

Acton fair stays home

BY IAN SMITH
NORTH ESQUESING

Prospect Park and its old arena will once again provide the setting for the Acton Fall Fair - at least for 1998.

Recently, the town's insurance company, Frank Cowan Insurance Company, refused to insure the building, based on an engineer's report commissioned by Halton Hills. However, when the engineering firm, Alan Zeegan and Associates, wrote a letter to the insurance company to confirm that the building would be safe without heavy snow on its roof, the insurance company reconsidered. It will now insure the building for the three days of the fair, according to Daniel Varanelli, treasurer of the Acton Agricultural Society.

A recent tour of the building was attended by members

of the Agricultural Society, town staff, councillors, engineers, the insurance company, and the town's Fire Chief. Janis Fread of the Agricultural Society said that the tour was "definitely looking at the negatives."

The sprinkler system, a major concern, was tested by the Halton Hills Fire Department and judged to be in proper working order. It has been converted from a dry to wet system.

Mr. Varanelli also said that the town has put out tenders for the demolition of the building. He revealed that the Fair Board has stopped pursuing the takeover of the old arena because it "simply doesn't have the financial and human resources."

Paul Stover, Halton Hills'

Manager of Facilities, confirmed that the Agricultural Society can use the old arena during its 1998 Fair. However, he called Varanelli's claim that the town was proceeding with tender for demolition "premature."

According to Stover, Halton Hills council anticipates another meeting with the local agricultural society regarding the takeover of the old arena building by the Fair Board. "We want to work them." He added that if council is not presented with a business plan before winter, "the building would be torn down."

Stover stated Halton Hills is not interested in rehabilitating the old arena for additional ice time. "Georgetown is where the growth is."

Peggy Knapp a hall of famer

BY BETTY BROWNRIDGE
SOUTH ESQUESING

On June 14th, 1998, Peggy Knapp of Guelph was inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame at Milton. The event was held in the Gambrel Barn at the Farm Museum.

Maisie Lasby, president of the association, welcomed approximately 400 guests and members. Adam Dolson of Brampton, grandson of Bert and Hazel Stewart of Hornby, led the singing of O' Canada. Jean Bennett of Bayfield, a director gave the invocation.

A musical group "Elements of Sound" from Guelph provided fine musical entertainment. Jean Bennet introduced the guest speaker, the Honourable Lyle Vanclief, Federal Minister of Agriculture. He spoke of his early childhood on a farm in rural Ontario, and the path that led him to the position he holds today. John Cockburn, vice-president of the Hall of Fame, responded to the speaker's address.

For the unveiling ceremony, Peggy was asked to come to the front. Murray Gaunt of CKNX Radio, Wingham, read the many accomplishments and public activities she has been involved with.

Born in Perth County, and a dedicated member of the Women's Institute since 1950, she has held many local offices. She is a member of Ashgrove Women's Institute. From 1989 to 1991, she was Provincial President of F.W.I.O. In 1992 she was Canada Area President for the Associated Country Women of the World. Two of their projects, in consultation with the United Nations, are Water for All and Women Feed the World, which have great

impact on women and their families in developing countries. In 1994 Peggy represented ACWW at the closing conference for the International Year of the Family in Montreal.

Peggy has served on boards in her local community including church, home and school and trustee. She has served on Advisory Boards of the O.A.C., O.V.C., Ontario Agricultural Museum and Advisory Board of the Grand River Conservation Authority. Peggy is currently President of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. She is a member of the Executive and Agricultural Administration Committees of the Royal Winter Fair, and a capable tour leader on trips overseas to many countries.

In 1997 Peggy chaired the Convention '97, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the

Women's Institute. Peggy Knapp's influence will be felt in this country and abroad for many years to come.

Concluding the ceremony, John Cockburn unveiled the plaque honouring Peggy. During the occasion Marion McPhail presented a floral arrangement from Halton District and Gwen Brander presented Peggy with a picture frame from Ashgrove W.I. A corsage was presented earlier from F.W.I.O.

Peggy's induction was sponsored by the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario. John Wiley, Secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame Association presented the president's plaque to Maisie Lasby who responded and gave the concluding remarks.

The Halton Women's Institute provided refreshments.



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HALL OF FAMER - Peggy Knapp on left is presented with a bouquet by Marion McPhail from the Halton District Women's Institute on the occasion of her induction into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

North Halton Happenings

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

Summer Teas at McCrae House, 108 Water Street, Guelph. Enjoy tea in the garden August 5, 19 and September 2. McCrae private blend teas, scones, jam, shortbread, fresh berries \$5.50 plus tax. From 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations required 836-1221.

ONGOING

Rockwood Cruise Night: "A Blast from the Past" the fourth Saturday of every month until September 26, 7 to 9 p.m., Hwy. 7 & Alma St., Rockwood. 50/50 Draw for the Guelph Children's Wish Fund.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Calling all Skateboarders! SIBAHH and the Rec & Parks Dept. are organizing a bus trip for youth/teens to Kitchener's brand new Skate Park - it's huge! The bus departs from St. Brigid School in Georgetown at 9:30 a.m. Call Sherry at 905-873-2601 for details.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Summer Corn Festival at The Farm Museum, 144 Townline Road, Milton, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy square dancing, costumed interpreters, pony and wagon rides, comic strip exhibit, antique cars and of course, fresh corn steamed in its husk by a 1920's Steam Engine. Admission \$5, children under 12 free.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Kite Workshop at the Eramosa Community Library, Rockwood. Come out and decorate your own fabric kite! Preregister at the library; cost is \$5. Call 519-856-4851 for more details.

Kilbride Area Preschool is holding registration for the Fall session on Aug. 12 & 26. Half day fun programs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, mornings or afternoon for preschool children. Please call Hope for information at (905) 876-4570.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

30th Anniversary Tea talk and book signing with Dianne Graves, author of *A Crown of Life, the World of John McCrae*. From 2 to 4 p.m., \$6.50 plus tax. McCrae House, 108 Water Street, Guelph. Reservations required 519-836-1221.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Just Sew-Sew, a full range of sewing classes will be available at the Eden Mills General Store this fall. For more information see Judy at the store or call Susan after 5:00 p.m. at 519-856-9633.

1998/99 Milton Fair Ambassador Competition

The Milton Fall Fair is accepting applications for the 1998/99 Fair Ambassador Competition. This opportunity is open to young ladies and gentlemen in our community who would be interested in representing the Milton Fall Fair at local events, as well as the Canadian National Exhibition in August 1999. Contestants must be 17 years of age by August 1, 1998, and not have reached their 23rd birthday.

Entry forms can be picked up at the Milton Fairgrounds office Tuesday or Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. starting August 4th. Entries close August 19th.

Final judging will be held on August 26th at Hugh Foster Hall starting at 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

1997/98 Milton Fair Ambassador, Kristen Rasberry, will be honoured at this special event. She will award the title of 1998/99 Milton Fair Ambassador to her successor at this time.

For more information please contact Marion Patterson at 905-876-0127 or the Fair Office at 905-878-5689.

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