

Thousands view Fall Fair parade

Four bands Saturday noon escorted one of the best Acton Fall parades in years, and crowds lined the sunny streets to watch musicians, motorcyclists, horses, floats, celebrities and marching children swing by.

One of the four bands—the vibrant Shaynes, played on their float which was an entry in the service club and organization category. They rocked up a second.

First in line, playing with the quality and style that earned them a CNE second prize, was Acton Citizens' Band, its ranks well peppered with young players.

Another prize winner, the vivid Guelph Opti-Knights band, set the streets reverberating with drums, bugles and cymbals. They have just won a Canadian championship.

A change in tone was provided by the Georgetown Girls' pipe band, whose strains could be heard in the main business section before the parade even began.

Judges were posted along the parade route to separate classified entries for prizes from the other "fun" entries.

The Boy Scouts, with a huge float filled with Indians and teepees, took first prize for the service club and organization section. The Shaynes were second and the Lions club third. As well as a float, the Lions had a contingent of uniformed Lion mini-bike riders from Bramalea who hopped their small machines into routines along the route.

In the business and industrial category, Country Mart placed first with a colorful display of equipment. Milady Boutique placed second, with a contingent

of models wearing some of their latest outfits.

In the novelty category Acton Figure Skating Club took first with an impressive float filled with mock skaters and two huge boots.

Second was the entry made by Roy Swan of small buggies and horses. Third came Alec Johnston's entry of a buggy and pony.

O.P.P. team

With their Golden Helmets and gauntlets catching the sunshine, the O.P.P. motorcycle precision team vroomed down the street. Miss Acton Fair and her lovely attendants rode a flower-decked float from Eramosa Flower shop.

Other floats were original and colorful, including the Golden Age entry with Joe Fuller fiddling all the way. Brownies and

Guides, 4-H clubs, snowmobile club, the fire truck, horses, team, old cars and even a donkey all added their flavor to the parade.

Riding in cars were one sole life member Sandy McLean, president Bill Nelles and ladies' president Mrs. Ed Archibald; the Shortborn Lassie Cathy Lasby; Farrow Queen and Dairy Princess Pat Murray; Mayor Les Doby and Mrs. Doby, Warden Dr. Oakes, Reeve Tom Hill of Esqueving; George Kerr with Miss Burlington Liz Nicholls; Rud Whiting and some of the champion Rams.

As usual the St. John Ambulance brought up the rear. Youngsters joined the parade at Knox church and winners were: doll buggies, first Julie Heatley, second Karen Trotter; tricycles Kenneth Norton, Sean Heatley; bicycles Lorrie Jones, David Dunn, Kari Aitken.

OUR READERS WRITE:

Dear Sir:

For quite a number of years, I have been registered on the passenger list of the "Actonia" and have been sailing along on the sea of life in Acton, paying my just fares and roughing the stormy sessions under the captaincy of town fathers.

For the past couple of years, the captains have had us adrift in the lifeboats as we tossed and rolled on the wave of taxation with the storm brewing stronger and stronger.

Still in spite of the higher taxation wave, we don our lifejacket in hopes we can ride out the storm and more tranquil waters lie ahead.

Sitting in the bosun's chairs around the captain's table, decisions are made by the mighty nine how to weather the storm and provide the paying passengers with everything a good ship requires.

Hark! Did you hear the cry "water, water all around and not a drop to drink." The

captain and his crew emptied the water cooler, decided to dismantle it, then behold, a last minute decision to assess the passengers for a facelift of the drinking mug with the proud name "Acton" inscribed was made.

After bobbing around the sea for about a year, passengers suddenly felt the thud as the drinking cooler was felled and the name "Acton" lay on its side waiting to undergo the hot, smoldering torch of the wrecker. Once again the hat was passed among the passengers to pay for the captain's decision. Ah! at last the storm seemed to subside when suddenly, the gangplank needs refurbishing. After polling his works committee the captain learned the job shall be done, no passenger will fall prey to the nasty cracks and crevices in our gangplank, say they.

Now ponders the works committee on what materials to use. The decision was made to abandon a permanent, long range program of using cement, sand and water to

form a more concrete base in favor of a sticky, messy, black mixture called tarvin. A poll of most passengers indicated their strolls down the gangplank when work was underway left a little more than was to be desired.

Is the ship company running short of funds? Perhaps the penny-pinching crew have lost all but their shirts in the last poker game. Never-the-less, the senior passengers, by this time, will no doubt be able to survive the small lakes which are bound to imbibe in the depressions in the gangplank.

The rolling effect of the new surfacing will be easy to survive after years of being tossed around by the hardy crew. But no doubt, when the gangplank once again needs surfacing, children from any kindergarten with an armful of putty can provide a more reliable smooth approach to the stormy high seas on the "Actonia".

Just sign me "Just Gone under for the second time"

Students blitz to fight arthritis

Students from Acton district high school will stage a one hour blitz to collect donations for the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society on Thursday evening, September 30.

High school students have been helping with the campaign for several years but they are doing it all by themselves this time. Campaign chairman for Acton and district is Don McDonald, manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank. He is also in charge of the commercial and industrial contributions.

Student campaign co-ordinator is student Hank Wissensz while Lynne Nielsen is co-ordinator of public relations. Houses in Acton will be divided equally among student volunteers who will start knocking on doors September 30. It is hoped to have the town canvassed in an hour.

