

LETTERS

Horticulture news!

To the Editor,

The Acton Horticultural Society had a very successful garden tour this summer. Many people took advantage of the opportunity to view various rural-town gardens and we hope to do this again next year.

Some people expressed interest in being able to obtain lily bulbs from the Palichuks' collection and these will be available at the upcoming meeting for a donation to our society.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 pm, at Knox Presbyterian Church. Our evening's speaker will be a local resident expert on herbs, Margaret E. Smith.

Everyone is welcome. For more information call Max at 853-0001 or Trina at 853-0519.

*Max MacSween, president
Acton Horticultural Society*

Stewart omitted

To the Editor,

In George Elliott's excellent article on the naming of the linked schools (in last week's edition of *The Acton Tanner*), the name of one of the former principals was inadvertently omitted.

W.H. Stewart, who followed T.T. Moore, was principal of Acton Public and Continuation Schools for 18 years, from 1904 to 1922.

Family members have attended school at the Robert Little location for each of five generations; presently two of his great great grandchildren are enrolled.

*Kay Dills
Toronto*

Fair preparations 'down to the wire'

FALL FAIR PREVIEW

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK
The Acton Tanner

With long hours, brute strength and careful planing a dedicated band of volunteers is transforming Prospect Park into fairgrounds for this weekend's 82nd edition of the Acton Fall Fair.

The volunteer work crew has been hard at it since early Saturday morning, putting up miles of snow fencing, display cases, show rings and bleachers for the fair.

Acton Agricultural Society past-president George Henderson said, so far, all is on schedule.

"We measured out the show rings on the weekend and marked off the midway area," Henderson

said in an interview on Sunday.

"Wednesday night the Home-craft exhibits are set up and the hall is decorated. Chickens and pigeons come in Thursday, along with some animals for Education Day on Friday," Henderson said.

"On Sunday night we start to put things away and by Tuesday night, you won't know that there's been a fair. Then we begin planning for next year."

Agricultural Society president Janis Fread said although there are always a few last-minute glitches, it's easy to run things with a large group of dedicated volunteers who know what to do to make the Fair come together.

"There are a lot of volunteer person-hours put in and often we

don't do enough to thank them for helping make the fair a success," Fread said on Sunday.

"We live there (the fairgrounds) all this week. We don't even have to leave to eat because volunteers bring in lunches for the crew.

"People don't realize the amount of work that has to be done to get ready for the thousands of people who will visit the fair this weekend."

Fread said that although some fair traditions continue throughout the years, each Agricultural Society president puts their own mark on the fair.

