

Come to the

ACTON FAIR

SEPT. 14, 15 & 16



PROSPECT PARK ACTON

GRAND PARADE SATURDAY, 12 NOON FEATURING

- The Acton Citizens' Band
- The Dutch Boys' Cadet Band
- Sand Hill Pipe Band
- Ontario Massey Ferguson Pipe Band
- Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Parade Fair Feature

The Fall Fair parade wasn't always the long winding float-filled parade it is now. It used to be a special school children's event.

Acton Citizens' Band led the children as they rode decorated bikes and pushed buggies down Main and Mill to the fair grounds.

However, some ten or

12 years ago, the school board decided it was too much work.

"We think it was a great loss", says Nino Braida, past president of the fair board.

The Ladies Board stepped in and started to canvass the town for floats and sponsors and the parade of today was born.

According to Nino, three-quarters of the gate receipts of the fair come in behind the parade so it's important to have a good one.

However, he says he considers the parade of the last few years to be one of the best parades in the province. Judging by the support, almost the whole town agrees

Fall Fair Special

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One of the best in Ontario, Acton Fall Fair this week

Certainly the best all-round Fall Fair in Halton and considered one of the best in Ontario, Acton Fall Fair arrives this week, running three days Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Directors of the Fair say all they need now is fine end-of-summer weather to make it their best effort yet in 66 years of existence. Actually, there have been fall fairs in Acton for many years before that under the wing of Esquesing Agricultural Society. The annual fair was held alternately in Acton and Georgetown. When the directors decided to stay in Georgetown each year, Acton went out on its own — and has never looked back.

A new midway, new layout of the park and entertainment Sunday afternoon are just a few of the changes the 66th annual Acton Fall Fair will see next week according to fair board president Brent Marshall.

Many of the changes this year, Mr. Marshall explained, were actually planned last year, but the public did not get a chance to see them Sunday, the final day of the fair when it was rained out. He cited the pet show and the waterball contests as examples.

Advance weekend passes, good for the three day show, September 14, 15, and 16 are available at all Acton banks, including the Credit Union. These will not be available at the gate, Mr. Marshall said. The pass is good for three days, for the admission price of just two.

Parking will be available on the grounds Friday evening, but not Saturday or Sunday. There will however, be parking on Elizabeth Drive, across from the senior citizens apartment.

New this year will be a bus travelling the streets of Acton at regular intervals. The Christmas Shopping bus route will be followed, but final details are not yet sorted out.

A new midway will be on the grounds this year, Mr. Marshall pointed out. This fair, the rides will be operated by the Acadian Shows portion of Happyland shows. The layout of the fair has been altered, with the midway now at the east end of the park. This affords room for two more additional rides than usual Mr. Marshall said.

The fair kicks off Friday at 4 p.m. with the midway in full swing. The heavy horse pull is slated for 6.30, followed by the annual variety show and Miss Acton Fall Fair contest at 8 p.m.

This year, an array of performers will be headlining the show. With Brian Perkins, of CJOY radio as master of ceremonies, performers will be: Ron Leonard; Billy

Meek; William Brothers, Mary Lou Collins; Alex Laurier, Johnny Main and the All Star Trio. Ontario Minister of Agriculture Lorne Henderson will officially open the fair.

So far, there are no entries for the Miss Acton contest, but organizer Maggie Hall says this is usual. Most of the contestants will step forward later this week or next week.

Judges for this popular portion of the show are: Donna Fraleigh, co-ordinator of the professional modelling course at Sheridan College; Marilyn Kane, of CKLM FM radio in Guelph, who has her own talk show; and John Hardy, of CHML, Hamilton.

Prizes are still flowing in for the winner, who will compete in the Miss Sweetheart of the Fairs contest at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto next August.

Spot on the Park opens Friday evening as well, and operates until Saturday evening.

Saturday is an action-packed day with gates opening at 9 a.m. The light horse show takes place at 11 a.m. with the English show at the same time. It will also be held Sunday at noon. The cattle show will be held at 11 a.m. and again Sunday at noon. The heavy horse show commences at 1 p.m.

The parade gets underway at noon with the Acton Citizens' Band, the Dutch Boys Cadet Band from Kitchener and the Sand Hill Pipe Band. The Legion is planning to bring in bands, but final details are not yet known. There will also be floats, decorated bicycles, tricycles and doll buggies.

The popular baby show gets underway at 2 p.m. in the arena.

The Old Tyme Fiddlers Contest, slated for 6 p.m. already has 16 entries, Mr. Marshall said. Organizers expect a good turnout with the show running until almost midnight.

Meanwhile, the fall fair dance will be

held at the Acton Curling Club, with the B.J. Wright Dance Band.

Gates open Sunday at noon. Attractions will be a swine show, a pet show and waterball contest, with area fire departments competing, all at 1 p.m. Fair goers can also see the dairy cattle show, tractor pull, English horse show, western horse show and a poultry show. The Acton Bull Dog tug of war team has challenged anyone who dares to take them on. Entry forms are available at the fair office, the Blue Goose.

Something new this year is western entertainment with Smilin' Johnnie Shoe, 1.30 to 3.30. Mr. Marshall said the Manitoba entertainer was engaged to offer the residents of Acton something to do in case of rain, as was the case last year.

As usual, throughout the three days of the fair, there will be hall and field exhibits, as well as food concession booths, and the poultry building.

The Acton Sabres hockey team will once again be providing the security for the weekend event.



Fun on the midway.



A carriage for a Queen.

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