

SHOWBOAT TIME was the theme for the Acton Lions Club float | November. Many hours of work and planning went into preentered in the fair day parade. Members gaudily dressed as paring the high float with a paddle wheel at the rear turning minstrels with their faces blackened won first prize. The float constantly. All the time the minstrels were singing southern was advance publicity for the Minstrel Show scheduled for songs.

Council Sets Sights on Post Office For Future New Municipal Building

on the purchase of the old post the government now if we want to do anything about the old post

we were interested and I think to begin his duties. we should advise then now if we are still interested in the build-

ty to meet the highest bid.

The major observed. "It is no! The main office has been clean ed for a reliable man to assist secret the size of the police force ed, a couple of desks acquired and the director with work duties at will be increased next year." The jother items necessary to operate, the Community Centre and plans adminstrative problems in the a recreation office are being ad lare home made to design a recre town office are growing every ded. Mr. Casburn is anxious to ation program to include both day . . . It is hard to get the peo get started on a winter program children and adults. Amone in, 'nle to realize the office work is and has already checked over terested in the formation of a increasing so rapidly . . . Since hockey, skating and curling sche. Skating Club can contact the Rec July, 40 new families have been dules from last year in order to reation Director Jim Casbirn by added to the General Delivery at get acquainted with the demand phoning 853,0015. Let is expected the Post Office . . . The Y.M.C.A. for ice time. is a story in itself. I don't think we can afford both the Y and the old Post Office."

fice are now overcrowded" re- drug on the market. The Brace over."

and the Y.M.C.A. would like the As Recreation Director Arrives whole building. We must advise As Recreation Director Arrives

A full time recreation program Seats will be cleaned and bright for Acton began to move into ened up with grey and red, a high gear this week when the time clock will decorate a sec-Reeve Hargrave said, "We ad I newly engaged recreation direction of the arena and other advervised them a year and a half ago' tor. Jim Casburn, arrived in town tising billboards will be installed

First job for the new director members and the Recreation Dit. in fair shape. We're not in poor and Parks Board (who are hand- ector held a buzz session which shape, neither are we in excellent ling the reins pending appoint included a four of the arena. For shape," Clerk McGeachie reported, "We ment of a recreation committee) mer reserved seat section on the Notice of assistance under the have a space problem now". The was to designate an office as the south side will be painted ted federal winter works plan, in Mayor explained the building new man's headquarters. With, and players' benches, penalty and which a subsidy of 75% of the lawould go to Crown Assets Cor- winter peering around the corn, press box will be a matching col, but cast is paid, was discussed. poration for disposal and the; er, what better place could be or. The balance of the seating: A study of projects which could town would have the opportuni-, found than the Community area will be grev. Centre?

to be installed next month Cold er weather is on the way and Arena Face Lifting Boards around the arena ice soon Acton Community Centre surface have received a facelift will be a buzzing bechive of ac-Councillor Duby expressed the ing and will be painted white tivity.

marked Deputy Reeve Bill Denny bridge post office sat idle for A motion was presented and The finance committee report- coroner Dr. George Syer, Milton showed horses at Guelph in 1906, enter himself. as he polled councillors opinions office as a municipal building. Program Moves into High Gear deficit of \$1,800 on the year's pro-

Wednesday evening three board chairman Barbeau said, "We are

15 and April 30, 1963, will be pre-Applications are being accept pared during October and submitted for approval. Projects suggested were work at the cemetery;

Notice of two applications before the Committee of Adjustment was received and no opposition to either will be made by council. One application is for permission to construct a denta office in an R2 zone, now per missible in an R3 zone. The second application is for a car port with a 115 foot side lot clearance in place of the required

Assessment chairman Jack Har grave reported "Things are going along very meely. They will be transhed by the end of the month (Continued on Page Two)

"The facilities of the town of opinion. "These buildings are a) three years before anyone took it passed indicating the town's interest in purchasing the building. to the scene and at once called horses entered. Mr. Kerr first tries at Acton fair and didn't are widely shown and sold. And ed that a study of the auditor's and North Halton O.P.P. Detach- went to the popular 24th of May statement for the period January ment. 1, 1962 to July 1, 1962 indicates a

> ed head and face. the same time of year, the deficit was cast at \$900, but the result was an actual surplus of \$14,000. It was suggested to the committees no further capital work be undertaken and work programs) be watched very carefully for the balance of the year. Finance

and on the school creek.

lowing Monday.

Councillors hopes staffs will

Record Crowd Hits 7,000, Perfect Weather for Fair

day and Saturday that was suc offered. cessful in every way. On two! 1959 figures.

There were 172 field and hall perambulating decorated buggies, but were unable to. bikes and trikes.

In Corn Cutter

one o'clock in the afternoon when machine. He was harvesting at the time at the farm of Willard Britton, Acton.

Working alone in the field with ing to pack up, too. the cutting machine at the time of the accident, the dead man is

Belts Smoking

He was first found by Jim Morrison of Acton who was assisting in filling the silos. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Britton were working near the barn and had gone to the field to see how the last load before dinner was comchine and smoke swirling from the drive belts, he immediately shut down the tractor operating the cutter.

