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Big Discussion

Council Adopts Official Plan In Spite of Reeve's Protest

In spite of objections by Reeve H. H. Hinton, two by-laws to approve the town's new official plan were approved by Council Tuesday. However this was not accomplished until the text of the new zoning by-law (approximately 30 pages) was read in its entirety at the insistence of the Reeve.

Planning Board along with Consulting Engineers have spent over two years studying the new official plan and proposed zoning by-law and now have both ready for submission to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Mr. Hinton, who is also a member of Planning Board, insisted at Tuesday night's council meeting the 50-page text be read before the third and final reading of the by-law was finally passed.

Reeve's Objections
After viewing the official plan map, the reeve objected to two particular areas. One, which had previously been designated conservation was now divided into conservation and industrial. The other was the downtown business section which under new provisions will be zoned commercial. In objecting to this the reeve claimed residential places on Bower Avenue and Church Street which bordered on the commercial area could be penalized with possible higher taxation. His claim was based on the assumption that expansion by any commercial enterprise along Mill Street could create a residential house bordering the commercial property with the possibility the house could front on a parking or loading area.

Clerk Explains
Clerk-Administrator Jack McGeachie assured the reeve residential homes would be assessed in the same manner as previously in the event this happened and could not be considered as being

in a commercial zone. The clerk also said a commercial business would have to be established in any one of the residential places before commercial assessment was levied.

The reeve objected to each of the three readings of the by-law to repeal the present official plan which was adopted October 2, 1958 and was supported in the last two by councillor Albert Irwin. Mr. Hinton objected during each of the three readings of the by-law to adopt the map and text of the proposed new zoning by-law for submission to the Minister and councillor Irwin raised his objections on the last reading on the basis two councillors were missing.

"Good Plan"
During the lengthy discussion of both by-laws both the reeve and councillor Bob Drinkwater, members of Planning Board as well, aired their differences of opinion on the subject of zoning. Deputy Reeve Roy Goodwin stated the plan had been approved by the majority of Planning Board members both last year and this year and the majority of council this year. "I feel it is a good plan", he stressed.

Mayor Les Duby said everyone has a tendency to be cautious but should accept the fact the plan can be amended from time to time as the need arises. "It is impossible to draft a plan whereby no changes would be necessary," he stated.

When the reeve insisted the text of the zoning be read, deputy reeve Goodwin remarked "At present we don't have an official plan and I would hate to see it held up for foolishness."

Mayor Duby and the deputy reeve shared the limelight taking turns reading the nearly 50-page text which took close to 25 minutes straight reading.



HERE THEY ALL ARE - the cast that garnered so much praise for the Lions show, attended on the weekend by half the population of the town. Front, the husband and wife directing team of Joyce and Jack Carpenter; immediately behind them the Round Up Kids, Bonnie Bristow, Cathy Ashley, Deborah Barr, Diana Bousfield, Peggy Leaverty, Mary Frances Marcoux, Karen Ashley, Carol Ann Masales and Jo-Ann Leaverty; behind them the Round Up Gals Helen Benton, Bee Anderson, Delia Kenner, Marg Hoare, June Hunter, Sandra Hargrave, Leslie Ann Duby; Round Up Chorus, seated on the left, John Blundell, John Bousfield, Charlie Rocher who played the guitar in the band, and

Murray Harrison; seated on the right Ray Hawkins, Ted Tyler Jr., John Barr, back row, standing, Dave Hunter, Rae West, Casper Pauw, pianist Glenn Banks, Gil Malcolm, Hartley DeForest, Bill Denny, Tinny Masales, Ken Papillon, Harold Denny, Jim Higgins, Hartley Coles, George Hargrave, Bill Taylor, Bill Mainprize, Andy Nolan, Charlie Thompson, Al Lauder, Neil Miller, Dave Hawkins, Les Duby, stage manager George Lockerie, John Griesfeder, drummer Charlie Perry. Absent at the moment the cast picture was snapped: Marianne Coles, Vic Bristow, Charles Landsborough.

