Former beauty queens highlight events at Acton fair

By ANI PEDERIAN

Herald Staff Writer What has roots daling back 70 years and is still considered fun and exciting by the little ones of 1983?

The Acton fall fair, naturally. Since its humble beginnings in 1913, the annual event has continued to grow and improve.

An entertaining way to spend a day or a weekend, the Sept. 16-18 fair is a crowd pleaser for all ages and backgrounds. It brings rural and urban people together to appreciate the historic development of

"We're trying to get something for everybody," Acton fair president Keith Aitken told The Herald. "Things that people from town and the neighboring

involved.

spectator this year.

To that end, the fair

board is offering a huge

variety of events in

which you can get

Besides having a good time with the family.

areas can get involved

rural Ontario. the fair may also pad your pockets with the The fair board wants green stuff if you're a to make sure you feel prize winner in any of like you're a part of the the hundreds of classes. fair and not just a

> According to a publication by the association of fairs, only 12 fairs in Ontario gave out more prize money than the Acton fair last year, Mr. Aitken sald. Over \$30,000 in prize monies were given out.

The fair program begins on Friday, Sept. 16 with the Arabian Horse Show at 10 a.m.

GROWING "It's something we've had four years now and it seems to grow each

year," Mr. Altken said. As in previous years. the activities are being held at Acton's Prospect Park, near the junction of Highways 7 and 25.

largest poultry show in the area with prizewinners from the Royal Winter Fair and the Canadian National Exhibition in attend-

watching the owners as they wave their arms and flap about to cajole a peep out of their roosters, or the caged birds as they strut

CELEBRATING ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Friday at noon, the midway starts up and continues through the next two days along with the other fair acti-

If you hear a lot of squawking and fussing while you're at the fair, it's coming from the poultry exhibits. The Acton fair boasts the

around haughtily defi-At 6:15 p.m. Friday, ant. After all, who ever the roosters take over. heard of a rooster crowing in the evening? encouraged by their

owners to crow and crow again. The Rooster Crowing competition is the heavy horse pull at an event introduced last 6:45 p.m., a popular year that proved highly event for a number of years.

It's hard to say which is more entertaining,

Following the rooster crowing competition is

At 7:30 p.m. in the arena, the Acton Citiz-

ens Band performs for the half hour prior to the official opening of the fair. A family entertalinment variety show follows and the judging of Miss Acton Fair 1983.

It's the 20th anniversary of the queen of Acton fair competition and former beauty queens have been invited back to the fair. So far, 12 have confirmed they're coming.

Friday evening closes with variety acts and the Leahy Family from Lakefield. This is their second year performing at the fair.

Bright and early Saturday, the fair-grounds will be abuzz with activities. Outside exhibits of new model cars, farm equipment, and commercial

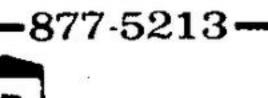
exhibits will be up. Horses will be biting at the bit and taking part in the English Pony Show, Harness Ponies, Heavy Horses and Light Horse Show. The Carlsberg Hitch will also be back Saturday and Sunday for its eighth year at

the fair. As in previous years hall exhibits and displays will be up includ-

ing school work, baking, domestic science. canned and preserved products, plants and flower displays, while and vegetables, junior exhibits, homecrafts and a hog carcass display.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, the cattle show featuring beef steers, hereford, shorthorn, angus and other beef breeds will begin.

At noon, a parade will start off from the Mac-Kenzie-Smith Middle School featuring the Carlsberg Hitch, six bands including the Acton Citizens Band



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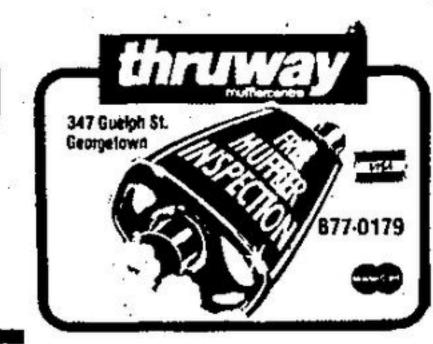
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Moulden

makes bid for

vacant seat

Limehouse resident

Dollie Moulden is the

first person to committ

herself as a candidate in

the Esquesing by-election for Halton Hills Coun-

talk more about Issues

in the Esquesing area

later, Mrs. Moulden

said she is particularly

concerned about the

future of the town's

agriculture industry,

and questioned whether

council has focused

enough attention on the

needs of local farmers.

Mrs. Moulden is no

stranger to politics

having made an unsucc-

essful bid against Coun.

Russ Miller for Esque-

sing's regional seat in

For a number of

years. Mrs. Moulden

has served on Hallon's

Land Division Commit-

tee and the Halton and

North Halton Social

Planning Councils. She

ls wrapping up a term

as a member of the

Halton Housing Authori-

ty and she is a member

of the board of direc-

tors for the region's

Meanwhile, Halton

Children's Aid Society.

the 1980 elections.

