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LIFTING THE LID OFF Old Fashioned Days is going to produce a heady brew for shoppers of Acton and district judging by the unusual shape of this basket-enclosed bottle. Merchants in Acton dressed exactly like Bill Wandel, Paul Neilsen, Eve

Cooper and Fred Gordon are here, will be dishing up bargains and handing out coupons for prizes. This is the first venture of this type by businessmen in Acton.

(Staff Photo)

Get your bowler and mustache cup

Old Fashioned Days begin in Acton Tuesday morning

Starting Tuesday, September 5, 37 business places in Acton will be participating in "Old Fashioned Days". Store staffs will be decked out in old-fashioned costume and all will be handing out FREE coupons enabling patrons chances on five grand prizes valued over \$500.

The program was to run from September 5 until September 16.

A slight change has been made and draws for the five prizes will be made Friday night, September 15 during the arena show, sponsored by Acton Fall Fair.

With purchases made at participating stores and business places, patrons will receive coupons. After filling out each with name, address and telephone number, these are to be deposited

in a box in the place where the purchase was made.

All coupons will be picked up on the Friday night and entered in a massive drum where names will be pulled for prizes at the arena.

Special sales will be advertised by each participating merchant during the two weeks in the Acton Free Press and each participating merchant will be identified

by a special crest in his advertisement.

Don't forget to ask for your coupons! You could win one of the following: a lazy boy chair, set of luggage, five tires mounted, transistor radio or a vacuum cleaner outfit. Total value, over \$500!

Don't miss out! Support sponsoring merchants and "SAVE WHILE YOU WIN".

Carol Swackhamer in Ont. Dairy Princess semi-final competition

Carol Swackhamer, comely Halton Dairy Princess from R. R. 2, Acton, took the first step towards an Ontario Dairy Princess crown Monday night at the Canadian National Exhibition grounds. The attractive 18-year-old teacher won the first competition against contestants from Durham, Glengarry, Welland and Wellington Counties and she will represent Halton in the semi-finals tonight (Wednesday) at the Ex.

The finals of the contest will be held Thursday night. The eyes of the county will be on

Carol as she tries for a spot on the finals between 6 and 7 P. M. First part of the contest is an interview and then each contestant delivers a three minute speech on their own county. This is followed by a milking competition.

Carol's performance Monday won the judge's nod and she will be among the 10 girls who will be in the semi-final contest which is divided into two sections.

Carol won the Halton Dairy Princess title from among three contestants at Hornby's annual garden party and this gave her the honor of representing Halton in the provincial competition.

92-page book for fair classes

The Acton fall fair prize lists are available free of charge to exhibitors who are preparing to enter the many classes this year. The book, with its special centennial fair cover, has 92 pages packed with classes, supported by local and district advertisers.

Car damaged

A hit-and-run accident was reported to police at 4:45 p.m. Monday, August 28. When construction worker Sena Pasquale of Downsview returned to his parked car on Elizabeth Drive, he discovered an estimated \$150 damage to the right rear end of the vehicle.

Acton Firefighters marched in Milton Firefighter's "Centennial Salute" parade last Saturday and Acton Citizens' Band headed the long parade.

100 girls lack leaders

Of an ideal dozen Guide and Brownie leaders, the local groups are starting the new season with just one leader. Commissioner Mrs. Lowrie, who is moving to the Burnt River near Fenelon Falls shortly, is very concerned about the critical drop in numbers.

There are three Brownie packs, two Guide troops and a Ranger group. Each should have one leader and at least one assistant - a total of 12.

There are over 100 girls receiving Brownie and Guide training here. Under Mrs. Lowrie, who planned the centennial day in the park, the program has been operating very well.

Mrs. Ginger, who in the spring finished her training and received her warrant as a Ranger Leader, will be changing from Guides to Rangers this fall. She is the only leader left. Some have resigned, some moved - and one is returning to school. The situation with the girls' groups is extremely serious. Mrs. Lowrie is advertising this week for leaders, and is anxiously awaiting replies.

Leaves memories

Miss Bennett moves to Waterloo Saturday

Acton has been fortunate in having, for over 60 years, Miss Minnie Z. Bennett as an exemplary citizen and influence for good. Principal of the school here from 1913 until she retired in 1939, she was honored by the entire town as the seventh citizen of the Year in 1964.

