CARP FAIR A TRADITION
by: Robert C. Atkin

The warmth of the day and cool of night
Mystical colors suddenly appear
The air charged as if electric
‘Tis fall time of the year

This is a time for celebration
A reflection on agricultural ambition
Melding as one past, present and future
The heart and soul of rural tradition

The emerald green of manicured ground
Eloquent structures; old and new
Awaken from their slumber
As excitement pulses through

The arts and crafts and livestock show
The fruits of farm production
This wondrous array now on display
Overwhelms with delightful seduction

Volunteers for over a hundred years
Have steadfastly accepted their mission
To give and share and make The Carp Fair
A model for family tradition.
TO THE FAIR

By Lawrence Surtees
reporter at The Globe and Mail in Toronto

“We’re going to the fair.” That phrase, spoken by generations of parents, ranks as one of the great promises of childhood.

And, years later, simply the mere mention of that prospect rekindles fun-filled memories and floods the senses with thoughts of the fair’s magical smells, tastes, sights and sounds. There are the scents of fresh-cut hay and warm popcorn. The tastes of candied apples and hot donuts. The sight of horses at centre ring. And the squeals and screams from the midway.

Since my wife and I began our annual visit to the Carp Fair with our daughter and dear friends who hail from Carp, one of my favourite scents of the fair has become back-bacon-on-a-bun for which I wait a full year to enjoy.

And I can’t do anything in the kitchen now – even something as simple as making coffee - without thinking of the Carp Fair. That’s because the name of the category in the domestic science section, "Made by a man," either comes to mind or is spoken to me by a wag. (This year, it’s chocolate brownies - class 30, section 108 at page 82 of this year’s program.) So much for trying to be in touch with my feminine side.

But I have also learned that the fair is about a lot more than just having fun. More than that, the Carp Agricultural Society’s annual fair is about pride. For 135 years, the Carp Fair has celebrated and showcased the best of agricultural society in this region – whether Clydesdales, livestock, field crops or crafts.

The Carp Fair taught us about that pride when our friends encouraged us to help our daughter – who was then four - plant and grow a sunflower to enter in the fair. As a lifelong city-slicker, I admit that it was presumptuous to think we could grow anything worthy of entry. But more daunting than our lack of experience was the fact that we resided in a rented apartment half-a-block from a subway station on one of Toronto’s busiest streets.

Our landlord kindly shared his small garden of roses and tomatoes outside our kitchen window to let Jessica plant her first seeds. Her sunflower grew magnificently and she still treasures the purple ribbon she got just for entering the competition.

Well, buoyed by that meagre success, our landlord let us extend his garden the following spring so that we could try our hand at growing some vegetables. The smells of fresh manure and topsoil soon permeated the apartments. Our neighbours were astounded as much as we were when our crop of tomatoes, peppers of many varieties, green beans, carrots, cucumbers and pumpkin vine appeared. But it was the several eight-foot-high stalks of corn that poked up above the nearby hedge that turned several heads in the passing TTC buses! Although earwigs ravaged much of the corn, that still did not detract from our enjoyment in nurturing the garden and sharing in our daughter’s sense of wonder that such plants could grow from the tiny seeds she dropped in the soil she helped till outside her living room window.

The Carp Fair more than simply inspired us to grow a wonderful garden. That experience also taught Jess, then five, firsthand about the responsibilities and dedication needed to nurture and tend to her crop - something I doubt she could ever learn inside any city classroom. In return, she was rewarded with more than wonderful-tasting fresh produce, but confidence and pride.

Like the pride felt by the young farm hand who was showing a herd of dairy cattle at the Fair a few years ago. One of my fondest memories of the fair was returning to the barn and seeing this patient young man teaching our child how to milk one of his cows after he had spent a good part of an hour with her answering her questions and telling her about his day.

I also recall he participated in the 4-H Achievement Day - the junior fair that will help to sustain the Carp Fair for another century-and-a-half.

I know that our daughter will be among the visitors to the Carp Fair on its 150th anniversary, which is now only 15 years away. And, like her parents, I believe she will be one of many members of yet another generation who will return each year on a special pilgrimage to be with friends and family at the fair.
This year, 1998, the Carp Agricultural Society president, Bob Foster of Huntley, will be presiding over the 135th Carp Fair. The first Carp Fair was held in 1855, 143 years ago, under the auspices of the Huntley Branch Agricultural Society. However, between 1870 and 1880, the fair was not held. The fire that swept through Carleton County in 1870 devastated many farms. As a result, the farmers of Huntley Township were too concerned with rebuilding their farms and herds to organize a fair. In addition, it is unknown when the first fair was held in Huntley township but it is believed to be in the mid 1850's. During Canada's Centennial celebrations in 1967, all events of indeterminate origin that were believed to be approximately 100 years old were given centennial status. As a result, the Carp Fair was deemed to be 105 years old in that year.

The Carp Fair’s reputation for quality became widely known over the years, attracting more and more exhibitors each year. In 1900, there were 73 exhibitors; by 1975 this number grew to 354; and in 1987 there were no less than 811 people who brought their projects and produce to be shown.

