

# Record Crowd Expected for Anniversary Fall Fair Friday, Saturday

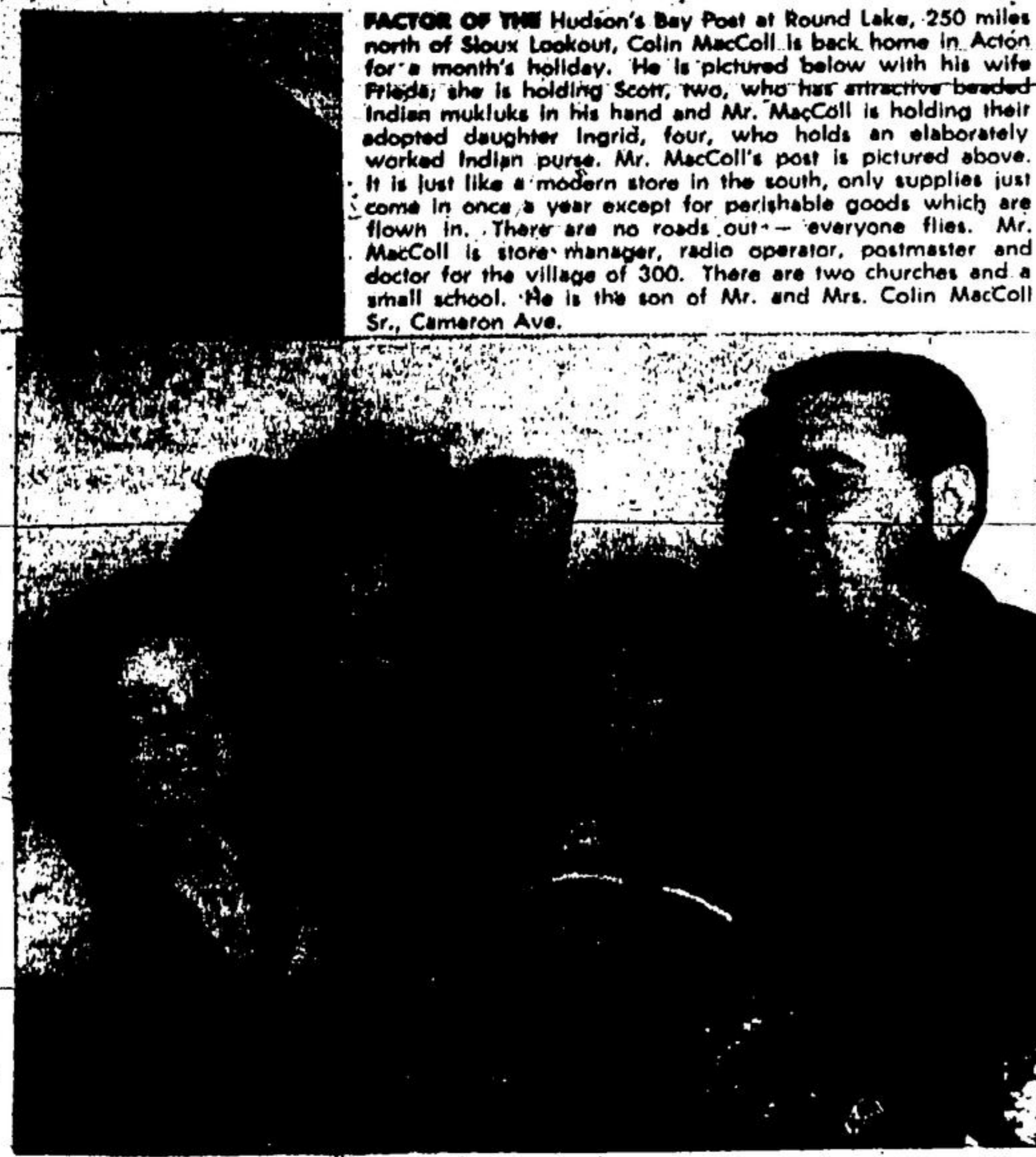
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**FACTOR OF THE** Hudson's Bay Post at Round Lake, 250 miles north of Sioux Lookout, Colin MacColl is back home in Acton for a month's holiday. He is pictured below with his wife Frieda; she is holding Scott, two, who has attractive braided Indian muktiks in his hair and Mr. MacColl is holding their adopted daughter Ingrid, four, who holds an elaborately worked Indian purse. Mr. MacColl's post is pictured above. It is just like a modern store in the south, only supplies just come in once a year except for perishable goods which are flown in. There are no roads out—everyone flies. Mr. MacColl is store manager, radio operator, postmaster and doctor for the village of 300. There are two churches and a small school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl Sr., Cameron Ave.

