



**LANA AND KIM McMULLEN, Eyyette and Brian Hogen, all of Acton, enjoy a ride on the midway at Acton's record-breaking centennial Fair.**



**Old and new — costume and flag**



**PERSONABLE BRENDA SPEAR, attractive 15-year-old from R.R. 2, Acton, shed tears unashamedly when judges picked her as Miss Centennial Queen of Acton Fair at Friday night's performance in the community centre. Nearly 2,000 were on hand to see the Miss Acton Fair contest judged by Big Al of Kitchener TV station, Allan Young of the Guelph radio station and George Atkins of the CBC farm broadcast. The pretty Queen is flanked on either side by Jackie Lee and Elaine Johnson, runners-up. Last year's Miss Acton Fair, Maggie Givens, centre, crowned Brenda.**



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## Break-in, theft still being investigated

Milton O.P.P. are continuing to investigate a break-in and theft at the country home of Alf Long on Highway 25 south of Acton. Thieves escaped with nine hand guns, two cameras and a quantity of cash for a total haul worth \$1,430, police said.

The incident happened on the afternoon of Sept. 7 when Mrs. Long was out shopping. The intruders shot and killed the family's valuable registered Terrier dog with one of the stolen guns,

and police said they were probably scared off before they could ransack the entire house. Several guns and other valuables were left untouched.

Const. J. Feldecamp of Milton o.p.p. is investigating. The identification department of O.P.P. Headquarters at Burlington checked the house for fingerprints and reported the thieves must have worn rubber gloves. Several other clues are being followed up.

## Widen highway for repaving

Department of Highways workmen widened Main St. at the south side of the stop lights and town employees are busy raising catch basins in preparation for repaving the section of Highway 25 in Acton.

New curbs were laid by the Department who took out the boulevard on the south side of the street to widen the highway as far as the Sunoco service station. Town employees, meanwhile, had to repair sidewalks to correspond with new road levels.

It is expected repaving of the highway in Acton will start this week.

# FAIR BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Acton's centennial fair will go down in the annals of the agricultural society as the one which broke all records.

Record crowds - estimated at from 11 to 12,000 - flocked to the three days of events and gate receipts were up to a new high.

Even the weather got into the act bringing warm sunshine and bright blue skies for the entire fair. Homecomers from all over the province, and further, thronged the streets of the town to help celebrate the centennial.

It started with a gala Friday evening performance in the community centre and didn't end until a Sunday concert by almost 200 talented members of the Ukrainian Youth Association, Slovenian dancers and accordion band early Sunday night.

In between, the fair sandwiched a parade which drew thousands to town and didn't disappoint them with four bands and 30 floats as well as numerous other

entries. A large midway, outstanding exhibits and a centennial church service Sunday afternoon were other premier attractions.

Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer modestly admits the fair was "the best ever" but visitors couldn't find enough superlatives to laud on the production.

Genial Jack Marshall, in his third term of office as president of the annual shin-dig, couldn't suppress his delight at the out-

standing success of the centennial celebration which Actonians and visitors crammed into three days.

Friday night's arena performance was highlighted by the crowning of 15-year-old Brenda Spear of R. R. 2, Acton, as Miss Centennial Queen. Margaret Givens, 1966 Miss Acton Fair, another attractive Erin Highschool student placed the crown on the winner who was chosen from 15 contestants.

Acton Citizens' Band, their feud with the Fair Board patched up, played a concert prior to the variety concert.

Official opening of the Fair was done by Acton's Citizen of the Year, George Muselle, who fittingly was followed by the Expo program of the Chorallers. President Jack Marshall welcomed the huge crowd which numbered over 2,000.

Another highlight of the Friday night performance was a parade of authentic old-fashioned costumes as well as replicas. The colorful long dresses gave a new dimension to the program and the ladies in them fairly glittered.

Fair goers viewed the excellent commercial displays, school



**Jack Marshall's "Welcome"**

children's work, domestic science displays, hobby show, while variety show M.C. Vince Mountford, a perennial favorite, intoned "Back behind the barn".

Outstanding exhibits in the arena included the high school centennial project, a demonstration of spinning by Theresa Marzozzo and Janet Rognvaldson in centennial costume and an antique display.

For the sports minded, the Esso hockey shot game drew plenty of attention and unofficially The Free Press was told Gord Mason took the town championship for the hottest shot, clocked at 56 m.p.h.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and an outstanding parade headed by a military section and followed by 30 floats and a variety of entries marched from the C.N.R. marshalling yards to the park. Crowds were lined five

## All's fair

\*Esquej council was well represented by reeve George Leslie, councillors Pat Patterson and Tom Hill.

