

# PROFILES

with JENNIFER BARR



celled. The heavy downpour caused cancellation of the Sunday events, including the dairy show. The parade has also grown from a school children's parade led by the Acton Citizen's Band to the large assortment of floats, bands, and entries today. The parade was in sorry state when ten to 12 years ago the school board decided it could no longer sponsor or organize the school children's parade. However, the Ladies' Board stepped in, canvassing town for floats and entries, setting the parade back on its feet.

For 27 years Nino Braida has been associated with the Acton Fall Fair Board. Before that, even when he was a small boy living right beside the Fairground gate, he was always fascinated with the annual event.

"The Ladies Committee take up the gap so often when we fall down," remarks Nino. When Nino was president the exhibit hall for handicrafts, crops, and baking was lost when the curling rink was demolished. Two tents were rented for these exhibits till the arena became available two years later.

In 1952 Nino became an associate director moving up the ladder until he was president of the fair during 1961-'62. Now he's a past-president, an associate director, "just one of the workers," he modestly describes himself.

The Fall Fair Board raised so much money, around \$7,000, to assist with the building the community centre they were in a position to ask for and receive a 99 year lease on the park for three days a year in order to hold the fair. When Regional Government came in, Nino says the fair board was a little concerned about their lease with the old town council. However, he hastens to say the new county council have been "very co-operative."

However, this "worker" was the youngest Actonian to receive the Agricultural Service Diploma in 1972.

Other innovations in recent years in the Fall Fair's history include the opening of "Main Street" down the park allowing for spectator progress to any area. Before that, Nino explains, a cattle show visitor had to be keen enough to brave the horse show ring and its attendant waiting horses and riders milling around in order to get to the back of the park where cattle beasts were.

**Love for Cattle**

Nino's love has always been for cattle. Even as a little boy wide-eyed at the fair he never had time for the midway rides - he hung around the cattle ring. In 1944, when his family came to live on the Queen Street farm that is now the Glenlea Subdivision, he was able to indulge his love of cattle by helping with his family's herd of Guernseys. "We were part-time farmers," comments Nino who works with Blow Press. That love of cattle also led Nino into 4H club and he is proud of being instrumental in getting 4H clubs started in the north end of Halton. For 22 years he was a club leader and for 22 years he never missed a meeting, either call club or field and crop club. He served two terms as president of Halton 4H Club Leaders Council during '71 and '72. His years on Fall Fair executive have all been with the Cattle Board.

Miss Acton Fair, initiated 16 years ago, was the first of its kind in Southern Ontario. In fact, when the Canadian National Exhibition decided to hold their Fall Fair Queen contest a few years ago, it was the Acton Board they consulted.

**Changes Over 25 Years**

In all those years Nino Braida has seen a lot of changes in a fair that started in 1913. It's grown and improved, leaping from a class C fair to a B fair two years ago. Nino says the Acton Fair was always considered one of the best Class C fairs in Ontario and the board wish to make it one of the finest Class B in the province.

Looking back over his years with 4H and the Acton Fair Board, Nino Braida says the most rewarding benefit of his involvements is in the wonderful friendships he has made and the feeling of accomplishment he has.

In order to qualify for upgrading, a fair has to offer a set amount in prize money and Acton has gradually upped its offerings from \$8 for first in the cattle ring in the early 50's to a hearty \$50 now.



## Work party

Ron Riches was one of only a few St. Alban's parishioners who showed up at a work party on the weekend to complete total renovations of the parish hall.

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## Death due to natural causes

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### Public to help plan Hilton Falls

Halton Region Conservation Authority is requesting public input for a new master plan for Hilton Falls Conservation Area.

Development to date in the 1,270-acre conservation area has been restricted to water, wildlife and forestry management.

Recreational facilities include hiking trails around the waterfalls and reservoir.

The authority is asking for written submissions from the public on the future long-term use of the area. All submissions will be reviewed by the planning staff and the Conservation Areas Information Education Advisory Board.

Two public meetings will be held and the authority's preliminary concept for development will be introduced.

The final plan will be made available for public scrutiny at the authority's Milton office at Trafalgar Square on Main St.

Further information about the program or Hilton Falls Conservation Area can be obtained from Halton Region Conservation Authority at 878-8586.

### Obituary

## Mon. funeral for salesman

Funeral service was held in Acton September 3 for Nyren Albert Payne, who died suddenly in Milton District Hospital August 31.

The R.R. 2, Rockwood resident was born February 16, 1935 in Bathurst, New Brunswick. Mr. Payne attended Clifton public school, in New Brunswick, Alexander Muir public school, Toronto, and Port Credit high school.

Mr. Payne was employed as a salesman with Copeland Lumber, and was interested in gardening, bowling and sailing. He was married October 9, 1971 in Missauga, and has lived in this area for three years.

Left to mourn his loss are: his father, Albert Payne; wife Patricia Anne; children Allison, aged 5 and Sandra, aged 3; stepchildren Joanne Gatt, Port Credit and Barbara, (Mrs. J), Huronbrink, Oakville; and sisters Mrs. Frank (Maude) Collins, Simcoe, and Mrs. Terry (Lela) Fitzpatrick, Milton. He is also survived by two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother, Eida Payne.

David Larmour officiated at the funeral. Cremation followed.

## Corn cob capers at Mountsberg

Corn Cob Capers is the name for the Mountsberg Wildlife Centre's fall program weekends beginning September 1 until the 30 and including Labor Day. The program includes a pioneer corn festival, an old-fashioned cook-out with fresh corn and apple cider and a demonstration of an authentic corn mulcher; country educational demonstration; which include square dancing, old time fiddling, bird banding and puppets; tractor drawn hay rides; horse drawn wagon rides; and an interpretive program with film and slide talks.

## Heritage language fee discontinued

The heritage language program will once again be offered at six separate schools in Halton but the board will discontinue the registration fee.

Cultural aspects and identity play a large part in the program plans. In the past a fee of \$15 single and \$30 family was charged to cover the costs. The program is open to children to both the public and separate school system since it is provincially funded.

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