This Saturday, Miss Bennett is moving into Parkwood Manor, 75 Cardinal Crescent, Waterloo. Her attractive home on Lake Ave. has been sold, and an auction

sale last Saturday afternoon distributed many of her possessions among former pupils and antique collectors.

It was in 1903 that Miss Bennett began her long career devoted to teaching, at Clay Hill school near Glen Williams. Her pay? \$325 a year.

She taught at S.S. 10, Erin, her home school, and Hornby, before coming to the graded Acton school in 1907. It was in 1913

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New term expected to fill all three schools to capacity

Acton's two public schools, filled to capacity, open again on Tuesday, with enrolment expected to soar up a little nearer 1,000 from June's 940.

The principals, G.W. McKenzie and Elmer Smith, won't know exactly how many students they have until after registration Tuesday.

Despite a school board appeal, the M. Z. Bennett school faces another year without its addition, which was to have included an auditorium.

At the Robert Little school, the library has to be moved for another classroom. Where room can be found for the library is not yet certain. (The cramped M. Z. Bennett school just has books in the classrooms.)

Number of teachers is two higher than last year, to cope with expected higher registrations.

School board chairman O. Chapman wasn't available for comment but he intimated in The Free Press centennial progress edition the board might have to resort to portable classrooms if no other accommodation is available.

The high school anticipates few changes, with increased enrolment of about 450 and 25 teachers with principal Ted Hansen.

With over 560 students expected, the Robert Little staff for this year includes 23 teachers with principal Mr. McKenzie. Douglas Copeland is vice-principal.

No longer do Esquesing and Nassagaveya students come to Acton by bus for home economics and shop. Both the townships now have classrooms of their own. Mrs. Kathleen Hannah, a Ryerson grad in home ec who taught at Brookville last year, will teach home economics part time in Acton and part time in Nassagaveya. A similar arrangement takes industrial arts

teacher Douglas Hines to Nassagaveya part time.

The special class has been divided into two, with a junior and senior classroom, both in the stone school. Former teacher Miss Elaine Ellis will teach the juniors. A new teacher here, Lorenzo Hill, will take the senior class. Mr. Hill is a former principal from East Flamborough.

Mrs. Helen Rognvaldson of Acton, who taught formerly at Limehouse, will be teaching kindergarten-primary. Linda Braida is an Acton girl who has just completed teachers' training

and returns to her hometown for her first position.

Two more Lakeshore Teachers College graduates, Wayne Wheeler and Dorothy Fisher, have been engaged.

Another newcomer to the staff is Douglas Batkin, a former principal of a small school at Tobermory. Second husband-and-wife combination, Mr. and Mrs. John Cavanaugh, will join Mr. and Mrs. Doug Copeland in teaching together. The Cavanaughs will live in Georgetown where relatives help with their family. They taught previously in Scarborough, but come from New-

Former teachers returning to the R. L. roster are Richard Coe, Mrs. June Doherty, Mrs. Jane Gamble, Mrs. Margaret Masales, Mrs. Maureen Mellor, Mrs. Joy Penttila, Mrs. Grace Reed, Miss Donna Riseborough, and Mrs. Marjorie White.

Glenn Banks is again music supervisor at both schools.

Tuesday's registration will determine exactly which grades the teachers will be assigned. Many changes have been made during the summer, especially in the stone school.

Black out curtains have been installed in rooms for simpler use of visual aids. All the brown cork bulletin boards have been painted.

