

PROUD RECIPIENTS of County Honors at the 4-H Home and Garden Club Achievement Day in Ballinacfad Thursday were l. to r., Carolyn Bird of Ashgrove, Debbie Rippon of Dublin and Sherry Ismond of Dublin. (D. Gibbons photo)

60th Fall Fair ready to break all records

With just a little more than two weeks to go until Acton's Fall Fair, the board and the various committees engaged in planning and staging the event have been devoting all the time they can spare. They hope the 60th annual renewal of the show will be one of the best ever seen in Acton.

So far indications are the exhibits and entries are going to exceed all previous efforts.

For instance, the big parade which starts Saturday's full day of events off—a procession that

winds its way right through town. This year the parade will be starting at the high school grounds instead of the station and three big bands have been engaged to provide music.

Prize winners

Number one, of course, is the prize-winning Acton Citizens' Band, fresh from their win at the Canadian National Exhibition. They'll be augmented by players from the George Harvey school band; then the well known prize winning Guelph Opti-Knights and

finally the large Burlington Teen Tour Band, one of the best, if not best teen bands on the continent. Possibly two other small bands will march as well, but the committee has not received a definite commitment.

Float entries are coming in and the committee has scored a triumph in obtaining the six horse hitch of Mr. Teeble from Paisley to parade. Three trail riding groups in the area—Rockwood, Georgetown and Burlington—have all agreed to participate and the board is offering prizes of \$15 and \$10 for the best horse and rider.

Georgetown Air Cadets drill squad will also take part and operate a booth and there'll likely be other surprises by the time the procession leaves the school grounds.

Friday night the arena performance has a full roster of professional talent furnished by Zena Cheevers, but the big draw again will be the Miss Acton Fair contest. The contest is open to single girls 16 and over, not 15 as the program mistakenly says. Contestants must live in Acton or the adjoining townships of Esquesing, Erin, Nassagaweya or Framosa. Erin township girls have been setting a strong pace for winning the contest but the town and other township girls aren't going to let them sit on their laurels.

Judges for this year's Miss Acton Fair contest are John Cruickshank, athletic director of Sheridan College; Carol Hushchensky, former Miss P.E.I. and Miss Canada; and Bernie Custis, former football star and head

coach of Sheridan College football team.

Saturday, of course, the midway is always the big attraction and King Shows have promised to provide four more rides than they brought last year. Then there's the old time fiddlers' contest, the baby show and a new wrinkle—a sheep shearing demonstration.

Livestock classes are popular at the Acton Fair and horse classes are expecting particularly large entries especially in jumping. There are so many young showmen around eager to display the knowledge they have picked up at 4-H and other agricultural pursuits the committee expect record entries.

The Junior Farmers are planning a mini-farm display and a committee is also working on a tiny talent show on the grounds.

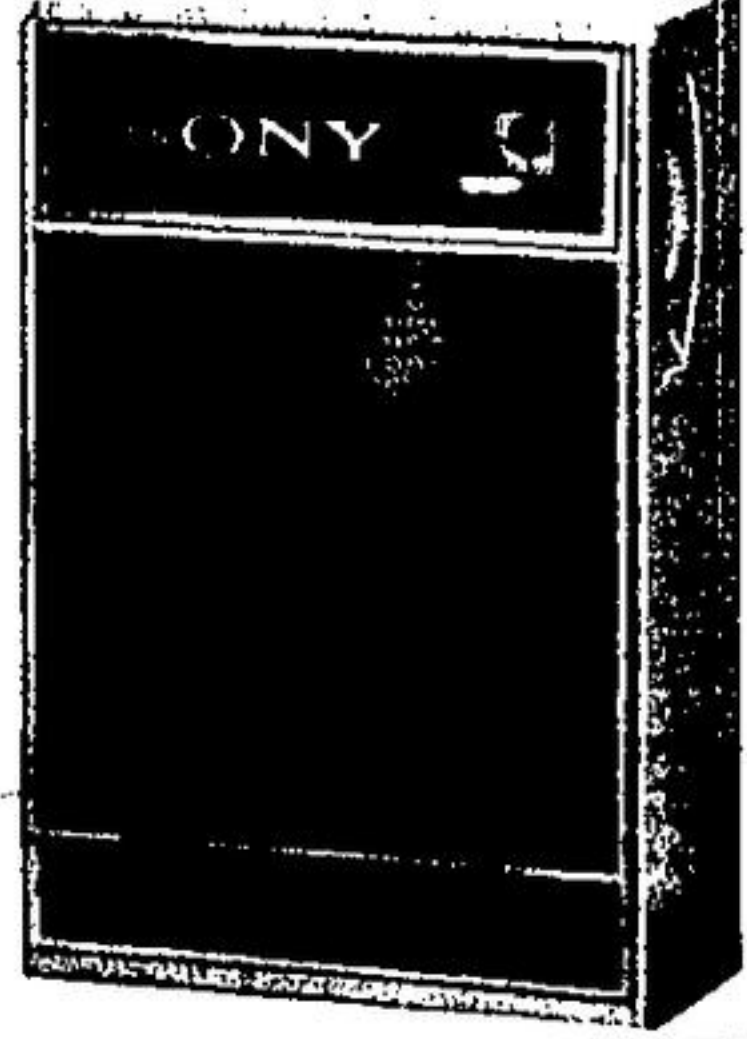
The fair grounds will be laid out with a broad avenue running down the middle to separate the various attractions. The request for exhibit space both inside and out has been increasing as time for the Fair draws near. New car and implement dealers have been asking for space well above the pace of the last few years.

