



1980 Acton Fall Fair consists of Brian Evans president (inset), back row: John Rowe, secretary, Brent Marshall, past president, front row: Norm Shea, 2nd vice president, Kelth Aitken, 1st vice president.



# President still enjoying job

Brian Evans, president of the 1980 Fall Fair is very enthusiastic about both his job and the fair in general.

"We've made a few changes, it's going to be a great fair if the weather co-operates."

One of the major 1980 changes involves a complete Friday program to complement the Friday evening activities that usually kick off the weekend's program.

This year a recognized Arabian Show complete with American judge and entries from far and wide will be the big Friday draw between 10 a.m. and early evening.

Brian says the Arabian Horse Association approached the Fall Fair board about holding the show which had previously been held at Brampton. Horse show organizers were "unhappy" with Brampton, according to the president and were willing to try Acton even though Friday was the only day the show could be accommodated.

Increased prize money for most classes is the order of the day.

The poultry show has been reduced to a two-day show from three days at the request of exhibitors.

Poultry will be on view after judging Friday and Saturday.

Sunday will see a repeat of the very successful rabbit show introduced last year.

Another addition for 1980 is the miniature boat show and races on the lake on Saturday.

"We couldn't find any more room so we moved out on the water" says Brian, referring to the organization necessary to fit a full scale fair onto the Prospect Park peninsula.

"We're really making the changes work—it gets easier all the time," Brian comments, adding the fair layout is virtually the same as last year when vast changes were made in order to find more space.

"I've really enjoyed my year" Brian adds. Even with a full time occupation in Guelph, a small mixed farm and family Brian has found time to crow about the fair all over Ontario.

Summarizing his feelings on the fair, Brian says: "The fair is for the community and we're doing our best for the community—this year it's (the fair) bigger and better than ever... We hope we can keep up the good work, and we've had to concentrate on what we had and make it better."

## More money for cattlemen

Prize money has been upped substantially for both the junior beef and junior dairy cattle shows on September 20 and 21 at the Acton Fall Fair.

In all competitors will be after \$1,250 in prize money.

This junior competition has grown into one of the strongest in Ontario with about 100 entrants expected.

Many adult exhibitors of today made their showing debut at the Acton Fall Fair in the junior section.

Prizes this year will be awarded in the following categories: 1.) Best beef steer of heifer shown by a boy or girl under 21 years of age, 2.) Champion beef showman under 10 years of age, 3.) Grand

Champion beef showman, 4.) Best dairy heifer shown by a girl or boy under 21 years of age, 5.) Best Dairy Showman under 10 years of age, 6.) Grand Champion Dairy Showman.

All entrants will receive at least \$5 while first place earns \$12, second \$10 and third \$8.

## What's black and white and seen allover?

One of the finest black and white shows in Ontario comes to Acton every year in the form of the Holstein classes at the Fall Fair dairy show.

Holsteins are always big supporters of the well-filled Sunday afternoon classes but directors say other breeds are fast catching up.

This year look for more Jerseys, Guernseys, Ayreshires, and Dual Purpose Shorthorns as well as the famous spotted beauties, the Holsteins.

Several beef breeders from Saskatchewan are expected to enter their cattle, Drought conditions out west have forced cattlemen to bring their cattle east for sale and they are making the rounds of fairs first.



## Sheep expand

Sheep entries at the Fall Fair are improving with time and during recent years have been doubling and tripling. There are now enough sheep entries to warrant separate breed classes. Now there are classes for Hampshires, Oxford, Suffolks, Shropshires, Dorsets, Cheviots, Southdowns and "others".

A class for Junior showmanship has been added to encourage young shearers.

As more and more local farmers find out sheep are profitable, sheep classes at the fair will rise.

Swine present more of a problem. At one time the hog show was well-filled necessitating permanent pens built behind the arena. Now classes are down to such an extent the pigs are relegated to use mobile sheep pens which makes a mess of the grass when pigs root.

Although market pigs and swine breeding are well-represented on area farms, fear of disease keeps hog farmers from showing. However, there's always a variety of pigs and often some large interesting boars for spectators to observe.

Sheep are shown Saturday afternoon and swine on Sunday afternoon.

Petstock will also be judged and on display Sunday afternoon.

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