Affects thousands
Arthritis affects hundreds of thousands of Canadians and Acton has its share of patients. There are 122 patients in Acton, according to society

representative Maurice Vallee. Eleven of the Acton patients are among those in the physiotherapy case load.

It is estimated 428,000 Canadians are disabled by the disease and there is an annual loss to the economy of \$457 million as a result. Early treatment can prevent disability for most patients. The Society is aiming to plug gaps in the program not looked after by Government insurance programs such as fostering improved training for physicians, generating a sufficient number of specialists, supporting research groups and providing patient care services.

Experience has shown that for every dollar the Society has contributed anywhere from 10 to 20 additional dollars are attracted to it, almost entirely from tax funds.

So the more generous people in Acton and district are to the Society the more funds will be available to help fight one of the country's crippling scourges.

New officers for Ballinafad Scouts

New officers were elected Monday evening at the opening meeting of the Cubs and Scouts of Ballinafad.

A vote was taken and Mrs. Sandra Kasavoski of R.R. 1, Georgetown was elected the new committee chairman, the new secretary is Mrs. Thelma Deforest, other offices are filled from the committee of last year.

A vote of thanks was extended to Murray Harrison and John Owens of the Acton Scout Troup, who were guests at the meeting and spoke on the scouting events lined up for the coming year, and also took charge of the scouts for the evening.

Plans were finalized for the Cub and Scout booth at Georgetown Fall Fair October 2.

Golden Agers to get grant

Acton's Golden Age Club will receive a \$250 grant from Acton Parks and Recreation Committee.

The committee decided Thursday night to donate the \$250, which was left over from the \$1500 budget of the summer program, to the Golden Agers to help defray expenses of an upcoming bus trip to Ottawa.

Included seniors
Program committee chairman Peter Marks reminded members the summer program was originally set up to include senior citizens. However, when program organizers offered to help the Golden Age Club with their bus tours, Marks said "They said they could look after themselves, but they would appreciate a grant". "This seems to be the only way we can assist them," Marks went

on. Barry Inscow, the other member of program committee, emphasized the point program organizers had made an effort to help senior citizens. "They were contacted," he said. "In fact our people got a bit of the cold shoulder at first," he commented. Marks said approximately \$600 had been spent on the summer playground and about another \$300 on operation of the youth centre. He promised a full report on the summer program for next month's meeting.

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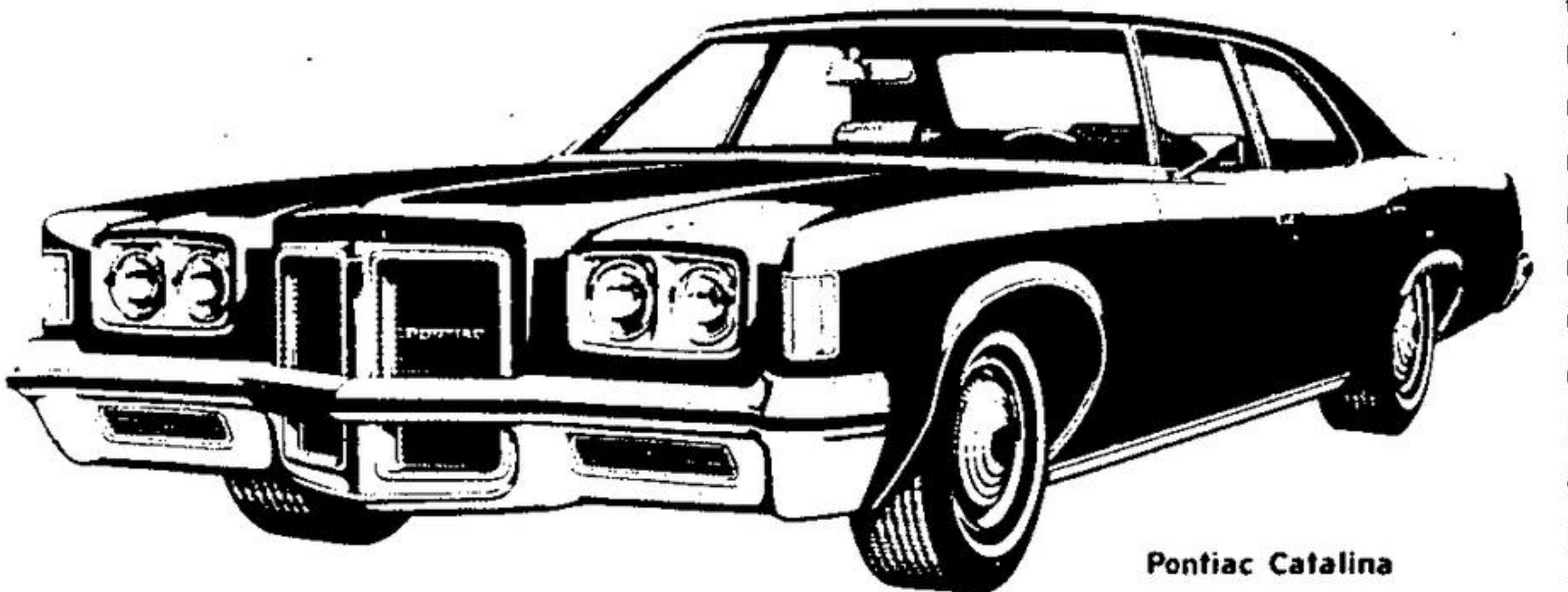
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