

Many new wrinkles for 57th annual Acton Fall Fair

As well as a new Miss Acton Fair and a boy of best babies, Acton Fair will produce its own fiddle champion this year. In an effort to find a new wrinkle to attract visitors to Acton Fair, the directors came up with a first - an old time fiddlers' contest. Some entries have been received already, but players may also register before noon when they arrive.

The competition will be at a stand on the softball diamond to the left inside the park, at two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Judge is north American fiddle champion Graham Townsend.

Surprise winner
Miss Acton Fair will again be named in a surprise announcement during the Friday

night show in the arena. There are already quite a few entries from Acton, Esqueving and Erin townships. More are expected.

She's to be crowned by last year's Miss Acton Fair, Cathy Smith; the prizes are displayed in Cameo Shoppe window. Judges will be the athletic director of Sheridan College; Stewart Holloway, the advertising director from the Guelph radio station, and a woman he is arranging to bring from Guelph with him.

Masons sponsor
The baby show, which always attracts many entries, will be at 2.30 Saturday in the arena. This year Mason Knitting Limited, the makers of the popular Carter's children's wear, will completely

sponsor the show. There are seven classes for different ages, with one just for twins up to two years of age.

Minister of Energy and Resources George Kerr will officially open the fair during the Friday night show.

Directors feel they have lined up an excellent variety show for the program, which will end with the exciting naming of the young girl chosen to reign over the fair.

Noon parade
The parade Saturday is slated to begin at 12 noon from the station. There are plenty of entries, says fair president Bill Nelles, including drum majorettes from Georgetown. Acton Citizens Band, who'll play Friday night, will lead the

parade. The Royalaires band from Guelph will parade and later present their routine in the park. There are good cash prizes for the float entries.

The children's entries, decorated bikes, trikes and doll buggies, join the parade at Knox church.

Musical ride
Almar Stables, from near Palermo, will parade and then present a musical ride in the park during the afternoon.

Jesse McEnery will be master of ceremonies on the platform in the park for the horse classes.

Midway here already
Midway rides are going up already. At least eight children's rides and at least four adult rides were promised by King Shows.

The hydro will have a large van and St. John Ambulance will be on duty. Firefighters will participate again.

Various food booths are planned by service groups and the Junior Farmers.

A few high school boys will be helping Cosmopolitan services with the gates and parking.

Hall full
Hall exhibits are expected to be good, with special features. Arena space is rented for commercial exhibits and booths. A couple of clubs are planning booths with draws.

Bill Nelles heads the fair officers this year with H. H. Hinton first vice-president, Chester Anderson second vice president and directors Bruce Coles, John

Chapman, Brian Evans, Wm. Fox, Walter Fryer, John Hason, Brent Marshall, Ken Marshall, Stewart McCulloch, Stanley McEnery, Ken Murray, Russell Murray, Carl Sinclair and Murray Wallace.

Associate directors are Ken Johnson, Stan Matthews, Jas. McCulloch, Alfred Winter, Wallace Swackhamer, Burt Watson, Fred Archibald, Howard Black, Don Marro, Jesse McEnery, Cliff McKay, Lloyd McLean, Ernie Medland, Fyfe Somerville, Ken Stubbington, Don Swackhamer, A. Gardiner, Wm. Landsborough, John Chapman, Jack Rol, Fred Kentner.

Past presidents acting as associate directors are Walter

Linham, George Wallace, Smith Griffin, Wm. Thompson, Lloyd McEnery, Nino Braida, Calvin Alken, Jack Marshall.

Honorary directors are Halton County M.P., Halton County M.P.P., Halton County Warden, Mayor of Acton, Halton County Agricultural Representative, S. G. Bennett, Donald Matthews.

There are just a few life members left - A. B. McLean and R. L. Davidson.

Wilmer Fryer is past president. Ladies' division executive is past president Mrs. M. McCulloch, president Mrs. W. Linham, first vice-president Mrs. E. Archibald.

second vice-president Mrs. Elmer Smith

secretary-treasurer Mrs. W. J. McDonald.

Directors: Mrs. C. Storey Mrs. W. Frank, Mrs. Alex Near, Mrs. Geo. Musselle, Mrs. L. McLean, Mrs. Don Brown, Mrs. R. L. Davidson, Mrs. C. Alken, Mrs. M. Madill, Mrs. Frank Freeman, Mrs. A. Robinson, Mrs. J. Van Fleet, Mrs. S. Matthews, Mrs. J. Derris, Mrs. Elva Pearen, Mrs. J. McEnery, Mrs. Geo. Wallace, Mrs. R. L. McEnery, Mrs. W. Thompson, Mrs. S. Morrison, Mrs. G. Rognavaldson, Mrs. R. MacNaughton, Mrs. Don Matthews.



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Read Lord's Day Act

Esqueving asks solicitor's advice in bitter dragway controversy

Esqueving Council has decided to request advice from the township solicitor about whether it should prosecute operators of the Golden Horseshoe Dragway for operating Wednesday night September 2, or leave it up to ratepayer Peter Bowman.

