

"IT WILL BE GREAT FOR 88"

entertainment galore!

We have entertainment galore at this years Fair but some of what's new at this years fair is actually old!

That's right, the fair is repeating last years main features. But, don't worry the three day extravaganza at the Fairgrounds, Sept. 9th, 10th, 11th, promises to be "Great for 88". So come on out and join the Fun.

Two of the big attractions at this years Fair are being repeated from last year due to rain cancellations. One is the O.P.P. Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Riding and is scheduled for 2 p.m. on the main track on Saturday.

The other attraction was also scheduled to run at the Fair last year but due to rain was cancelled. The Canadian Mini Tractor Pull brought teams from as far away as New York State to compete last year and is scheduled to return on Saturday immediately after the Golden Helmets.

The admission price to the Fair is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children age 7 to 16. Weekend passes are still the BEST BUY at \$9.50 for a family and \$4.50 for a single weekend pass.

Friday night is Youth Night with a Rock Concert scheduled to run along side of the Western Horse Show. Saturday, 'Family Day' includes the Family Dance "Remember Then" with a sixties theme. The dance will be on the Fairgrounds centre ball diamond. The Kinsmen Girls' Softball playoffs will again be played throughout the day. Sunday sees the return of the ever popular Farm Olympics and the organizers have been competing in other Farm Olympics to prepare for the Fair and to update the event.

This years Fair will cost over \$35,000.00 to produce and should show a profit at its close (weather permitting).

Other new and regular attractions of the fair are:
 - Conklin Show will return with it's carnival rides and games.

- Wilbur the Purple Pig will once again reign supreme at "Old MacDonalds Farm".

- Councillor John McDonald and his band "Sound Investment" will be on stage Saturday afternoon. They will be on stage from noon to 3 p.m. and will be immediately followed by the Sixties group "The Tiger Sharks". One of the groups specialties is Elvis impersonations. They will be on stage from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

- Amateur Farmers will compete at the Farm Olympics on Sunday and the fair organizers are looking for local groups to join in the fun and compete for prize money at the Fair.

- Middle School students will be able to lend their acting and musical talents to the first Middle School Air Band Competition scheduled for Sunday on Children's Day.

- Agricultural Shows include the 4H Beef and Dairy Show, Western Horse Show, Paint Horse Show, and the Light and Heavy Horse Show featuring the magnificent Clydesdale and Belgian Horses. Last years Western show had competitors from as far away as Sudbury. The Heavy Horse Show with some of the horses in the competition weighing in at over a ton will host competitors from Quebec and Northern Ontario. Last years Heavy Horse Show had over 70 entries and was one of the biggest ever.

One of the busiest spots the whole fair weekend is always in the Homecrafts Building.

A vast assortment of home baking, jams, pickles and canned fruit as well as hand crafted knitting and sewing items are beautifully displayed for viewing and judging.

The junior exhibit gives young people a chance to exhibit with pride their artwork, baking, flower arranging and sewing.

A leisurely stroll through the building assures the Fairgoer that old fashioned community spirit is still thriving in Georgetown.

-WEATHER REPORT-

The Weather for Fair Weekend
3 DAYS OF FUN

Partly Sunny or Cloudy
 Warm or Cool
 No Rain In Sight
MAYBE!



The First Fair

It must have been an exciting day for those pioneer farmers as they brought their produce and livestock to Stewarttown for the first exhibition. We understand the hall at Stewarttown was used for displaying the vegetables, grain, fruit and ladies' work, while the fair proper took place in Murray's field, behind the old schoolhouse on the top of the hill. There were probably lines of hooked rugs, quilts and socks as the women-folk vied for the honors, as well as those delicious loaves of homemade bread, buns and sausages that are loathed to be conspicuous by their absence at present day shows, as the modern cooks go for the fancy pastry.

While records are meagre to substantiate our claims, we believe that one Abraham Scott was the first president of the society. Col. John Murray was the first secretary-treasurer. Not many have held the position of secretary or secretary-treasurer in the one hundred and twenty one years, but we will deal with some of these later in this history.

About 1875 the fair was moved from Stewarttown to Georgetown, and was held in the Market Square, which was then vacant land, bordered by Market, Church and Factory Streets. Factory St. was changed a decade ago to Park Ave. Then as now, it was only a one day fair and the square was boarded in by an eight foot fence along these streets for the fair. The old drill hall that stood below the present library was used for display purposes.

The first show on the present grounds in the Georgetown Park took place in 1889. Around this time the fair, being a township fair, was held alternate years in Acton and Georgetown and it was not until 1908 that the last fair was held in Acton by this group. It was in 1907 that W.A. Wilson became president, later becoming secretary, a position he held for over twenty-five years. It is unique that Mr. Wilson's niece, Mrs. Charlotte Ironside held that position and also treasurer for a number of years. Joseph Flynn, of Acton was president in 1908 and John Cunningham in the year 1909.

In 1907 the society organized the first plowing match in the township on the William Cleave farm. It drew considerable attention and has continued until the present time.

FAIR DAYS PROGRAMME

Sept. 7 and 8 • 1988

- Friday, September 7, Hall open for Exhibits 9 a.m.
- Friday Night—Dance in Georgetown Arena.
- " " —Midway in full swing in the Park
- Saturday, Sept. 8th—Gates open 12.00 o'clock.
- Music by Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band
- Lavale Midway Attractions—Rides—Concessions
- Light Horse Show • High Jumping
- Harness Racing • Lady Drivers
- Road Race • Livestock Exhibit

Tony Gregg Official Announcer and Master-of-Ceremonies

DON'T MISS THE VICTORY YEAR FAIR

Admission: Adults 25c; Children 15c; Cars 15c

Georgetown Agricultural Society

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