

Acton, Esquering residents are left off list of Jubilee medals

Halton Hills councillors are wondering if Premier William Davis is considering scrapping regional government here after receiving an odd letter from him about the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal winners in the town. Some thought Davis believes Georgetown alone is Halton Hills.

Councillors came up with names of several medal recipients who live in Acton or Esquering and weren't on the list. The only problem is the list isn't complete. The people on the list either live in Georgetown or else have an RR Georgetown address.

Mayer Tom Hill said it is obviously a mistake by the Premier's office and if there isn't another letter soon, regarding the rest of the winners in Halton Hills he will contact Davis' office for a correction.

Georgetown and area recipients of the medal according to the Premier's office are as follows: David Capperaud, Colin Cousins, Brian Farrell, Mike Furlong, George Leslie, Nick Lorlo (Davis' chauffeur), Donald MacKillop, Neil MacKinnon, Garfield McGillvray, Marilyn Milton, Ric Morrow, (Halton regional chairman), Margaret Mottershead, Connie Nieuwhof, Thomas Ramautarsingh, James Snow (Minister of Transportation and Communications), Dorothy Stone and Marshall Wick.

Councillors came up with the names of Edith Hillman, Mick Holmes and Dr. Frank Oakes, Blake Inglis who live in Esquering or Acton but aren't listed. There may be more from wards one and two who received the medal but weren't included on the list of Halton Hill recipients.

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Record-breaking fair until Sunday's rain

We were heading for the best fair Acton ever had, president Brent Marshall says.

But what changed that picture was Sunday's day long downpour which caused the cancellation of two horse shows, saddle horse classes, Western horses, tractor pull, beer garden, waterball contest, and the dairy cattle show.

However Friday and Saturday were record-breaking days for the 65th annual production and the fair executive was delighted with them. Entries were up throughout all the departments and attendance was better or as good as the very best previous years.

The Friday night program was a great success and Saturday every corner of the grounds was filled with organized activity and with happy people.

Sunday dawned bright and entries of horses and cattle began arriving at the grounds at 6 a.m. Then the rains came.

terrific show," said president Marshall mournfully.

The pet show was cancelled, but so many entries showed in the rain that it was speedily staged anyway. The fashion show was held in the arena, the hall exhibits were easily viewed and the midway rides still ran.

The admission charge at the gate Sunday was eliminated because of the cancellation of part of the day's activities.

Mr. Marshall said most people seemed pleased with the Friday entertainment, the Newcomers, which appealed to all ages. The Miss Acton competition had "just the right number of entries" and he echoed the opinion of many veteran fair goers "they were the prettiest ever."

Jack Pemberton, president of the Royal Winter Fair who lives part-time in Esquering, officially opened the fair.

Julian Reed M.P.P. and his daughter Melanie led the Friday crowd in the singing of O Canada "which just about raised the roof," according to one of the accompanying band members.

Acton citizens' Band also played a concert before the entertainment portion of the program Friday.

The midway operators are happy with Acton fairs and its arrangements, but the fair wasn't completely happy with the midway and haven't settled financially with them yet. Rides for small children were disappointing, for instance. The midway was able to run Sunday despite the weather.

The noon parade was enjoyed by hundreds who lined the streets. There were fewer floats and entries than some years, but there was plenty of music and color amidst the marching feet.

Entries in livestock were all up this year, and hall entries

also showed a good increase.

Some of the area cooks are unwilling to enter the baking classes, since the fair lasts three days. They are no longer able to sell their goods, and so make less money that way.

However, the space allotted to exhibits in the hall was jammed.

Some entries from out-of-town came to Acton since Brampton arena was condemned, and the fair classes could not be held there. Brampton fair was the same weekend.

The hall was changed and presented a roomier appearance. Bill Thompson was in charge of the hall with Carmela Cobham, president of the ladies' board.

The fiddlers contest was changed to Saturday at 6 p.m. in the arena and there were so many entries—33 of them—it ran till 10.15 p.m. Despite that, the crowd was large and comments most favorable.

Attendance at Sunday afternoon's fashion show was obviously down because of the bad weather. It was a well-organized show of most attractive clothing from Gayna Fashions.

Although there were fewer food booths this year, fair official said this in fact was in line with the limits agreed to, and more in line with needs. The booths did very well on the first two days. The Venturers had a booth for the first time.

The beer tent in park was run by a fair committee headed by Hans Keuschler. The fight in the beer tent drew a lot of spectators, and very pleased with the co-operation of the regional police. Off-duty policemen were hired to patrol the tent and the dance.

This part of the fair was cancelled Sunday, and the pet show took over the area.

that was the All-Spinks fight Friday night. Organizers were

The homecrafts department was so packed the judge worked from noon until 6 p.m. Friday. Some of the most outstanding exhibits will be going to the district show of the Agricultural Societies, including the prize-winning Y's Menettes display and an imaginative baby quilt citing the babe's name, birth date and weight on articles of baby wear on a clothes line.

The baby show also recorded the highest number of entries ever.

The horse pull attracted a surprising 20 teams which fair organizers called "super."

Fair officials were very satisfied with the use of the Sabres hockey team as security personnel Sabres manned the gates, looked after parking and stayed overnight on the grounds. This was a first, arranged by Bill Yundt's committee.

The fair dance, moved from the arena to the curling club was very successful. D.J. Wright played and the large, friendly group enjoyed the evening thoroughly.

The impressive Carlsberg team would like to come back, Mr. Marshall reports. This group, like many others, appreciates how well the Acton fair is organized. They had intended to give a demonstration on the grounds on Sunday afternoon. They were also a parade highlight.