2,000 See Gala Round Up Arena Show Theme Recommended For Centennial

Almost half the population of Acton - close to 2,000 - saw the recent Lions Round Up in the community centre on the weekend. Attendance at dress rehearsal Friday was just about 500, swelling to near 1,500 the next night.

Paced fast, funny and tuneful, the lengthy show filled the arena with laughter and applause. Before an early-Acton backdrop, the western theme rapped in plenty of local color.

Part, Hurt
Pert Joyce Carpenter, despite a leg injury, is so tiny she danced with her own dancing students and as well directed all the choral harmony. Husband Jack Carpenter had a lead role and took over Ed Owens' part in specialty numbers at short notice when Mr. Owens was unable to come. The personality and pep of the directors was reflected in the entire cast of 100 humans plus one horse. They were presented with leather wallets after the show, with a bouquet for Mrs. Carpenter.

The fast-moving show was packed with variety from hilarious skits to a Virginia reel, from moodily old cowboy songs to patter songs with new words such as "Everything's Up to Date in Acton City."

Novelty highlight was a fantastically clever reproduction of an old silent movie. Jack Carpenter introduced the staff of CJOY Guelph, CKCO-TV Kitchener, CHIC Brampton; news staff of Brampton papers, CBC news and talent personnel, CHUM representatives, and finally a group of the Ontario Centennial Planning Board, Jack Brockie with a group of eight.

Too Complacent
In his brief address, Mr. Gammon said "Again we honor our dead and our living comrades... we enjoy a sense of freedom but it's a precarious freedom, threatened by unrest and fear on every hand. We are too complacent and not enough concerned to preserve the peace. We need to be reminded of the past and The Queen."

Also present were the president of the firm which donated the coffee maker, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Cookville; a vice-president of International Silver Co. which donated the china, Mr. Drury of Oakville and Mr. and Mrs. A. McMullen of Hospitality Inn, who donated the top prize.

Mr. Brockie spoke on behalf of the Centennial planners there, saying with enthusiasm, "This is the very thing we are trying to do in Ontario in preparation for 1967! We are travelling all over Ontario to try to find the answer... This information is to be exchanged with other municipalities. We hope to come back and see the biggest show of all in 1967!"

Here's Who
Cast members are all listed under the cast picture. Others involved were Dia Duncan, Rockwood, who rode her glossy Pajama right up on stage; Dick Willie and Chester Anderson as the robbed bank manager; Mac Sprowl as a bicycle-riding sheriff; Bruce Shumaker as the undertaker Friday (he was unable to be there Saturday); R. R. Parker in charge of make-up; Y's Men who handled seating; Rotary club who sponsored the Golden Age Club; Ladies' Auxiliary for Retarded Children who brought students to the show;

Acton Citizens' Band who shook the rafters with music during intermission to enthusiastic applause; St. Alban's church for use of the parish hall for rehearsals; school boards who lent chairs; Lionettes; Milton Lions club who brought Halton Manor residents; Harry Arbie in charge of sound; Vic (Continued on Page Seven)

Centennial Group Cite Lions' Show as Example

Saturday, night in Acton arena the following press release was prepared to be sent to Ontario municipalities so it could be mailed Monday.

Acton, June 5 - The type of team spirit shown in the production of the Acton Round Up here tonight is exactly what is needed to make Canada's Centennial Year, 1967, a success. Jack Brockie, director of the Ontario Centennial Planning Branch said, Mr. Brockie spoke following the spring variety show in the Acton arena.

Team Spirit
"This is the kind of team spirit we at the Planning Branch are attempting to promote in communities throughout Ontario in planning their Centennial celebrations," Mr. Brockie said. "If the true community spirit so ably demonstrated here tonight encourages other communities to develop similar group enterprises as part of their Centennial festivities, what a glorious year 1967 will be."

