

Agreement reveals

Agricultural society rules park Fair days

The Acton Agricultural Society has unrestricted use of Prospect Park and the community centre building for the two days of the year Acton Fall Fair operates, plus unrestricted use anytime of the downstairs assembly hall in the community centre building.

This was revealed at Thursday night's parks board meeting when arena manager Harold Townsley produced copies of agreements between the society and parks board which were drawn up and signed in 1962.

At last month's meeting, some parks board members expressed disappointment the society had allowed cars to be parked on grassland on the north side of the community centre. Councillor

Peter Marks suggested at the time that if a previous board had signed an agreement, the present one take a look at amending it.

Agreement

According to the agreement, the society is allowed use of the park on Fair days, but it must be wholly responsible for preparation of the track, if it wishes to use it. The agreement gives parks board the right to control the type of permanent fixtures the Society may wish to erect. The society's right to use the downstairs assembly room stems from a financial contribution they made towards its construction.

Agricultural Society representatives Bert Hinton and Ken

Murray attended Thursday night's meeting to ask permission to remove the present wooden cattle tie posts at the west end of the park and install ground level footings, which will support portable ties. The portables would be used only at Fall Fair time.

Parks chairman Orval Chapman said he liked the idea, pointing out it would allow better use of the west end of the park throughout the year.

It was agreed Parks board will install the ground pipes following a discussion between the two groups about location. The society will supply the portable ties.

Wants co-operation

Fair president Hinton said he is anxious that good communication lines are kept open between the two groups and assured the board the society would be ready to discuss any problems that arise.

Asked by Councillor Marks what action the society would take regarding complaints about the quality of personnel and equipment connected with this year's midway, Hinton said the society is conscious of the situation and has taken immediate action to guarantee it won't happen again.

"You're real easy to what our secretary said," Murray interjected. "She said it was junk."

Hinton said that a doctor's report had pretty well proved a man taken ill on the Fair grounds Friday, September 15 was suffering from the flu. It was first thought he may have been a victim of food poisoning, after eating at one of the midway food booths.



HALTON'S NEW FLAG is proudly displayed by county office staffers Patricia Clements and Darlene Ferrier. The brown, green and yellow flag was introduced to help promote the 1974 International Plowing Match which Halton will host, and was on display at this year's match at Sebringville. The honeycomb design in the centre depicts the county's seven municipalities. (Photo by J. Jennings)

Halton pop up — farms fewer

According to statistics from 1966 and 1971 Halton County Farms are fewer, smaller and generally operated by more young people.

Statistics show the number of census farms in Halton County dropped from 1,349 to 1,108 in the five year period and the total acreage used for farms dropped from 154,403 to 126,912.

Less farming

While the county's population increased from 140,800 in 1966 to 190,469 in 1971, the farm population dropped from 6,434 to 4,741. That can be seen as a drop from 4.6 per cent of the total population to 2.5 per cent.

The number of farms owned by the farmer dropped from 899 to 679 while the number of tenant farmers increased from 119 to 188 and those who were part owner and part tenant dropped from 260 to 241.

In 1966, 31 per cent of the farmers in the county were under 44 years of age and that number now is 36 per cent. There were 27 per cent between the ages of 45 and 54 five years ago, while now there are 30 per cent. In 1966 there were 42 per cent over 55 years of age. Now there are 34 per cent.

Statistics show a trend towards more small farms in the three acre to 129 acre category.

According to the statistics

there were 583 cattle farms, 300 with two year and over milking cows, 226 farms with cattle on feed, 236 pig farms, 143 dealing in sows, 143 in sheep and 352 farms in the county have horses on the farm.

Goats, hens...

Goats can be found on 35 farms, hens and chickens on 245 farms, turkeys on 11, geese on 58, ducks on 98, mink on seven and rabbits on 65.

Statistics dealing with field crops in Halton County indicate considerable reduction in oats and hay acreage with increases in barley, mixed grain, corn and soybeans.

In 1966 there were 289 farms with 4,792 acres in wheat while there were 176 farms with wheat and 4,305 acres of wheat in 1971. During the same period oat production in the county was almost halved, as acreage dropped from 535 to 298.