Held late in September, the Carp Fair has always come at the end of a long line of fairs throughout the province each summer. Since early in its history, the fair’s slogan has been, “You’ve seen the rest, now see the best!” The people who have worked to put on the fair’s 135th anniversary, are hopeful this year the fair will remain true to its past, and again prove to be the best.

A detailed history of the Carp Fair was written in 1976. Subsequent “histories” of the Carp Fair, as reported in various newspapers and prize lists, have either directly copied from this source, or used it extensively. A short update from 1976 to the date of publication was usually added. But even the 1976 history is very similar in wording to “histories” that were produced in earlier newspapers, and the original source manuscript has not been located. This booklet endeavors to reorganize this information and update it to 1998, the 135th anniversary of the Carp Fair. It is also an on-going project that in the future the Huntley Township Historical Society will probably produce an updated edition of this history, at least for the 150th anniversary of the Fair if not before. As such, if you notice any errors or omissions or have any further information that should be included in the next edition of this book, please contact any member of the Board of the Huntley Township Historical Society.

The information was compiled by Hester Shackleton and Erskine Rivington from various sources including Carp Fair prize lists and newspaper clippings from the Carp Review and Carleton County Advertiser, The Arnprior Chronicle Guide, and the Carp Valley Press. Additional material was submitted by Gwen Birrell as well as the introductory essay by Lawrence Surtees written especially for this volume. The newspaper sources of the material have been referenced in the text as required. The reorganization of the data and its editing was done by Roger and Stephanie Thomas. Proof reading was done by Joan Caldwell, Hester Shackleton and Erskine Rivington.

In the book, the history has been subdivided into sections based on key events as follows: 1855-1869; 1870-1906; 1907-1929; 1930-1962; and 1963-1998. Unfortunately little is known about the early years of the fair and if anyone has information and photographs from this period it would be greatly appreciated if copies were sent to the Huntley Township Historical Society for inclusion in later editions of this book. Photos of any of the buildings which have since been torn down would also be appreciated. The Agricultural Society is presently looking for photographs of the interior of the Exhibition building so that it can be restored to its former grandeur.
The Carp Fair started in 1855, which was only 33 years after the township was surveyed and approximately 20 years after the last major influx of pioneer settlers to the area. The fair was organized by the Huntley Branch Agricultural Society who received a grant of 16 pounds, 7 shillings, and 11 pence from the “provincial government”; in those days it would have been the government of Upper Canada. Pounds and shillings were in use in Canada until after the 1857; the above sum translates to less than $40 today. The agricultural society made the most of every penny, and began a tradition that has continued for 135 years, with the exception of a 10-year period between 1870 and 1880.

These early fairs were not held at a fair grounds as such but in an ordinary field. These fairs were always held near the site of the present fair grounds probably near the picnic grounds for Carp village. These were located across the road from the present Fair grounds, approximately 100 m towards Carp from the entrance to the Diefenbunker and library. At this time, livestock would be tied to fences and special railings erected for the fair. However, there were no buildings or special rings.

In a poem written by an anonymous poet around 1950, the first two verses are as follows:

In eighteen hundred and sixty-three
A great occasion there happened to be.
It was the very first annual Carp Fair.
Friends and neighbours all gathered there.
I mean up on the hill near Snelgrove’s barn,
Of course this story makes quite a yarn.
For several times before this year of grace,
As the “Huntley Fair” it had taken place.

The poet may have taken some poetic license when writing these stanzas, but there may also be some truth in it as passed down from his ancestors. However it should be noted that on the 1879 map of Huntley Township, the land in question, lot 18 concession III, was owned by A Dolan and R. Cavanaugh.

In a history of the Fair written in 1988 by Susan Winkelaar for the Carp Valley Press, she described this Fair as follows:

It was a township fair, held on Carp’s picnic grounds just west of the present fair grounds. There were no buildings to house the livestock, no craft exhibits displayed, and no exciting rides to thrill those who like to live dangerously. Instead, a few railings were erected by the townsmen so the cattle and horses could be tied up, and people came on horseback, in buggies, on foot and by train to view the stock. The original fair was much like a huge market. Items weren’t just displayed and judged, to be packed up and taken home again. People would bring their animals, vegetables and grain to show it off and sell it.

According to the 1930 prize list, Thomas Hodgins was the first president of the Huntley
Agricultural Society. Thomas Hodgins, second son of James Hodgins, died a few days after the 1903 Fair. He gave gratis all the fence posts to fence the Fair Grounds. He and the late William Argue worked extremely hard to have the Fair organized.

In 1863, the Carp Agricultural Society was incorporated.

1. Fair is older than Canada; by Susan Winkelaar, Press Reporter; Carp Fair Special, Carp Valley Press, September 21, 1988, page 13.

2. A detailed history of the Carp Agricultural Society; Carp Fair, 1976

3. “Now come to Carp and see the best”; Carp Fair Supplement, Arnprior Guide, September 1971


The minutes of the 1870 annual meeting are the earliest minutes that are in existence. The meeting of the Huntley Branch Agricultural Society was held on January 12, 1870 with Mr. Holmes in the Chair. The minutes are as follows:

Moved by John Butler and seconded by Mr. Peasson (sic) that Mr. Kidd preside over the Society for the next year. Carried unanimously.