"It's wonderful to see the people of a municipality working together and playing together to make a dream come true."

No Total Yet

Everything has been rounded up by the Round Up committee except the final financial statement. None of the performers, from the directors on down, were paid, but there were a multitude of expenses including rental of costumes, lights and horses. Attendance receipts were excellent and the Lions know their show was again highly successful.

Holiday Weekend Unclaimed in Draw

Lions club top prize of a weekend for two at Hospitality Inn, Minden, is still unclaimed. The number 276 was drawn during the show, not immediately claimed, and as a result of confusion the announcement was not made, as intended, that number would be drawn. Hotel owner-manager Al McMullen was on stage to draw the number.

An advertisement in the Free Press today outlines the procedure determined by puzzled Lions to correct the situation. A close check of programs throughout the arena showed the winning number was not left there and Lions hope many kept their programs.

The transmitter radio was won by Mrs. G. Fricker, 114 Longfield Road and the electric radio by Glynis Johnston, 38 Elizabeth Dr.

Dishes were won by an out-of-town visitor and the coffee maker by Mrs. Bea Chew.

Chairman Declares

Town Library Could Prevent Added Costs at High School

Rev. Dwight Engel, chairman of Acton District High School Board, was present at Tuesday night's council meeting to discuss the proposed Centennial library and how it could affect high school costs.

Mr. Engel said he was puzzled at some councillors' resistance to the proposed library and speaking on his own behalf, said he was of the opinion the project should be financed by a reference issue and not public subscription. He cited the public subscription campaign for the community centre as an example of how this method could fall short of the mark.

Re-Organize Grade 13
He also emphasized the importance of having a technical and reference section for use by grade 13 students when the grade 13 course is completely re-organized. He said the board had received a brief from the Department of Education that this would be done. "The grade 13 course will be taken right out of our level if we don't have a reference library available," he stressed.

Mr. Engel told council the technical and reference books would be a must for students and hoped the proposed Centennial library would contain these. He believed if the public library had these books, it might mean a saving to the taxpayer in a building program at the school.

Light Lease Room
To substantiate his statement, the board chairman noted at present the high school has a combination library-classroom. If these books were not available at the public library by the time the grade 13 course was re-organized, Mr. Engel was of the opinion the dual purpose room would have to be transferred to a straight library and these books purchased. This (Continued on Page Seven)

could mean a possible building program would have to be speeded up in order to compensate for the loss of the classroom.

"The board is faced with having to provide this type of library by 1967 when the re-organization will become effective and the board needs council's assurance the Centennial library will proceed," he stated. He also pointed out providing the suitable library at the school would mean extra expense to equip it with necessary books, plus someone to supervise, as well as considering replacing the lost classroom area. He said certain grants were available for this from the government.

Reeve H. H. Hinton argued it was only assumption to presume the change in curriculum would demand library facilities. He wondered, if the type of reference books required for the course were available in the town library, if the Department of Education would accept this in place of having a school library.

The reeve said he was all for a public library but if arrangements to support the building were based on a debt issue, he was prepared to argue against this. He stated it had originally been intended to raise the money by public subscription.

At School or Not?
Mr. Hinton said he would want assurance from the Department of Education it would be sufficient to have this reference library at the other end of town away from the school. He felt the reference library should be in the school.

Councillor Mrs. George Fryer opposed the reeve's opinion and stated the students were not required to refer to the books immediately but were given time to look up material necessary. (Continued on Page Seven)

Parade, Service at Fairview Decorate at Three Cemeteries

For the 11th year in succession, Decoration Day brought family groups and town organizations together at Fairview cemetery for a service of remembrance and decoration of graves of servicemen and loved ones. As well, shrubs were planted at the Pioneer cemetery and families revived memories as they placed bouquets and planted flowers at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Although the sky was threatening and the weather very hot and humid, for the 11th consecutive year, no rain fell and the service continued as planned. Many were seated in cars, and some of the many paraders left the horseshoe formation in front of the platform for the shade of the tall, wind-swept trees in the cemetery.

