

Spectator features new for 58th fall fair here

Every area of Acton park will be filled this weekend with competitions, exhibits and displays of interest for the annual fall fair of Acton Agricultural Society. More spectator events than ever before are planned along with entertainment, contests, commercial booths and the gaudy midway all running simultaneously.

The fair will be officially opened by Halton's federal M.P. Rud Whiting, Provincial member, Minister of the Environment George Kerr also expects to be here.

The opening words are spoken at the Friday evening program.

Friday performance
Acton Citizens' Band starts off the evening's performance, parading through town at 7 p.m. and then playing a concert in the arena — their first since winning second place at the C.N.E.

They'll play until the program is ready to start and then an impressive line-up of stars — local and Toronto-based, will appear.

The local stars are the contestants in the Miss Acton Fair contest, and the winner will be named at the end of the program. The city swingers are the professional entertainers, band, ventriloquist and trampoline artists.

Fair secretary-treasurer Mrs. Irene Swackhamer says all the commercial exhibits space has been sold, with some booked in a year ago. Requests for space have had to be turned down.

The school exhibits were judged last night (Tuesday) and make an interesting display. Work bees have been going on at the arena all week, preparing for the exhibits.

Big Saturday show
On Saturday the parade forms up at the CN station at 12 noon, moving off as soon as possible.

Three bands are involved — the Acton band, the champion Opti-Knights Drum and Bugle corps of Guelph and the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band.

Floats for judging are being prepared this week. Children's entries join the parade at Knox church.

Livestock and horse show judging begins at 11 a.m. Saturday to get in all the classes.

The baby show has been completely divided into two to speed it up. There are two judging for boys and two for girls.

Entries in the fiddle contest will be taken till noon. They compete at 2.

Precision ride
The O.P.P. precision motorcycle ride is at 2.30 on the track on the grounds. It is very popular and enquiries have been made by people who want to make a point of seeing it.

Commentator is a former Acton O.P.P. officer, Peter Campbell.

Another new feature that will interest town people and visitors is "chore time" — an educational dairy display which will have Halton Dairy Princess Pat Murray and some 4-H girls actually tending and milking cattle. Complete stall units will be set up.

The swine classes were omitted altogether due to few entries in recent years but a hog breeder is bringing a commercial display.

Mrs. Swackhamer points out there are more new exhibitors with fewer entries this year, which should make for better competitions not dominated by a few names.

Dances end the day.
There are no major changes this year in the fair, and with good weather, the fair board is certain of another highly successful event.



Barkless dogs surprise council

Esqueping Council decided Monday night they need time to think about whether or not they should allow dogs that don't bark into the township.

permission to extend buildings on the original property to be used as a kennel, following a council committee meeting earlier in August.

Fred Dent, who raises Basenjis, a breed of hound from the Congo, that stand only 16 inches high and weigh only 20 pounds, appeared before council to ask for permission to operate a Kennel for the dogs at his new home on Lot 18, Con. 2, near Speyside.

Dent said the new property already has buildings and will require no further construction.

Asks transfer
"If it was okayed on a smaller property, couldn't it be transferred to the other one, which already has buildings?" he asked.

"The dogs don't bark," he added, much to the surprise of council.

Councillor Len Cox who chaired the meeting in the absence of Reeve Tom Hill and Deputy-reeve Russell Miller, asked Mr. Dent for time to discuss the matter at the next committee meeting.

Had permission

Dent told council he had been granted permission to operate the kennels on land just off Steeles Ave., but that he had been unable to purchase that particular property. Clerk-treasurer Delmar French confirmed that he had been given

Registrations for Y continue

More registration days are slated for boys, girls and adults to sign up for Y programs this fall and winter. A revived Y program is the aim of the Y board. (A coming event in today's Free Press states the times the Y is open for registrations.)

years ago liked the Y gym best, there is still no registrations for this program. The Y gym is most private for the painting and perspiring ladies, they discovered.

