



AN EARLY SUNDAY morning electrical storm resulted in a fire to a utility shed-garage on the farm of Patrick Redgrave of R.R. 1, Campbellville. The suspected 140-year-old shed was flattened and two automobiles parked inside were destroyed. Roy Redgrave, 19-years-old, watches firefighters subdue the pyre.

## Parade, prizes, rides make exciting fair

The Golden Helmets, the Carlsberg Eight Horse Hitch and a Lions Lounge are just a few of the many exciting features to be at the 1975 Acton Fall Fair this coming September 19, 20 and 21. The three days will find Prospect Park in full tilt with the judging and entertainment continuing on into the Sunday. This special day was tried last year for the first time with almost all the events and exhibits dismantled. This year, everything will be going on as on Saturday except the Lions Lounge and the cattle, swine and sheep judging.

For the members of the fair board and others directly involved with the three day event, the week before the fair is just as busy as the actual weekend. Exhibits in the arena have to be put up, chairs have to be borrowed from the high school and all the normal get-ready jobs have to be done.

**Fair begins**  
On Friday evening Halton Hills mayor Tom Hill will open the fair.

This is the day when most of the judging will be done. The goods in the arena are all judged and prize ribbons tagged on to deserving items.

At 4 o'clock, the midway opens. Happyland rides will once again thrill children and adults with a newer and more improved midway than last year.

Vince Mountford and his entertainment group will be included in a variety show which will be interesting for the whole family.

**Miss Acton**  
One of the highlights of the fair for many will be the Miss Acton Fair contest. Girls are judged for their poise, intellect and beauty. The young lady selected as the winner in this contest can look forward to a year of representing Acton and the fair itself, at various events throughout the town and province.

The Lions Lounge opens Friday evening and will be in a tent as it was last year.

**High gear**  
The Junior Farmer Mini

Farm and the Carlsberg Eight Horse Hitch are additional features to put the park in high gear on Friday evening, according to Fairboard president Ken Murray.

Saturday is a judgment day. After the gates open at 10 a.m. cattle, horses, swine and sheep will be inspected and judged.

At noon, another highlight of the weekend takes place. The parade from the high school to Prospect Park is always a favourite. At the present time, five bands, the Carlsberg Eight Horse Hitch and the Golden Helmet O.P.P. motorcycle team are scheduled to make up the parade. Many other floats are also expected.

**Advance sale**  
Excitement is high at the park all day long, and continues on into the evening when the Shaynes play at a dance in the arena. Tickets

for this event will be pre-sold to avoid the congestion of previous years with many people wanting tickets at the same time. They can also be bought at the door however.

Because of this dance, the hall will be closed at six o'clock in order that exhibits can be dismantled to make way for the dancers.

The heavy horse show has been drastically changed and greatly enlarged, according to the president, Elmer McKinnon of Erin will be the judge.

**Saturday events**  
The 4-H calf achievement day also takes place on Saturday. This is a big event for all the local club members as their prize-winning crops are displayed. Some of these crops are being judged at the present time. The Golden Helmets, Carlsberg team and many other displays will be around all day.

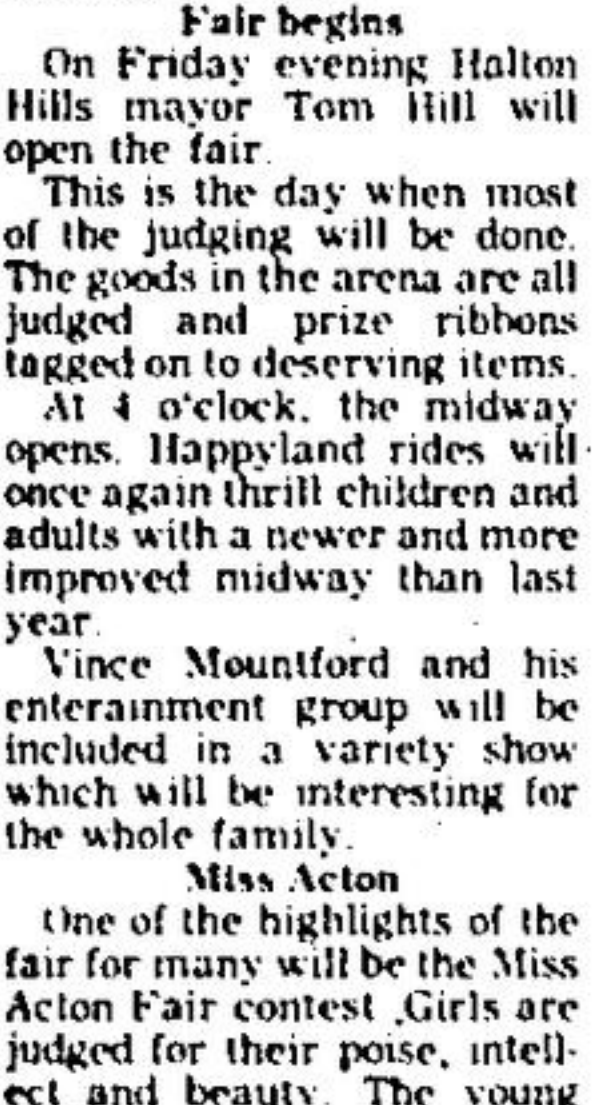
Sunday features a new event sponsored by the Lashby family of Rockwood. Parent showmanship of 4-H calves has been specially created so that children's calves can be shown by their parents. This feature is based entirely on showmanship, not the animal itself.