Mr. Bowman appeared at Monday night's council meeting complaining owner Carl Bristol had contravened the township's racing by-law, which confines racing during the months of September and October to Fridays and Saturdays, between 2 and 11.30 p.m. and Sundays and statutory holidays between 1 and 7 p.m.

"There's no argument about it," Reeve Currie said. "It's right here in the by-law."

Penalty for contravention of the racing by-law is a fine of \$300. After pondering the problem

for a few moments, the deputy-reeve said he thought other councillors should come up with some ideas.

"I made a suggestion at the last meeting, I think it's about time some others came up with some ideas," he said.

The deputy-reeve suggested an amendment be made to the by-law, compelling all cars to be off the strip by 11.30 p.m. He also suggested the township hire somebody to enforce the by-law.

Councillor Russell Miller agreed with the latter suggestion.

Need witness
Councillor Ken Marshall pointed out if the township were going to lay a charge they would have to have somebody testify in court that racing took place, Wednesday, September 2.

Recalling a letter read earlier in the meeting from Fourth Line resident David Craig, complaining about the dragway's operation on that date, Mr. Bowman made a quick telephone call and came back to report Mr. Craig had offered to serve as a witness.

"We've spent since the spring on this," the deputy-reeve fumed. "There's nothing else getting done in this township, except the drag strip."

Mr. Bowman told council he is getting tired of having to police his own property. He said he will be laying 11 charges against people who have trespassed on his property. Protection of his property cost him \$126.25, while he was away on vacation, he said.

Maple trees on the township road allowance at the Sixth Line end of the dragway are being completely destroyed by spectators climbing to get a free look at the drags, Mr. Bowman added.



STUDYING the Revised Statutes of the Province of Ontario, Golden Horseshoe Dragway critic Peter Bowman prepares to quote a passage from the Lord's Day Alliance Act, at Monday night's meeting of Esqueving Council.—(Staff Photo)

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Readers may find The Free Press slightly shook up this week when they hunt for their favorite column or page. Production problems made it necessary to transpose pages to different sections than where they usually appear.

For instance, Rockwood news from the facile pen of Lorraine Root appears in the first section. In the second section you'll find an unusual story on the Miss Nude World contest which involved a lass from this area. Don't get the idea we condone nudism or are plumping for clothes shedding but we think the sunbathers side of the story needs telling.

The editorial page, fount of wisdom for the weekly paper, appears on the second page of the first section. The classified pages, "best read" section of the paper appear in their usual place as will most of the others.

You'll notice the church page is coming back strong with the column, "The clergy speak out," reappearing for the first time since the summer vacation. Rev. Harry Dawson has some strong words to say to both management and labor involved in dispute.

And, of course, this being the fall season there are all kinds of people taking the plunge into the sea of matrimony. We've done up two pages - B2 and B3 with some of the town and district weddings—pages women will relish.

Although sports are almost into the fall vacuum sports editor Dennis Gibbons and reporter Charlie Thomson and their helpers have come up with their usual thorough coverage of the local and district sports scene.

All in all, this is a pretty newsy week and we hope you enjoy our weekly visit into your home.

Reads from Act
Mr. Bowman also read a portion of the Lord's Day Alliance Act, which says Sunday sports events must not begin before 1.30 p.m. and must be completed by 6. To permit Sunday drag racing in the township, council would have to pass a by-law amending the Act, he charged.

Deputy-reeve Hill thought a plebiscite on Sunday sports should be held in the township.

"We should make an amendment to the by-law and shut off Sunday racing, until we know what we're doing," he suggested.

Will erect signs
"If people are parking along the road, we can put up 'No Parking' signs on certain sections and have the O.P.P. enforce it," the deputy-reeve suggested.

Mr. Bowman said erection of the signs would help eliminate his trespassing problem greatly.

Roads superintendent C. E. Bud Snow is to be contacted about erecting signs.

Reeve Currie closed the discussion with a referral to a letter to the editor Mr. Bowman wrote the Free Press. The reeve suggested, "The next time you put a letter in the Acton Free Press, you suggest council's fees be increased \$500 for the extra work they've had on this drag strip."

Council also received a letter from ratepayer Ellis Taylor, claiming cars are using the dragway over a much extended period of time and requesting all performers stop and all lights be out by 11.30 p.m.

Mr. Taylor's letter contained a list of dates on which lights were left on or cars started testing early at the dragway.

Esqueving Council raps highway reconstruction

Esqueving Council is upset about the way reconstruction of Highway 7 is being carried out. They decided to send a written complaint to the Minister of Highways at Monday's regular meeting.

Deputy-reeve Tom Hill claimed the method of reconstruction is hurting business in the township and causing township roads to be used more often.

"Have you ever seen a highway job in such a mess?" the deputy-reeve asked the reeve.

"Never", Reeve Currie replied.