With registration a \$2 membership in the Y is needed. Further information on single and family membership may be obtained from the program coordinator Mrs. Mary Debenham whose home phone is 853-2483; Y phone is 853-1070.

Trip to Europe?

If a recommendation from the finance committee of Halton County Council is passed, three persons will represent the county in a trip to Europe to study local government there.

Flyers sent out
Ads in the Free Press and flyers given to all school children have outlined the proposed program.

The committee recommended the warden, one councillor and one staff member be authorized to attend. Because the trip won't be until after the election of a new warden and the Milton municipal election, no names were mentioned.

A main goal was to fill a bus to go to Guelph for swimming. It's hoped 50 will register to completely fill the bus. Registration is highest in this group but the bus isn't nearly full yet.

Some members of a previous council enjoyed a similar trip several years ago. The council is being recommended to subsidize the trip to 75 per cent of the transportation costs.

Two groups?

Some girls are signed up for the 3-F program — fun, fitness and friends. It's time was slated for Saturday mornings, but likely the girls will be divided into two groups, with the older ones perhaps arranging to meet one evening. Leaders will be Donna Aitken, Sue Sales and Shirley Brostad with others if needed.

Tenders above budget

Five tenders for construction of the addition to Acton District High School all came in above the budget, Superintendent Bruce Lindley told members of the Halton County Board of Education on Thursday.

Roy Wood expects most of his basketball players back for this season. Registrations are still being taken here too.

The tenders were referred to the architect for a report and the item was not dealt with by the Board at the Thursday meeting.

Need more
The art club, primarily for boys and girls not involved in hockey or other sports, has very low registration so far but organizers are hopeful.

The proposed addition was to include a library resource centre and offices.



ASPHALT RECAPPING of sidewalks in the downtown area is being done this week by the Milton Paving firm. A two inch compacted surface is being applied.—(Staff Photo)

Council defends black top walks

Acton councillors defended placing asphalt black top on sidewalks in the town's business section, at a meeting Tuesday.

Noting work was well along on the project the several councillors remarked that the black top made a big improvement. Councillor Greer said he had visited Mono Mills recently after they installed asphalt roads, sidewalks and gutters and was impressed with the appearance.

Councillor Earl Masales, chairman of the public works committee said Guelph had spent a small fortune on cement and brick sidewalks and it "looks like hell, in my opinion".

"Hell of a mess"
Mayor Dudy reported he received a call that evening from a merchant who was displeased with the black top, remarking it was a "Hell of a mess", and wanting to know who was going to pay for cleaning the rug in his store, stained by black gunk.

"It just needs time," the mayor commented about the recapping job. He said once it was toned up with dust and set the asphalt would look "real nice".

He reminded council they had altered the budget to have the sidewalks recapped when they were urged by some merchants to clean up the sidewalks. "I'm satisfied" with the job he said.

Cement to O.H.C.
At the same time, council concurred with town engineer Ken Hyde's recommendation to build a concrete sidewalk to the O.H.C. senior citizen and geared to income housing project on Cobblehill Rd.

Councillor Masales said the

engineer felt concrete would give the best effect because of the asphalt paved road and gutter. Asphalt sidewalks would make an odd appearance he said.

The mayor reminded council it was difficult to repair sidewalks with concrete but new sidewalks were a different matter.

Clerk Joe Hurst said the new sidewalk would also be well away from the heavy salting and less liable to pit on Cobblehill Road.

Councillor Greer said he felt the downtown sidewalks would eventually turn grey and present a fine appearance. He also noted that engineers would not guarantee cement sidewalks but were prepared to do this with asphalt.

11 per cent increase in hydro rates here

A rate increase amounting to about 11 per cent for Acton consumers was approved by Acton Hydro-Electric Commission at their meeting Wednesday evening. The rate increase to the local commission had been recommended by Ontario Hydro. It will be effective November 1.