While she said she'll .

meeting Monday night

passed a bylaw making

the election call offi-

clal. Tentatively, the

election will be held on

Oct. 24, with an Oct. 3

closing date for nomina-

DOLLIE MOULDEN

However, those dates

may change, depending

on whether or not the

town can have some

special election forms

Candidates in the last

election, Jake Kuiken

and Peter Norton

declined to commit

themselves to a race in

Esquesing. Mr. Norton

and Mr. Kuiken said

they wished to talk over

any election plans with

friends and family

before making a decisi-

printed up in time.

Built over 100 years ago

Town bids \$52,500 for Stone School

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer A 19-century stone building on Acton's School Lane is up for sale and Halton Hills council has offered \$52,500 to buy it from the Halton Board of Educa-

The town's proposal was made following an in camera session of council a week ago Tuesday. No decision to accept the offer was reached by the school board trustees at their meeting last Thursday, but a response is expected in a couple of

weeks. Known as the Slone School, the building was built by Sydney Smith somewhere between 1864 and 1870 as a family residence.

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Herald Staff Writer

ing several months, the

house at Six; Church

Street in Georgetown

appears bound for the

wrecker's ball afterall.

selling the building to

restore funds used to

help pay for the library-

cultural centre two

years ago, town council

last week agreed to tear

The empty lot will

eventually be turned

into parking space for

the downtown core.

Council instructed the

clerk's department to

find ways in which the

demolition might be

the building down.

Without much hope of

After a reprieve last-

Until St. Joseph's Separate School moved out last year, the build-



RICK BONNETTE "... a good invest-

ing had been used as a school since 1926. Contacted last week by The Herald, Acton councillors said the building could be used for a

set for demolition

Town clerk-admini-

strator Ken Richardson

told council that it would

cost about \$19,000 to

demolish the house and

pave the lot in "early

COED PROJECT

project might be done as

a job creation project

under the federal and

provincial "COED" pro-

gram. He noted that

demolition of another

building on Market

Street was carried out

by a local service club

before the cultural

centre was built, stress-

ing that there are ways

in which the building

could be torn down with-

But he suggested the

1983 dollars".

Six Church St.

variety of community functions. "There's a lot of possi-

bilities in the building." Coun. Rick Bonnette said. "I think it's a good investment on the town's part."

SERVICE CLUBS Acknowledging the work Acton's service clubs have put into the community, he said he'd like to see the building used by them for meetings. Close to the library, the Stone School could also be used if the library ever expands, Bonnette Coun.

commented. Not only is the building in good shape and a historical investment in itself, Coun. Ross Knechtel said, the property around it is also of significant value to the town.

"There's two reasons why (the town) should buy the bullding," Coun.

out much cost to the

Coun. Finn Poulstrup

drafted the resolution to

tear down the building,

commenting that leav-

ing the structure stand-

ing was "poor use of the

The property was ori-ginally identified for

parking in the George-

town Core Area Study

two years ago, he said,

adding that between the

cultural centre and

downtown businesses,

area parking is already

The property could

produce as many as 13

new parking spaces.

town's budget.

town's assets".

"overloaded".

Knechtel said. "It was the first high school in Acton and it would be wrong to demolish it. The second reason is the property attached to the school (about an acre). From Acton's point of view, it's very important that the property remain in public This would facilitate

expansion of the library, Coun. Knechtel explained, or it could be used to clear up parking and bus route problems at Robert Little School. He doubted that it would have much value to a private entrepreneur because of its close proximity to a nearby stream and the floodplain restrictions that would affect new con-

struction. Following the death of Mr. Smith's widow, the homestead was turned into Acton's first high school and served students until the 1977-78 academic year when Acton's new high school, located on Churchill Boulevard, was opened.

From 1977 to 1982, the building was leased to the Halton Separate School Board as "St. Joseph's School". A new St. Joseph's opened this

As late as 1981, a number of individuals involved with developing Acton's leather-based history into a tourism theme suggested that the building would make an ideal museum for "Leathertown".

While he'd like to see a museum and tourism office established in the building, Coun. Dave Whiting noted that there are some problems which would have to be solved first. The museum, he explained would need a staff and would have to be properly secured to protect



Besides eating fire, The Whiz (inset), actually Gary Edmunds of Mississauga, impressed Georgetown fair-goers Friday night by a display of the ancient Hindu magical art of lying down on a bed of two inch spiral nails. As dusk settled, the lights of the midway glowed and the children gathered under them, coupons clutched in their impatient hands. Story, more photos on page C3.

Acton boy drowns

he was pronounced dead

at Georgetown Memor-

la! Hospital a short time

Tuesday, Coroner Dr.