Moved by John Butler and seconded by Mr. Kidd that Mr. William Gourlay be vice-president, Carried.

Moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Gourlay that Mr. Rivington be secretary and treasurer. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the following members be directors, James Cavanagh, John Caldwell, Nesbit Alexander, Samuel Alexander, James Wilson, John Peasson, James Johnston.

Moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Gourlay that John Hueston and John Butler be the auditors for the year current. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Kidd and seconded by Mr. McInnes that this meeting be now adjourned until the 3rd Monday in April. Carried.

William Holmes, chairman
W. Rivington, Secretary, 1

In August 1870, the Great Fire, as it was called, swept through Huntley Township and destroyed many of the farm buildings and crops. After a long, hot, dry summer, the parched lands and woods were like matchsticks waiting to be lit. The fire began on August 17th and swept through Fitzroy, Torbolton, Huntley, Gouldbourn, Nepean, Gloucester, Marlborough, Osgoode townships in Ontario and through the towns of Aylmer, Hull, Templeton and Chelsea in Quebec, consuming everything in its path. As a result, a Fair was not held that year, nor was one held for the next ten years. Because of this ten year gap, the anniversary date of the fair is ten years less than the number of years since its inception.
In 1880, local councillors decided they wanted to see another fair and the Huntley Township Council became the driving force behind the formation of a new Agricultural Society. That same year, the Huntley Township Agricultural Society was organized, a meeting was held, and Thomas Hodgins was elected president. A fair was held once again, in 1880, under township status, and has been held annually ever since.

In 1882, the Huntley Township Agricultural Society received a $200 grant from township council to help with the purchase of two acres of land at the site of the present fair grounds. The fence posts for fencing these grounds were donated to the Society by Mr. Hodgins, the first president. The first township operating grant to the Fair was given in 1885 to the then Huntley Fair. The grant was originally $50 and was used to help with the prize money and expenses.

In 1893, a further acre of land "between the present grounds and the gully" was purchased. However, council, in agreeing to help with the purchase, stipulated that the "Said land to be used not only by the Agricultural Society for Annual Exhibitions but also by the ratepayers of the township for public cattle fairs...." (March 6, 1893 meeting of Huntley Township council).

The first record of construction of actual buildings was in 1897, when the Huntley Township council awarded $100 to help build a new hall.

A further expansion of the fair grounds took place in 1899 with the township council again helping out, this time with a $100 grant.

Ladies had always exhibited at the Carp Fair and at the Huntley Fair before the name was changed. In 1900, 34 ladies exhibited at the Fair. The exhibitors were Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Cathcart, Mrs. J. Fennell, Mrs. M. E. O’Meara, Miss Ida J. Graham, Mrs. J. Diment, Miss Maggie Harkin, Miss Kate Harkin, Miss A. MacFarlane, Miss Mary Argue, Miss Grace Argue, Miss Annie Goulay, Mrs. Warren Bradley, Mrs. George Irwin, Miss Hamlin, Miss B. Armstrong, Mrs. M. A. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Lester, Miss C. Lester, Miss Janet Richardson, Miss C. Richardson, Miss M. A. Richardson, Miss R. Blake, Mrs. H. Watt, Mrs. James Armstrong, Mrs. Andrew Armstrong, Mrs. Joseph Gourlay, Mrs. George Rivington, Mrs. B. Burroughs, Miss Violet Hodgins, Mrs. Kidd, Miss Atkin, Miss McCaffery and Miss B. Armstrong.

In 1907, the members of the Board of the Carp Agricultural Society were: William Barton, president; J. W. McElroy, 1st vice-president; W. J. Johnston, 2nd vice-president; John Argue, Secretary-treasurer; J. J. Wilson; E. J. Hughes; Joseph Gourlay; T. E. Argue; James Boyd; Howard Hodgins; B. G. Grace; Forest Caldwell; and James H. Armstrong. The Carp Review noted that “Owing to a new law recently passed by the Ontario Legislature, township fairs are to be a thing of the past. All fairs have been put on the same level and each will receive a grant according to the amount spent for agricultural purposes. By this new arrangement we understand the local society will receive about double the amount received from the government in former years. It also necessitates the changing of the society’s name and it was decided to call it ‘Carp Agricultural Society’. It was also decided to accept the government’s offer to send expert judges on horses and cattle as in former years.” As such, the Huntley Township Agricultural Society ceased to exist.
The heavy horse show has always been a major attraction at the Carp Fair. This photograph of the eight-horse-hitch competition was taken in the 1980's. Similar teams were probably commonly seen both in everyday life as well as at the Carp Fairs of the 1880's.

Horse and carriage from the 1990 Fair - a form of transportation from bygone years.


2. Details of this fire are described in “A brief account of the late conflagration near Ottawa, August 17, 1870”; Huntley Township Historical Society, Miscellaneous Publication No. 1, 1992.