He was the son of Lindsay Fer-(Marion) of Rockwood, Jack at Joyle on Wednesday. the fatal accident.

be undertaken between October County Building Opens Nov. 1/

Halton's new \$1,225,000 Court House, Registry Office and Administration Bullding at Milton is to be officialy opened on Saturday, November 17.

Tuesday county councillors agreed on the date. Following the official opening on the Saturday, the building will be open for public inspection on the Sunday, and school class tours are being planned for the fol-

be using the building for at least a week prior to the open-

Just one year before its golden exhibitors, and with the school swamped with customers. While driven by Ray Arbic, the float anniversary. Acton fall fair set children and 4-H club entries, the children were delighted, fair concluded with a monster paddle the stage for its celebrations next, there must have been 250 vying officials were privately disap, wheel constantly turning at the September with a production Fristor the highest prize money ever pointed since more rides had been back.

"Come to the Fair" brisk, sunny days crowds stroll. Saturday afternoon a lively the truck with the Ferris wheel in playpens and sheaves of grain. ed among the exhibits and throng parade drew people to the fair; had been in an accident during a | In third place came the costumed the midway. Attendance esti- like a piecemeal Pied Piper. First storm coming from Windsor and ed members of Dublin W.I. who mate was up to 7,000; gate to came the Crizens' Band, scarlet the driver was in hospital. They received \$6 Honorable mention ceipts were up from last year but coated, playing their gayest telephoned Friday evening and still a little shy of record 1958 and marches; then 12 floats, horses, again Saturday morning to obtain thers' float seeking leaders.

Harold Ferguson, Nassagaweya hundreds of approving spectators, day, custom harvester, was instantly Road races circled the area. There:

killed Wednesday shortly before were special contests and three admission ticket. Then exhibits: St. behind the band.

Started Friday

promised, But midway employees were upset, too. They explained Action 4 H club' with two calves marchers, convertibles and the the rides specified in the contract

For the first time in years the In the park, exhibits were excel- band played a concert Jrom its Y.M.C.A had one stressing physilent and a full afternoon's provoled spot, the bandstand at the Harvester Caught gram kept on schedule. From park gates, It was recently to the fremen's exhibit at the gate instruct but there was a brief or in the friemen's exhibit at the gate paired but there was a brief cri- the fire engine even brighter than to the snoozing swine at the far sis involving how to get players! end of the grounds there was and instruments up there. A usual; they were tossing candies, competition, judging, awards and staircase was hastily built Thurs-

Lions Win Pirst

he was trapped in a corn cutting after five o'clock for the lucky parade came rolling down. Mill taken by several horses entered

fore long the midway was start steps were Colin Leitch, Glenn ing who rode a horse owned by | Banks and Keith Black, and after Bruno Schsizzi of Style Acres ! tallying impressions they award ! Ranch. The 49th fall fair opened Fireed first prize of \$10 to the Lions. The ladies of the fair board presumed to have attempted to day with judging and the hall exclub for their startling and peri-displayed their draw prizes on a tree corn husks caught in the machibits, very attractively arranged lous-looking two-decker float "The long wagon with Mrs. R. L. Davidchine when his arm became for the first time in the new com- Fairy Queen". The river boat son at the wheel of the fractor. caught in the mechanism, drag- munity centre - were open for with music and minstrels was All sported then new turquoise ging his body into the cutters. | inspection in the evening. Rides | publicizing their Minstrel Show smocks. and games on the midway were in November. Pulled by a tractor

Second prize float for \$8 was went to the Scout and Guide Mo-

Lionettes on Fire Truck The Bannockburn and Ospringe W.L. also entered gay floats. The cal litness. Girls wearing purple Benson's shoe store showed a giant shoe and Masales Dairy had a model wagon and team.

Cubs and their leaders marchseparate draws, the last made. At one o'clock Saturday the ed; an easier way to travel was by Mrs. John Lightle. Another ridwere hastily dismantled and bed. Judges conferring on the Y er in the parade was Leslie Hard-

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Three Generations Show Horses saw the man trapped in the marchine and smoke swirling from Robert Kerr Began Back in '06

The oldest consistent exhibitor: Bob, who graduated last spring even made one themselves at Acton lair was spry Robert from Kemptville Agricultural Col- As well as carriage horses the Kerr, 88 this October, who had lege near Ottawa, was busy help- Kerrs raise general purpose and Dr. W. G. C. Kenney was called two of his high stepping carriage ing with the horses and 4H en saddle horses and ponies. They tairs annually in Hillsburgh, ent-The machine operator had one ered the extinct Esquesing tairs tarm on the fifth line where he Police. Others get less romantic

Acton's 49 fairs. guson R.R. 2, Rockwood, and the Slope Farm, is a well known name house when he was about two wagons in historic ceremonies. late Mrs. Ferguson. His mother on entry lists all over the coun-His ancestry is Irish and Scot- There are more awards in their passed away August 27. Also sur- fey. After Acton fair Saturday fish. His son and family live right comfortable homes than anyone viving are brothers and sisters, they took in Mount Forest on across the road. Mrs. Kerr died, has ever tried to count There are Donald and Gordon, Richvale, Eu-1 Tuesday (most of the horses classed live years ago. gene and Mrs. Edward Maude es were rained out) and Aber- Mr. Kerr Sr. recalls that his fas plates and trays, tea services, rib-

(Grace) of Guelph. He was un was H; he won first prize at in the same line.

