

All roads lead to Acton for Fall Fair this weekend

Acton Fair will be officially opened this weekend by Doug Palmer, president of the Canadian National Exhibition and past president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies.

President and directors have been busy for the past 12 months preparing for this year's two day event which is kicked off Friday night at the arena performance. Well known entertainer Zena Cheevers will be M.C. for a program of professional entertainment featuring an accordionist, magician, acrobats, juggler, dance team and musicians.

The evening will be capped with the crowning of Miss Acton Fair 1973 by Miss Valerie Mitchell, Miss Acton Fair of 1972.

President H.H. Hinton will welcome the crowd at the Friday night performance which will be preceded by a parade and concert by Acton Citizens' Band, fresh from their first place win at the Canadian National Exhibition. Of course the hall exhibits, the midway and concessions will all be open Friday night as well.

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grounds are laid out so a large main street runs down the centre.

The afternoon starts off with a big parade at 12 noon featuring five bands including Acton Citizens' Band, Guelph Opti-Knights and the Burlington Teen Tour Band, all large groups, and the committee has now received confirmation from the Sandhill Pipe Band and the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band that they will participate as well as the Georgetown Air Cadets.

Float entries have been pouring in this week and there'll be lots of horses in the procession which is assembling at the high school grounds rather than at the C.N. station which has been completely torn down. Three trail riding clubs are taking

part and there is also a six horse hitch in the parade.

The parade will proceed down Mill Street to the park grounds and it is quite likely the Old Time Fiddlers' Contest will be going full tilt in the arena before the tail-end of the parade reaches the fair grounds.

The old time fiddlers' committee of R.L. Davidson, Bill Nelles and Ed Watson are making a special effort to make this year's competition one of the best ever, so it has been moved to the arena so weather won't interfere. It is open only to fiddlers from Halton and Erin and Eramosa townships and there is no entry fee. First prize is \$50 and the H.H. Hinton trophy, second prize is \$30, third \$20, fourth and fifth \$10.

The baby show, another popular Saturday afternoon fair feature in the arena begins at 2.30 p.m. and there are three sheep shearing demonstrations on the grounds during the afternoon, another new wrinkle being introduced this year to give the Fair variety.

The grounds will be busy all day Saturday at the horse ring where jumpers and hunters will be busy as well as light and heavy horses and ponies. Beef and dairy cattle always make a good showing and the poultry show is showing signs of being an outstanding exhibition in itself. There is also a large number of entries in the pets and hobby crafts.

Special hall displays are always in-

teresting especially the school children's work and handicrafts. The baked and canned products never fail to make mouths water.

The Junior Farmers and 4-H clubs take a very active part in the Acton Fair and again their displays will be a highlight.

There are so many events crammed into the two day Acton Fair there is neither the space or facility to mention them all. For those who still have energy left after two days of renewing acquaintances, strolling the grounds and helping children on the midway, there's the Fair dance on Saturday in the arena where the always popular Shaynes are providing the music.

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Four stand for mayor in October 1 election

An exciting four man race for the mayor's chair has saved what might have otherwise been a lacklustre inaugural election in the new borough of North Halton which is made up of Acton, Georgetown and Esqueving township.

Georgetown Mayor Bill Smith, Esqueving Reeve Tom Hill and Georgetown Councillors Bill Hunter and Phil Siddall have entered the mayoralty race. Nominations closed at 5 p.m. Monday.

Three acclamations of North Halton's four seats on the Halton Region Council have already

been filled as Esqueving Deputy-reeve Len Cox was acclamated in Ward 2 (Esqueving).

Similarly in Georgetown, Reeve Rick Morrow was unopposed in Ward 4 and Deputy-reeve Ernest Sykes was acclamated in Ward 3.

The fourth regional seat in North Halton will be decided in a race between Acton Reeve Garnet "Pat" McKenzie and Deputy-reeve Peter Marks in Ward 1 (Acton).

Mayor Les DUBY, Councillors Orval Chapman and Barry Inscow, former clerk-administrator Joe Hurst and



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former councillor Bob Drinkwater are in a five way battle for the two area council seats in Ward 1 (Acton).

Russ returns
Former Deputy-reeve Russell Miller has returned to take on incumbent Councillors Dick Howitt and George Malby in Ward 2 (Esqueving) where two area councillors will be elected.

Newcomer John Hole joins incumbent Councillors Ern Hyde and Roy Booth in the race for two area seats in Georgetown's Ward 3. In Ward 4, also Georgetown, incumbent Councillors Harry Levy and Mike Armstrong

will try to hang on to their seats against the challenge of G. D. Ripley.