**Fiddlers**  
The Old Time Fiddlers Contest will appear on Sunday as compared to Saturday in previous years. The prize money has been raised to make the event more interesting.

A barbecue has been scheduled for the afternoon but at this time it is not known whether it will be chicken or beef.

**Local talent sought**  
An art show will be held in the arena during the afternoon. Local artists are invited to set up booths to show and

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STORES WERE almost wiped right out of fans and air conditioners last week. Dodie McGilloway fans herself with the only fan left at Home Hardware; George Wallace has only a combination heater-cooling fan left at Moss Hardware. Roots in Rockwood was also sold out.

## At 104 in the shade stores sell out of fans

The temperature reached 104 degrees on the hot and steamy weekend - several sources reported the same sizzling digit on their thermometers. And they were in the shade, too.

Sale of fans and air conditioners soared until local hardware stores were almost sold right out.

Home Hardware stocked up for the weekend last Thursday with about 20 fans right from the warehouse at St. Jacobs. Before closing time Saturday Mike Kinal had

made two more trips and sold about 45 fans of all types and sizes. The only one left on Tuesday was a small desk-type fan which clerk Dodie McGilloway plugged in to create a breeze around the cash register.

Requests for fans were still coming in too.

Home Hardware also sold three air conditioners on the weekend and had none left by closing time.

**One left**  
Moss Hardware was also sold right out except for a combination heater-fan. They sold about 25, and can't get

any more from the warehouse until this Thursday. They have sold eight or 10 air conditioners the past week and had none left Saturday.

Root Hardware in Rockwood had a similar story. They sold out of fans but couldn't get any extras from their Guelph store, since sales were wiping out the supply there too. They sold the only air conditioner in stock.

And all the stores reported people still asking about fans and air conditioners this week.

## Round up at plaza

Surprise appearance in Glenora plaza was made Saturday by 14 (count them) 14 cows. The police were called and Cons. Gibson and Cons. Boyes got the willing help of young people in rounding 'em up.

Owner Elmer Halt was called and found his herd grazing on the grass at the Shell service station. They had been following one cow, and there was no problem herding them back to the McCullough farm where he keeps them. A broken fence was discovered.

## Houses still selling more will be built

It is questionable if the money offered first time home buyers by the provincial government are greatly affecting housing development starts and sales.

The purpose of the grants is to encourage people to purchase homes.

Developers in Acton say business is doing well. One has increased prices, another has dropped the price of the average home \$6,000 and the third has sold out and is beginning a development of single family detached units which will be on the market shortly.

**Boys**  
Boys Homes have sold 145 units of the 201 detached built, of these 126 are occupied, and

56 remain to be sold. In the prices game, Bovis has increased the prices of their homes four times since the beginning of construction of the final phase.

**Lower prices owner's reason**  
Hi neighbour visitor Mrs. June Hunter finds most of the newcomers to subdivisions come from Toronto and are here to find lower house prices. Almost all of them work out-of-town - the wives, too.

Sometimes she finds calling on these new families "discouraging", as they seem

to have little interest in Acton other than as a place to sleep. Others, however, do ask what is available for their children here. They seem keen to join the community. Others she finds "very lonesome" when she calls. She has discovered many do not shop here, and some still go back to the city to see their doctors.

A Bovis sales official said their houses are selling well compared to other development projects but sales are not up to what they were in the "old days at 30 a month."

An average cross section of people is moving into the Bovis homes and the majority are people from the Toronto and area suburbs.

**Cobblehill**  
Hal Collin of Cobblehill Estates said sales of their detached units are going fairly well. Of their development of 100 units all nearly completed 40 remain to be sold. Of the 60 sold units, 90 per cent of the sales have been since last November.

The Cobblehill Estates development has dropped the price of their homes on the average of \$6,000 since November and their most inexpensive unit is selling well. The Cobblehill homes range from \$49,900 to \$55,700. The boast of having the highest elevation in the area and are next door to the lake.

The Cobblehill people are contemplating building 60 semi-detached units to put on the market in the near future. N.I.A. mortgages will be available with these homes.

People moving into the Cobblehill subdivision are mainly out of town people from the Toronto, London or Guelph centres.

**Kingham**  
Kingham Hills Estates by Allen Construction are sold out and occupied over a 189 year period. They are presently working on 20 single family detached units on Kingham Rd.

All Berry of Allen Construction said not many people are buying houses "For a working person to purchase higher than a \$50,000 house is pretty near impossible." He said he tries to keep the prices of his unit down. An independent developer, he said a lot of people have to have houses and he would hate to have his son pay the high figures now and support a family of five.

His Kingham Hill townhouse development yielded 76 units in the first phase, 63 in the second and 46 in the last. He is presently working on 28 single family detached and 18 semi-detached units.