Potato production dropped from 274 to 254 acres and only 31 farms compared to 176 farms in 1966 grew potatoes in 1971. A little less than 8,000 acres were devoted to hay in 1971.

Both barley and grain corn production was increased in both classifications. Grain corn jumped in acreage from 6,708 to 8,191 and barley acreage jumped from 2,626 to 6,966 acres.

In Esquesing

Patterson to run for deputy-reeve

A veteran of three years as a councillor in Esquesing township, C. F. "Pat" Patterson of Norval has announced he will challenge Councillor Len Cox for the position of Deputy-reeve in this December's township election.

"I have resigned from all my hockey affiliations and will be advocating sound business administration for the township during the campaign," the former O.H.A. referee-in-chief told this paper.

Patterson last served on township council in 1968. He was unseated in the December 1968 election, finishing fourth in a field of six candidates for three council seats, just 25 votes short of third place. He is vice-president of Swift Chemical Company, a division of Swift Canadian Co.

He did not run in the 1970 election.

Councillor Cox announced his candidacy for the position of deputy-reeve last month at the same time the township's present deputy-reeve, Russell Miller decided to challenge Reeve Tom Hill for Esquesing's top elected post.

So far, present Councillors Wilfrid Leslie and Dick Howitt are the only declared candidates for three council seats. Nominations are to be accepted at the township offices, Thursday, November 9, Friday, November 10 and Monday, November 13.

Terriers win

Boston Terriers owned by Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fritzell, Main St. S. won a total of 17 prize ribbons at a Metro Toronto Kennel Club show in Etobicoke Sunday.

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Let's talk about HORSES

with Jennifer Barr



I had quite a chuckle at a friend's stories of show jumping escapades.

At one large, fashionable show Friend's mare refused a huge stone wall by suddenly running out to the right and passing the wall completely. The suddenness of the swerve shot Friend from the saddle, forcing her to swing around with her left foot still in the stirrup until she was facing the horse's tail. Her free right foot hit the wall, and quick as a wink, she was pivoted back in the saddle, cantering on without missing a beat to the cheers of the spectators.

The judge offered her \$10 to try the trick again.

Two lovely phrases from a long time horseman's repertoire: (Commenting on a horse): "Humph—he's all hair and appetite!" (Commenting on another horse): "He may be pigeon-toed, jug-headed, gossumped, and dumb, but he sure is pretty around the papers!"

Question: We are one of the new and ever increasing breed of new horse owners who move up from the cement jungle, buy a horse and then proceed to treat it like a house pet. We bought a chestnut gelding, 16 h.h., in June and with a horse manual in one hand and post hole auger in the other, proceeded to kill him with kindness.

He has an adequate corral, a three sided lean-to to keep the sun and the rain off him, and, when he could escape to it, lots of fresh new grass (right outside the front door) to graze on.

All summer we intended to get

started on his stable, but with miles of dirt to get covered with grass time has gone by and now it's nearly snowing.

The stable is started, and this is the reason I am writing, it won't be ready for weeks. How much cold can a big, fuzzy, well-fed horse take? In a pinch, could chasing him in his shelter a bit more be adequate protection? I'm sure I'll find this great brute standing in our family room one cold morning.

Answer: Please get that horse out of your family room! He's a big tough beast and will probably be happier free in his corral with his shelter all winter.

In fact, given their choice, horses prefer to be out in the weather rather than confined. Our winters are not sever (no they're not, compared to the rest of Canada) and horses winter out most satisfactorily.

Your gelding will be healthier if allowed his freedom rather than standing confined in a small barn. Even a tiny draft inside can sicken a horse whereas a cold windy storm outside just makes his cheeks rosy.

Feed him plenty of corn, oats, bran, and good hay, salt, mineral, and fresh water. Don't worry about the stables. Stables are more of a human convenience anyway.

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Bill Smiley . . .

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against itself, eh, Smiley?" And "What are you trying to do, Smiley, get out the vote?"

I coolly ignored the jibes, but secretly wondered whether there was material for a column in it. That's the way a columnist thinks, so watch what you say when I'm around. I decided there wasn't. And, as you can see, I was right.

