

FAIR BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Cattle, pony classes outstanding estimate 12,000 people attend

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and six deep all along the route. Four bands, two in the military section, the 11th Field Regiment and the Lorne Scots pipes and drums, and Acton Citizens' Band and Joseph Jr. Opti-Knights played a fanfare for marchers. The Shaynes, Acton's teenage musical ambassadors, serenaded from a float with Go-Go girls thrown in.

Float prizes were won by: Centennial section - Choralists, Firefighters and the Eden Mills entry.

Industrial Section - Hillside Farms, Goy Cartage and Custom Cleaners.

Service Clubs - Boy Scouts, Golden Age, Acton Lions.

Judges were Mrs. Gordon Akshon, Brendan Abertz and Bruce McPherson.

The junior horse show started things rolling in the horse ring. M.C. Cliff McKay had a busy day with a large entry of jumping horses in all classes. The junior horse show was outstanding.

On the track, Vince Mountford entertained and handled a huge entry of ponies in all classes and light horse entries.

Mino Brada had his hands full at the cattle ring where 4-H showmanship classes and a large showing of dairy and beef cattle kept judges busy all day. Cattle classes were full... quality excellent.

Old fashioned costumes were sprinkled throughout the grounds, attracted in part by the Free Press special and a delight in dressing up.



Shaynes previewed fair dance

Square dancers stepped off their float and do-si-do'd for hand-clapping spectators on a grassy ring under the bandstand. In the arena, a baby show, board growing contest and judging of old fashioned costumes kept the crowds coming and going all day. The midway was one huge, jostling good natured crowd with rides going full tilt until well on in the evening.

choice of three dances to attend in the evening - a teen-age production in the arena to the music of the Shaynes, a western dance at the band hall and a regular dance at the Legion Hall. All reported large attendance.

Parking at the fairgrounds Saturday was handled by boys from the high school. Directors from Erin Fair handled the gate. Gospel Opti-Knights band, which the Fair Board hired for \$100 plus travelling expenses of \$50, performed on the field for Saturday's crowds. Youngest member of this outstanding band is nine, the eldest 17.

To wind up the Fair, Sunday's centennial church service and an ethnic program by the Ukrainian Youth, Slovenian dancers and accordionists from the Ontario Conservatory of Music produced an outstanding attraction which did not end until early in the evening.

Monday morning grounds were trim and clean as if nothing like Acton's biggest celebration ever took place.

Fair Board secretary, Mrs. Wallace Swackhamer, paid tribute to the "wonderful" help the board received from parks and arena manager Harold Townley and his assistant Don Price.



C. of C. president helps contest winner

Old Fashioned Days conclude with draw

Centennial Queen Brenda Spear made the draws to climax the merchants' Old-Fashioned Days, and the names of winners were announced to the expectant Friday fair crowd by Chamber of Commerce president Paul Nielsen.

Five tires, installed, were won by Henry Kross, R. R. 1, Acton; transistor radio by Mrs. Doug Vickers, Young St.; vacuum cleaner by H. Page, R. R. 4, Acton; lazyboy chair by W. Brennan, R. R. 4, Rockwood and a set of luggage by William McPherson, R. R. 1, Acton.

A special draw by Nielsen's Clothing and Tee Kay slacks for "a happening" was won by Tim

Collas. A happening? It's wieners, buns, mustard... the makings of a party.

The prizes were valued at over \$500 by the energetic C. of C. president. Tickets from all participating stores were brought in to the arena for the big draw after the stores closed Friday evening. There were thousands of entries.

Merchants had been dressed in old-fashioned garb for the two weeks before the fair, with well-patrolled sidewalk sales, special window displays and ads.

Old-Fashioned Days, the first event of its kind here, was considered most successful by the stores that took part.

Ethnic program thrills dwindling audience Sunday

A colorful, exciting program of folk dances and music was an innovation Sunday afternoon, that the few Actonians there at the end agree, certainly must come back to perform sometime.

The thrilling program by Ukrainian and Slovenian groups began after the centennial church service, and although attendance numbered several hundreds at the beginning, most had to leave to prepare meals for fair weekend visitors, to do farm chores or to attend the co-incident Lodge church parade. What one man termed "the best program he'd heard in many years" didn't end until 7 p.m.

Reeve Bert Hinton had arranged the visits, after being assured at the Ukrainian Youth Association camp, a few miles east of Acton, that the groups would like to come. Arrangements were made for the Rotary club to pay transportation costs, and the

groups performed free of charge. The Ukrainian groups explained they looked upon Acton as a sort of home, since they often perform at the camp.

The 50 member brass band playing stirring marches and waltzes just about raised the arena roof, and the volume of sound drew some wondering picnickers in from the grounds.

The 50 Ukrainian dancers, in most attractive costumes, were heartily applauded after each litting song, although not a word was understood by most of the audience.