\*Laura Secord's cow in the parade came from Mel McCullough's farm. And that's a long walk on pavement, even to alert the army.

\*Fair Board directors were back at the fair grounds Sunday and Monday - and what a job of cleaning up faced them then! The inside of the community centre had to be prepared for the church service hastily. Everything was back to normal by Tuesday.

\*Dubs of Devonshire chapter I.O.D.E. members, some of them in their charming centennial costumes, had their annual tag days on the weekend.

\*One woman who grew too weary to stay with her family during the Sunday afternoon ethnic program, went out to their car and fell asleep. She woke up suddenly to find herself surrounded by Orangemen starting off the next event - their parade!

\*Next time we have a centennial fair it can be better arranged. So many people had suggestions such as having the ethnic singers and dancing groups at the Friday night show. Others wondered why there couldn't be an inter-tribe service each year, and

## Ospringle motorcyclist flips over car in Tuesday rainstorm

A second motorcyclist this week was injured in an accident with a car, on Tuesday evening.

During a rainstorm about 8:30 p.m. Keith Locke, 17, of R.R. 1, Orton, struck the side of a car while driving his motorcycle north from town on Main St. N. He was hurled over the hood of the car, suffering a broken wrist, broken kneecap and other injuries.

Dr. Craig Hutchison treated him at the scene of the accident and later operated on the fractures at Guelph General Hospital. The injured youth was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Mrs. Patricia Edith Ann Loughman, 29 Ascot Ave., Bramalea, was backing out of the driveway of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Der Brink, 277 Main St. N., when the motorcycle skidded on the wet slippery pavement and struck the side of the 1965 Chev. sedan.

The youth's parents, who live north of Ospringle, were summoned to the scene of the accident. He was wearing a protective helmet.

Neighbours protected him from the downpour with coats. Mrs. Loughman, a Bureau of Statistics

**Left accident scene resident charged**

Sunday a "hit and run" accident was reported to Acton O.P.P. when a 1967 Fairlane at B-P car wash, Queen St. received \$30 damage to the left door. A witness got the license number of the car which did the damage and as a result a town resident was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident. The damaged car was owned by Mrs. Jean Geberlein.

