

Military section heads 'best fair parade ever'

"It was the best fair parade ever," enthused fair officials happily on Saturday.

While there have been more float entries, the military section surrounding the lieutenant-governor and the four bands made this year's parade unusually brisk, bright and booming.

Enthusiastic crowds lined the parade route from the station and followed the music into the fair grounds.

The Lorne Scots military band followed their rousing parade, tunes with an hour-long concert in the park. The Lorne Scots pipe band skirted down the street behind the officials and guests of honor. Regimental colors and about 100 men added precision and style to the first section of the parade.

Acton Citizens' Band, leading the second half of the parade, had played their concert before the Friday evening show.

Gaudy gold and scarlet, the uniforms of the popular Guelph Opti-Knight shone like temporary sunshine that bathed the parade. Their elaborate drill at the park sent them pacing out in all directions, with the appreciative crowd backing up just enough to give them room.

More music for the parade was provided by the bouncy Shyness band and the Acton School of Dance.

Judges named the boy scouts the best float in the service clubs section, followed by Acton 4-H club and Acton Y's Men.

There were two other entries in this category, Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the Rotary club.

The scouts had a troop-loaded truck, all decorated; the 4-H had two boys with a calf and miniature silo; the Y's Men had boys engaged in different sports.

First in the business and commercial class was the huge, flower-bedecked float of the Acton School of Dance, covered with tapping and singing students.

Second was the Shyness, who

had been playing all the way along the route.

In novelty category, the Acton Junior Farmers placed first. Their Mexican farmer float was followed by four young people pushing and pulling an unwilling donkey. Mother Goose and the brownies won second prize.

Acton Minor Baseball placed third, with lively boys taking part.

The fair ladies had an attractive non-competitive float, Flower Power.

Bill Taylor, in top hat and unique costume, was "doing his own thing".

With Miss Acton Fair in the centre, the competitors and last year's winner formed another large float.

CHURCHILL

Flowers from Fall Fair decorate Churchill Church

By Mrs. F. MacArthur

Congratulations to president Wilmer Fryer, also to Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer, secretary-treasurer and all of the staff of Acton Fall Fair in the success of all their work and efforts put into it.

The flowers placed at the front of Churchill Church Sunday morning were a bouquet from the reception held for the lieutenant-governor of Ontario, who officially opened the Acton Fall Fair.

After the service the flowers were taken to Mapleview Lodge, to cheer the shut-ins who make their home there and are cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Waldie.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and David and Julian spent Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian in Brampton.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buck of Georgetown accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr on their

trip to Rochester and visited with a cousin Mrs. Fran Cromwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Bogle of Hamilton were Sunday guests with the Griffins.

Those visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr since the returned home from Guelph General Hospital, last week with their baby boy Jeffrey Steven were her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Knox and daughter Nancy of Hampton who had also visited her while in the hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buck and Mrs. Elizabeth Buck of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Bessey of Guelph, Mrs. Bill Trimble of Orangeville and her mother Mrs. Murray Hayward of Nassagaweya, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Anderson of Oshawa and Mr. Don McColl and daughters Donna and Susie, also Miss Manning of Toronto, who also visited with Bob's parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Kerr.

At the Legion hall

Activities at Branch 197

By Charlie Thomson

The quarterly supper meeting was held Monday, September 15.

After supper, five new members William Gentes, Doug Hamilton, Robert Hanley, Herbert Martin and Norman Sannon, were admitted.

The new members were initiated by the guests for the evening, District Zone Commander Dave Coppelard of Georgetown, Deputy Zone Commander Al Greenwood of Bronte and Mike Cummings, 1st vice president of Bronte Legion.

Nine members, Comrades Willard Britton, William Finley, Jim Ingles, J. Jordan, Pat Kenney, William Middleton, Norm Morton, Harry Otterbein and Alex Waldie were presented with 25 year pins.

Above 25 year pins were presented by George Muselle, who had initiated three of the men 25 years ago.

Later in the evening District Zone Commander Dave Coppelard presented a Life membership to Comrade Gordon McCutcheon for his many services to the Branch since January 12, 1952, when he was elected 1st vice president. He resigned this office on June 12, 1952 to become secretary-treasurer. In 1962 the office of secretary-treasurer was divided into two sections, with Comrade McCutcheon retaining the office of treasurer, which he holds to this day.

After the guests had spoken for a few minutes, a motion of adjournment was made by Comrades Shultis and Turkisz and the meeting was closed by

Comrade 2nd vice-president Fred Allen.

Comrade President Bob Angell and Executive Committee member Alvey Gordon attended a Zone B7 meeting in Oakville, Sunday September 7.

The Service officer will be in Brampton October 1 at 2 p.m. Comrades wishing an appointment may leave their names at the Branch.

District "B" Fall Convention takes place Saturday October 4 and Sunday October 5 at Branch 90 in Brantford.