Tom Watson, a veteran school board campaigner will represent Ward 1 (Acton) and Ward 2 (Esqueving) on the new Halton Region Board of Education. He was unopposed in nominations for the position. Incumbent Ernie Bodnar, chairman of the present county board won acclamation to represent Wards 3 and 4 in Georgetown.

Hart Sherk of Georgetown was acclamated to the Halton Region Separate School Board.

Plan gala region inauguration

Inauguration of the Halton Regional Council will be held in a Burlington high school, Thursday, October 18 with a reception to follow at the plush new Holiday Inn, Region Chairman Allan Masson told Esqueving Council last week.

Masson said Premier Bill Davis, Lieutenant-Governor Ross McDonald, members of parliament and past county wardens will be among the guests. Fifteen hundred people are expected to attend.

The Chairman explained the historic event was being held in Burlington because it was the only place in the re-

gion buildings large enough to accommodate all guests could be found.

He outlined preparations now underway for the regional council takeover and said he is pleased with the way things are proceeding.

"I really don't have any power," he explained. "I'm trying to put together the skeleton of regional government. Then it will be up to the elected people to put the meat on that skeleton."

Praises north
Masson said he hoped for the same type of leadership North Halton representatives showed in early county meet-

ings on regional government.

"It was the north that gave us leadership and was the catalyst that brought the seven municipalities together. I was very proud of them," he said.

Selection of persons to fill regional jobs will come only after all positions have been advertised, the applicants have been screened by a selection board, that board has made recommendations to the regional council and council has approved them, he promised.

He said, however that he expected council would look at all applications if it looked

at one. These positions will not be filled until after January 1 1974, he said.

"Do you foresee regional council headquarters remaining in Milton?" asked Councillor Dick Howitt.

Masson made no firm reply, but said a steering committee has looked at sites in Oakville, Burlington and Milton.

"We have considered the geographical position of Milton in the centre of the region, but we have also considered that the bulk of the population in the region is south of Highway 5."

Deputy-reeve Len Cox

recommended council reiterate its support for Mr. Masson and do everything in its power to make regional government a success.

"We intend to be just as co-operative as before," added Reeve Tom Hill.

Apply for cable TV
An application for cable television in Acton was presented Tuesday in Ottawa to the Canadian Radio and Transport Commission. The application was instituted by John Goy Sr. The actual hearing is in March.

Georgetown Cable TV is also applying to serve Acton. They had written for Acton council support, but Tuesday night councillors agreed they would support the local applicant. Mayor DUBY explained council felt it would be in the best interests of the community to strongly support the local applicant but if he should fall in his application, council could support Georgetown at a later date.

Tuesday was the deadline for receiving applications. A full presentation will be given later.



HARBINGER OF hockey season? The Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees, held their hockey sticks aloft in an arch at the wedding of Maureen Downey and Ruddy Holmes. The team's appearance outside the church was a surprise. The marriage was Saturday, August 25 at St. Alban's church and there's a full account inside. The Acton Sabres Junior hockey team held their first practice in Guelph this week. (Photo by Wm. Stuckey)

Lions swimming pool gets council support

A swimming pool and three tennis courts got council's approval Tuesday.

But not before councillor Bill Coats wondered how the Lions club's swimming pool project would fit in to the centennial committee's plans.

After assurances from the mayor and centennial committee member Barry Inscow, council passed two bylaws authorizing the signing of agreements with the Halton County board of education.

The indoor pool would be constructed at the high school on request of the Lions club, and the tennis courts on the Robert Little school grounds, on request of the recently re-organized tennis club.

Town project?
While councillor Coats quickly agreed a swimming pool project was "fantastic" he asked "We set up a centennial committee. They are to set up a project and haven't yet—Now the council is supporting a major project. I don't think there's room for anything else. Should we be doing this to a body we have appointed?"

Mayor DUBY pointed out the Lions club decided on their own project and had asked council's co-operation. "This is the first concrete step for something feasible—by next year we'll have a good result, I'm sure."

He felt the centennial committee could support this project or another one. He thought centennial committee members were well aware of developments.

"The Lions are showing unprecedented initiative," commented Mr. Marks.

Mr. Inscow reported the centennial committee is planning a survey to determine a project. However he felt council should help make it easier for the Lions to go ahead with their own project.

"We should be 100 percent behind it."