In the stone school Mr. Hill's

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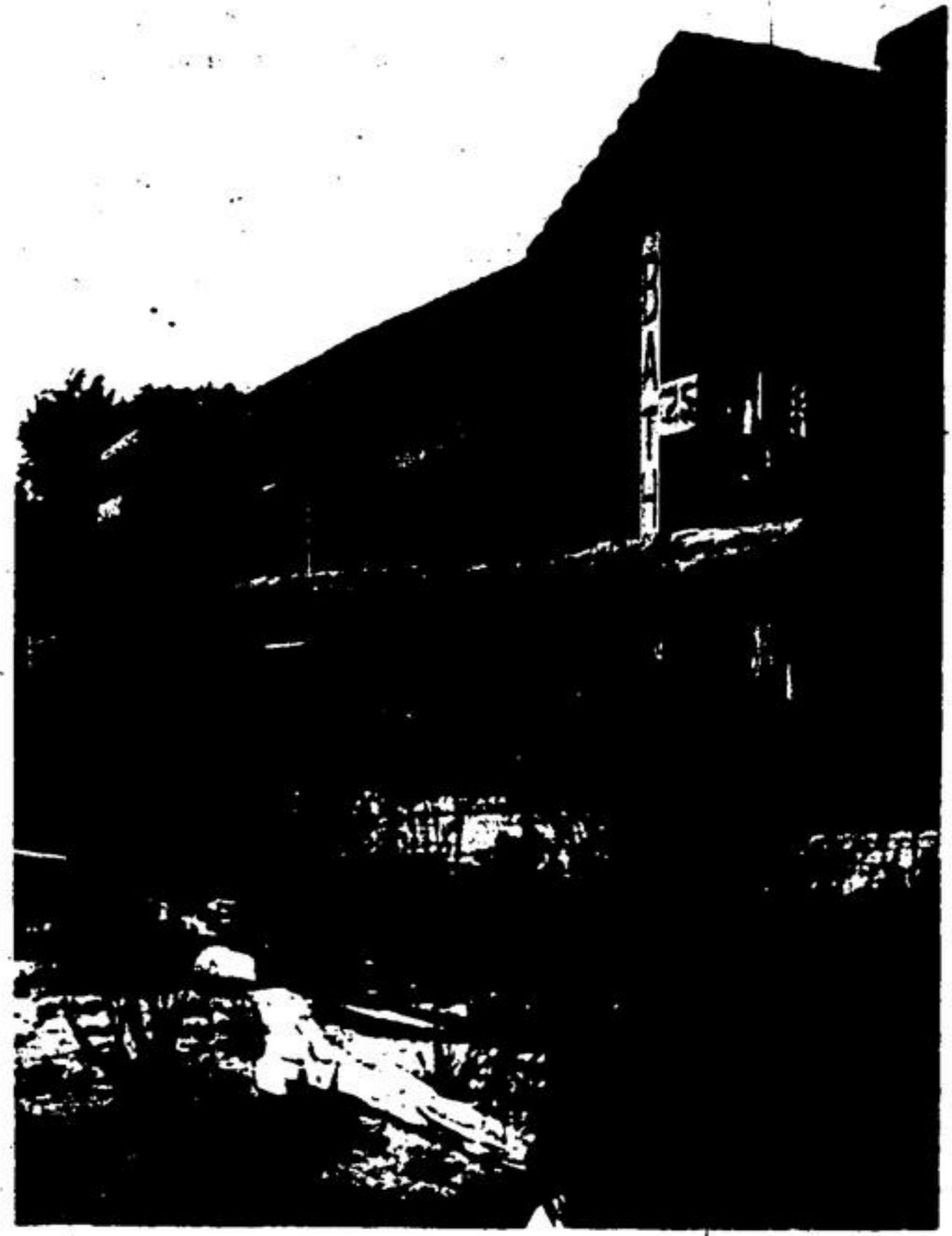
Industrial building full last 9,000 feet rented

Norman Braida, general manager of Beardmore and Co. Ltd. announced today (Wednesday) that the last 9,000 feet of space in Acton Industrial Centre has been rented and a lease is now being prepared. Although details are not available at the present time, a news release is expected at a later date announcing the name of the firm and product to be manufactured. It has been indicated, however, that the product to be manufactured is not presently being made in

Canada.

The expansion is expected to provide employment for 30 more people. Production is expected to begin November 1.

Mr. Braida also informed the Free Press that John Goy, owner of Goy Transport and Acton Terminal Warehouse, who has been occupying temporary space in the Industrial Centre, will move in permanently on September 1 and occupying a distribution warehouse in 6,000 square feet of space.



DESERTED GHOST TOWN, the former Silver Spur ranch north of Ballinacra, stands in mute testimony to an enterprise which temporarily, at least, has been discontinued. Almost like a movie scenario the deserted village, overgrown with weeds in the best tradition of western ghost towns, was once the scene of much activity as a stage coach pulled loads of children through the recreated village. It is situated in Erin township about four miles west of Ballinacra and seven or eight miles north of Acton. Turn to the second front for further scenes.

S. E. Griffin and Son top competition

Results of the field crop competitions sponsored by the Acton Agricultural Society have been released.

