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THE MAN IN THE FUNNY SUIT IS JACK PINK

Fall Fair smashes all previous gate records

A record gate, high attendance at all events over the three days, a successful parade and many entries in all categories left members of Acton Agricultural Society weary but delighted. The 55th annual fall fair set a new record for gate receipts, with 2295 paid admissions Friday night.

Saturday's gate receipts teeters near last year's centennial record-breaker, with some asserting even more people were there this year. Many enter with passes.

An estimate of attendance at all events of the three-day fair tops 11,000.

For the second time in five years, an Acton high school student was crowned Miss Acton Fair. Tumultuous applause greeted the decision, the high point of the four-hour long Friday night program. A long parade with four bands and many floats drew the crowds down to the fair grounds Saturday. The crowds still jammed the midway at midnight that night, while a dance was underway in the arena.

Sunday's inter-faith service was attended by about 500.

Acton grade 12 student Zenith Armstrong was crowned Miss Acton Fair Friday to wild and enthusiastic applause of a partisan crowd.

First runner-up is Donna Barry, from Erin district, and second runner-up Joanne Laverty of Rockwood, followed by Leona Synnott and Linda Pearce of Acton.

Four bands studded the big fair day parade shortly after noon Saturday.

Acton Citizens' band headed the parade with Milton and Georgetown Pipe Bands and the Ukrainian Youth Association band coming at intervals.

The Ukrainian Youth Association band played several numbers in the park during the afternoon. These young people often play at the Ukrainian camp near town.

Crowds lined the streets to see the parade.

Miss Acton Fair contestants decorated one float, although some of their number were further behind in the high school float. It's the first time the high school entered, and they placed first in the novelty category.

Judges were Bruce MacPherson, Brendan Aherne, C. L. Rogvaldson and Dr. A. J. Buchanan, and here's what they picked:

Clubs and organizations: Boy Scouts first, Pairs and Squares second, Brownies third.

No. 2,193

His 2,193rd meeting was racked up Tuesday by clerk-administrator Jack McGeachie at council. He turns over his job to the new clerk, Joe Hurst, at the end of this week and was attending his last official meeting in Acton.

Commercial and business floats, The Shanes.

Novelty floats, high school, Bedrock TV sales and service, Junior Farmers as hillbillies.

Other floats, convertibles, fire truck, St. John Ambulance, horses from Rosslake Riding School, the Lions Ski-Doo float, Y's Men's float on arthritis, clowns, added to the variety and color of the parade.

The 4-H displays were also very interesting.

A new display was from Halton Manor, where the articles were labelled with sentences that revealed the handicap of the maker.

Another eye-catcher was a rug made of baler twine by George McPhail.

Although flower classes were cut down and despite the fact

many gardeners are showing early signs of autumn this September, the flower exhibits were lovely.

Most interesting were the flower-written song titles. Winner was Moonlight and Roses—the moonlight provided by a tiny yellow balloon.

The Junior Section, a new one, had entries in all its classes. There were seven chocolate cakes entered and the winner was Donna Mae Mellon, R. R. 3.

Champion of six fudge entries was made by Joan Gordon, Acton. Four dresses were made by this group for entry and Kathy Hinton's was judged best. Norma Leslie's corsage topped five.

Only classes noticeably down this year were the beef cattle breeding classes and the children's decorated bikes, trikes and doll buggies, Mrs. Swackhamer felt. Dairy cattle entries were up from usual.

The Lions clown band serenaded people as they thronged into the gates. Under top-hatted Frank Spielvogel, the other musicians in the pick-up band were Ted Tyler Jr., Ray Agnew, Julian Zajac and John Agar.

Lions also had a Ski-Doo display and sold draw tickets.

If you had a rage to get rid of, or an aggression to sublimate, the Y's Men's booth was the place to do it. They sold whacks at old cars.

Next door, the dunking machine raked in the cash as the town's celebrities hit the waves. Minor Sports took the profits.

The fire prevention exhibit included two trucks to charm the kids—the 1927 Studebaker and the newest truck.

The horse show was very successful. All livestock entries as usual were focus for many spectators seeking a taste of "the farm".

Public Utilities Commission until it was disbanded, secretary of the Planning Board, Committee of Adjustment and North Halton Urban Board.

He has also been active in community and church work.

Mr. McGeachie has accepted a position as Milton's clerk. He starts his new duties Monday, September 30.

Mr. McGeachie has been clerk of the town for 21 years and has a distinguished service record in municipal work. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Acton

Pictures first long list later

Acton's 55th Fall Fair gets complete picture coverage in this week's Free Press, with a resume of all the weekend activities.

