

Fairboard ready for fundraising

Dear Editor:
We're ready to go!
The members of the Acton Agricultural Society spent the past five to six years grappling with the decision of what to do once the new arena and community centre was in place. We chose to stay in the Prospect Park location, when offered the opportunity to move our fair up to the new arena, because we believe that the park is a unique setting and adds to the character of our fair.

We decided however, that we could not run our fair without a building to house the thousands of homecraft exhibits we attract annually or the Miss Acton pageant. The feasibility study we commissioned by the University of Guelph, completed in 1996, recommended that we not save the old building for our use. But at that time, we felt our "nest egg" combined with fund raising would not raise enough dollars to support a new building. As in any issue of this nature, there were some who supported keeping the old building and some who pushed for a new building scaled down to meet our needs. We looked at many, many alternatives to owning our own building, including tents, buildings off-site, a bubble, use of the Legion, etc. but in the end, it was decided that we must have a building.

Legion ladies hold Christmas party

By PEGGY HARRIS
The December meeting was held in the form of a Christmas party with 48 members present. The 50/50 draw was won by Norm Titus and Delia Kentner. Murray McNabb and his crew served a delicious meal and Kent Tocher entertained the ladies. Teresa Uiterwyk, Marg Dunn, Cindy Clarke, Angie Dunn, Kathy Verbeek, Celine Clarke, Lucy Synnott, Delia Kentner, Pat Peterson, Annamarie Lowin, Gail Gibson and Peggy Harris will be bowling in the Provincials in April.

January 16, 1999 is the Appreciation Dinner, prepared and served by the men of our Legion. Contact Lily if you weren't at our Christmas dinner to get your name on the list so we know you're coming.

Next meeting is Thursday, Jan. 7, 1999 at 8 p.m.

To all our members and their families: A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



LETTERS

We have the members and supporters of Heritage Acton to thank for bringing this issue to a head and for showing us that our community does care about its fair and that many were willing to donate cash and other assistance to help us out. While the decision of council to go ahead with the demolition plans was a great disappointment to many, we, the volunteers of the Acton Agricultural Society, believe we got about the best deal possible under the circumstances. We sincerely thank our three Acton councillors, Norm Elliott, Rick Bonnette and Clark Somerville, for their relentless pursuit in obtaining the favourable terms of the final agreement. We also thank the members of the community that rallied around and showed support.

A new and revitalized fundraising/building committee has been struck and, thanks to the wonderful support of Peter Zions Construction, we have our first fundraiser to raffle - a beautiful two-storey Victorian playhouse. We have a very affordable quote on a pre-engineered building and members of the community have been coming forth with offers of use of equipment, time and products to help us construct it.

We're confident that with diligent hard work, we will raise the funds to construct a new building that will ensure the Acton Fall Fair will stay in Prospect Park for another 85 years! Thank you Acton.

Yours sincerely,
Ron White
President,
Acton Agricultural Society

P.S. Volunteers will be selling the tickets for the Victorian Playhouse, which will be at the olde Hide House parking lot for the next few weekends, from noon to 4 p.m. We will also have the 1913 Acton Fall Fair poster on sale. Playhouse tickets will also be available, at the four financial institutions in Acton, by the end of this week.



LEGION NEWS BRANCH No. 197

By MIKE MANUEL
On behalf of president Gary Munday and all the members of Acton Br. 197 we would like to wish the people of Acton and community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The annual Seniors' Christmas Party saw over 300 people enjoy an evening of great food and entertainment with all the proceeds going to local charities. To our members and the local Rotary Club, thank you for volunteering your time and effort into this successful and beneficial evening for our seniors.

Now for a few upcoming events to watch for:

Dec. 31, 1998: with only a limited number of New Year's Eve tickets remaining at \$35 each, which include entertainment in the way of music, party favours and a buffet meal, time is running out. There are also six refreshment drink tickets included in the price. This promises to be the best place to go when it comes to New Year's evening parties.

Jan. 1, 1999: President Gary Munday has asked me to make sure all Br. 197 members realize that this year's levee promises to be the best ever held. Does this mean he has something hidden up his short sleeves? Come on down and find out! Doors open at 1 p.m.

Jan. 17, 1999: What are you doing for Super Bowl? Well, we have a huge screen, games and a BBQ ready. Get a group together and come on down. You need not be a

branch member to come out for this function of the following events:

Jan. 23, 1999: We're holding a Valentine's Dance and there will be a draw for two dinners for two for those attending. No charge for admission.

If you have never been down to the branch then you should try it. The doors are always open to the community.

See you at the Branch.

Christmas meeting BY EDITH MEDLAND

The ladies of Bannockburn Women's Institute met in the beautifully decorated home of Linda Cairns for their Christmas meeting.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimming was enjoyed by all the members.

Ina Peterson read a lovely poem entitled "Let Us Live Christmas Every Day." Isabel McDonald gave a reading called "My Christmas Book."

Gifts were exchanged and Christmas carols and songs were sung. A good time was had by all. Many thanks were given to Linda for her hospitality.

The evening came to a close with a Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be at Ina's home on Jan. 11. See you there.

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Apr 16-May 20	839 1109	779 989	529	529
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