WHAT COUNCIL DID

At the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Acton council:

- Instructed the clerk that a letter from council be circulated to the persons involved in the original letters circulated by the chairman of the Acton Board of Parks Management advising that the contents and opinions of Parks Board do not necessarily represent the opinions of Acton councillors.
- Authorized the clerk to write every industry asking for their town services requirements for 1970 so they can be included in the 1970 budget.
- Passed a resolution sponsored by Deputy- Reeve Ted Tyler Jr. asking all guarded crossings in Acton be equipped with floodlights to light crossings up. Mr. Tyler felt some means could be devised that the lights would only come on with signals and would prevent accidents caused by poor lighting at the crossings.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr were guests last Saturday at the Barber-Armstrong wedding in the Presbyterian Church and reception afterwards in the church hall in Georgetown.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Brown last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Capthorn from Fairport Beach, also Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble of Oakville.

Crown Cathy Smith Miss Acton Fair '69



Smiling tremulously through her tears, 16-year-old Cathy Smith received her scarlet robe and glittering tiara Friday night as the new Miss Acton Fair. The crowning of the shapely grade 11 student of A.D.H.S. climaxed the evening program to waves of applause.

The dozen other contestants in full-length, formal gowns clapped their congratulations as well while last year's Miss Acton Fair, Zenith Armstrong, graciously passed over her velvet robe and crown.

Cathy Smith's white gloves were still wiping away stray tears of excitement as she posed for pictures in her newly-won sash with a huge bouquet of Rols, Red roses and the H. H. Hinton trophy.

Just runner-up and winner of the Don Timmings trophy was Rosemary Bird, 15, of Tildy Ave. and the second runner-up, winner of the Ron Dumper Imperial Oil trophy was Margaret Slaven, 16, of R. R. 4.

Also included in the five finalists were Anita Thibodeau, 16, of R. R. 2, Rockwood and Krav Houpor, 15, of Elm township.

Last consideration for the prized judges was the brief public speaking contest before the entire audience. Each girl had previously been interviewed privately. Picking their topics by chance Miss Smith spoke of the "most difficult thing to accomplish". She concluded quickly that it was "making others happy." (However, the judges later made her very happy without too much difficulty).

Miss Slaven spoke on the generation gap, Miss Bird on her ambitions, Miss Thibodeau on fashion and Miss Houpor on going to the moon. Short and sweet, each few comments brought applause.

All 13 entrants were charming and poised in long gowns with white gloves and corsages, donated by Goy Cartage and Elsie Syme.

The happy winner wore a demure white gown with a pink sash that she had made herself. Miss Bird wore blue, Miss Slaven white with purple bow, Miss Thibodeau yellow and Miss Houpor flowered blue.

Other entrants were Chris Anderson, 16, Churchill Rd., who wore green; Marilyn Barber, 16, R. R. 1, in blue; Arlene Pick, 15, Erin township, in yellow; Judy Lang, 15, R. R. 1, in white and silver; Susan McGiloway, 16, Victoria Ave., in pink; Shirley Mitchell, 17, R. R. 1, in yellow; Linda Lou Moon, 18,

culminating section of the evening's program.

The name of the contest winner was what all 2,000 in attendance had been waiting for. The minute the contest was over, they started flocking for the exit.

Despite the fact not all the program engaged showed up, the numbers were much appreciated by the crowd.

Wilmer Fryer's welcome was echoed by the town's representative for the fair, Reeve Frank Oakes. The local talent on the first part of the program included Earl Burt who played his guitar and sang, Sharon Hume and Doug Bousfield who played and sang; and "The Haltonettes" trio Joy Tremblay, Ruth Walter and Wilma Ellis.

Cy Leonard's jokes appealed to the receptive crowd, and four Kitchener ladies, all in blue green dresses, sang popular songs as "The Coquettes".

Most professional entertainers of the show were the bouncy Allan Sisters from the Tommy Hunter show, who had the whole audience involved before long.

Neither the expected master of ceremonies nor the backup orchestra arrived for the show, Bill Nelles acted as M.C. while Mrs. George Doyle accompanied each act on the organ.

The crowd was a mobile one, listening to the program, chatting and admiring the exhibits throughout the evening.

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Our Readers Write

Mobile homes need proper facilities

To the Editor:

We will always have a few in our society who refuse to progress, but this is 1969 and I would like to point out a few known facts in answer to the letter in last week's paper regarding trailer camps.

First of all taxes, which seemed to be the writer's greatest worry, are paid by the mobile home dweller. Usually \$20 a month, regardless of size of family, plus property tax and business tax which is paid by the park owner. The \$20 tax is levied by the municipality to cover education, fire and police protection. Garbage disposal and road maintenance in the mobile home park are the responsibility of the park owner and paid for through park rent of the mobile home dweller.

Secondly, mobile home dwellers are not second rate citizens moving from place to place, job to job. Mobile homes today are well built, modern living accommodations and attract people in every walk of life from a member of Parliament to a senior citizen, including young marrieds and construction workers.

