

Sun shines

10,000 ATTEND FAIR

Acton's 58th annual Fall Fair set a record at the gate Saturday surpassing large crowds of the last few years and delighting officers and directors of the institution which seems to pile success upon success.

An estimated 10,000 people went through the turnstiles Friday night and Saturday with gate receipts up higher than \$500 over last year's.

Sun smiles

And with success the sun smiled on the thousands of people who turned up for the Fair after cold, gloomy, wet weather and nasty pronostications from the weatherman. Bad weather returned Sunday after the festivities, suggesting the sun broke through just for the benefit of the Fair and five others being held within a few miles of Acton.

Other fairs in nearby places understandably cut down on attendance and exhibits but as secretary Mrs. C. W. Swackhamer observed, "Considering this we did very well. All breeds were represented in the cattle and horse shows and there were even some monkeys and donkeys entered in the pet show. The heavy draught horses had one of the best shows in years while cattle, sheep, ponies and light horses were about the same as other years."

About 2,500 people crowded into the community centre Friday night to hear M.P. Rud Whiting open the annual show, watch a fast-paced program emceed by Zena Cheevers capped by the

crowning of Brenda Bruce as Miss Acton Fair of 1971. The talented Miss was from R.R. 3, Acton, a resident of Erin township, where many of the Fair beauties have originated.

Fine midway
The King Shows midway engaged by the board turned out to be fun fair and with a ferris wheel, tilt-a-whirl, octopus, merry-go-round and several other rides for children as well as many other attractions to entertain funseekers and rides and booths were busy from Friday afternoon until late Saturday evening. Midway people were pleased.

Food booths were well patronized and several sold out of goodies before the show was over.

Saturday morning dawned bright and cheerful after the clammy, cold weather of the previous week. First big attraction Saturday was the parade which left the vicinity of the CNR station about 12.15 p.m.—only a few minutes late starting.

Thousands of spectators lined the route down Mill St., up Main N. and then down Knox Ave. to the park gates. Acton Citizens' Band fresh from their second place finish at the Canadian National Exhibition led the procession which also included the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band and the Canadian Junior "B" champion Guelph Opti-Knights band.

Political figures
Convertibles carried political figures, fair officers, life member Sandy McLean, Halton Dairy Princess, the Shorthorn Lassie and Furrow Queen rode in convertibles. There were several floats, the lacrosse champs and baseball champions, soccer and snowmobile club representation, ponies, a donkey, horses, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, 4-H Club, models from Milady Boutique and a host of other entries.

All eyes were on the O.P.P. Golden Helmets on their shiny 1200 cc Harley Davidson motorcycles as they paraded in formation with lights flashing and helmets gleaming in the sun. Not too far behind them was another precision ride—the Bramalea Lions on their minibikes heading up the Acton Lions delegation.

Arrival of the parade at the park was the signal for gates to be besieged with fair goers and the afternoon was well on its way.

Guelph Opti-Knights staged a marching band display, the Golden Helmets motorcycle precision team, 18 riders and a police cruiser performed their ride on the race track while thousands of spectators watched. Former Acton policeman Corporal Peter Campbell was commentator for the show. Commissioner Eric Silk and Acton O.P.P. detachment head Corporal Ray Mason took the salute from a reviewing stand.

Thronged crowded the arena displays, watched the cattle and horse rings, tapped their feet as the old time fiddlers competed, jammed the midway and watched the baby show.

There was another record entry in the baby show with entries from Acton and district, nearby towns and cities. Graham Townsend, Canadian champion old time fiddler, supervised the fiddling competition won by John Given of Burford. Acton's own Karen O'Rourke was second and David Weir of Etobicoke third.

"One of best"

All in all the fair was "one of the best efforts" admitted secretary Irene Swackhamer. She noted that the Fair board had provided a commercial display of hogs and dairy cattle as an educational feature. The cows, a Holstein, Ayrshire and two Guernseys were to have been

milking but power at that point in the park was too weak for the milking machines, so the demonstration had to be cancelled.

Acton Fair, because it has such a variety of entertainment seems to attract bigger crowds year after year. Improved attendance at other shows has also been apparent.

Announcer and M.C. for the horse show attractions was Jesse McEnery and he kept the program rolling along with help from his committee. Nino Brada kept proceedings going in the cattle rings where entries were judged to be of a very high calibre.