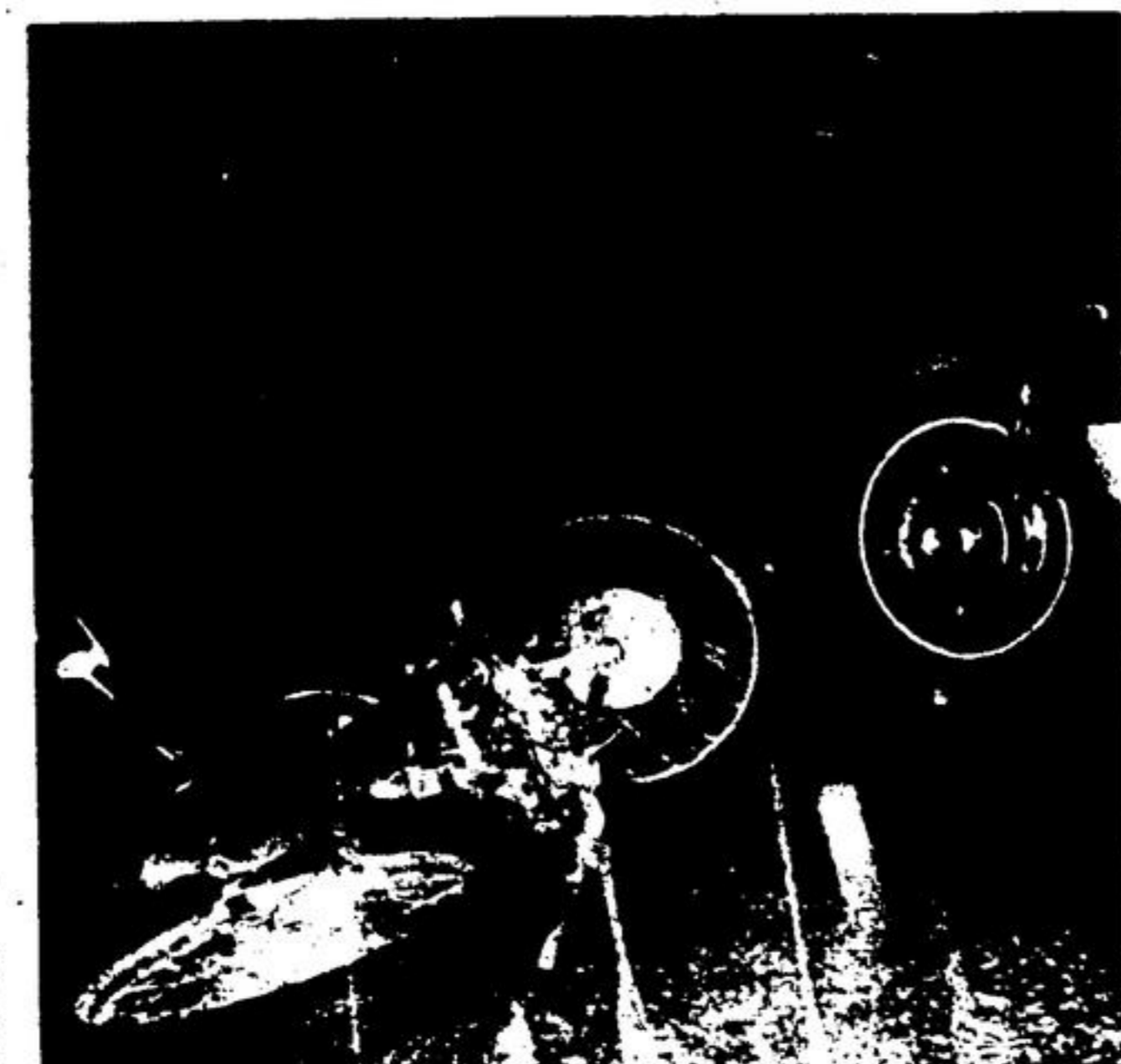
## Making political hay

Election candidates shaking hands at the fair were George Kerr and Jack Lush of Halton West and Jim Snow, P.C. from Halton East. And some of those children in George Kerr's car in the parade, tossing out candles, belonged to parents of a different persuasion altogether.

employee who was making calls in town, was shaken up and her car received as yet undetermined damage. Both vehicles were towed away.

The hospital reported Wednesday morning that Mr. Locke is in "satisfactory" condition.

Cons. R. Hildreth investigated.



**KEITH LOCKE, 17, of Orton is in Guelph General Hospital with fractures following this accident on Main St. N. last night (Tuesday). Rain poured down until the ambulance arrived at the scene.**

## Prize lists next week

Prize winners in livestock, produce, domestic, riding and school work classes at the fall fair will be listed in condensed form in next week's Free Press. With an unusual number of events this past weekend producing many pictures and news stories, it was decided to hold the lengthy prize lists until next week.

## Addition in Milton urged, but

# South eyes new manor

Should Halton County build a new home for the county's aged citizens in the more populous southern municipalities, or put an addition on the existing facilities in Milton?

This question posed briefly at a meeting of the Halton Council on Friday, sparked a lengthy discussion that once again saw the north and south forces pitted against one another. It promises to be a debate that will continue for several months, as councillors voiced some strong sentiments on the subject Friday before Warden William Coulter called a halt to the topic.

Burlington and Oakville representatives reluctantly agreed to await the results of a feasibility study, but promised an all-out war if the county did not live up to its earlier promises to do its next building in one of the southern towns.

Pettit House, the original Halton Centennial Manor and the recent addition, Martin House, are within 40 beds of being filled to capacity and the Manor's Board of Management is considering an addition to one or both to bring the buildings up to their limit of services. During the most recent construction, services were ex-

panded to serve an additional 150 beds and a certain faction of County Councillors feels the least expensive expansion would be more beds on the existing facilities.

But some months ago, councillors spoke of building a third manor in Oakville or Burlington, where 80 per cent of Halton's population lives. A feasibility study is underway, and the results should be available next month.

The council will put money in the 1968 budget to purchase a site. A fund of \$15,000 already been started.

Minor Board chairman Reeve H.R. Hinton of Acton, is the time involved in a building campaign. "Due to the length of time required to build and the increasing demand for bed care, it is quite obvious new accommodation will be required before it is available," he warned council. Reeve Hinton felt the fastest method would be an addition to the existing manor.

"It is ridiculous to go into building a new manor in the northern part of the county, when we have half a building with its serv-

Another problem, according to

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