At the meeting, the agreement with Headway Corporation was signed for the installation of services into the senior citizens' apartment and geared to-income houses. Acton hydro had donated the underground installation and material to the development while Headway had continued the installation in the units.

Leaky roof
Architect Don Skinner attended the meeting to discuss with commissioners the problem of the leaking roof of the hydro

building. The roof has not been satisfactory since the building was built in 1967. Mr. Skinner will get in touch with the contractor Whitney Construction in the continuing effort to rectify the problem.

All commission members were

present. The meeting was held a night earlier than usual since commissioner Ted Tyler Sr. attended Thursday a meeting of the Halton-Peel hydro study committee. The committee, which meets infrequently, considers regional matters.



Trail Riders horse show — see Page B7

Strange aircraft

Sky viewers were startled Sunday morning around 11 o'clock to see what looked like a long series of boards with wings and a motor skimming over Acton.

The pilot of this unique craft was sitting on the contraption in a leather seat exposed to the elements, while another wicker basket-type seat was unoccupied behind.

The craft looked like it might have come from the era of the Wright brothers when airplanes were just being developed.

Turned out this custom-made plane was called Breezy and was on its way to the Brampton air show from the Guelph airfield where it is based. Fortunately, for those who couldn't believe their eyes, the Toronto Daily Star captured the plane on film and ran it on the district page.

Forging charges laid

After two forged cheques were passed in town, a man with no fixed address was arrested, lodged in Milton jail and charged.

Last Tuesday the Bank of Montreal reported to police a forged cheque had been passed there.

The next day the taxi stand reported their suspicions about a cheque to the police and Cons. Roy Wood located the customer. Apparently he was also being sought by Toronto police.



Terri Dowling

Nursing graduate

Graduation exercises were held in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto Thursday evening for nurses who trained at the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital. Among about 70 in the class was Terri Dowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowling, Roseford Terrace. Terri is a grade 13 graduate of Acton High School.

Attending graduation were her parents and grandmother Mrs. Clara Brown of Victoria B.C. A mother and daughter tea was held Friday at the hospital which Mrs. Dowling attended.

During Terri's training, the course was changed from three years to two years.

Car crash fatal for young athlete

Another young Acton man has died as the result of a car accident, leaving his father and mother, two sisters and scores of friends bereaved.

Nineteen-year-old Joseph Tarr of 74 Longfield Rd. died at Joseph Brant hospital, Burlington, because of his severe head injuries. He died a few hours later. Randy Coker was treated at Guelph hospital and at the Acton Medical Centre. The accident followed another fatality a few hundred yards away where Alex Cushman, 48, died on 17 Sideroad Sept. 7 in a one car accident. Mr. Cushman was buried Saturday.

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Police were called. He suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

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Played hockey

Joe was a member of the Acton Lions juvenile hockey team for the past two seasons and assistant captain of the CWOSSA B champion Acton district high school hockey team. He played on Tri-County and Legion minor hockey teams from novice to juvenile and two years ago he qualified as an OMHA referee.

As a member of the Acton Referees' Association he refereed minor hockey in Acton. The second vice-president of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, Jim Kinkley, picked Joe as an excellent prospect for a career as a hockey referee.

Proficient in many sports Joe was also a member of the Acton Rams' junior lacrosse team in 1970 but stayed with his own age bracket and played juvenile this year. He was also a member of

the high school soccer team and enjoyed playing golf, which he took up recently.

Observe silence

A grade 12 student at Acton high school last term, Joe did not return to school this fall, electing to work with his father laying gymnasium floors. One minute's silence in Joe's memory was observed at the high school Monday by sorrowing students.

Joe leaves his parents and two sisters, Cathy and Nora at home in Acton, as well as grandparents in Hungary.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home with interment in Fairview Cemetery. Rev. A. McKenzie officiated.

Flower bearers were George McPhail, Brad Timbers, Bruce Fowler and Jim Holmes.



JOE TARR