3. A detailed history of the Carp Agricultural Society; Carp Fair, 1976.

4. Ibid

5. Ibid
This is how the Carp Review and Carleton County Advertiser, of Thursday, October 11, 1906, reported on the 1906 Carp Fair:

**THE CARP FAIR**

The People’s Favorite a Record Breaker and Everybody Pleased.

The Huntley township fair held at Carp last Wednesday was a genuine success, and fully sustained its reputation of being one of Eastern Ontario’s leaders. The weather was all that could be desired. A large number of visitors came on the morning and noon trains from Ottawa and on the morning train from Renfrew and intermediate points. There were more people from a distance this year than ever before, no doubt many coming to see the ruins of the recent fire. Notwithstanding the fact that the leading hotel of the town was destroyed in the conflagration there was good accommodation for visitors as far as meals were concerned, the only difficulty being that most of those driving into town had to tie their horses in the open. Besides the Dooley House meals served by Mr. T. A. Brown in the Orange Hall and by Mr. A. Pender, who had an excellent place fixed up at his residence.

The show of horses in all classes was a splendid one, but more especially the heavy draughts. The expert judge, Mr. Smith, who has been doing this kind of work for a number of years and has consequently visited every fair in the province, said that he had never seen a county fair to equal our exhibits in this class. Cattle, sheep, swine and poultry remained about the same as usual.

The hall was not as well filled with exhibits and business displays as in former years. No doubt the past dry summer prevented growth and was the cause of the falling off in the vegetable and root classes. The display of dairy products was also small. There was a fair showing of domestic manufactures, grain and seed and the high quality of the latter was quite noticeable. The ladies department upstairs was a dream of loveliness with the many and varied creations of their handiwork.

The flower and vegetable exhibit of the Carp public school garden was a credit to the community and Messrs. Moore and Gibson are to be congratulated on its tasteful arrangement. Vegetables and flowers were there in profusion, each occupying either sides of an aquarium in which were numerous species of fish taken from the Carp river. In front of the exhibit were neatly stacked a number of the rifles used by the Boy’s Rifle Corps, and pictures of the old school building and the magnificent new one and also of the school garden added beauty to the display.

Mr. James Little had a fine display of vegetables which was also very artistically arranged.

A notable exhibit in the hall was a display of furniture by Scharf Bros. who had on view samples of the various lines of chairs carried in stock.

Orme & Sons, Limited, of Ottawa, had a couple of their famous pianos on display, which were in charge of Mr. J. H. Slack. He also had a large gramophone rendering selections all afternoon and handed out sheet music advertising the firm’s goods.

The Williams Manufacturing Co., Limited, of Montreal, with offices at 220 Bank st., Ottawa, had several styles of their sewing machines on exhibition. It was in charge of Mr. W. Chipman, Manager of the Ottawa branch, who had a couple of assistants explaining the merits of the machines and showing samples of the work done on them.

Fletcher Bradley, grocer, of 76 Queen st., Ottawa, had an elaborate display of Tobler’s famous Swiss Milk Eating Chocolate, and did a good business in introducing this toothsome article. He is district agent and has made arrangements with the two general stores and the Carp Drugstore to handle these goods.

On the grounds Mr. E. J. Hughes had a fine display of McLaughlin carriages, and cutters, McCormick machinery, etc, and Scharf Bros. also had a good exhibit of Tudhope buggies and cutters.

A large number of yellow yard sticks with Bryson & Graham Co’s. advertisement on were handed out by Mr. James Maguire of Ottawa.

A very commendable act on the part of the grounds committee was the way they staked it off so as to prohibit vehicles being driven among the spectators in the vicinity of the agricultural hall.

There was the usual number of fakirs, including the side show, picture gallery, aunt sallies, cane and ring tables, fortune telling, etc. A medicine firm did a big business in “yanking” out teeth, and disposing of their “sure cures.”

Music during the day was furnished by the band of the Governor-General’s Foot Guards,
and was of a high order. The management made no mistake in engaging this aggregation as they are one of the best bands in the Dominion. Their selections were well rendered and they well-merited the many compliments heard on every side.

The receipts amounted to $600. Next year, according to new arrangements of the government, this will in all probability be a district fair and it is possible the surrounding townships will join us. Our government grant would then be of the same proportion as county fairs.

THE OFFICERS

The officers for 1906, who are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements and general success of the fair, are as follows:


Following is the list of prize winners in the several classes as far as they have been obtained:

HORSES

Blood (with pedigree) -
Stallion, M W Grace.

Clyde (with pedigree) -
Stallion, 3 yrs and upwards, 1 R Armstrong, 2 T L Major; stallion 1 yr., James Boyd; brood mare and foal, Jas H Armstrong; single mare or gelding in harness, 1 W James, 2 Jas Boyd, 3 G A Hodgins; three-year-old mare or gelding, A Gracy; two-year-old mare or gelding, Jas Boyd; one-year-old mare or gelding, 1 Jas Boyd, 2 A Gracy, 3 J H Armstrong.