Next week: fewer pictures and more words. The full prize lists in all categories will appear then.

The postponing of the listing of prize winners leaves more room this week for the many pictures taken for the Free Press over the weekend by the staff and by Don Hills of Rockwood.



JOHN ROOY, M.P.P. for Wellington County, was on hand Friday night to officially open the 55th fall fair festivities. (Staff Photo)

Company to build model homes on Churchill Rd. N.

Council was informed that Monex Construction wish to build four model homes on the east side of Churchill Road North, at their Tuesday meeting.

The homes would be models for the Seynuck subdivision and would be built on four of the 23 lots on Mrs. R. N. Brown's property.

The company wishes to develop 25 lots on the east side of Churchill Rd. North and council has accepted in principle a subdividers' agreement on a recommendation of No. 1 committee.

No. 1 committee recommended that since the

property will eventually be part of a subdivision which is presently in Esqueping township and may be annexed to Acton in the future, it was decided that the subdivider must pay cash in lieu of future curbs and gutters and asphalt paving, half of the cost of the 28 foot width, sidewalk and a sum equal to the cost of a half-inch watermain and some street lighting. A capital levy of \$500 will also be made on a plan of subdivision.

Total cost of the cash requested was \$38,575.50. Councillor Ted Tyler inquired what the \$38,000 was for. He opposed having part of the subdivision erected when council cannot exercise total control.

"Let's have a complete plan of subdivision for curbs, gutters, etc. as long as it doesn't cost the taxpayers money."

Reeve Hinton maintained that council did have control of the part of the proposed subdivisions in Acton.

Councillor Tyler replied however that "we can't just pull a shade down between Acton and Esqueping."

"The facts are," he maintained, "they are building model homes for building another subdivision. If we don't watch out we'll have houses all over, just like Georgetown."

The reeve maintained the 23 lots on Churchill Road could be fully controlled by council. Councillor Tyler was concerned about other lots the subdivider might develop in Esqueping township.

Mr. Hinton said council could do nothing to interfere with the rights of the subdivider. The area was zoned properly for building and the subdivider could force council to let him use his property as he sees fit as long as he conforms to the plan of subdivision.

Councillor Tyler also registered his objections to using open ditches in the area and felt the size of the proposed tile would not be large enough.

The reeve replied that Mr. Tyler was challenging the town engineer. "On the other hand, when I challenge the advice of the committee..."

Later in the meeting Mr. Hinton charged the press had inaccurately and poorly reported his remarks concerning drainage at the last council meeting.

TIME TO GO

Overheard in one of those expensive restaurants at Expo there a lady and her young son had each ordered a charcoal broiled steak. The meal was very good but was far more than they could finish.

When the waiter was picking up their plates, the lady asked, "I wonder if you could put what we have left into a paper bag for our dog?" Her son piped up excitedly "Hey, Mom, are we going to get a dog?"

Call public hearing closing C.N.R. station

Council received correspondence from the Canadian National Railways advising a public hearing regarding closing of the Acton station will be held in the council chambers Thursday, October 17 at 2 p.m.

Council has written the C.N.R. registering objection to closing of the station. A committee has been working to produce evidence to oppose the move.

The hearing will give anyone interested an opportunity to register their objections.

Two more will contest county school board seat

Horace Blyth, R.R. 1, Acton, chairman of the Nassagaweya school board, announced this week that he will stand for election as Acton-Nassagaweya representative on the new county board of education.

Acton and Nassagaweya township will share one representative when the new board is formed.

Cyril Bishop, chairman of Acton public school board, announced at a board meeting that he intends to run for the same seat.

On Tuesday evening Tom Watson announced to the Free Press that he will also be a

candidate for office in the upcoming election.

Mr. Watson, who just two weeks ago attended a special conference for prospective board members, has been Acton high school board's representative on the interim board which will give way to the newly-elected board.

He has been on high school board for the past four years, and before that was on public school board for 14 years. He has been chairman of both boards.

Murray Smith, the public school board representative on the interim committee, says he is also considering running.



THE FRIDAY NIGHT variety show in the arena attracted a record crowd of over 2,300, filling all available seats and spilling into the aisles and doorway. The officials report

that 2,292 paid the admission fee. The figures on those who didn't are as yet unknown.

(Staff Photo)



MISS ACTON FAIR, 1968, 17-year-old Zenith Armstrong is flanked by contest runners-up Donna Barry of Erin township and Joanne Laverty of Rockwood. Last year's Miss Acton

Fair is immediately behind the new queen of the Fair. Zenith, a student at Acton District High School, comes from the fourth line of Esqueping. (Staff Photo)