



NICK OWENS, local contractor, is shown operating the turntables on his homemade stereo hi-fi set which he completed in less than seven months in his spare time. The set was on display in the arena during Acton Fair last weekend. The owner intends to rent out the equipment for dances or parties.

## Free Press news in brief

—The first Christmas catalogues are out.

—The bowling column begins again this week after the summer break.

—Many in town saw the meteorite which lit the sky Saturday night.

—Brampton fair was the same day as Acton's but apparently their crowd was not as good as usual.

—Grass is still growing and home owners might be advised not to tuck the lawn mower away for the winter yet.

—The Georgetown Figure Skating Club has hired Mrs. Mary Jane Robinson, a senior pro from Guelph, to teach there this year. She's the former Mary Jane Force of Acton.

—Leaves on the trees are beginning to turn and by the weekend, color photographers should be able to obtain some good pictures.

—University of Guelph enrollment is at a new high — 3,539 students. Last year there were just 2,450. Several are attending from Acton.

—Stores have dropped their old habit of closing for a few hours in the afternoon on fair day. Business continues in town while crowds are at the fair.

—Gardens are beginning to show the wear of summer and start of fall. Several gardeners have already begun to clean up the debris from the summer crop.

—Fire addresses by University of Guelph provost Rev. G. W. Birch, were heard at the United Church anniversary services Sunday. Some from other churches attended the evening service.

—Tuesday's cold spell was felt by everyone and heavier wearing apparel was donned and furnaces turned on to take away the chill.

—The fair ladies' board's skit was presented Monday at the Women's Institute convention in Guelph. So these hard-working ladies didn't get a chance to really relax after the fair weekend!

—It was surprising how fair officials "kept their cool" on the weekend, with such a variety of activities — and problems — at all hours. There were many hours of planning behind the big event.

—There was a public meeting at Boyne centre south of Milton, attended by 90, to discuss the proposed new Oakville-Burlington municipal airport which would be constructed at Omagh. No plans have been finalized. Some farmers and nearby residents have protested. The airport must be five miles from both the CBC tower at Hornby and the microwave tower on the escarpment, and three miles from the hydro transmission lines that cross central Oakville.

### Erin beauties

Margaret Given is the third winner of the Miss Acton Fair contest from Erin Township, with others being Linda Ferguson who was chosen the first Miss Acton Fair, followed by Miss Kattie Trussenaar who was second. The third queen was Miss Patti McKay, a former Acton District High school student who is now a hair stylist in Milton.

Next year the Miss Acton Fair committee plans to crown a Centennial Queen.

### Farmerettes best tuggers

With incongruous dabs of perfume, lipstick and rouge, girls from Acton Junior Farmers and Acton girls' softball crew, the "Wildcats", grasped the rope and pulled against each other before the record fair-day crowd in a tug-of-war Saturday.

In the first event the Wildcats hauled the farmerettes over the line with ease, but the Junior Farmers flexed muscles and in the two succeeding pulls won the title over the tiring softballers.

On hand to cheer his protégés, ball manager Charlie Thompson beamed with pride as his girls took the first event. Before the next contest in which the rural pals tied the score, the team manager had encouraging words of advice. Apparently they fell on deaf ears.

In the final tussle, the softballers took the strain and heaved, but the farmerettes proved too much for them.

### Lions club does roaring business

An active and financially successful day at the fair was spent by Lions club members.

The club rented the W.I. booth, and they ran out of supplies twice on Saturday afternoon. Wives helped the members.

A fish pond with prizes for children set up as an extra attraction, did surprisingly good business. Lionettes assisted.

Murray Harrison was chairman of the committee in charge of booths assisted by David Hunter.

Available Lions helping to park cars were Vic Bristow, Al Laufer, John Griefeneder and Hartley Coles under the direction of George Luckebier.

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**M.P. in town**

Keeping in touch with his constituents, Dr. Harry Harley will be in Acton next Tuesday morning to see anyone who would like to get in touch with him. He has placed a notice on the classified page.

**Contractor builds hi-fi set in 7 months of spare time**

When not scaling a ladder, tending eavestroughing or teetering on a roof hammering nails into shingles, Nick Owens, an Acton contractor, can be found at home on Scene Street tinkering away at his favorite hobby, electronics.

In seven short months and close to \$3,000 later, Nick Owens completed a stereo hi-fi set complete with a set of eight speakers and dual changers. All this was done in spare time.

### Two tenders for sale of land accepted by Eramosa council

Rockwood — At the September meeting of the Eramosa Township Council, the tenders for the sale of lots in the village of Rockwood were opened. The tender of J. Misener of \$300, on lots 41 and 4 Carrol St. and E. Thatcher's of \$550, on 66 Alma St. were accepted by council. By-laws to authorize the sale of these lots were given the necessary readings and passed subject to the approval of the Department of Municipal Affairs.

All members of Council were present with Reeve Lush presiding at the meeting.

It was moved to investigate the delay in the issuing of a building permit as previously instructed by council to a village resident. Due to an assessment error a rebate will be made in taxes to a Rockwood resident when 1966 taxes are paid in full. The building inspector will be instructed to issue a building permit to a Rockwood ratepayer in Block B. Council was agreeable to three cases of land severance and will recommend same to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Several items of correspondence were dealt with by council. It was moved that a by-law for making a grant of \$300 to the Federation of Agriculture (Eramosa Branch) be given the necessary readings, passed and numbered. A grant of \$25 will be made to Wellington Flowermen's Association in answer to a request received by letter and the amount to be included in the treasurer's accounts.

Bill Mannerow explained to

visitors to Acton Fair last weekend were astonished to see and hear the quality and tone of the set on display at the arena. Mr. Owens intends to rent the record-playing equipment for dances and parties and depending on the occasion and size of the hall or auditorium he has various speakers which can be used.

The entire mechanism was erected from kits which were purchased. Mr. Owens started last February and completed the set in August. One of the dual changers is a 32 watt tube type and the other is a 30 watt solid state transistor, with two-way hi-fi speakers. The changers are set up in a fashion similar to those in a radio broadcasting studio.

Mr. Owens is of the opinion every man should have a hobby and claims if he didn't have something to tinker with he wouldn't know what to do with his spare time. His trade keeps him busy enough but he manages to find time to devote to his hobby.

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