## Hudson's Bay Factor, Wife and Family Are Happy to Return to Isolated Village

In the winter, it's comforting to have your home 35 degrees warmer than the outside. But how about when the thermometer in your house reads 10 degrees below zero... and the temperature outside is 65 degrees below?

That's what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl and their children when their wood fire went out one night last winter. Back south for a month's holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colin MacColl Sr., Cameron St., they remember the cold with laughter now—and they're perfectly happy to be going back.

The Acton man is factor (or manager) of the Hudson's Bay store at Round Lake, Ontario, 250 miles north of Sioux Lookout. The only way in is by plane with one exception—the tractor-drawn convoy of wagons that brings tons of supplies for the store once a year.

The town, on the shore of the lake, is populated by 300 most of them Cree Indians. There is an Anglican church, an evangelical church and a school with two teachers.

**Married Here**  
Mr. MacColl was the factor at Cumberland House in Saskatchewan previously. He and his wife, whom he met there, were married in Acton three years ago. He was transferred to Round Lake two years ago and will be moved again, according to company policy, next summer.

Their young son, Scott, two years old, was born in Guelph. They have an adopted daughter, Ingrid, who is four, and the children speak a few words of Cree with their young playmates. Mrs. MacColl speaks the language but Mr. MacColl finds he can manage well without it.

He knows everyone in the village. In fact, he's the substitute for their doctor and he handles all the communication in his radio room.

The nearest doctor is at Sioux Lookout. The MacColls dispense medical supplies which have been provided free by the Department of National Health and Welfare.

**Radio for Help—Unless...**  
News of emergencies is radioed out and a doctor can fly up... that is, unless the northern lights have put the radio on the hummer. Or unless it's a breakdown on the lake—which happens for a month every fall and a month every spring—and the plane can't land on the lake! Then the settlement simply has to be self-sustaining, and they manage very well.

The northern lights at their home.

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## Election News

Free Press election coverage is geared to be quick and thorough. Roy Downs of the allied Milton newspaper staff will be at returning officer Kerr's office in Oakville all Wednesday evening and trends will be hastily phoned back to Milton and Acton newspaper offices.

These will be relayed by the Free Press telephone anytime after nine o'clock when the first results should be released. Call 853-2010.

Complete figures will be published in this paper which will be on the streets about three o'clock the afternoon after the election.

## Velvet Cape Crown Ready

To the galaxy of prizes on display for the winner of the Miss Acton Fair contest, on Wednesday evening, Jack Holmes added a brilliant scarlet cape and high crown. The cape, of red velvet lined with white satin, was especially made for the contest and will be used each year. The first crown ordered was sent back for a larger one and it's here on display now.

The Queen will also wear a lettered sash which has been in the former Edna-May store window for some time with the clothing and other gifts for the Queen.

Winner is announced Friday.

## Tidy Thieves Unlock \$350

Around \$350 was taken Saturday night at the home of John Lovell and his son, Gordon, Frederick St. Police believe the thief entered the back door using a skeleton key as no signs of forcible entry could be found.