He is just nearing a year old but ing horses.

a little help, of course!

Born at Farm

arm torn off and a badly mangl- and has been to almost all of lives now, only in a log cabin jobs such as pulling bread Robert Kerr and son, Sunny moved into the trim red brick the States to pull old Tally-Ho

ther bought the brood mare, bons and medals for a string of home, Mrs. Pat O'Brien (Dorcen). Mr. Keri's only son, Archie, ex. Lady Keri, when he was a lad, live backnes at the C.N.E. in of Windsor and Mrs. Donald Bard, hibited at his first fair when he. The horses they show now are all, 1930 they received an unusual en-

married. His father and brother: Rockwood over 40 years ago. . . . When Mr. Kerr first went to his Jack were called to the scene of There's a third generation show. That show, at Guelph in 1906, it ing now. Mr. and Mrs. Archie rained and he had to sleep there exercised properly to keep them Kerr's two daughters, Betty Anni all night in the box. He recalls in best condition. (Mrs. Tyler who lives in Arizona) with a laugh hiding his money in Actually, Archie Kerr is the only

son, who lives at the farm) and. They started showing at the for show It's an "art in itself." their son Bob have all driven Royal Winter Fair in its third His strong hingers can lace the horses in competition. They start, year, and have only missed a few bright green braided wool into ed riding as little tots and rode years. Hard work there is offset the manes expertly and no one pomes to school. Next to come by the pleasure of talking to else at the farm can do it. His is red headed. Donald. Anderson, others from all over the country time is about an hour per matic. the fourth generation at the farm interested in raising and train there's plenty of work before

already rides on ponies with the. The light and graceful carriages. But it's obvious the tradition are expensive. The Kerrs have will continue at Kerrs'.

where do they go? Some go high in horse hierarchy -- they're used Robert Kerr was born on the by the Royal Canadian Mounted since demolished. The family wagons, Some have been sold to

engraved cups, trophics, silver graved and mounted gold piece which stands on their mantel.

Horses must be fed, trained and

and Marie (Mrs. Donald Ander- his boot for fear of thieves. - one who can do up the mane

unconcerned air of an expert with, that ride behind the lithe horses of raising and showing fine horses



INDUCTION SERVICE for the Rev. Stanley Gammon was held Tuesday evening in Acton Baptist church. Officiating for the service was the Rev. Charles Tarry, Galt, moderator of the Guelph Association of Baptist churches. Pictured above front row, left to right are George Harrap, moderator of Acton, Mrs. Gammon, back row Mr. Tarry and church deacon Lyle Mc-Cutcheon.

Painting of County Building Memorial to Warden Wilf Bird

Reports of progress on the con-thellville was chosen as main struction of the new county ad 'tenance supervisor. There were ministration building occupied a nine applicants for each job big part of the committee reports: Councillors had discussed hir

den Withild Brid, conneil has come per annum, the council decided missioned artist Mis. Elizabeth to hire its own permanent junt Wilkes Hoes to make a painting for Prices are being sought on of the present 100-year-old Court cleaning equipment. House on Brown St. Milton, and Caroline Nurseries was asked to a memorial to his memory.

of Hagos County Council

Warden Bird served Esquesing. Plans are in progress for a sign ing and making the drapes for the! ics. at \$2,975. county building incorporating and the county seal.

Hire Staff

at Tuesday's September meeting ing a janifor service to keep the building clean, but when tenders As a memorial to the late War from two firms reached \$18,000.

the painting wid be hung in the plant six areas adjacent to the new on thing on the Base Line as building, with evergreens and

Township 15 years as a councillor, and flagpoles at the front of the and was chosen for the county's building, and Jas H. Matthews top seat in January, a post he Memorial Bronze of Milton is supheld until his sudden death last; plying bronze, name plates for the month Mrs. Hoev is also design froms inside, plus two director-

Following a complaint that the pictures of the former building door from the judge's rooms to the court room was too narrow a price is being obtained on! Mr. Dorothy Wright of Milton widening it. The quote of Tippethas been employed as switched Richardson at \$762 for moving board operator for the new build- the Registry Office equipment to ing, and Lloyd Young of Camp- the new building was accepted.



FOUR GENERATIONS are shown with "Golden Lady Arrow", a carriage horse which is taking prizes at fairs this year. The Kerr family, R.R. 2, Acton, are well-known at fairs and shows Shown left to right are Archie Kerr, his daughter Marie Anderson, grandson Donald Robert Anderson, son Bob Jr., and father Robert Kerr. Mr. Kerr Sr. has been showing horses and winning prizes since 1906 and will be 88 next month. He drove at Acton Fair Saturday, was at Mount Forest Tuesday and Aberfoyle Wednesday.