

Day attendance disappointment, but

Sportsmen's Show triples receipts

Attendance for the third annual Acton Sportsmen's Show was down from last year but the overall financial picture was a tremendous improvement. Receipts from the three day weekend event tripled last year's said one official.

Highlights of the show which started on Friday and wound up just prior to Sunday's drenching rainstorm, were the two dances, an outstanding antique gun show and the demonstrations and races staged by model boat owners from the U.S. and

Canada. Vice-chairman John Shadbolt estimated there were 1,100 dancers at the two special evenings of dancing at the community centre. Friday night an estimated 400 to 450 danced to the official

Oktoberfest band from Kitchener, clad in lederhosen, knee stockings and cute Tyrolean hats with plumes. Citizen of the Year Ted Tyler St. officially opened the show. Saturday, there was hardly a vacant chair as the Shaynes, a

popular Acton musical group with a modern beat, kept 700 patrons rocking for almost four solid hours. Bar receipts from the two nights totalled about \$2,500. Biggest and best Sunday morning's antique gun

show was the biggest and best yet and the president of the Halton Antique Arms Collectors Association Lee Magloughlin from Georgetown said the show was probably the biggest ever held in Canada. Collectors from the United

States were among patrons who came to view and trade, among tables which completely filled the large arena floor. Special plaques were presented to Allen Smith of Dundalk for a display of powder horns and another to Franz Kochen for his bullet display.

"Among the most attractive I've ever seen," said Mr. Magloughlin, a veteran of gun shows across the country. The radio controlled model boat demonstrations and races on Fairy Lake were another feature of the event, attracting model craft enthusiasts from several States and this province.

Attendance from local people at Saturday and Sunday events left something to be desired, organizers felt. Hot, sticky weather with an omnipresent threat of rain may have dampened local enthusiasm for the events as it also ruled out helicopter rides.

The low ceiling and storm warnings scared operators of the helicopter from venturing over Acton. It was the second event to be cancelled. A model plane flying demonstration set for Saturday was also stricken from the program.

Weather setbacks They were setbacks organizers of the show weathered with a grin although as the vice-chairman pointed out, "there was too much responsibility on too few heads". Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions, Rotary, Y's Men and Halton Antique Arms Collectors, the annual show has been in the planning stages since last year's successful venture. Many of the last year features were again on the program but entries and spectators for the model airplane competitions were down this year.

Acton Roadrunners took the minor baseball crown by decisively defeating Milton in the championship game Saturday afternoon. M. P. Rud Whiting presented the championship trophy to the Roadrunners while proud coach and manager beamed.

Close soccer Georgetown Squirts took a close 2-1 decision from Acton in minor soccer Saturday morning. Sunday afternoon Acton Atoms were on the threshold of a win over St. Catharines but a goal with a minute and a half to play tied it up at 5-5 and there it stayed. The St. Catharines team eliminated Acton from the Ontario Cup in July.

Best pullers in town? It has to be the Rotary Club who outpulled the Lions, Y's Men and Chamber of Commerce to take the unofficial championship with the most "pull" in town. On the winning team were Fred Gordon, Don McDonald, Allan Hall, Dave Muckle, George Maltby, Scotty McCristall, Maurice Staley, anchorman Gary Dawkins and coach Rick Jackson.

Winners of the horseshoe pitching contest sponsored by the Y's Men were Bob Harrison of Brampton, Merv Nesset of Acton and Henry Leachman of Rockwood, in that order. Ron Guest of Acton won the casting derby and received a trophy from Mayor Les Duby in the Official presentations in the community centre Sunday afternoon.

Toss boomerangs Boomerang pitching champion was newscaster Terry Thomas of television station CKCO-TV pitted against such stalwarts as Brian King of the CBC, Esther Taylor of the Guelph Mercury and Hartley Coles of the Free

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Missing cars soon located

Police recovered five stolen cars here during the past week. All the cars had been left with the keys in them.

First incident was Wednesday of last week when a car belonging to David Deforest of Milton was found in Acton at the industrial centre building parking lot.

Then the next three incidents occurred on Acton streets in quick succession. The three cars were reported stolen to police and recovered not far away soon afterward.

Hugh Graham, R.R. 1, Limehouse, reported his car stolen from in front of 88 Mill St. S. about 10.30 p.m. Thursday. At 10.55 it was found at the corner of Church and Frederick Sts. by O.P.P. Cons. Connors.

Next at 11 p.m. Robert Main of Georgetown reported to Acton police that his car had been taken from where it was parked at 86 Main St. N. Cons. Connors found it in 10 minutes, a few streets away.

Shift change At 11.15, John Turnbull advised police his car had been taken from in front of his residence on Lake Ave. By now the police shift had changed and Cons. Farion located this one at 1 a.m. on Knox Ave.

The cars have been examined by the identification branch of the O.P.P. from Burlington.