March Despite Heat
The weather didn't deter the paraders who kept step behind three bands, Acton Citizens'

Band, Guelph Pipe Band and Hespler Junior Pipe Band. William Nicolak was parade marshal.

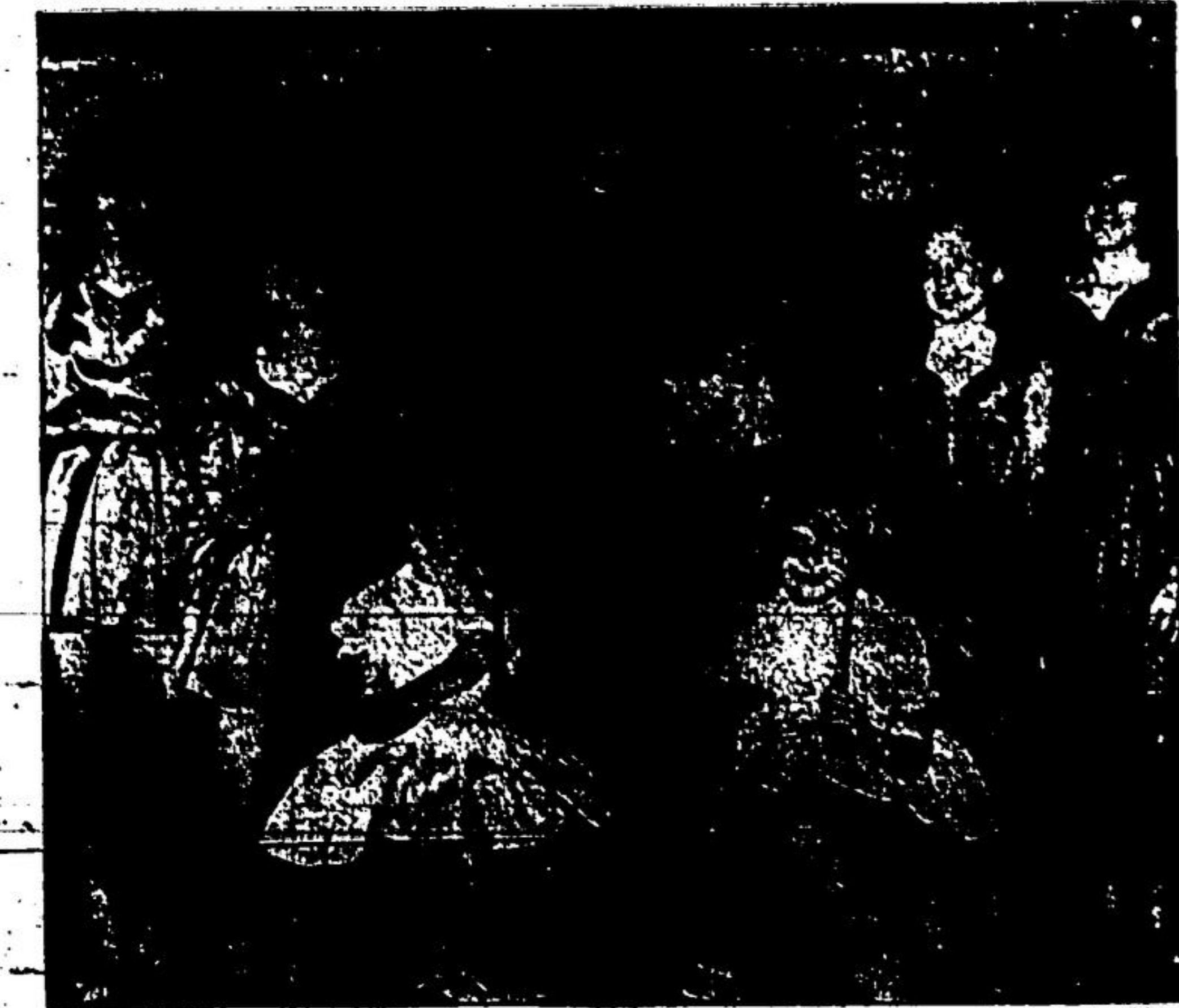
Marching were mayor Les Duby and councillors including Mrs. Fryer and clerk Jack McGeachie; 45 members of the Legion, 10 members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, 20 firemen in uniform, members of the Lions club and Loyal Orange Lodge, a few from the participating women's groups, the two I.O.D.E. chapters and the Women's Institutes of Acton, Dublin and Banockburn; scouts, cubs, guides and brownies, the St. John Ambulance Brigade with their ambulance on duty and the corps of cadets.