"We keep floundering around," observed Mr. Chapman, in support of the resolution. We don't want to end up with nothing.

OK courts
In support of the second resolution on tennis courts, Mr. Inscow presented a document from the tennis club outlining space requirements

and financing. This was referred back to committee and the bylaw to enter into agreement with the board passed speedily.

There would be two double courts and one single court on the Robert Little school grounds.

which apparently is neither category. Straus fought the ban and it was revoked. He has \$35,000 invested in the car and trailer and his wife and two children comprise the crew. The powerful sub-compact has a 600 h.p. motor throbbing under the hood as it pulses down the dragway, three miles east of Acton.

Hold up building for creek study

Building applications in Acton will be turned down by the Ministry of the Environment until a study on the Black Creek is completed, council learned Tuesday.

Eight lots on Churchill Rd. N. owned by Alteo Construction will not be developed until the matter is cleared up. John Martin of the Ministry of the Environ-

ment had attended a meeting of the administration committee. Clerk Grant Usher explained the application would be turned down because of the Black Creek, not the town's sewage plant itself.

There had been a study of the creek and more tests were to be made there soon. Then a report would be received by the town.

Must know
Councillor Elliott commented it's important for the town to know its own service capabilities. There are projects "in the works" now. Mr. Usher said all present

subdivisions Kingham Hills and Bovis have been approved, up to a limit of 8,000 population for the town.

However additional lots were being created in smaller McMullen, Alteo and Branciewicz properties and the Ministry had a concern about these.

A directive will go to the Committee of Adjustment to turn down any further applications until the Black Creek study is received, he said.

The mayor added that the Black Creek study is very pertinent to us and to Georgetown as a built-in protection. "We like the small town atmosphere," he observed.

Grass roots thriving

Mayor DUBY Tuesday at council expressed his pleasure at the number of candidates running for elections here. "The grass roots politicians have indicated there's no apathy here," he declared with a grin.

And he hopes for the same lack of apathy on election day.

"It's marvellous how many in Acton have indicated their candidacy," he said. "I wish everybody well."

Minor collisions Saturday

There were two collisions in town on Saturday, both in the same area.

First occurred shortly after 4 p.m. on Fellows St. as one car pulled out onto the street from a driveway which according to police had obscured vision. The drivers were Joe Bray, Elizabeth Dr., with estimated \$350 to the right rear of his car, and John Villneff of Toronto with estimated \$20 damage.

The second accident occurred nearly an hour later in the Foodland parking lot. Car owners were Robert Gracck, Poplar Ave., with estimated \$25 damage to his car, and Frances Hubert, Young St., with no damage to the car.

Restore fire truck

Council gave Acton Firefighters Association a good price Tuesday and agreed to sell them the town's unused 1927 Studebaker fire truck—for one dollar.



THIS CANADIAN-BUILT Astre, owned and driven by Bert Straus of Kitchener, was an attraction at the closing events of the Toronto International Dragway over the weekend. The only "pure" Pontiac pro stock in existence, it was barred from the U.S. Spring Nationals by the National Hot Rod Association because pro stock regulations state entries must be American-made or an import and it was built in Canada.

(Paul Murr photo)

Clinic success

Response to Monday's blood donor clinic at Georgetown was "fantastic" according to Connie Nieuwhof of the Georgetown and district Red Cross.

Four hundred and ninety-seven donors showed up at Holy Cross auditorium and 40 of them were rejected to make a total of 457, the largest clinic ever held in Georgetown.

Many of the donors were from Acton and district. Mrs. Nieuwhof said, and from points as far away as Toronto and Streetsville.

An appeal for special types of blood to be used for operations in Toronto hospitals on the following day also helped bring out the donors. Mrs. Nieuwhof felt. The largest turn out in the past had been 471 in 1971 but this fell to 380 in the next clinic.

She paid special tribute to the telephone committee and the newspapers who helped make the clinic a success with their appeals.

Next clinic is Monday, December 10.

Plan to meet the candidates

Acton Chamber of Commerce is tentatively arranging a Meet the Candidates Night at Acton high school auditorium on Wednesday, September 26.

All arrangements have not been completed but secretary Mrs. Betty Eastwood said candidates for councillors from Ward One (Acton) and the two regional council candidates for the same ward have agreed to participate.

The four candidates for mayor have yet to be contacted.

Further information will be available in next week's Free Press.

The Chamber feels the meeting will go a long way towards explaining the new regional set-up for those who are confused as well as giving candidates a platform to express their views.