Twenty-one fields were scored in the hay competition with the top ten placing as follows - S.E. Griffin & Son, Norman Harris, Duncan McPhedran, Wallace Swackhamer, Max Storey, Calvin Aitken, George Wallace, Lloyd Marsden and Harvey Bayne.

In the oat competition, thirteen fields were scored with the top ten winners and the variety of oats sown, as follows - S.E. Griffin & Son, Russel, Alex McPhedran, Stormont, Howard Donnell, Rodney, Norman Harris, Rodney, Duncan McPhedran, Rodney, George Wallace, Garry, Ralph Denny, Rodney, R. L. McEnery, Rodney and Alex McNabb, Rodney.

The hay competition was judged by A. E. Gray, Rockwood and the oat competition by R. C. Alexander, Georgetown.

The ensilage corn competition to be judged early in September, has twenty-three fields entered.

Council, company, conservation men discuss lake dredging

Representatives of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority met with Acton council and representatives from Beardmore and Co. last night to outline plans the Authority had for dredging Fairy Lake and answer any questions either the company or councillors had to ask about the project.

Mayor Les Doby arranged the meeting, partly on the insistence of Reeve H. Hinton who felt the Authority had not communicated enough information either for the town or the company, and partly to clear up any misunderstandings which might exist over the project's purpose.

The conservation authority's spokesman for the meeting was its Acton representative R.R. Parher, who was introduced by Authority chairman Roy McMillan.

Mr. McMillan said the dredging was taking place in an appropriate place since the lake was in the headwaters of the Credit River and it was particularly gratifying for Mr. Parher to see the project in operation since he had been pushing it for the past few years.

Mr. Parher outlined what the Authority was trying to do by dredging the lake, emphasizing it was a pilot project, the success

of which will govern future projects in small lakes of this type. He told the meeting the purpose of small reservoir dredging was called flood control but it was really stream management.

He cited Bradford as a good example of what stream management measures could do. Measurements indicated that in a three week period in the spring, enough water went down the Grand River past the city to meet their needs for 50 years.

They would just need to save one per cent of this water and they would have all they needed," said the spokesman.

Big dams were being built, such as the Authority is starting near Orangeville, to control spring run-off but there was also a place for small reservoirs to help the situation. Many like Fairy Lake, have silted in over the years and developed into nothing better than mosquito-breeding properties.

Black creek, the tributary which joins Fairy Lake with the Credit River, has been a problem for many years. The ability of the stream to absorb effluent from the sewage plant has been seriously impaired by low flow during the dry summer season. Dredging of Fairy Lake, the

Authority was convinced, would add an additional 70 million gallons to the storage capacity and relieve low water in dry periods.

Mr. Parher and the Authority approached the Ontario government two or three years ago on the project but assistance wasn't forthcoming because the land was not owned by the Authority. The government persuaded of the benefits conferred by dredging for stream management all the way down the Credit system and authorized the Authority to proceed.

The deputy minister told Mr. Parher since he was familiar with Fairy Lake and had been working with it, to use it as a

trial project. If the Fairy Lake dredging works they may adopt the system of bringing in small portable dredges even for big reservoirs which are silting up.

Mr. Parher estimated dredging would extend to the end of May. It would be governed by freeze up time. Silt from the lake would be used to fill in the marshy area at the arena end, the southeast side of Elizabeth Drive, the cedar swamps area on the Roy Johnson property and the area behind Smallwood's camp.

The entire lake will be dredged with the exception of that portion which extends beyond the old radial trestle by the Breezas.

Dredging in the dam area will be done cautiously so as not to disturb the water which is drawn to the tannery.

Mr. Parher emphasized the fill from the lake made perfectly usable land when it had settled. Most of the land where the Burlington skyway is done from Hamilton Bay and the waterfront in Toronto has many areas built from fill.

A question period followed Mr. Parher's outline of the project led off by Norm Braida, general manager of Beardmore & Co., who expressed his delight as a private citizen that the project was being done. He felt sure

any problems the company might have could be worked out with council. He also felt Cammas Construction, the contractor on the dredging job, was going out of its way to co-operate, removing stumps and hauling them to shore.

Deputy-Reeve F. Oakes' question over the project's cost was answered both by Mr. Parher and Mr. McMillan. The government pays 75 per cent of the cost and the rest is absorbed by the Credit Valley Authority which has a 90 cents per capita assessment for every person residing in the watershed. Costs could

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