



## Remember when . . .

Do you remember the fair 20 years ago? How about 25 years? Pages 4 and 5 feature old fall fair pictures taken in the '50's. How many do you recognize?

The midway (left) has

changed considerably in a quarter of a century. One of our nostalgic pictures probably doesn't represent the fair but it was too good to leave out. Besides what's a fair without a bevy of bathing beauties?

## Boogie down Mill / Main

The Fall Fair Parade starting at 12 noon Saturday from the McKenzie-Smith School grounds is always one of the best attended features of the fair and promises to be spectacular this year.

Once upon a time the fair parade was a school children's special with decorated buggies and bikes. The bikes are still there but they're part of a much larger spectacle.

Once again the Carlsberg Wagon and Team

will be wowing spectators along the parade route of Mill and Main Streets. Floats from businesses, organizations, commercial and novelty displays will be flanked by ponies, horses, clowns and what-have-you.

No parade is complete without a band and this year marchers will toot to the strains of the Acton Citizens' Band, the Georgetown Girls Pipe Band and the Sandhill Pipe Band.

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## 1980 Fall Fair bigger and better

Bigger and Better—that seems to be the theme of next week's Acton Fall Fair.

Considered one of the best fairs in Ontario and certainly the largest in Halton, the Acton Fall Fair will attract thousands of visitors to town September 19, 20 and 21.

For 66 years the Fair has provided competition for area farmers and entertainment for urban residents. Now contestants come from all over Ontario, Quebec and the States for the widely acclaimed event. Fair president Brian Evans feels all directors need to make the 1980 fair the greatest ever in three fine days of weather.

Changes for the fair include a full Friday program this year as the Arabian Horse Show starts at 10 a.m.

A mini-boat show takes to the water Saturday, the tractor pull is now a mini-tractor and antique tractor pull, and the Canada Packers Quilt Display will be here.

Changes implemented last year, including new park layout, pet show, waterball contest, will be continued. Directors and visitors alike agree more efficient planning found extra room in the water bound Prospect Park location of the fair.

Advance passes are now available for the entire weekend for \$5 and can be purchased at any Acton bank, including the Credit Union.

A bus route will be travelling the streets of Acton at regular intervals (see bus map on back page of the Fair supplement Sept. 17).

Town residents are encouraged to use the bus as parking is very limited and nonexistent within the park on Saturday and Sunday.

Happyland midways are appearing to offer fun and games for all who brave the rides and arcades; junior sized rides will be available for small fry.

The fair kicks off Friday with the Arabian horse show commencing at 10 a.m. An opening parade with Acton Citizens' Band will declare the gates officially open at noon. The midway will be fully operational.

Exhibit hall will be opened for a full view of prize winning baking, flower displays, domestic science exhibits, hand-crafts, canned and preserved products,

junior exhibits, schoolwork, fruits and vegetables.

The poultry building will be open to show off the many varieties of exotic birds—a remarkably colourful display and one of the best poultry shows around. The birds will be on display for two days. Rabbits take over the building on Sunday.

At 6:30 p.m. the popular heavy horse pull will take place featuring teams from Quebec and the U.S. as well as many from southern Ontario. Over 20 teams are expected this year.

The fair will be officially opened by Otto Jellnek at 8 p.m.

The annual Variety Show and Miss Acton Fall Fair contest will be in full swing by 8 p.m. in the Community Centre.

This year's show will feature The Beauty Spots, a dancing duo; Captain Bill James, magic and mirth; The Paul Brothers and Shirley, a singing comedy trio; the Amazing Arlise, unicycling and juggling; Doreen Hayes, singer.

Fifteen contestants are expected to enter the well-attended Miss Acton contest. Two runners up and one reigning fair queen will be chosen by a panel of judges who include Judy Welch of the Judy Welch modelling agency, Gunther Oldenberg, film producer and production co-owner, and Dave Johnson, CFGM country radio disc jockey.

The girls will compete for \$250 in prize money and numerous gift vouchers and prizes and the winner will be entering the CNE Sweetheart contest next August. Last year's winner Kathy McGrath will be on hand to crown the winner.

Saturday morning the fun starts bright and early with the English pony show commencing at 9 a.m. featuring classes for young equestrians and their hunter ponies.

At noon the grand parade will move slowly from the middle school grounds down Mill and Main streets to the Park. One of the biggest fair parades in Ontario, this year it will include the renowned Acton Citizens' Band, Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band and Sandhill Band. Prominent local dignitaries and politicians are always a welcome feature.

The Carlsberg Wagon and Belgian

eight horse hitch will attract hundreds of delighted eyes. Also included are a wealth of bicycle riders, horses and ponies, dozens of floats, clowns, and other participants.

Children's pony games and a full-fledged gymkhana will take place Saturday afternoon in the English horse ring.

Light horses will be competing all day on the track and this traditional show includes harness horses and ponies and draft classes. Master Feeds six horse Percheron team will be showing.

Saturday is beef day with hundreds of fine beef cattle being shown in addition to the junior 4H show. President Brian Evans reports he expects five herds of belted Galloways to be showing this year. Shorthorn herds are even coming from Saskatchewan.

A model boat show, display and races will be held on the water both Saturday and Sunday. An expected 25 entrants will compete in five classes. The event is organized by the Toronto Model Power Boat Club.

Sheep will be shown Saturday afternoon and entries are up this year.

Always a grand event, the baby show starts at 1:30 p.m. in the arena. Over 100 babies are expected to compete for silver dollars as well as ribbons.

Old time fiddlers in the Old Tyme Fiddlers Contest will hope to win a portion of the \$1,200 in prize money. The contest will begin at 6 p.m. in the arena

Saturday.

Saturday night, all who are still walking are invited to attend the Fall Fair dance at the Acton Curling Club, dancing to B.J. Wright and his band.

Sunday, the gates open at noon on a wide array of activities.

Both English and Western senior horse shows will be going on in various rings all afternoon.

Rabbits will be judged and shown in the poultry barn. Pigs will be also judged.

The mini and antique tractor pull starts at 1 p.m. on the track.

At the same time the waterball contest splashes into being at the rear of the park.

The dairy show will take place, attracting some of the finest Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Ayrshire and Milking Shorthorn cattle in the province.

Woolly pets of all shapes and sizes can be seen in the arms of their small owners as they are judged for the big pet contest.

Woollymen will be seen tugging their hearts out in the centre of the grounds as tug-of-war teams see who is the strongest.

The Royal City Ambassadors, a chorus of 55 barber shop singers from Guelph, will be entertaining in the arena at 2 p.m.

As usual there will be food concessions, the midway, exhibit hall, on for all three days. An antique car display plus farm machinery displays will be on view Saturday and Sunday.