Perhaps this column should be headed, "How Not To Write a Column". But you see, I did, and you read it. At least, I hope you did. Surely three or four of you did. If you didn't, write me and explain why.

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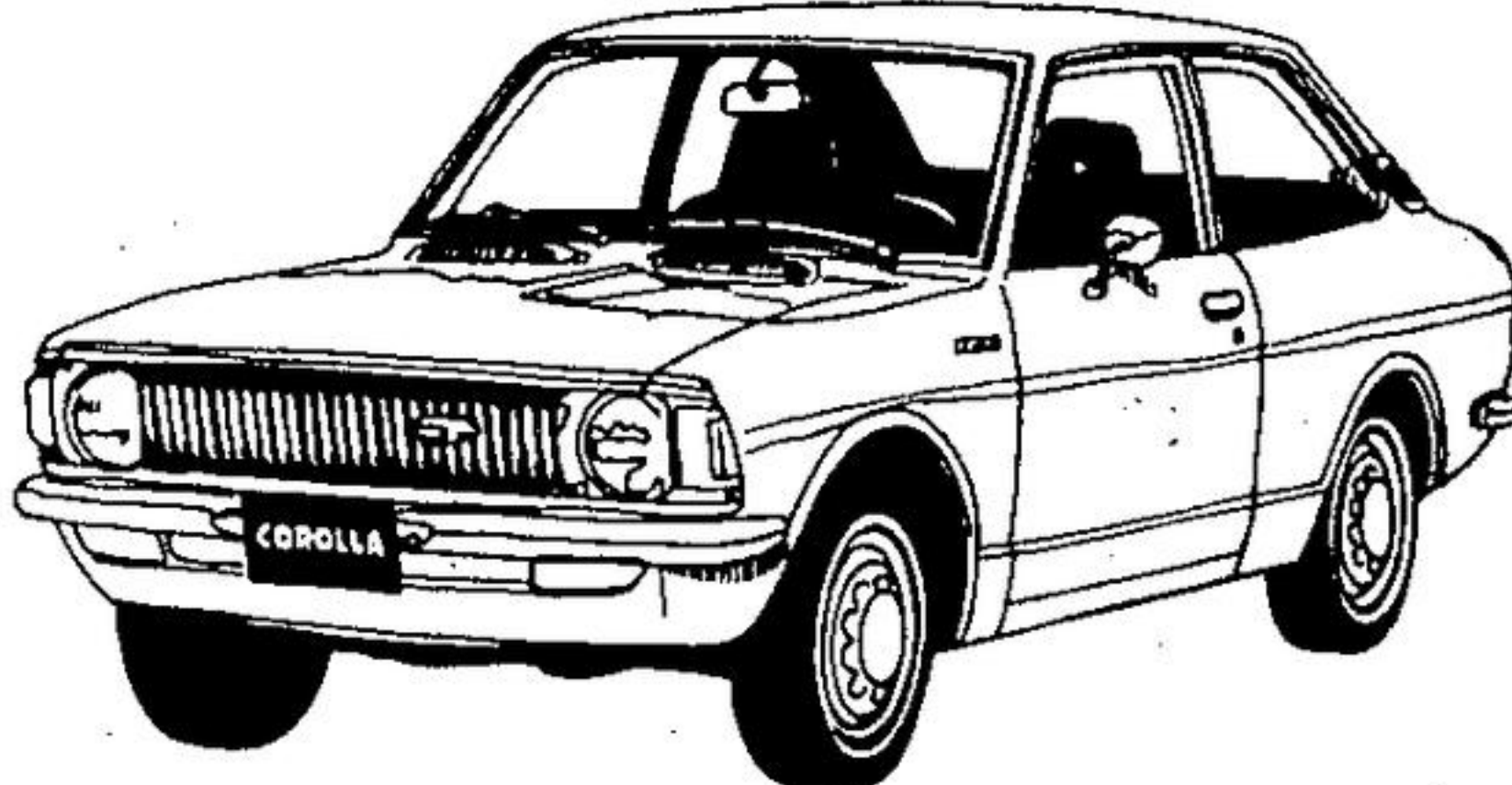
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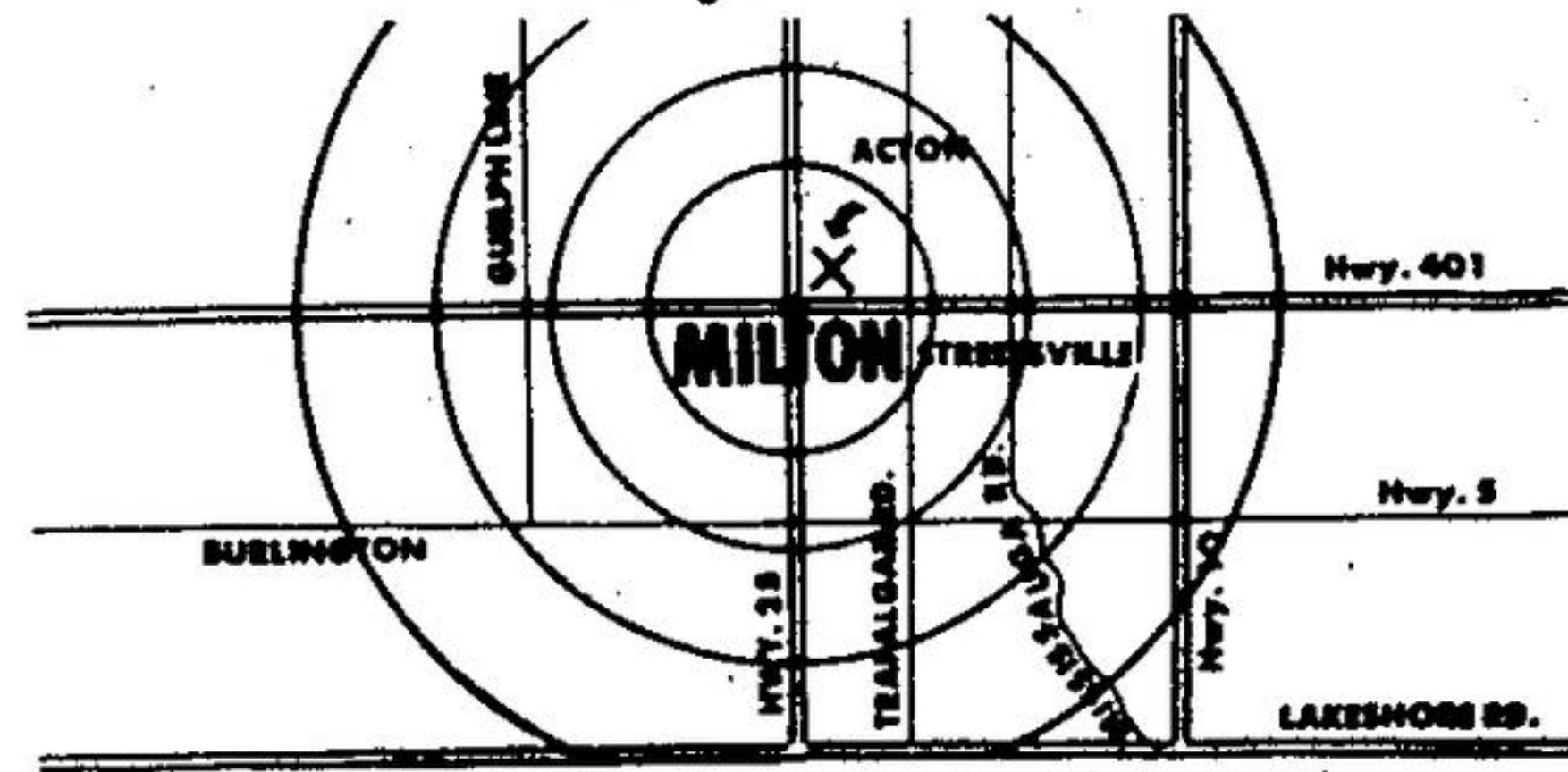
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