Allistair MacIntosh dec-

ided against an inquest

into the death. A post-

mortem was held Mon-

Doreen Burt, the child

was the twin brother of

Cheryl. Together, the

two children had been

attending a birthday

The son of Gordon and

A four-year old twin

boy died Saturday af-

ternoon while attending

a birthday party at a

neighbor's home on Six-

Craig Harvey Burt of

RR2 Acton drowned in

an above-ground back-

yard pool. His body was

discovered at the bot-

tom of the pool at 5 p.m.

mediately pulled out

and artificial respira-

public meeting held at

Limehouse school last

Two days earlier,

Coun. Pam Sheldon told

town council she was

concerned about using

the Fifth Line as a

will keep the two sides

of the road open to local

residents, Coun. Russ

Miller said, and the

work will be of consider-

able benefit to the

community allowing

school buses to use it

A pedestrian bridge

Thursday.

Although he was im-

th Line.

(Herald photos by Ani Pederian)

ranging in age from four

The children had got-

ten out of the pool for

supper and it wasn't

until 5 p.m. that Craig

was discovered in the

pool, Guelph Ontario

Police sald he appar-

ently fell unnoticed into

the pool and drowned in

Tuesday afternoon for

the child at J.S. Jones

and Son Funeral Home

A funeral was held

a metre of water.

Provincial Police said.

to 12 years old.

Hills council at a special

Enrolment up in Halton schools

Elementary schools across the region reported positive increases from 1963 enrollment projections while secondary schools reported

Calculated Sept. 7, the first day of school, the figures were presented to Halton board of education trustees Thursday night.

There were 212 more students in elementary schools than expected, with the greatest variance from the projected enrollment being in the north. The north includes Milton and Halton Hills.

In the secondary schools, there were 233 less students than anticipated. Again, the greatest change from the projected figures was in the north. There was a drop of 61 secondary school pupils in the north.

As of Sept. 7, 26,062 elementary and 18,000 secondary school students were enrolled. The grand total of 44,212 Halton students includes 130 trainable mentally handicapped pupils.

party with 13 others in Georgetown. AROUNT THE HILLS **GDHS** commencement

The Georgetown District High School commencement committee is gearing up for the annual event Friday Oct. 21 at 8 p.m.

Of special importance to the committee at the moment are the students who have received. scholarships and or bursaries.

These students should inform the committee by Sept. 30 so this information can be printed in the program booklet (c-o Mrs. Armstrong in the GDHS office).

Amateur night

Again this year, the Recreation Department is coordinating an amateur night to be held Thursday, Oct. 13, 1983 at the John Elliott Theatre.

As part of the second anniversary celebration of the Cultural Centre, the evening will provide an opportunity for residents of all ages to bring their talents to the stage.

Pick up an application form at any of the Town Offices and return to the Recreation Department Office in Georgetown by Sept. 19.

Road stress study

Town council has agreed to spend \$22,100 to find out how much stress Halton Hills roads can. handle before they need a new coat of asphalt. A number of roads in Acton and Georgetown

will undergo testing by Barker Terp Gibson Ltd. Town Engineer Bob Austin explained to council last week that a weight is dropped on sections of roadway and the road deflection is measured by computers,

Testing will help decide what sort of work is needed to extend roadlife while keeping costs

Bring your bunnies

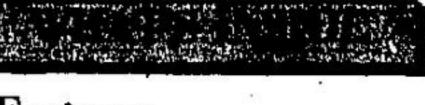
"Bring your bunnles" is Diane Evans' message to those attending the Acton Fall Fair starting Friday Sept. 18.

There are 27 entries for the rabbit and guinea pig show to be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. nearly doubling the size of last year's show.

I'wo people have 11 entries between them, says organizer Diane Evans.

A special category this year is for a mother

rabbit and her bables.



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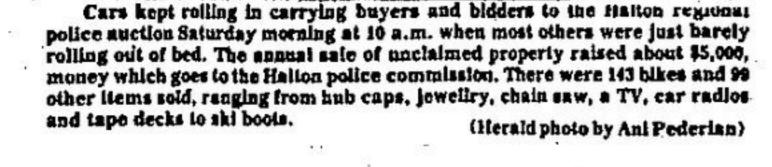
Sports

swing. Page A8

.Georgetown Georgettes drop two playoff games

Section D

Real estate and classified



UP FOR GRABS tion performed, efforts artifacts. to revive him failed and Limehouse due for new bridge The steel bridge with given more details of the project at a special

the wooden deck which spans Canadian National Railway tracks in Limehouse is due for a major overhaul.

CN plans to begin work on the Regional Road 43 bridge Oct. 17, replacing the existing wooden decking and making adjustments to the steel supports and road approaches. The work is expected

to close Regional Road 43 to through traffic until Nov. 30 and the Fourth and Fifth Lines will be used as detour routes.

John Elliott Theatre.

be at the town's library-

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as well as other heavier Residences were Time's running out

Time's running out to register for Harold Taylor's one-day seminar on time managment, a session to be held at the An expert in putting time into more productive use, Mr. Taylor will

Georgetown.

book, "Making Time Work For You" and a hot lunch catered by Kentner's Catering of

receive Mr. Taylor's

cultural centre between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sept. 19. For \$35, partieipants in the session also