conclusion of the parade.

Directors will be in charge of announcing and the stock parade will be staged at 4 a.m. Saturday. Rotary Club members will be on duty at the park gates and firemen will direct cars to parking places. St. John Ambulance Brigade members will be on duty throughout the two day fair in case of emergency.

With final details completed, Fair Board members are confident a large crowd will be in attendance providing the weather remains pleasant.



**POWER EQUIPMENT** for the new dial exchange on Church Street is being checked over by two Northern Electric workmen during the installation. A crew of 10 workers will spend approximately 17 weeks preparing the station prior to switchover to dial. Left to right are Joe Mol-drew and Jim Richmond. The power equipment rectifies the power load from 110 volts to 48 volts for use in the station.

## Retail Merchants Protest Garbage Pickup Change

Difficulty which will be encountered with a once-a-week Monday garbage collection was outlined in a letter from the retail merchants which was read at Acton Council Tuesday evening. The appeal by the merchants prompted a lengthy discussion of the whole subject.

The merchants' main objection was a result of the Monday collection. Stores are closed Monday days and it would be possible some of the merchants would have to put their garbage out after store closing Saturday afternoon. This would leave the garbage out all day Sunday which they felt would not present a particularly pleasant appearance for the weekend.

Council decided to hold firm with their previous decision and give the once-a-week Monday collection a test. Mayor Govt pointed out that if the proposed scheme was not satisfactory, changes could be made. He felt, however, that any deviation from the proposed plan would defeat the whole idea, which was to make the garbage collection more economical and to allow the town works department a better work week in which to undertake the town work.

A new by-law to regulate and control the waterworks department was given its third and final reading. The by-law incorporates all the amendments made to the previous by-law over the last 10 years and makes the by-law much easier to interpret.

### Street Names

New street names for streets which are at present not continuous from end to end moved one step closer with two readings given to the by-law. The by-law now goes to the council judge and on his approval will refer to council for its third and final reading. Portions of six streets are included in the change.

Application was made to the Department of Highways for payment of the interim subsidy on road work completed in the first portion of the year. Expenditures on roads so far has amounted to \$6,542.09, of which the Department will pay a portion.

Clerk J. McGeachie reported the town appeal against its participation in the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will be heard in the Council Chamber, September 20, by the Municipal Board. It was also reported assessing in wards three and four was completed. Ward two will be finished by Monday and ward one will then be started.

Mr. Middleton. When they started demanding new schools, a school bus right to the door, fire and police protection and twice-a-week garbage collection, they were seeking "urban life with a little more space around it." And the farmer's taxes doubled to suit their needs.

"The farmer must learn that selling that half acre lot off the corner of his farm, isn't economically feasible," he said in closing.

### Outlines Progress

Success of a tri-county regional planning board in York, Peel and Ontario Counties was outlined by Mrs. Carolyn Tom, deputy reeve of Newmarket. She reported that the regional authority has no official status other than to coordinate the efforts of the various local planning boards.

"We nearly had two sewage plants right across the road from each other, in separate municipalities," she pointed out. "The chaos which we develop in these next few years won't be on our shoulders if we work together to face these problems on an area basis," said the speaker.

John Pearson, of the community planning division of the Department of Municipal Affairs, spoke in two planning "bolts" at the Planning Act and meetings such as this one which persuade people to study a problem and make a decision.

"Any municipality can sit down and determine its future within its own boundaries," he said, "but the whole future depends on what goes on over the board area." The planning act, he maintained, offered the best means for people in two or more municipalities to sit down and say "where do we go from here?"

He envisioned a North Halton and Peel regional planning committee later by reaching out to include more municipalities in the two counties, but emphasized that areas represented at the meeting needed the help first.

The buzz sessions developed a varied list of answers to a list of planning questions. One group emphasized the need to protect agricultural areas in the townships from trailer camps, junk yards and dumps, one group emphasized green belt areas between municipal boundaries, another declared the need to stop Metro from sprawling into this district.



**STYLERS FOR SCHOOL** are shown by Marilyn Marks, Linda Swackhamer and Nancy Aitken at the Cameo Shoppe fashion show sponsored by the ladies of Acton Fair at the Robert Little school last week. Money raised is destined for the new community centre.

## Regional Planning Found Only Answer To "Urban Sprawl," Municipal Conflict

Halton and Peel municipalities cannot put a halt to costly "urban sprawl" and cannot avoid embarrassing conflicts in development on municipal boundaries without some regional planning authority to coordinate their actions, 60 councillors and local planning representatives decided Thursday at a Stewartron meeting on regional planning.

Representatives from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Chingacoma, Esquesing and Nassagaweya heartily endorsed the formation of an "action committee," whose job it will be to arrange the establishment of a regional advisory planning committee.

Following a supper at the Esquesing Township hall, delegates to the meeting heard town experts speak on the need for regional planning, then they broke up into four discussion groups to answer questionnaires.

Halton County agricultural representative J. A. Francis spoke in Halton. He noted that over the past 10 years the average farmer had suffered a loss of income, and because of still competition for land, he was being priced out of his farm by development. Unless a farmer relies on "opportunity sales" of his farm land, he must change his entire system of farm management to clear his expenses, said the speaker.

Mr. Francis noted the big capital outlay was hindering the establishment of new farms, while other farms were being sold to developers and recreational promoters. Summing up, he suggested "farmers are turning their urban life into a rural life, and the two should meet. But when they mix you can expect some violent reactions."

**Farmer's Expense**  
Ontario Federation of Agriculture representative Don Middleton said an urban home owner living in a rural area "is enjoying cheap taxes and a healthy life at the farmer's expense." He noted some farmers sell off corner lots for urban type homes to get some quick cash, but the increased taxes required to support high school costs "is a direct result of urban sprawling—areas loaded on the farmer's shoulders.

Urban dwellers who moved into the country for that much-sought "rural life" found they didn't really want rural life, said

Mr. Middleton. When they started demanding new schools, a school bus right to the door, fire and police protection and twice-a-week garbage collection, they were seeking "urban life with a little more space around it." And the farmer's taxes doubled to suit their needs.

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**GRAND STEWARD** regalia was presented to Very Worshipful Brother Len Lovell Monday evening by Right Worshipful Brother Dr. A. J. Buchanan, past D.D.G.M., during the meeting at Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M. Mr. Lovell is pictured on the left with his new regalia and Dr. Buchanan on the right.