These three subdivisions add well over 1,000 people to Acton's burgeoning population.

## Lightning hits shed loss set at \$15,000

An estimated \$15,000 in damages resulted from an early morning blaze Sunday at the farm of Patrick Redgrave of R.R. 1, Campbellville, just north of the Brookville school on the Guelph Line. A utility shed was burned to the ground and everything in it was demolished by the fire.

The cause determined by fire officials at the scene was lightning. Fortunately no one was injured.

The flames from the burning garage-utility shed spread to the barn at the junction of the upper and lower floors. Hay was being stored in the barn and firefighters made no mistake in quickly checking the spread of the flames, containing the blaze to the garage.

Two cars parked inside the garage-shed were destroyed along with a small tractor, tools and some lawnmowers. Milton firechief Clement noted that firefighters were lucky there were no strong winds. Winds would have spread the fire more rapidly and caused the barn to catch.

Milton and Acton firefighters responded to calls registered sometime around 5:37 and 5:45 a.m. Milton arrived on the scene with their first

1500 gallon tanker and drained it. Acton firefighters dumped 1000 gallons onto the blaze before it was under control.

Milton chief Clement commented on the water shortage the firefighters have to face. After the tanker was drained, two auxiliary-portable pumps were feeding from a nearby pond.

**Not barn**  
Peter Hogan, 29 years old, and a friend of the Redgrave family first saw the fire in the 140-year-old garage-utility shed and hurried to notify the Redgraves. It had appeared from the house that the barn was on fire.

Mr. Redgrave rushed out of his home to see if the barn was on fire, ran into the barn and disconnected an electrical connection, and called police. However, the barn was not on fire.

Calling regional police, he directed him to the O.P.P. and the firefighters. When asked what time he went to check on the blaze Mr. Redgrave replied that one doesn't look at the time when an incident like this occurs. The family is stranded on the farm with the loss of their MG and new Vega.

The heavy downpour and electrical storm early Sunday morning touched off another call for the Milton firefighters as they extinguished a blaze in an elm tree on the first line between Drury and Britannia roads.

Hot weather and drinking caused some of the incidents that kept police busier than usual during the heat wave the past week.

Late Saturday night a car ran into the bay door at Canadian Tire, causing \$500 damage to the bay door, \$300 to the truck parked inside, and \$1,000 to the car driven by an Acton man. He was charged with dangerous driving and mischief, according to police.

An out-of-town man was charged with dangerous driving after his vehicle was driven erratically on Church St. around the apartments Thursday. He will appear in court Sept. 27.

**Narcotics**  
Also on Thursday at 11 p.m. an out-of-town man was charged with possession of narcotics after being checked on Main St.

On Saturday at 12:50 a.m. two out-of-town men were charged with causing a disturbance by fighting on Mill E. They appear in court Aug. 27.

**Theft**  
Sunday during the night an out-of-town man was charged with the theft of two lawn chairs, taken from Van Normans' lawn on Main N. The chairs were recovered. The man is in Milton jail until bail hearing today (Wednesday).

On Monday at 11:30 p.m. an out-of-town man was charged with possession of marijuana on Queen St. He was stopped on his motorcycle. He appears in court Oct. 8.

There were two liquor seizures.

## Drug, driving charges laid

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AN INDIAN AND TWO LADIES wait for the afternoon session of playground at Prospect Park to begin Friday with the theme of story telling and fairy tales. Patty Miller, Brian Demone and Kevin Galloway rest by and on the tree.

## Board rejects yard

There will be no wrecking yard on Highway 25, Lot 23, if council goes along with Halton Hills Planning Board ruling.

The board unanimously rejected Neil Charette's application for a wrecking yard, Tuesday night, after three nearby residents voiced strong objection.

Solicitor Monty Hyde, appearing for the abutting land owner Karl Schmuki, said his client had bought a 28 1/2 acre parcel of land beside the proposed yard, six months ago. He said the Schmukis were planning to build a large house in the pine forest, which would overlook the wrecking yard.

Mr. Hyde contended his clients feel their property would suffer a substantial loss in value if the yard was approved.

He claimed his legal argument was based on the need for an Official Plan amendment before a wrecking yard is permissible. He claimed the only area designated industrial was Acton Tool and Die on the corner.

The solicitor suggested Mr. Charette should apply for an Official Plan amendment, where the neighboring residents would have a chance to air their views at a public hearing.

George Gray, R. R. 4, Acton said he opposed the wrecking yard both as an adjacent property owner and a realtor. He said it would detract from the value of his property. He claimed there would be noise and the danger of fire.

Henry De Vries, R. R. 4, Acton, said he had worked for ten years to make his

property "look like something." He suggested Mr. Schmuki's house next to him would boost the value of his property, but a wrecking yard would drop it considerably.

Councillor Les Duby said any wrecking yard proposed for a main road should be looked at carefully.

Councillor Len Cox pointed out the former Esquering council recognized the need, by licensing six or seven wrecking yards in their bylaw. "There's got to be a limit, six or seven should fill the need of our town," he concluded.