On Monday afternoon another car which was stolen in Milton was located here at the Churchill Rd., Queen St. car wash.



IF ONTARIO PREMIER Bill Davis succeeds at getting votes, the way he did at throwing the boomerang at the Acton Sportsmen's Show Sunday, the provincial Liberal and NDP parties could well be in trouble. Davis gets set to fire, Halton

West member Minister of Energy and Resources Management George Kerr and Mayor Les Duby watch closely for tips. Davis made the show one of his stops on a pre-election meet the people tour Sunday.—(Staff photo)

New by-law to curb drainage problems

Serious drainage problems in town has prompted Acton council to insist builders must present plans showing the elevation of the front floor level of a building is at least 12 inches above the crown of the road; otherwise they won't receive a building permit.

Any application that shows an elevation of less than 12 inches above the crown of the road will have to be referred to the town engineer for a recommendation.

Monday, August 30, especially along Cobblehill Road. Councillor Jack Greer regretted previous councils had not seen fit to pass the by-law several years before.

"If this had been passed before, the high school would not have been allowed to build what they did up there," he said.

Murder trial Thursday

The trial of Barry Stevens of Toronto begins in court in Milton tomorrow, after a petit jury has been named. The grand jury on Tuesday heard preliminary evidence and sent the case forward to the petit jury.

It is expected the jury will be named Thursday morning and the trial commence in the afternoon. Stevens is charged with non-capital murder following the shooting death of Calvin Gordon Peddle in Acton in February.

Premier Davis visits Sunday

Ontario Premier Bill Davis made a quick fun visit to the Acton Sportsmen's Show Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Halton West M.P.P. George Kerr, Minister of the Environment.

Most of the show's activities were completed when the premier and his entourage arrived but he had time to view model plane flying and try his hand at throwing a boomerang, coached by boomerangist Jack Carpenter.

While TV and newspaper cameras whirred and clicked, Mr. Davis proved he might be a mean adversary on the boomerang field by heaving an almost perfect circuit on his fifth or sixth throw. George Kerr also gave the sport a whirl but deferentially let the premier keep the limelight.

Mr. Davis was casually attired in brown sports shirt and checked trousers for the occasion and seemed to enjoy the informality. Earlier he visited the Ukrainian camp on the Fourth Line, Esqueving, where he participated in the camp's closing ceremonies.

Weather-wise the visit was also a success. Threatening skies opened up just as the premier drove from the park and loosed a heavy deluge of rain.

Pot boiling

Firefighters had to break a windowpane to enter the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. John McNabb, 17 Main St. S. Sunday afternoon when neighbors reported smoke billowing out of the doors.

Inside they found a pot boiling dry on the electric stove — welded to the element. They quickly removed the pot and started smoke ejectors working.

The alarm was turned in about 5.30 p.m.

Problem obvious

Mayor Duby said drainage problems were very obvious during a tour of town roads

Must find new dump

A letter from the waste management branch of the Department of the Environment, Esqueving Council has been told the site of their present dump should be closed and a new location found by November 30.

Council has received a certificate to operate the dump until then.

Shocked at the news, Reeve Tom Hill asked clerk-treasurer Delmar French to contact the department for a clarification on the order.

Referring to the present dump site on the Fourth Line near Acton, Reeve Hill remarked "We better make sure before we start spending money on this we're going to be able to operate there."



LINDA GORDON

Nursing graduate

Miss Linda Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Gordon, is a recent graduate of Kitchener-Waterloo School of Nursing.

Those attending the graduation exercises were her parents, sisters Judy Gordon and Joan Hammond, Elda, Wilmer and Jack Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roszell and Mrs. Grace McEnery.

A dinner was held at home in her honor with friends and relatives attending. Linda will be continuing her education in Toronto.

Miss Acton Fair goes on to finals

This year, Miss Acton Fair will move on to further competition for the first time. It has been arranged that all winners at local fairs will compete at the Canadian National Exhibition on Agricultural Day, in 1972, to try for the top title—Miss Ontario Fairs.

It's a brand new competition and Acton Fair committee members are delighted at the prospect of sending a charming entry on behalf of Acton fair. Some of the prizes are already

CN to sell station

Acton's C.N. station will be replaced by a more modern facility designed to hold passengers only, a railway official revealed this week.

R. M. Veenis of the C.N. told a Free Press reporter the Acton station would probably be up for sale within a year and be either moved or torn down to make way for a passenger depot.

He said the railway is obligated to furnish a heated, clean and lighted building for passengers as



WHO HAS the most "pull" in Acton? The Rotary Club, of course. They demonstrated this conclusively against other service clubs in the Sportsmen's Show tug-of-war Saturday. Shown out-muscling the Lions are left to right, Fred Gordon,

Don McDonald, Allan Hall, Dave Muckle, George Maltby and anchorman Gary Dawkins. Pulling but not shown are Phil (Scotty) McCristall and Maurice Staley. Coach is Rick Jackson.—(Staff Photo)