The theft was reported to Constable Ron Rupert of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment who investigated. According to Gordon Lovell, it appeared the intruders were after only money as two valuable watches and an expensive movie camera were not touched on top of the dressers which had been searched.

Apparently the thief wasn't hungry, either, as two large-sized chocolate bars on Gordon's dresser weren't taken. The money was taken from a locked desk on the front porch which is used by Mr. Lovell.

**Tidy Thieves**  
The intruders searched the house from top to bottom in a tidy manner. Discoveries of the theft, was not made until a few hours after the two men arrived home.

A fingerprint expert from the Burlington O.P.P. Detachment assisted with the investigation.

Copies of the special section of the Free Press published last week will be available at the fair.

## Midway Opens Tonight, Fair Ready Directors' TV Appearance Boosts Event

First scent of excitement heralding the weekend 50th anniversary fair comes from the park where the bright and noisy rides and booths, here since Tuesday, are going into operation today (Thursday).

While youngsters ogled the merry-go-round, the fair directors are working together in the year's biggest "bee" to prepare everything for the most impressive fair in the 50-year history of the event.

**Spread the News**  
News of the fair was spread in Guelph and Kitchener yesterday. At 4:30 president Calvin Aitken and Queen committee members Jack Marshall, Jack Holmes and Mac Sprawl clowned with Big Al on his afternoon television show from Kitchener. Big Al was one of the judges in the Miss Acton Fair contest last Saturday. The fair's boosters in their black toppers, took up to him a letter from one of his fans, Ronny McKnight, and presented Big Al with one of the distinctive hats they appeared perfectly at ease as they chatted over various high lights of the fair.

An interview with Jack Holmes and Mac Sprawl was taped Tuesday and played on Guelph radio station CJOY Wednesday at 7:10 p.m. Sections of this boosting the fair will be replayed at various times before Saturday.

**Base at Arena**  
The platform over the ice piping was built Monday night and snow fence was erected in a work bee Wednesday afternoon.

under the direction of field superintendent Bill Thompson.

To prevent congestion at the doors, the stage is at the far end of the arena.

Tables have all been arranged for the displays in the community centre section. Downstairs there is a hydro display and radio station CJOY Guelph, will broadcast from there as well as from outside on the grounds. The radio broadcast is scheduled from 1 to 3 in the afternoon Saturday. Persons interviewed will likely include—Writers—Dr. Carl Martin, W. L. Hampshire, fair president Mrs. Don Matthews and Calvin Aitken and Miss Acton Fair.

**Full Program**  
The weekend events outline a series of stellar attractions—

## Friday the 13th Signals Bad Weekend for Police

Friday the 13th started a hectic weekend for Acton police when they made two arrests during a break-in at Acton Red and White store, investigated theft of a large sum of money at the home of John Lovell, Frederick St., two minor accidents and two street brawls involving Acton youths.

The Saturday night break-in at Acton Red and White ended abruptly when two Toronto men were captured at jumpout by Constable Bruce Kriessler as they were about to leave the store.

The same night, Constable Ron Rupert was called to the home of John Lovell to investigate the theft of a large sum of money from a locked desk on the sunporch.

Friday night a 22-year-old Acton man was charged with obstructing the police and disturbing the peace when he intervened on behalf of another local youth involved in a scuffle in a back yard near the town hall. Constable Bruce McArthur investigated and laid charges.

Saturday night Constable Marvin Harness investigated a street fight which ended in the arrest of a 20-year-old Acton youth for assault occasioning bodily harm against another local youth who lost two teeth in the scuffle.

The traffic accidents occurred Saturday afternoon and evening. The first took place near the park gates when two cars were in collision and damage was estimated under \$100. The second was in the evening when a bicycle struck the side of a car. No injuries were sustained.