The distribution of the fair book with the Free Press, putting it in almost every home in the area, is credited with putting up entries and interest this year.

Other types of advertising also paid off. A man who saw the banner across Mill St. a week ago returned Saturday to see the show. He turned out to be the winner the Rotary beef draw.

Town signs changed still some complaints

The great Highway 401 signing of the town dispute rages on.

Halton Hills has been trying to get signs placed on 401 since 1974 which reflect the fact this is an amalgamated town with two urban areas and while the province has changed the signs several times the Ministry of Transportation and Communications still hasn't got it straight.

In July the town wrote again to Queen's Park asking for sign changes because councillors say people keep getting lost coming to Georgetown and Acton.

Halton Hills resident and Minister of Transportation and Communications Jim Snow wrote the town this week stating the signs at Trafalgar Road will soon

read Halton Hills, Georgetown, Oakville, and the sign at Highway 25 will read Milton, Halton Hills, Acton. That's just fine Halton Hills councillors decided Monday.

However Snow took the problem a step further announcing approach signs before the two exits which say Halton Hills formerly councillors decided Monday.

Waterball Sunday

The waterball contest is on again!

Rained out Sunday, it has been rescheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the park. There will be no charge to watch this fun event.

"Call it a preview of next year's fair," say the organizers. Fire departments from Hillsburgh, Rockwood, Milton, Georgetown and Acton had all signed up to play water ball at the fair, and they'd like to have a go at it anyway.

They will be attacking a big ball, hung overhead on a line, with fire hoses. It's guaranteed to be novel, exciting and maybe damp entertainment, for spectators who venture too close.

The participants wear firefighting gear.

Marks won't seek seat

Seven year council veteran Peter Marks has made up his mind. He will not be in the running again, either for area or regional council seats.

Mr. Marks was on Acton council for five years, one as deputy reeve, and on Halton Hills council for the past two years.

He is a community consultant with the Addiction Research Foundation and explains his work is "very demanding." As well as full days, he works at least two

nights a week. This involves a good deal of public speaking, on the Addiction Research Foundation and its work.

He also intends to spend more time with his family. He and his wife Joanne have three children.

Mr. Marks adds "I may be back."

"I see my commitment to public life at this level."

If anyone interested in area or regional council has questions, Mr. Marks would be happy to discuss the work. "Call me," he says.



Peter Marks



HIS NEW FRIEND... Bobby Morley, five, of Milton, proudly shows the goldfish he won in the midway at Acton fair.

Pat McKenzie may run yet

G.W. "Pat" McKenzie is reconsidering his decision to retire as a councillor representing Acton.

He said Tuesday "Since Peter Marks has announced that he is unable, for business reasons, to seek re-election this fall I am seriously reconsidering my decision to retire. If I feel that the people of Acton want my experience and full-time involvement I will offer myself as a candidate for either the Regional or Area level."

"There are so many issues before council vital to Acton's future that the citizens need and deserve strong representation on Halton Hills and Regional Council with present-day experience."

A past councillor and deputy-reeve of Acton, Pat McKenzie was elected to regional council in 1973 and again in 1976. He is the retired

principal of Robert Little School. He previously announced his intention to retire from council.



Pat McKenzie



YOU CAN'T SEE THEM, but they're there—tears of happiness streaming down the face of Miss Acton Fall Fair 1978 Victoria Lenizky. She is flanked by: first runnerup Kim Ottawa; Cathy Upton, finalist; last year's

winner, Susan Thibodeau; contestant Cindy Johnston; and second runner-up Dorri Russiani. The victory was a pleasant surprise for Victoria's grandmother who flew in from Vancouver the next day.

Town delays buying two used Zambonis

The town is going to hold off buying two used Zambonis resurfacing from Double Rinks Arena for Acton and Georgetown Memorial Arenas for at least a week.

Recreation director Glen Gray came to Halton Hills council Monday with a request he was allowed to buy the two machines from Double Rinks, at Highway 7 and Jane, for \$18,000.

He said the two used machines are needed at the Acton rink and Georgetown Memorial Arena because the one used in Acton needs \$6,500 in repairs and after that both machines will need about \$3,000 in maintenance and repairs to get them through the winter because of their age.

Gray noted his department has been planning to buy two new Zambonis between 1979 and 1981 at an estimated cost of \$46,000.

Councillor Pat Patterson said he was opposed to buying used equipment adding since new machine purchases are planned for the next three years they should be made.

He also complained the town looks only at Zambonis for ice resurfacing and while that brand was the standard at one time there are several cheaper makes which are just as good on the market today.

Councillor Mike Armstrong also objected since the town has a budget and must live within it or else start looking at all departments spending over their budget. He noted Double Rinks uses its machines year round and the used machines might not be a bargain considering the heavy use they've received.

The subject shouldn't even be at council without going to finance-administration committee first Councillor Russ Miller declared. After a lot more debate council did refer the subject to next Monday's committee meeting.

Gray told council all three rink managers had examined the machines and driven them. He admitted buying them is a gamble but his department expects they can get up to eight years out of each of the used Zambonis. Gray said each machine is being sold for \$9,500 or \$18,000 for the pair.

Councillor Pat McKenzie observed the machine in Acton was bought used and while it is in bad shape now the town did get 15 years out of it.



UP AND DOWN AND round and round ferris wheel riders went during Saturday afternoon's fine weather at the fair. Customers stood in line for several minutes for the ride, plus a clear overall view of the fairgrounds.