Heavy Draught (grade) --
Stallion 3 yrs and upwards, A Armstrong; brood mare and foal, 1 H Richardson, 2 Sol White, 3 J H Armstrong; pair horses or mares in harness, 1 Wm Gordon, 2 Gordon Hodgins, 3 F S Richardson; single mare or gelding in harness, 1 G A Hodgins, 2 T L Major; three-year-old mare or gelding, 1 Gordon Hodgins, 2 W Little; two-year-old mare or gelding, 1 Geo Rivington, 2 A Gracy, 3 H Richardson; one-year-old colt, 1 A Gracy, 2 Sol White, 3 H Richardson.

General Purpose - Brood mare and foal, 1 W J Johnston, 2 John Dolan; S V Carter; pair horses or mares in harness, 1 Geo Green, 2 H Hodgins, 3 J J Lowery; single mare or gelding in harness, 1 E H Graham, 2 John Dolan, 3 Geo Green; three-year-old mare or gelding, 1 Ernest Bradley, 2 Jas Boyd, 3 E H Graham, two-year-old mare or gelding, 1 John Dolan, 2 G Rivington, 3 P Carter; one-year-old mare or gelding, 1 G Rivington, 2 W J Lowry, 3 J J Wilson.

Carriage - Stallion, 3 yrs. and upwards, 1 P J Lynchke, 2 P Grace; stallion 1 yr F S Richardson; brood mare and foal, 1 G Rivington, 2 P Grace, 3 G N Kidd; pair matched mares or geldings in carriage, 1 A Andrews, 2 Wm Rivington; single mare or gelding, 1 W G Lowry, Ernest Bradley, 3 P Carter; three-year-old mare or gelding, 1 G N Kidd, 2 H Richardson, 3 Gordon Hodgins; two-year-old mare or gelding, 1 E H Graham, 2 H Richardson, 3 G N Kidd; one-year-old mare or gelding, 1 W James, 2 H Richardson.

Saddle - Stallion 3 yrs or upwards, P J Lynchke; stallion one yr or upwards, C P Humphries; brood mare and foal, P Grace; mare or gelding, 1 W G Lowry, 2 J J Wilson, 3 G A Hodgins; two-year-old mare or gelding, G A Hodgins; one-year-old mare or gelding, C P Humphries.

Roadsters -- Pair matched mares or geldings in harness, 1 L Major, 2 Jas White; single mare or gelding, 1 J S Ragsdale, 2 Jas McKenna, 3 D A Kennedy; three-year-old mare or gelding, 1 G Rivington, 2 P Carter, 3 B. J. Grace; two-year-old mare or gelding, 1 Horace Graham, 2 P Grace; one-year-old mare or gelding, 1 F S Richardson, 2 C P Humphries.

CATTLE.

Durhams - Bull 3 yrs or over, 1 R Baylis, 2 Jas Boyd; bull one yr old, C P Humphries; bull calf, 1 J J Wilson, 2 G A Hodgins, 3 J J Wilson; milch cow, 1 J J Wilson, 2 G A Hodgins, 3 G A Hodgins; three-year-old heifer, J J Wilson; two-year-old heifer, G A Hodgins; heifer calf, G A Hodgins.

Grade - Bull 3 yrs or over, 1 John Olive, 2 G Rivington; bull one yr old, Howard Caldwell; bull calf, 1 C P Humphries, 2 H Caldwell; milch cow, 1 W J Lowry,
H Caldwell, 3 G Rivington; three-year-old heifer, 1 G Rivington, 2 H Caldwell; two-year-old heifer, 1 G A Hodgins, 2 W J Lowry, 3 H Caldwell; one-year-old heifer, 1 H Caldwell, 2 G Rivington; two-year-old steer, 1 G A Hodgins, 2 W J Lowry, 3 H Caldwell; one-year-old steer, 1 W G Lowry, 2 H Caldwell.

SHEEP.

Short Wool - Ram 1 Jos Gourlay, 2 W J Johnston; ram lamb, 1 Jas Boyd, 2 W J Johnston, 3 H Richardson; shearling ram, G Rivington; two-year-old ewe, 1 H Richardson, 2 J Gourlay, 3 W J Johnston; ewe shearling, 1 H Richardson, 2 W J Johnston, 3 J Gourlay; lamb, 1 H Richardson, 2 J Gourlay, 3 W J Johnston, 3 G Rivington.

Long Wool - Ram two yrs or over, D McKay; ram lamb, 1 W J Johnston, 2 J Boyd, 3 J Gourlay; ewe two yrs old, 1 W J Johnston, 2 J Boyd, 3 J Gourlay; ewe shearling, 1 J Gourlay, 2 W J Johnston; ewe lamb, 1 J Gourlay, 2 H Richardson, 3 W J Johnston.

Grade - Ram 2 yrs or over, 1 H Richardson, 2 P Grace; ram lamb, 1 W J Johnston, 2 P Grace, 3 G Rivington; ewe two yrs old, 1 W J Johnston, 2 H Richardson, 3 P Grace; ewe shearling, 1 P Grace, 2 H Richardson; ewe lamb, 1 G Rivington, 2 H Richardson, 3 J Gourlay.

SWINE

Yorkshire (with pedigree) - Boar one yr or over, H Caldwell; boar under one year, H Caldwell; brood sow any age, H Caldwell; sow under one yr, H Caldwell; pair spring pigs, H Caldwell.