Big dance

Saturday night almost 500 dancers attended the Fair wind-up dance at the community centre where the popular local group The Shaynes provided the music. Among the dancers still spry and able to go despite a trying day were veteran fair-goers and workers Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson, both in their '80's.

Workmen were tearing down the midway and cleaning up when dancers left the community centre early Sunday morning but Fair board members never finished cleaning up the park until Monday evening, a task which must always be done in spite of the Fair's success.



MISS ACTON FAIR 1971, 17 year old Brenda Thibodeau. First runner-up was Irene Devries Bruce, a pretty brunette from R.R. 3 Acton, (right). Second runner-up was Ivy Ann Stull was crowned Friday night by 1970 queen Anita (left). Both girls are from Esquesing.

—(Staff Photo)

Request for baseball lights sparks new park discussion

Request for financial assistance in the erection of lights on the hardball diamond in Prospect Park was made by Acton Minor Baseball Association representatives Harold Speaker at Thursday night's Acton Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Mr. Speaker told the committee the A.M.B.A. is considering entering teams in the Halton County Baseball Association next season. With an expected increase in registration and the inavailability of coaches and managers on weekends during the summer, he explained many games would have to be played on weeknights. The A.M.B.A. provided baseball for 100 boys and softball for about 50 girls this summer. Next year Speaker said they expect to have over 100 girls registered.

Some hurt
He said some boys had been hurt this year in games that were continued after dusk. Visiting teams, naturally want to play

complete games, when they come to town. He said he understood Georgetown would install a new set of lights in time for next season.

Cost of the lights, according to Mr. Speaker, would be \$3,540 for mercury vapor lamps and six poles or \$3,994 for a brand new brighter type of light, which would provide the same amount of light on only four poles. He said Acton Hydro superintendent Doug Mason had offered to drop in poles and help with wiring and that other electricians had also offered to donate labor.

Speaker said he felt, if the facilities were installed now, they would be a benefit to Acton youngsters, not only now but also for many years to come.

Recalls softball
Parks manager Harold Townsley recalled how the Acton Softball Association had raised money to erect lights on the present softball diamond in 1965. "They got a small grant. The rest was raised by the men's

softball league. It cost about \$5,000 with all volunteer labor," he told the committee.

Councillor Peter Marks thought lighting was an item the committee would have to take a look at, when drawing up next year's budget.

Speaker said preliminary league meetings would likely be held as early as January or February.

"Is there any possibility the Hydro Commission would put anything towards this besides labor," Speaker asked. "In some other towns the hydro commission takes part and helps sponsor minor ball and hockey," he added.

"If its any indication, last year we had a pole moved. It cost us the full rate of \$200," Marks replied.

Promises discussion
Chairman Hugh Patterson promised the committee would discuss the request, but reminded Speaker it will be next February before they start lining up their

budget request to council.

Later in the evening the committee resumed discussion of the request.

Townsley felt it would be a mistake to erect another set of lights in Prospect Park. He opted for construction of a separate ball field complete with lights and a fence somewhere else in town.

"We could have people pay 10 or 25 cents each time they go through and all the money would go towards the lights," he suggested.

In his opinion the softball lights shouldn't be in Prospect Park. He pointed to the difficulty parks employees are having planting trees in there.

"We can't plant trees in the centre of the park," he explained.

Opposes suggestion
Marks opposed Townsley's suggestion of charging admission.

"We're subsidizing minor hockey. We might have to look at the other side too," he said.

Committee member Diane Spielvogel said she didn't think parks board should completely foot the bill for lights.

"I sometimes get the impression some people sit around and wait for this board to hand out money to them," she remarked. "They should be willing to work as hard as anyone

else does to get something that's worthwhile," she charged.

Referring to the 1965 erection of the softball lights, she recalled "The people that wanted the lights went out and got them. It's been proven it can be done and done in a very short time."

Views differ

Marks had a different view. "People who come here usually represent the five per cent of persons who get off their butts to organize and provide facilities. I've never seen anybody come here, where I know the guys don't work long hours to provide recreation," he replied.

Gil Malcolm didn't think the A.M.B.A. were utilizing present diamonds to the best advantages on weekends.

Referring to Prospect Park, Barry Insee commented "I don't think we should have another diamond down there with a set of lights. We don't want to clutter up the park."

The committee finally decided to write the A.M.B.A. to say they don't feel they can see their way clear to take the request to council right now and that they would rather not see another set of lights erected in Prospect Park. They would be more inclined to develop a park in the eastern end of town at a later time.