The Cossack-type dances, one with whips and one with swords, set hands clapping enthusiastically.

Other performers in the program were the accordion group of about 40 boys and girls from the Ontario Conservatory of Music, playing duets and group numbers.

Just as master of ceremonies Mr. Hinton was drawing the program to a close after 5:30 p.m.,

he noticed the single missing group filing in. Costumed and right ready to perform were the Slovenian Folklore group of young people who had just performed at the Grape Festival at Bolton camp, coming to Acton as soon as possible afterward.

The entire Ukrainian group (who had arrived about 1:30 p.m.) remained for the delightful, late encore to the program, but most of the Actonians had left. However, with their gaily and spontaneous cheers and applause, the Ukrainian young people led the good reception for the four-piece band and sprightly dancers of the Slovenian group.

Mr. Hinton and other Actonians apologized for the constantly dwindling attendance, and the leaders of the group said they understood the problem, and would return again. Mr. and Mrs. Hinton entertained some of the leaders after the program, but the hungry young people still had a bus ride to their homes in Toronto before they had supper.

Tory "be-in" Corn, chicken, on menu

The campaign for Halton East P.C. candidate Jim Snow took on a casual atmosphere at what chairman for the day Bill Saragant tagged as a Progressive Conservative "Be-In" at Coronation Park in Oakville Saturday.

Two groups, a pair of folk-singers "The Broad and Narrow" and a mop-haired rock group "The Sketch" entertained in the early portion of the show. Corn and chicken were served and guests engaged in a watermelon eating contest.

Of the six cabinet ministers scheduled to attend only two were able to be there as platform guests. Thomas Wells and Darcy McKeough, members without portfolio, gave brief speeches supporting Mr. Snow. The Hon. Ray Connell of Dundas had been at the park earlier in the afternoon but had to leave. About 300 attended the event.

South eyes new manor...

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has installed and paid for here in Milton," he said. Oakville Reeve Herb Merry argued that "the people who are paying 80 per cent of the cost want the best facilities in the south. Milton's lack of bus service makes it hard to reach from Oakville and Burlington, he said. "The taxpayers of Oakville know how much it costs them for each bed, and they are still willing to go ahead with a new manor in the south," the Reeve added.

Deputy-Reeve Frank Rogers of Burlington agreed with the Oakville Reeve, and the southern towns also found support in Deputy-Reeve Arthur Speight of Georgetown and Charles Menzies of Milton. Mr. Speight said "we are working hard on a great number of people living in that area" by not extending home for the aged facilities southward. Mr. Menzies said it was "not prudent" to add to the present manor.

Reeve Hinton returned to the argument, charging the Oakville and Burlington speakers with "parochial views."

"I am all for a manor in the south but you have to look into the costs first," continued Reeve Hinton. "If this (Milton) was the wrong place to build the Martin House, this should have been decided before we got started." He suggested the provincial government would not waste the money if contributed if the Martin House was improperly located.

Warden Coulter cut the discussion short with a reminder the feasibility studies would take all these facts into consideration. And Deputy-Reeve Rogers made a final plea. "To use an expression the teenagers use, you have to 'go where the action is' and that's in the south where you have 80 per cent of your people."

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Crack down on trailerites

Essex Council is cracking down on trailer-dwellers in the township, and Monday approved a by-law specifying a \$20 per month fee for living in a trailer, effective January 1.

Meanwhile, council has been writing to 15 known trailerites and attempting to collect the current \$10 a month fee from seven of them. And a by-law banning all trailers is being considered.

"Why don't we stop them from coming into the township at all," Reeve Gordon Leslie wondered as councillors passed the \$20 fee by-law Monday. The Municipal Act provides a section under which a township can limit trailer dwellers to not more than 60 days in any 10 month period, but did not seem to have a clause that completely bans them. The \$20 per month fee is the maximum fee under the Act, it was learned.

Clerk K. C. Lindsay said the \$20 a month was pretty stiff, as many homes in the township don't pay \$240 a year in taxes on their permanent property.

Councillors decided to give

some more thought to the 60-day limit. In the meantime, deputy clerk Delmar French was urged to get after anyone who hasn't paid their \$10 fee this year and turn any delinquent accounts over to the solicitor for collection after the end of this month.

Rev. Brouwer ordained

The Rev. P. Brouwer was ordained Saturday evening at a service at Beth-El Christian Reformed Church. The new minister, who studied in the States, replaced the Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk.

Rev. A.H. McKenzie brought greetings from Acton Ministerial Association during the evening. A program followed the service and refreshments were served.

Mr. Brouwer, whose parents were Dutch, lived at Brampton before studying for the ministry at Calvin College, Michigan.

He is a cousin of a former minister here, the Rev. Jelle Nutma.

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