With planning so well advanced, the Fair Board and the various committees are now hoping the weather will suit the occasion.

New secretary Lorna Marshall and her assistant John Rowe are getting a full introduction into the intricacies of staging the annual show. They filled the vacancy caused by Mrs. Irene Swackhamer, who resigned last year after 18 years on the job.

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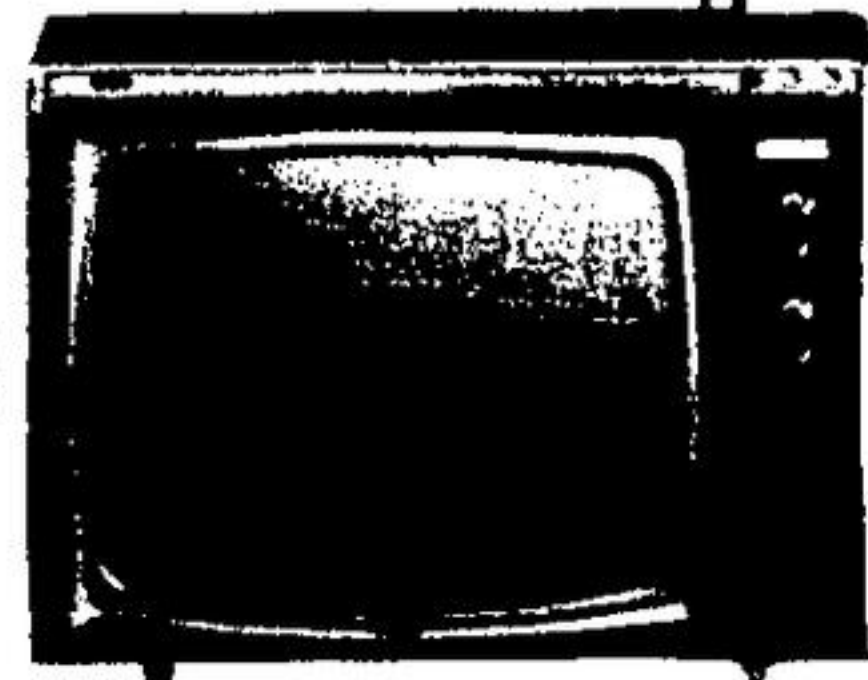


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Debris yields arrowhead

SIFTING THROUGH DEBRIS as the family camped at Cochrane, Carole Staley of Queen St., Acton, discovered this unusual Indian arrowhead, which she brought home to be identified and to start a collection. Indian expert John Michie of R.R. 4, Acton, thinks it is a Cree arrowhead used for hunting and fishing, probably fashioned from local stone or Lake Erie flint. His examination was curtailed to one telephone but he'll see it this weekend and give more details to Carole, who is intensely interested in it. The Staley family's camping trip to the north included a trip to Moosonee on the Polar Bear Express. Mr. Michie, incidentally, will feature his collection of Indian relics at the gun show in Acton this weekend.

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