Tamworths (with pedigree) - Boar one yr or over, J Gourlay; boar under one yr, J Gourlay; brood sow any age, J Gourlay; sow under one yr, J Gourlay; pair spring pigs, J Gourlay.

Grade - Boar one year or over, W. Hamilton; boar under one yr, H Caldwell; brood sow any age, Harry Wilson, 2 H Caldwell, 3 P Humphries; sow under one year, H Caldwell, 2 G Rivington; pair spring pigs, 1 H Caldwell, Harry Wilson 3 G Rivington.

FOWLS.

Pair Plymouth Rock (barred) 1 T J Black, 2 J Gourlay: Plymouth Rocks (buff or white) W Hamilton; Orpingtons, Harry Boyd, 3 J Gourlay; Brahams (Bantam) T J Black; Plymouth Rock chicks (barred) 1 Robbie Argue, 2 M S Argue; Orpington chicks, 1 Harry Wilson, 2 J Gourlay.

TURKEYS, GEESE AND DUCKS

Pair bronze turkeys, T J Black; any variety turkeys, 1 W Hamilton, 2 J Gourlay; Tolouse geese, 1 W Hamilton, 2 J Gourlay; any other variety geese, 1 G Rivington, 2 J Gourlay; Pekin ducks, 1 T J Black, 2 J Boyd; any other variety ducks, 1 H Hanna, 2 W Hamilton.

FARM IMPLEMENT'S.

Cutter, Scharf Bros; single buggy, 1 E J Hughes, 2 Scharf Bros; set horse shoes, H Hanna; cart, Scharf Bros; double waggon, 1 E J Hughes, 2 Scharf Bros; express waggon, 1 E J Hughes, 2 Scharf Bros.

FARM PRODUCTS.

Hard wheat, 1 John Baird, 2 Jos Gourlay; soft wheat, 1 Jas Boyd, 2 J Gourlay; black oats, J Gourlay; white oats, J Gourlay, 2 J Baird; barley, J Boyd; small peas, 1 J Boyd, 2 T J Black, 3 J Gourlay; small white beans, 1 Horace Graham, 2 T J Black, 3 J Boyd; timothy seed, 1 J Boyd, 2 J Gourlay; small yellow beans, 1 J Gourlay, 2 C P Humphries; ensilage com, E. Pearson.

ROOTS, GARDEN VEGETABLES, FRUITS &c

Early or late Rose potatoes, 1 J Gourlay; 2 J Boyd, 3 W James; Chili, J Boyd Maggie Murphy, 1 W Hamilton, 2 J Boyd, 3 W James; Empire State, G Rivington, Vermont Joint, 1 J Boyd, 2 G Rivington; Toronto Queen, W James; Rural New Yorker, H Caldwell; Beauty of Hebron, 1 J Boyd, 2 H Caldwell, 3 W James; Satisfaction, G Rivington; turnips (Swedish for table use), 1 E H Graham, 2 J Gourlay; turnips (Swedish for feeding) 1 W Hamilton, 2 J Boyd, 3 J Gourlay; Grey Stone turnips, J Boyd, carrots, (orange for table use) 1 E Pearson, 2 J Boyd, 3 G Rivington; carrots (white for table use) 1 J Gourlay, 2 J Boyd, 3 J Gourlay; mangels (long or globe) 1 E H Graham, 2 J Boyd, 3 D A Kennedy; mangels (sugar), 1 J Boyd, 2 E H Graham; mangels (tankard) G Rivington; beets (globe), 1 E Pearson, 2 D A Kennedy, 3 H Caldwell; beets (blood), J Boyd, 2 G Rivington, 3 J Gourlay; beets (sugar) G Rivington; pumpkins, 1 E Pearson, 2 D A Kennedy, 3 J Gourlay; squash, B J Grace; onions (red) 1 Harry Wilson, 2 J Gourlay; onions (white), 1 J Gourlay, 2 E Pearson; onions (potato) 1 J Boyd, 2 E Pearson, 3 G Rivington; parsnips, 1 J Gourlay; 2 J Boyd, 3 E Pearson; cabbage (white), 1 H Hanna, 2 J Gourlay; cabbage (red), J Gourlay; cauliflowers, 1 H Hanna, 2 E Pearson; cucumbers, 1 J Boyd, 2 Harry Wilson, 3 G Rivington; corn, G Rivington; tomatoes, Mrs H Watt; assortment fruit, H Gourlay; assortment late apples, H Gourlay.
DAIRY.

Crock butter, 1 E Pearson; butter in prints, 1 E Pearson; loaf homemade bread, 1 Miss Jane Galligher; dozen buns, Mrs A Galligher; dozen honey (extracted) John Olive; honey (in comb) J Olive.

LADIES’ WORK, USEFUL.

