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## Bright, sunny weather for record breaking Fall Fair

Over 12,000 people took advantage of the near perfect weather on the weekend and attended the Acton Fall Fair.

Fair board secretary-treasurer John Rowe explained it will be some time before the final attendance figures are known due to weekend passes, and children wandering in and out. It could soar as high as 15,000.

It didn't look too promising Friday morning as mother nature dumped what the weatherman described as the tail end of Tropical Storm Frederick on Acton. However, by mid-afternoon, the sun broke out and quickly dried up the wet, soggy park.

All events were well entered, and well watched. Fair board president Brent Marshall said the Brampton Fair was on the same weekend, and having a heavy horse pull at the same time, Friday evening. However, Mr. Marshall said, most of the horses came to Acton, leaving the easterly sister with only one entry. The owners of this team eventually packed it in and came over to Acton.

Close to 1,200 people jammed into the arena for the Friday evening entertainment and the crowning of Miss Acton Fall Fair, 1979. There were 800 chairs on the floor of the arena, and the bleachers were packed. Everyone stayed until the end when Miss Acton 1978, Victoria Lenizky transferred her crown and red robe to Cathy McGrath.

"Attendance was definitely up Friday evening," the president told this newspaper.

Saturday was also a tremendous success, Mr. Marshall said, with entries in almost all shows. Cattlemen who show their animals in fairs across Ontario commented on the high quality of the event, and described the Acton fair as "second to none."

Some 98 babies were entered in the Ladies' Board Baby Show, with four sets of twins on hand to give that category some real competition.

The fiddlers' contest saw 31 entries. Some fiddlers compared the show to the international fiddlers' contest in Shelburne, Mr. Marshall said.

The parade went well as usual, he said, with floats, bands, horses and children.

On Sunday, Mr. Marshall said, the pet show, with Jesse McEnery as master of ceremonies was a complete success. The Smilin' Johnny Show went over very well, he noted, and the firefighters waterball contest being a thrill to many who had

never seen it before. Entries were from Hillsburgh, Kilbride, Milton, Georgetown and Acton.

Horse show entries were way up this year, with 34 entries in one class.

Mr. Marshall said the fair board was very pleased with the midway this year, and have already booked them for next year. He explained next year they will be able to request specific rides and games. The new location of the rides afforded them more rides he said.

The beer tent ran very smoothly this year, the president said. He contributes part of this success to the presence of two policemen they hired.

The fall fair dance Saturday evening was filled to capacity.

The ladies' section was extremely good, Mr. Marshall said. "They did a super job," he said.

"Some people put their hearts and souls into the weekend," the president commented. "However, not everyone who is on the fair board commits themselves to the limit they should." Brian Evans, first vice president, and Keith Aitkens, second vice president, deserve a lot of the credit. One anonymous donor, he said, donated a large sum of money to be used for prize money in one class which did not have enough.

The town of Halton Hills, Acton Hydro Commission, the firefighters, and the St. John Ambulance people all deserve a chunk of the appreciation, he said. The police, and the Acton Sabres hockey team both did excellent jobs on security, he noted.

Mr. Marshall said he felt most people were happy with the fair. "They complain about the prize (\$2.50), but where else can they go for that money and see and do as much as there is at the fair."

He is concerned with reports of someone charging money for parking in the Knox Presbyterian church and Robert Little school parking lots. Some people accused the fair board of setting up the tolls, but Mr. Marshall explained the fair board did not know about it until after the fair was over. Both areas are public property, he pointed out and are for public parking, free of charge. Knox church officials say they had nothing to do with the profiteers.

Mr. Marshall is extremely pleased with this year's fair and said team work on the part of the fair board accounts for at least part of its success. Already they are planning for next year's weekend, and are promising an even bigger and better show.



Attendance at the 1979 edition of Acton Fall Fair could reach as high as 15,000, for the three day event. The fair drew record crowds on the weekend, both Saturday and Sunday. Officials are already working on plans for a bigger and better event next year.

### Still short of \$5,000 goal

Donations are still badly needed by the Acton Clergy Group of Acton Operation Lifeline if they are to be able to sponsor the two Vietnamese refugee families that is their goal.

Funds aren't coming in as fast as hoped from the seven churches involved. So far \$3,785 is in the Acton for Boat People bank account at the Toronto Dominion Bank. However, \$5,000 is needed to sponsor two families.

The government requires a sponsoring group to show bank balance of \$2,500 per family as proof of support until the family is on its feet.

Actonites, always known for their generosity, may donate funds to any church or directly to the Acton for Boat People account at the Toronto Dominion Bank on Mill Street.