**Rare Cars**  
A novel section will include old cars and horses and buggies. Specific entries include a very rare 1909 Cadillac owned by Keith Acres of Fergus which is sponsored by Clarence S. Denny. This is the only car of its kind in Canada and there are only three in the United States. It's worth \$8,000 and the difficulty and expense for parts is easy to imagine. Its owner has even

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## Head to Polls Wednesday

## Choose From Three Candidates

Next Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., a large percentage of close to 60,000 Halton County voters will head for the polls to pick Halton's next Provincial M.P.P.

There are three in the race for the seat that was held by the late Stanley I. Hall, Conservative M.P.P., who was Halton's Queen's Park representative for nearly 20 years before his death last fall.

William D. Gillies of Oakville is the standard bearer for the New Democratic Party, while George A. Kerr of Burlington carries the Progressive Conservative flag, and Owen I. Mulhu of Burlington is the Liberal nominee.

**One Man Back**  
Mulhu is a renegade of the campaign wars. He ran against Stan Hall in 1950 and lost out by 700 votes. Both the other candidates are newcomers to the Provincial election field.

All three are young and all have a good chance of continuing the policy of long term representation Halton has had in the past. Stan Hall was a member for 19 years. He won the seat from Liberal Thomas Blacklock of Oakville who held it for 14 years, and M.P.P. Blacklock in turn won it from a Conservative Conservative veteran, George Hlman of Oakville.

**WILLIAM D. GILLIES**  
A resident of Halton for the past five years, N.D.P. Candidate Bill Gillies is employed with the marketing and merchandising division of Green Service Oil Company at Brant, and resides in Brant.

The oldest of the three candidates at 42 he served in the Second World War and the Korean conflict. In the war he was with the Ontario tank regiment, and later joined the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers for the Korean conflict. Between these tours overseas he was a publicman in Niagara Falls, his home town. He moved to Toronto to work

with Cities Service, and was later transferred to Brant. He joined the New Democratic Party at its founding, and worked hard for the party during the last two

elections as a member of the Halton executive. He has served as secretary-treasurer of local 5953, Oil Chemical and Atomic Work (Continued on Page Two)

## Turn Down Two-Year Council Term Reeve Challenges Councillor Wood

Acton council Tuesday evening turned down a suggested two-year term for council members.

Mayor Les Duby told council that following an editorial in the Acton Free Press a few weeks ago suggesting the consideration of the two-year term system he had received comments from a number of citizens in favor of the suggested system. He had instructed the clerk to obtain details related in the event council wished to adopt the method.

Tuesday night clerk administration Jack McGeachie reviewed a copy of the municipal act governing the adoption of a two-year term. He pointed out there were two methods. One method is to hold biennial elections which means the entire council including the mayor, reeve, deputy reeve are elected for a two-year term. The other is a staggered system where part of council is elected each year.

Before the biennial elections can be adopted council must pass a bylaw prior to November 1 and the council elected after the passing of the bylaw would hold office for two years. The assent of electors is not required to institute the biennial system.

**Electors' Consent**  
The staggered system requires first the assent of the electors and then council must approve a bylaw prior to November 1 in any year. In the event the staggered system was approved, the mayor, reeve and deputy reeve would hold office for a period of two years beginning at the first election after the passing of the bylaw.

Under this same system half the councillors receiving the highest number of votes at the next election following the passing of the bylaw would hold office for two years and the remaining half for one year. After that each member would be elected for a two-year term.

**What Benefits?**  
After the clerk explained the system for changing terms of office, councillor Hugh Lowe enquired how the two-year term would be more beneficial than the one-year term. Clerk McGeachie told him continuity of carrying out projects would be one of the main reasons for changing as well as council being able to budget for capital expenditures on these projects. He explained that procedure during a normal year was for council members to ease off such projects toward the end of the year to complete current business. The clerk read out a long list of places in Ontario which have already adopted the two-year term for council.

Deputy reeve William Denny stated "If we had a good council the system would be good for continuity and planning, but if we had a poor one I would hate to think what might happen."