Coverlet (knitted), 1 Miss L P Gordon; coverlet (crochet), 1 Miss Gordon; quilt (patchwork or pieced), 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Watt; quilt, (fancy silk), Mrs J Diment; quilt, log cabin, 1 Mrs. 0 Reid, 2 Mrs Wilson; Man's fine shirt, machine-made, Mrs Fennell; man’s coarse shirt, hand-made, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Reid; man’s coarse shirt, machine-made, Mrs Reid; ladies’ underwear, handmade, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs. Reid; ladies’ underwear, machine-made, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; night gown, flannel, handmade, Miss Gordon; socks or stockings, fine, woollen, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Miss B Armstrong; socks or stockings, coarse woollen, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; gloves, fine woollen, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Reid; gloves, coarse woollen, 1 Mrs Fennell; mitts, fine woollen, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Miss Gordon; mitts, coarse woollen, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; darning on socks or stockings, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Wilson; buttonholes on different materials, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; yarn homemade, woollen, Mrs. Fennell; rag carpet, Mrs Fennell; floor mat, any kind, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Wilson; crochet work, wool, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs. Reid; knitting, wool, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; shawl or cape, crochet, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Miss Whiteside; knitted, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; slippers, crochet, Mrs Fennell; slippers, knitted, Mrs. Fennell; child’s bootees., Mrs. Fennell; child’s jacket, crochet or knitted, Mrs. Reid; extras, nor otherwise classified, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid.

LADIES’ WORK, FANCY.

Pillow shams Mrs Reid; embroidery, silk on flannel, Miss Gordon; apron, fancy, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Fennell; five o’clock tea cloth, embroidered, Miss Gordon; five o’clock tea cloth, drawnwork, Mrs Fennell; table mats, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Miss Gordon; toilet set, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Miss Whiteside; pin cushion, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Miss B Armstrong; tea cosy, 1 Miss Gordon; centre piece, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; tray cloth, 1 Miss Whiteside, 2 Miss Gordon; handkerchiefs, fancy, 1 Miss Armstrong, 2 Miss Gordon; drawn work, Miss Gordon. 2 Mrs Fennell; embroidery on bolting cloth, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Fennell; Roman embroidery or cut work, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; table doyleys, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; point lace, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Miss Gordon; honiton lace 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Fennell; Battenburg lace, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Miss Whiteside; crochet cotton lace, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Miss Whiteside; knitted, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Fennell; tatting, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; netting, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Reid; lady’s fancy collar, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Miss Gordon; outline work, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Reid; embroidered piano or easel scharf, 1 Miss Gordon, 2 Mrs Reid; jewel work, Mrs Fennell; sofa pillow not embroidered, Mrs Fennell; braiding, handwork, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; lamp shade, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Miss Armstrong; extras, not otherwise classified, 1 and 2, Miss Armstrong.

FINE ARTS.

Oil painting, landscape from copy, 1 Miss B Armstrong, 2 Miss A Lockwood; from nature, 1 Miss A L Gourlay, 2 Miss Armstrong; flowers or fruit, 1 Miss Lockwood, 2 Miss Gourlay; water color, landscape from copy, Miss Lockwood; from nature, 1 Miss Lockwood, 2 Miss Gourlay; fruit or flowers, 1 Miss Gourlay, 2 Miss Lockwood; crayon drawing, Miss Gourlay, 2 Mrs T Cowling; pen and ink sketch, 1 Miss Lockwood, 2 Miss Gourlay; painting on plaques, Miss Gourlay; glass, Mrs Fennell; satin, 1 Miss Gourlay, 2 Miss Armstrong; bolting cloth, Mrs Watt; china, Miss Armstrong; burnt work on leather or wood, 1 Miss Lockwood, 2 Miss Armstrong; shell or seed work, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; paper work, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; pastel painting, Miss Armstrong; sephia painting, Miss Gourlay; collection of paintings, 1 Miss Lockwood, 2 Miss Armstrong.

FLOWERS.

Geraniums, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Watt: lilies 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Watt; fuchsias, 1 Mrs Watt, 2 Mrs Fennell; begonias, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 H Hanna; roses, Mrs Fennell; cacti, Mrs Fennell; foliage plants, 1 Mrs Watt. Mrs Fennell; oleander, 1 Mrs Fennell 2 Mrs Watt; collection of palms, Mrs Fennell; collection of flowers in pots, 1 Mrs Fennell 2 H Hanna; collection cut flowers, 1 Mrs Watt, 2 Mrs Fennell; everlasting flowers, 1 Mrs Fennell, 2 Mrs Reid; pressed flowers, 1 Mrs Reid, 2 Mrs Fennell; primroses, Mrs Fennell; petunias, Mrs Fennell; heliotrope, Mrs Fennell.

SPECIALS.

Specials are given in lieu of the society prizes, and as a result many of them appear as such in their
respective classes.


Boy driver, under 12 years, of single horse, $2 by R Racine, M.P.P., Russell - Harold Kennedy.

Girl driver, under 15 years, of single horse, $3 by A C Younghusband-Annie Kidd.

Lady driver of a single carriage, outfit considered. $5 by G R Bancroft, Moore's Hotel, Ottawa - I Miss Hanna; 2nd $2 by A S Bradley Miss Garvin.

Best Clyde stallion with pedigree, $5 by T A Brown - R Armstrong.

Lady driver of double team, outfit considered, $5 by A Andrews- Miss Langford.

Brood mare with pedigree, $5 by G A Hodgins - Wm James.