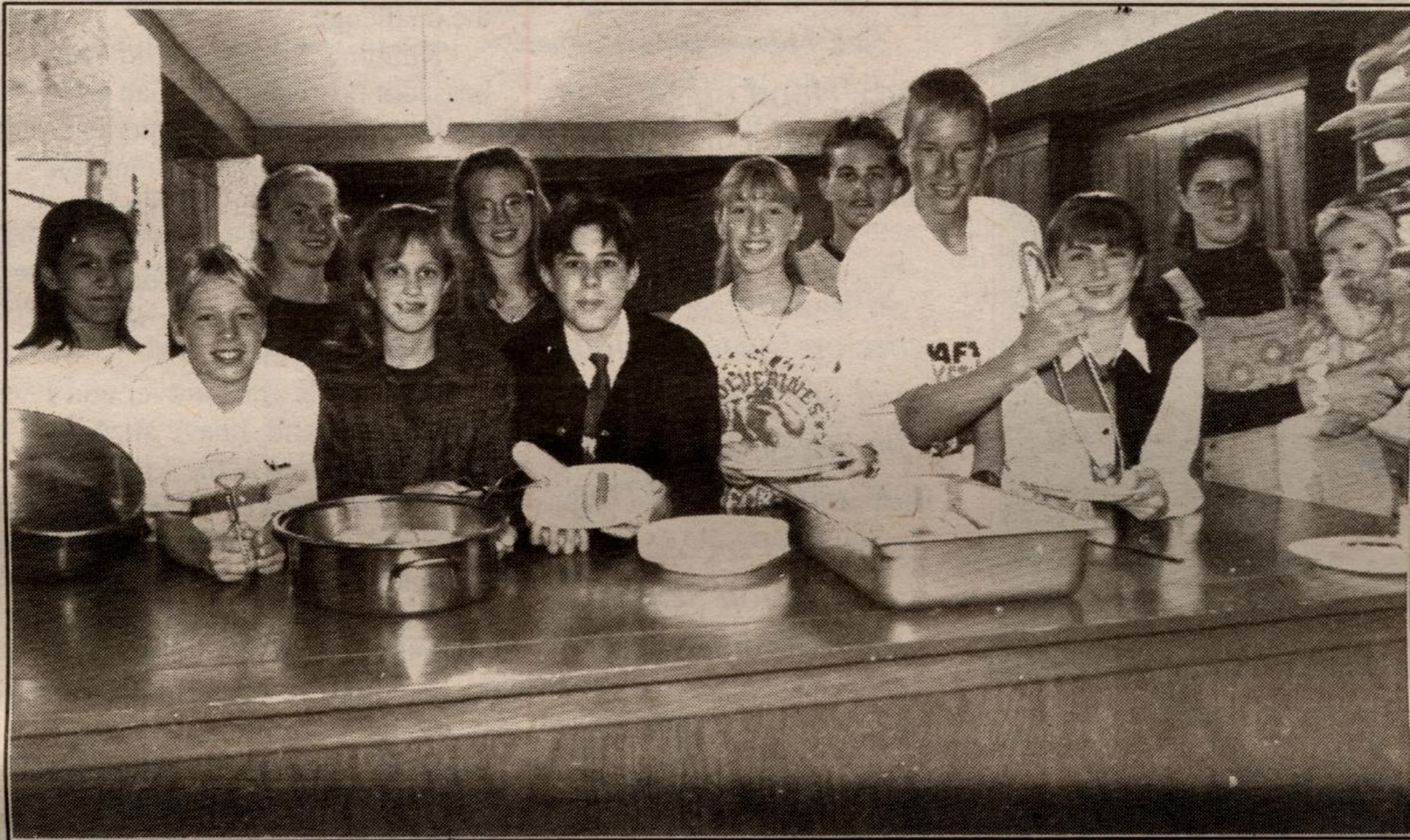
"I'm really gung-ho on promotion and advertising and I think that if we go to the expense of having a substantial budget for

advertising the Fair outside this area, then we have to provide the kinds of events that are going to satisfy people coming from outside the area," Fread explained.

Fread said she had one wish for this weekend - good weather!

Suit Yourself Costumes is looking for volunteers to dress up for Saturday's fair parade.

Call Anita at 856-4550; this is your chance to walk the parade route without anyone knowing who you really are!



CORN ROAST CREW! Knox Presbyterian Church held a corn roast on Sunday to celebrate Rally Day (the start of Sunday School). And these young chefs did the cooking! Front row, from left: Philip Aitken, Ruth Eddolls, Matthew Henderson, Kristen Mitchell, Jared Mitchell and Krista Petty. Back row: Lucie Langer, Kaitlan Knowles, Jennifer Aitken, John Eddolls and Mary Beth Robertson, who holds her baby cousin Jessica Watson. (Eve Martin photo)



Len Tuitman & Staff present...

Green Thumb Gardening

Late summer bloomers

The end of summer doesn't have to be the end of flowers in your landscape. By this time many annuals, perennials and shrubs are beyond their prime or have finished blooming. This allows other plants to become the focal point in your yard. Late season flowering shrubs can be the answer. Many display spectacular, showy flowers in late summer or early fall, providing an excellent way to brighten a corner of the yard in the growing season. The following is a short collection of late-season flowering shrubs.

PeeGee Hydrangea: Large shrub that quickly grows to eight feet at maturity. It possesses large (six to eight inch long) cone shaped flowers in mid-August and lasts for several weeks. During this time the pure white flowers gradually change to pink.

Annabelle Hydrangea: Also a fast grower in partial shade, but only reaches a height of three to four feet. By August the flowers are white, flat heads and about four to five inches in diameter.

Rose of Sharon (Hibiscus): This is also a tall but slender shrub (up to seven feet) with distinctive upright branches. It has very attractive trumpet-shaped flowers (similar in size and shape to the Hibiscus grown as a houseplant) in shades of pale pink to purple and red. Blooms in August-September and performs best in full sun to partial shade.

Each week Len Tuitman and staff of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace.

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Busy time!

LEGION NEWS

BY MIKE MANUEL
Branch 197 P.R.O.

Fall Fair weekend is on everyone's mind, with a breakfast on Saturday from 7:30 to 10 am. Tickets, available at the door, are only \$3 each.

The Peel Regional Police Band will entertain us Saturday night with their great music. Tickets are available at the door and are only \$2.50.

The Branch will be open to everyone on Sunday, so come down and enjoy!

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