Churches are currently arranging for donation boxes to collect packaged and canned food items to be placed in each narthex.

Clothing may be taken to the newly opened Salvation Army Thrift Shop located in the store formerly occupied by Watson's Music. All items specially given for boat people should be marked that way, requests Salvation Army officer Lorne Pritchett.

Accommodation is the real problem, at the moment, as is storage space for items of furniture.

Pastor Brian Rennie of the Pentecostal Church says he hopes the fund hits \$5,000 shortly to enable applications to be made and processed.

Acton Group One, a private group sponsoring one refugee family, have made application several weeks ago and are waiting anxiously to hear the results.

### Councillor predicts

## North will suffer

The Georgetown dump will officially close in 43 days and unless there is immediate region action, Halton Hills councillor Russ Miller predicts "People are going to drive to the nearest side-road and just dump their garbage there."

He told last Wednesday's public works committee that "no one is going to drive to Oakville or Burlington landfill sites."

"We are going to have

a lot of garbage and no place to take it."

Mr. Miller was asking the committee to consider extending the life of the site until a solution can be found to area garbage disposal, and said he was looking "for help... or it's all going to wind up on the side-roads."

He said the problem was not restricted to Georgetown because "a lot of people from Milton use the dump... so they

will be in the same position of having garbage and nowhere to take it."

Admitting garbage disposal is the responsibility of the region, all members of the committee admitted the concerns of Mr. Miller were legitimate.

While Mr. Miller had hoped to continue using the current dump site, he was told it is private property and will revert back to the owners on Oct. 31, the day the last

landfill goes on top of the dump.

He said he was trying to keep "from blowing my top" because he had found a Georgetown area resident who is willing and able to act as an interim refuse collector. However, the man had been vetoed by the Ministry of the Environment.

The committee eventually decided to refer the discussion of an interim program to the Solid Waste Management Committee. It meets Sept. 29.

The decision followed a debate.

Mr. Miller said he had spent hours agonizing about a solution.

"The only thing I can come up with" is a two-part motion asking the solid waste management committee to keep the Georgetown site open a few months longer and that Halton Hills and Milton get some type of waste transfer station.

Burlington Councillor, Joan Allingham said she was surprised the problem had taken so long to come to light and added, "There must be something we can do."

She said "the whole reason for choosing Site F was because it would be central... can we use this?"

Mr. Miller said it was a (Continued on Page 3)

### Elementary teachers get 6 per cent hike

Details of the wage agreement between Halton's Board of Education and elementary teachers reveal a 6.6 per cent increase in salaries on top of the last settlement.

Both sides let it be known, during Thursday's board meeting in Burlington, that the agreement has been ratified. The memorandum of settlement was reached nearly two months ago.

Halton Elementary Teachers' Association wanted to keep details of the agreement secret

until teachers had a chance to examine and ratify the deal after school began.

The agreement represents a departure regarding the wage grid. The grid co-ordinates numbers of years of experience with the teacher's level. In the past a flat percentage has applied across the grid. The new agreement has a grid split into three sections.

A higher percentage of salary goes to the teachers with the most years, according to a board press release.

On previous settlements trustees commented on the effect of one increase applied through the grid. The rich got richer and the poor only less poorer—a gap was widening between the least and most experienced instructors.

The wage settlement was the only issue in this round of contract talks. The previous full agreement between elementary school teachers and the board was for two years, and it left wages to be renegotiated in the second year.

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A beaming Cathy McGrath, centre, was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair Friday evening during the variety show. First runner-up Kim Ottaway, left, and second runner-up Juanita Andrews will assist Cathy throughout the year with her duties. She was crowned by last year's winner Victoria Lenizky.

### Family without water since last Thursday

An Acton family has been without water since last Thursday following a freak accident where a bulldozer clearing debris from the burned-out Dominion Hotel broke through the floor into the cellar.

Mrs. Pat Rodler phoned The Free Press Tuesday afternoon to say she had tried everything in efforts to have water service restored but all her efforts had been futile.

"I've got children here and it is darned annoying to do without water," she said. "No one seems interested in getting it hooked up again."

The Rodlers live at 12 Main St. N. in a home behind the site of the burned-out hotel.

Region officials could not be reached for comment before this newspaper went to press. Mrs. Rodler says she would appreciate any help to have the water service restored.



Saturday's Fall Fair parade is always a special feature and crowds lined the parade route along Mill to Prospect Park to watch the procession which included lively horses and riders such as these, and floats, bands and marchers.