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## ACTON ROUND UP WEEK EXTRAS



LEANING ON A "PROP" picket fence against a backdrop depicting the post office clock are Ken Papillon, Weapy Taylor, Casper Pauw, Jimmy Higgins, John Bousfield and Tinny Masala, part of the cast of 100 in Acton Lions Round Up '65 to be presented at the arena Saturday evening. Early days in Acton will be recreated.



DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS are getting into the swing of "Acton Round Up '65" and many proprietors and their assistants are donning stetsons and wearing jeans. Paul Nielsen and Eve Cooper each hold a bundle of western hats which are for sale to anyone interested in getting into the western theme.

### Show Culminates Frantic Weeks of Practice for Cast

The culmination of months of practices, rehearsals, meetings and planning sessions for the cast and directorate of Acton Round Up 1965 comes this Saturday night. At 8:15 in the evening the curtain will open on the community centre's huge stage for the only performance of the show which Acton Lions first started to plan in the fall of 1964.

Demand for reserved seats for the one performance of the show has been so brisk the Lions had to switch several more rows of seats into the reserved section. There is also a demand for regular admission tickets which comprise over half the 1200 and more seats available.

The show, which has a western theme, has a unique and appetizing finale. As soon as the final curtain goes down the participating merchants of Acton will stage a Chuckwagon Bean supper for everyone in the community centre. Cowgirl Y's Menettes assisted by the Rangers will serve the meal on disposable plates which can be topped off by either a chocolate milk cocktail or a smash of cow juice.

Door prizes ranging all the way from a weekend in a Haliburton inn to ceramic dishes will be drawn during the show. Everyone holding a ticket for the extravaganza will be eligible. In addition the participating merchants will make a draw for two radios from the stock of coupons being handed out at Acton stores this week.

The show, directed, produced and written by the husband and wife team of Joyce and Jack Carpenter has a cast of over 100. The setting is Acton West, a tiny village in the Upper Canada of the nineteenth century, which as the production dramatically illustrates was named by a clerk in the village store.

Scenery and props on the huge stage, which is 40 feet in length and takes the width of a seating section, will take you back to the days when Acton was a bustling pioneer community. It is also authentic for the period. Instead of a cattle round up as the name might suggest, the occasion is a round up of friends and neighbors to have a good time.

There'll be music for every taste, tap and square dancing and the zany antics of Jack "Chippy" Carpenter and his crew of madcap characters is designed to set a new high in keeping an audience "in stitches".

The chorus, one of the biggest ever assembled for a show in Acton, is predominantly male but this year for the first time in a Lions Club show the lovely treble voices of several ladies will join the harmony. The effect is pleasing and the singing under the direction of Joyce Carpenter, will have you humming the catchy tunes for days afterwards. They include familiar western songs as well as solos and instrumental numbers.

Accompaniment for the show is provided by Glenn Banks on the piano, Charlie Rocher on the electric guitar and Charlie Perry on the drums. They're known as the Round Up Trio.

Acton Citizens' Band also has a part in the show. It's going to be a busy weekend for the bandsmen. In addition to the show they'll head the Round Up parade the participating Acton merchants are staging Saturday afternoon. They'll be heading Sunday's Decoration Day parade. As well as all these activities the bandsmen are erecting their new hall.

A dress rehearsal for the big show on Friday night will be attended by Golden Age club members, residents of Halton Manor, students from the School for the Deaf in Milton and as a concession to people who have tickets for a dance recital the same night as the show those who can show proof at the door will be allowed to buy a Friday ticket. Acton Rotary Club is sponsoring the Golden Agers while Milton Lions have underwritten the appearance of the Milton residents and students.

Ushering and seating for Saturday's show is being looked after by the Y's Men's Club. They have the task of guiding patrons to their reserved sections, transporting and returning 900 chairs slated for the arena floor as well as seating the south side of the community centre.

The mushrooming interest in things western is reflected in Acton's business section where the appearance of stetsons and 10 gallon hats has almost made conventional headgear obsolete. Clothing stores report a rush on western type clothing and one car lot in Rockwood is giving away a cowboy hat with every car purchased.

Interest in the show has been widespread extending even to the government's centennial committee, who hope to get a few ideas for use across Canada during the centennial year 1967.

The spotlight is on Acton this weekend.

Producer Jack Carpenter who has directed the attention of TV and radio stations and various other media to the happenings in the town on Saturday points with pride to the all local cast of Acton Round Up 1965.

### The Parade

Featuring the Acton Citizens' Band, Western horses and riders and children dressed in costumes. The parade will leave the C.N.R. station and wend its way through the downtown business section on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Along the route of the parade the Children's costumes will be judged and at its conclusion prizes will be awarded. Prizes of five silver dollars will be given to the winners under six classifications. The prizes for boys will be for (1) the Best Indian; (2) the best Cowboy; (3) the best pioneer; and for girls (4) the best Indian; (5) the best Cowgirl and 6) the best Pioneer.

The parade is open to everyone. There is no entry fee or other charge and entries are welcome.

### The Lucky Draw

This week co-operating Acton Merchants are handing out lucky draw coupons to customers of their stores. Have these coupons, with your name and address on them, deposited in the drum at the Lions Club Round Up before 8 p.m., Saturday, June 5.

During the show two lucky tickets will be drawn, and after suitably answering a qualifying question, the lucky ticket holders will go home with one of two prizes:

1st PRIZE is a \$50 ELECTRIC MANTLE RADIO  
2nd PRIZE is a \$50 TRANSISTORIZED PORTABLE RADIO

There's nothing to buy — just be sure to get your coupons into the drums.

### The Chuck Wagon Lunch

At the conclusion of the Lions Club Round Up Show, the Chuck Wagons will come in to the Arena with the steaming kettles of Libby's succulent Pork and Beans. These tasty beans, with a wiener roll, will be served on disposable plates, by the Y's Menette and Land Ranger Cowgirls. To wash it all down you have a choice of one of Don Timmings' Black Angus Cocktails (chocolate) or a belt of White Tiger juice from the Milk Bar.

## ROUND UP IN ACTON

The following co-operating merchants have joined in the promotion of the Acton Lions Club Round Up. Their hope is that you will enjoy the show and they cordially invite you to stay for the monster bean feast at its conclusion.

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| Acton Bowling Lanes                       | Custom Cleaners                     | Ledger's I.G.A. Store        |
| Acton Jersey Dairy                        | Denny's Insurance Agency            | Lovell's Meat Market         |
| Acton Lumber & Supply Co.                 | Dominion Hotel                      | Manning Electric             |
| Acton Motors                              | Eaton's of Canada                   | Jack McCallum Texaco Service |
| Bank of Montreal                          | Esquire Men's-Wear                  | Paul Nielsen's Clothing      |
| Bank of Nova Scotia                       | The Family Store                    | Newton's 5c to \$1.00 Store  |
| Benson's Shoe Store                       | Gordon Hardware Limited             | Rachlin Jewellers            |
| The Cameo Shoppe                          | Hinton's 5c to \$1.00 Store         | Reliable Taxi & Snack Bar    |
| Canadian Tire Corporation Associate Store | G. Alex Johnson Realtor             | Station Hotel                |
| Cooper's Drug Store                       | Sydney K. Lamb, Realtor & Insurance | Symon Hardware               |
|   | Ed Lang's Meat Market               | Watson's Restaurant          |