140 register night school

About 140 people registered Tuesday night for night school classes, promising a very successful fall and winter season. While some classes are well filled, all of them could still accommodate more and registrations can still be taken. Classes that will be starting for sure are bridge, conversational French, introduction to handicrafts, introduction to needlecrafts and typing. A couple of them are "overflowing", organizers report happily today.

Seek more
As usual, some classes would very much like to have a few more students before they begin. These are china painting and flower making, oil and water painting, pottery, sewing and the world adventure series.

It is hoped that furniture refinishing and shop will be combined in one class. Another combination will probably bring the gymnastics and physical fitness students together in one class.

It is expected the world ad-

venture series will be opened to high school students. The first countries slated for an evening's program each are East Africa, West Africa, Japan and Greece and Turkey.

New teacher

Pottery registration is low, and it is hoped more will register soon. The teacher this year, Mrs. June Levy, has 15 years experience. There's a kiln at the school.

The theatre arts and drama course wants more applicants. The Super-8 film making is shakey so far.

Classes with too few applicants to be run are probably consumer education, flower arranging, hostess and grooming, man and his environment.

Phone H.S.

Carolyn Freuler of the high school office staff may be contacted for further registrations. Others on the committee with information are Mrs. J. Creighton 853-2635 and Mrs. C. Cook 853-0983.

Teachers settle salary dispute

After months of negotiations and negotiation breakdowns, Halton County Board of Education and Halton Division of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation came to salary agreement Thursday evening.

The agreement makes provision for a 7.4 per cent increase on the average or a total increase of \$700,000 bringing the total instructional cost to the board up to \$9.4 million.

Salary schedule

The spread in the salary schedule provides \$7,100 for a secondary school teacher with no experience and in group one or the least qualified of the four classifications while a teacher with 1 years experience and in group four gets \$15,800.

An allowance of \$59 for a recognized post-graduate degree is part of the contract. The Board agreed to pay two thirds of the teachers' OHSIP and OHSC, one third of the extended health care plan and one third of the group insurance.

Principals will earn from \$20,500 to \$23,500 while vice-principals will earn from \$17,500

to \$20,000. Co-ordinators receive from \$17,500 to \$20,000 and assistant co-ordinators receive from \$16,500 to \$18,000.

Department heads receive an additional \$1,950 while minor department heads receive an additional \$1,150 and assistant department heads receive an additional \$900. The committee will now discuss working conditions.

Parks board gross grand

Acton Parks and Recreation Committee will probably realize a gross revenue of close to \$1,000 from operation of their booth and catering during the Sportsmen's Show weekend.

Arena manager Harold

Townsley said Thursday night's figures show a gross intake of \$878, but that a bill in the neighborhood of \$110 is still outstanding.

Parks employees provided cold cuts and sauerkraut at \$1

Extend Highway 25

Root reveals route to north

Highway 25 will be extended north from Ospringe to meet Highway 89, north of Valley and provide a new direct route from the Niagara peninsula to the Georgian Bay area.

Wellington-Dufferin M.P.P. John Root made the announcement in Arthur last night (Tuesday), after accepting the nomination as the riding's Progressive Conservative candidate in the October 21 provincial election. Guest speaker at the nomination meeting, Hon. Charles Mac-

Naughton, Minister of Transport and Communication confirmed the announcement, predicting the project will contribute substantially to the development of the area.

Will benefit

"This is something that will benefit our whole area," Mr. Root told the meeting. "Tourists coming into the country at Fort Erie will now be able to take this route to the north through one of the most beautiful parts of Ontario."

John R. Robertson of Grand-

Valley was also nominated, but withdrew before the balloting. About 300 Wellington-Dufferin conservatives attended the meeting.

Completes slate

Mr. Root's nomination completes the slate of candidates in the Wellington-Dufferin riding. Former Eramosa reeve Cameron Lush will be standard bearer for the Liberal party, while 37 year old Alan Rimmer of Hillsburgh, a politics and natural resources teacher at Conestoga College is the NDP candidate.



FASCINATED by their Acton Sportsmen's Show balloons, Trevor Roszell and Michelle Timmerman appeared to be having a good time at the Fall Fair. —(Staff Photo)



CAM LUSH
Liberal



JOHN ROOT
P.C.



ALAN RIMMER
N.D.P.