If mobile homes are a blight to the community it is through no fault of the dweller. Adequate parks are few and far between and municipalities have been reluctant to allow modern facilities to be established. When one who has just purchased a \$10,000 mobile home is suddenly faced with a parking problem, (I am referring to the Pleasant Valley situation in Mississauga) he is more apt to park it anywhere within reason and keep his home than sell at a total loss and try to start over in another type of living accommodation.

It is all well and good for those able to purchase a house to sit back and criticize how the other half lives, but for those who find a house impossible financially, prefer to own rather than rent, a mobile home is the answer. Mobile homes being easy to finance and maintenance of this type of home much less owing to the use of durable aluminum siding on the exterior

and prefinished wood panels in the interior, it makes a mobile home desirable to a great many average Canadians who would otherwise be forced to rent all of their lives.

Calling down mobile home dwellers is not the answer. The governments of municipalities must establish standards to govern mobile home parks and insure that park owners live up to them.

In Ontario today the parking facilities for mobile homes in general is appalling and does indeed blight communities in many cases, but my dear writer that is the fault of the community not the dweller of the mobile home.

To ban mobile home parks will only produce more mobile homes parking in undesirable places for as long as they can get away with it. Mobile homes are manufactured now and will be for many many years to come.

In order to clean up our communities we must establish the proper facilities.

A Mobile Home Dweller
Mrs. Walden Conway
Stanley Park,
Erin, Ontario.

BOTH ROBERT Little and M. Z. Bennett school have started sports events with house league teams.

Entries increased Free Press special

A charming photograph of young Eric Dietz fishing in Eden Mills pond won the first prize of \$5 in the Free Press photography contest at the fair.

The photographer was Tony Vos.

In second place were the three \$2.50 awards which went to Mr. Vos' study of a girl lying dreaming on the grass; to Jim Jennings for a still life of candle and chessmen, and to Vic Morris for a delightful picture of a baby.

The out-of-town judge

commented on the composition and appeal of the pictures as well as their technical excellence.

The 10 \$1 awards went to another picture by Tony Vos, three by Ray Saitz, two by Jim Jennings, another by Vic Morris and one each for Ann Vos, Steven Milne, and Mrs. Bert Benton.

Entries were up considerably for the second year of the special contest. All the prize-winning pictures will appear in the Free Press soon.

But the winner caught a cold

With the fair over, Miss Acton Fair has her high honor, a fine supply of lovely gifts - and a terrible cold.

The pretty 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of R. R. 2, came down with the sniffles after sitting Friday night in the arena in her evening gown and then roaming all around the grounds Saturday in her robes of office. Velvet isn't all that warm, even when it's scarlet.

"Everybody in the family is happy," said Cathy Smith hoarsely yesterday. She has all her gifts at their home on the Esquimaux-Erin town line, and she is delighted with every one. The three sweaters aren't all the same size, but each one fits perfectly, she says. Many local merchants and businessmen provided prizes for the winner.

She has lived there since she was old enough to start school. The family didn't move again, but due to changes she went to Bannockburn, Speyside and Limehouse schools before going to Acton district high school.

She's in grade 11 of the four year arts and science course. Her ambition is to be a veterinarian or veterinary technician. She

loves horses and the family has three in a small stable.

Another hobby is sewing and she made her own white lace gown for the competition.

As well as a brother Bob at home, she has five married brothers and sisters.

The thrill of winning her first contest still hasn't worn off for this charming young lady.

Fancy vehicles win awards

There was a good entry in the fair's decorated bike, trike and doll buggy classes. These young entrants were judged at Knox church before joining the parade.

Winners for bikes: Steven Trotter and Sherry Trotter, dressed as a bride and groom, Russell Hunter.

Doll buggies, Judy Krul, Leslie Jenkins.

Tricycles, Karen Trotter, Julie Heatley, Debbie and Teddy James.

At council Leaf problem

Acton council admitted to ratepayer Harry "Bunk" Holmes that they really couldn't give him any instruction about the burning of leaves in town.

"I've got lots of leaves around my place," said Mr. Holmes, "and I don't know what to do with them."

Mayor Les Duby said "and the town has no vacuum cleaner yet to pick up leaves, either."

Clerk Joe Hurst told Mr. Holmes that if burning them becomes a fire hazard it is the fire chief's duty to put the fire out, but the fire chief had no jurisdiction over the air pollution involved.

"Why don't we provide garbage bags to put the leaves in," asked councillor Peter Marks, "or would this take too many bags?"

"There's no law says you can't burn them", said councillor Jack Greer. "They're just asking people not to burn them."

"We can't give Mr. Holmes an answer," the mayor stated.

Mr. Holmes reminded council that all four trees near his place were on town property. The council admitted they were stumped by the air pollution regulations.

Y.M.C.A. PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. wish to sponsor Fall to Spring Programs for the community. Some of the programs will be operating outside of the Y.M.C.A. building.

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