Under the sweeping branches of a big willow, Acton Citizens' Band played several selections and accompanied the crowd in the singing of the traditional O God Our Help in Ages Past and The Queen.

Members of the Ministerial Association taking part were the Rev. Ritchie McMurray, the Rev. Dwight Engel, the Rev. Samuel Thuman and the Rev. G. S. Gammon. Mayor Les Duby welcomed the crowd from the truck platform, where a microphone was placed. He especially welcomed those from out-of-town who come each year for the service.

Flags fluttered from the front of the truck and the color parties had placed their standards together. Geraniums were banked ready for planting.

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DANCE PUPILS of Carol Wharton presented a lively program that filled the Robert Little auditorium Saturday. Young students with umbrellas are front seated. Cynthia Eyer and Bonnie Gordon, behind them Trudy Toebes and Connie Gordon. Older girls with them are Jo Ann Wasowicz, Jo Anne Heatley, Lynda Reiners, Susan McGilloway and Elizabeth Hurst.

Junior Horse Show to be "First" At Fall Fair September 17, 18

Plans for Acton's 52nd annual Fall Fair on September 17 and 18 are well underway for what promises to be another outstanding event.

President Jack Marshall has his committee for each section of the Fair organized. The conveners of each committee with President Marshall and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Swackhamer meet with their committee and accept changes and new ideas to be brought before the general meeting.

The regular meeting of the Acton Agricultural Society held in the community centre on May 26 with 18 directors present, heard reports from several of these committees.

More Prizes
Walter Linham, convener of the heavy horse section and his committee, have received their classes and will offer more prize money for team, four horse hitch and six horse hitch classes.

The pony committee with Bob Kerr as convener reported they had limited several boys' and girls' classes to entries from Halton county, Erin and Ermaux township.

A "First"
For the first time in Acton Fair's history, the directors are sponsoring an Acton Fall Fair Junior Horse Show under the Canadian Horse Show Association rules. Convener Cliff MacKay and his committee have drawn up a tentative program and the society membership of \$35 has been accepted. This membership is based on the amount of prize money offered. This show for riders 18 years of age under will start Saturday morning in order to accommodate the large entry expected.

Opening Night
The entertainment committee with Mac Sprowl as convener, are presently working on an opening night show they hope will exceed last year's popular event. David Manes, this year's chairman of the Miss Acton Fair Committee, will begin immediate plans for this opening night attraction.

The ladies division have had advance prize lists for home-crafts, baking, canned goods and flowers printed and judges have already been selected. Copies of this list are still available from Mrs. Wm. McDonald or Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer at R. R. 2, Acton.

Laurence Himesley, H. Hinton, John Chapman, Calvin Aitken and E. Pratt will be in charge of concessions and space to be sold on the arena floor and are now accepting reservations.

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COMPLETELY DESTROYED by fire, this barn owned by Tom Shields, R.R. 3, Acton, went up in flames within a few minutes. Before Acton Fire Fighters arrived minutes after the call was received the entire building was a mass of flames. Three head of cattle, some hams and a number of rabbits were lost as well as a number of tools. Prize Great Dane dogs were saved although badly burned. The loss is estimated around \$14,000.