**"Ring Death Knell"**  
"A two-year term would ring the death knell for democracy," suggested councillor Hugh Lowe as he objected to the proposed system. He wondered if there might be a tendency for councillors to take it easy the first year in office and then spend money like mad the second year if a two-year term was adopted.

Mr. Lowe wondered what would happen in the event the town elected nine councillors "not worth a damn" under the present system when under the proposed system when under the present one-year term the electors can put a good man back in again if they want him.

Reeve H. H. Hinton argued against the two-year term and claimed Acton's debt situation and other problems weighed against it. "The way things are now, if people don't like the way we operate one year, they can return someone else to office the next," he said. However, that council might reconsider the subject at a later date when the financial picture changes.

**Crevice Interest**  
Mayor Les Duby wondered if the biennial elections might fire voters' interest in the municipal elections. The electors might be more interested in voting for a person for two years rather than one, the mayor suggested. Deputy reeve Denny stated "If attendance at nomination meetings is any indication of public interest it is doubtful if a two-year term would have any effect."

Councillor Eric Johnston contended council members worked better if they were re-assessed by election each year. Clerk McGeachie reminded council of the second year after he had taken over the job as clerk and there had been an entirely new council. He admitted everyone was green to the job including himself.

**Challenge Councillor**  
Councillor J. Bert Wood acting as chairman for the committee of the whole session asked reeve Hinton how by reference to the debenture debt had anything to do with the two-year term. Mr. Hinton informed council he had challenged Mr. Wood to run against him for office of reeve at the next election at a recent committee meeting. The acting chairman ruled Reeve Hinton out of order on the grounds his election challenge had been handled out at the conclusion of the committee meeting in the hallways of the town hall and not at a public meeting.

**Telephone Call**  
During a telephone call to the Free Press Wednesday afternoon Reeve Hinton stated he had voted in opposition to the budget at the committee meeting and had been criticized by council. He stated after not getting along with the rest of council members, Mr. Hinton claimed in his telephone message a two-mill surcharge on the tax rate could have been effected if certain town office equipment had not been purchased.



**"MIRROR ON THE WALL** Who's the fairest of them all? This is the question to be answered Friday night when Miss Acton Fair is crowned at the first night performance of the fair at the Community Centre. Three judges who interviewed the girls Saturday at the high school and the 26 contestants are shown above. Left to right the contestants are Martha Van Oosten, R.R. 2, Acton, age 17, Rena Schut, R.R. 3, Hillsburgh, 16, Muriel McCutcheon, R.R. 3, Acton, 16, Sandra

- McEwan, R.R. 3, Acton, 18, Jane Cislak, R.R. 2, Acton, 18, Patricia Kay, R.R. 4, Rockwood, 19, Kathy Molner, 83 Mill St., Acton, 21, Diane Morden, R.R. 3, Rockwood, 17, Janet Tozer, R.R. 4, Acton, 15, Nettie Trussenaar, R.R. 3, Acton, 16, Heather Sackwell, R.R. 3, Acton, 17, Linda Ferguson, R.R. 3, Acton, 16, Lillian Phillips, R.R. 4, Acton, 21, Thelma Phillips, 103 Longfield Rd., Acton, 19, Karen Hamilton, R.R. 2, Acton, 17, Maureen Lazenby, 58 Rosford Terrace, 16, Mary Grischow, 31 Nelson Court, 15, Donna Rennie, R.R. 4, Acton, 17, Jane McPhedran, R.R. 1, Acton, 21, Janet Robinson, R.R. 2, Acton, 21, Diane Matheson, 13 Church St. E., 17, Annette Jensen, 66 Cook St., 17, Gay White, 50 John St., 15, Jackie Dawe, R.R. 3, Milton, 20, Linda Swackhamer, R.R. 2, Acton, 18 and Barbara Norton, 50 Church St., 18. Mayor Les Duby will crown Miss Acton Fair after her name is announced by Cliff McKay.