Complain to Minister
A motion passed by council instructed the clerk to write the Minister complaining that reconstruction of Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown "has all been under construction without completing any one area and then moving on to another and had caused considerable hardship to this area" adding that council would like to see the project completed as soon as possible.

Endorse resolution
Council also endorsed a resolution passed by Georgetown council that the government be

petitioned to allow penalties to be imposed on utilities and companies, whether municipally or privately owned, who hold up reconstruction of roads by failure to move utilities within the time specified by contract.

Three realtors list town sale
To clear up any misunderstanding resulting from an account of council proceedings in last week's Free Press, local realtors have pointed out that sale of town-owned land on Cobblehill Rd. may be made by either G. Alec Johnson Real Estate, Syd Lamb or Jack Holmes. The three realtors agreed on a 50 per cent, 25 per cent, 25 per cent split, with the most of the fee going to whichever agent sells the land. Although council last Tuesday passed a motion authorizing G. Alec Johnson to make the sale, the three had previously agreed that all would attempt to move the land for council.

Various offers to buy the land have fallen through to council's disappointment.

Carnations for donors

Hoping for a far better response this time, the St. John Ambulance brigade is sponsoring another blood donor clinic on Thursday, Sept. 24. The last clinic, in March, had Acton's worst attendance ever - less than 100 donors.

The organizers felt there were adverse conditions last time, when the date fell in school holidays.

Anyway, they are looking forward to a much, much better clinic this time.

It's being held at the Legion hall during the afternoon and evening. Some phone calls will be made; cards will be sent out to previous donors; there are posters out all over town and ads in the paper. Announcements are being made at the high school.

As usual, volunteers from various groups are helping the brigade out for the clinic.

An innovation for this blood clinic: Jack Rol will donate a carnation for every lady donor.

Fair weather Friday

A bright weather forecast for Thursday and Friday of this week and a long range prediction that Saturday also will be fine has made Acton Fair officials optimistic about another record-breaking event. The Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food office in Milton predicts Thursday and fair Friday. High in the 60's, low in the 40's. "Perfect Fair weather," if the crystal ball weather forecasters use wasn't shrouded by Tuesday's fog.



PETE'S BARBER SHOP outfielder Harry Phillips lashes out a base hit during Pete's opening 5-4 victory over Brampton, in the industrial softball tournament, held here Saturday. Pete's went on to defeat teams from Woodbridge, Guelph and Orangeville to win

the tournament championship and first prize money of \$40. Brampton catcher is Junior Tibbitts and the umpire is Harold Townsley. For story and more pictures see the Free Press Sports Pages.—(Staff Photo)

Cigarettes stolen

A break-in and theft at Acton arena was reported last Thursday morning to police by arena manager Harold Townsley. He discovered the break-in when he came to work.

Apparently entry had been gained through a window. The snack bar had been broken into and eight cartons of cigarettes and 50 packages of cigarettes were estimated missing. Value was set at \$52.

Corp. Mason and Cons. Kressler are still investigating the theft.

Harassed by calls

Consistent critic of Golden Horseshoe Dragway operations, Peter Bowman of R. R. 1, Limehouse, told the Free Press his wife received two anonymous threatening phone calls advising him to "lay off" the dragway.

The calls were received Monday evening while Mr. Bowman attended Esqueving Council. Mr. Bowman said he has advised the O.P.P. of them.

He also received a telephone call asking for location of his home to deliver pizzas. "We never ordered any," he told this newspaper, suspicious he is being harassed by the unknown callers.

Two charges

As a result of a minor disturbance at the Dominion Hotel Saturday night a local man was arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place. An impaired driver was charged Sunday.

Will pave Highway 7 before November 15

Almost 75 per cent of the job of reconstructing Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown is now completed, Department of Highways' project supervisor Bill Kovacic told the Free Press this week.

Preliminary paving of the entire stretch is to be completed before November 15. A finished layer of asphalt will be laid next spring.

Most of the work remaining consists of moving and replacing about 50,000 yards of earth between Silvercreek and Georgetown.

Major difficulties experienced so far have been the rotation of existing utilities, including gas,

telephone and hydro, according to Mr. Kovacic.

When reconstruction is complete, the highway will have a total width of 44 feet, (24 feet of pavement and a 10 foot shoulder on each side). The previous highway was simply a 24 foot width of pavement, with no shoulders.

Wider curves at Silvercreek and at the entrance to Trafalgar Road, just west of Georgetown, will replace the sharp, narrow curves.

The highway will widen into four lanes at the entrances to both Acton and Georgetown. Curbs are being installed in front of places of business there.

Other improved features of the

reconstructed highway will be a one way entrance on Trafalgar Road South and a two lane entrance from Trafalgar Road north onto the highway.

County Road 20, running east from Limehouse, will eventually have a single lane leg onto the highway, south to Georgetown.

A culvert over Mann's Creek, east of Acton should be ready for traffic approximately within the next week.

Mr. Kovacic apologized for the inconveniences motorists have had to endure, but explained, "With the split-centre-line type of construction we're using it's something that can't be avoided."