Clyde mare any age, $5 by A Gracy - W James.

Draught foal, $5 by Thomas J Black - I E H Graham $3; 2 J H Armstrong $2.

Draught mare or gelding any age, $5 by James Boyd- W James.


Ewe lamb, grade, $2 by George Hogart, Ottawa - G Rivington.

Aged ram, grade, $5 by C E Irvine, Ottawa - G Rivington.

Pen of lambs, 1 male and 4 females, $5 by William Dooley- H Richardson.

Pen of sheep, 1 male and 4 females, $5 by H Mooney & Son, Ottawa - I H Richardson. 2 pair pants $4 by S P Hemphill, Ottawa - J Gourlay.

Largest variety of purebred poultry owned by one exhibitor, $5 by the C. Ross Co, Ottawa - I J Gourlay.

Exhibit of carriages, pair pants $4 by J R McNeil, Ottawa - E J Hughes.

Exhibit furniture, pair pants $3.50 by R Masson, Ottawa - Scharf Bros.

Display of vegetable, $5 by the Capital Brewing Co, Ottawa - James Little.

Exhibit potatoes, pair pants $4 by Burwash & McDonald, Ottawa - Jas Little

Exhibit of roots, $5 by the J I Case Threshing Machine Co, Ottawa - James Little.

School garden making the best exhibit of flowers, $5 by H McElroy & Sons - Carp Public School, G A Moore, Principal.

Exhibit of cut of flowers, picture $3 by R H Pounder, Ottawa - Carp Public School.

Display of vegetables by school garden, $5 worth Stone & Wellington's nursery stock by the CARP REVIEW - Carp Public School.

Exhibit of preserved fruit, $5 by G N Kidd, M P P - I Mrs J Fennell $3; 2 Mrs G Reid $2.

Fancy Baking, 5 lbs tea $2 by R E Powell, Ottawa - Mrs G Reid.

Exhibit of pickles, $2.50 by T E Argue - Mrs J Fennell.

Ten lbs butter, $5 by Wm Dooley - E Pearson.

Pail butter, $2 by Fournier & Co, Ottawa - E Pearson; also $3 for print butter- E Pearson; 2 set carvers $2.75 by A Workman, Ottawa - Mrs H McDaniel.

Tub butter, $3 by W J Holmes, Ottawa - E Pearson.

Homemade bread and doz. buns, $2 by Wm Wetherley- Miss Jane Galligher.

Loaf homemade bread made by unmarried lady, bag flour $3 by S Arthur, Ottawa - Miss Jane Galligher.

Dozen buns made by unmarried lady, $1 by G Lodge, Ottawa - Miss Jane Galligher.

White cheese, $5 by W J Johnston-Seymer Wilkins.


Collection ladies’ work useful, $5 by A G Dunnet - 1 Mrs Fennell, $3; 2 Miss Gordon $2; also $5 for collection ladies’ work fancy- 1 Mrs Fennell $3, 2 Miss Gordon $2.

Fancy silk quilt, 5 lbs tea $2 by Goodall Bros, Ottawa - Mrs J Diment.

Exhibit art needlework, $2.60 by T E Argue - Miss Gordon.

Ladies’ useful and fancy work, $5 in goods by T Lindsay, Ottawa - Miss Gordon.

Exhibit knitted goods, $3 by W H Bleeks - Miss Gordon.

Sofa pillow, pair boots $2 by E O’Rielly, Ottawa - Mrs Fennell.

Exhibit rag mats, $3 by Scharf Bros - Mrs Fennell.

Pair pillow shams, butter dish $3 by T S Seaton, Ottawa- Mrs Fennell.

Collection of paintings, water color, $5 by T E Argue - Miss Lockwood.

Map of Carleton county drawn by pupil of any public school in the county, $5 by E. Kidd, ex-M.P.- Miss Agnes Riddel, of Galetta, pupil of Carp Continuation class.

Sample of penmanship by pupil of any public school in the county, pair boots $2 by G W West, Ottawa - Miss Ivy Wilson of Carp Public School.

Collection of house plants, camera $2 by the Topley Studio, Ottawa - Mrs Fennell.


Exhibitor taking largest number prizes in Classes 27-30, $5 by Dr. Groves - Mrs J Fennell.
Carp Fair 1907 to 1929

In 1907, the Huntley Township Agricultural Society changed its name to the Carp Agricultural Society because of new provincial legislation which enabled the Society to receive about twice as much in government grants provided it abandoned its township status. Thus the name “Carp Agricultural Society” was hit upon and the first “Carp Fair” was held. The Huntley Township Agricultural Society and the Huntley Fair became things of the past.

At this time, there were other area township fairs such as the March Fair put on each September by the Township of March Agricultural Society and the Fitzroy Township Fair at Mohr’s Corners which ended in 1941 – it was the last of the township fairs to go 1.

At the 1907 annual meeting of the Society, it was decided that the Carp Agricultural Society and thus the Carp Fair would serve the townships of Huntley, Fitzroy, Torbolton, March and Goulbourn. William Barton was elected as the first president of the Carp Agricultural Society with J. W. McElroy as the first vice-president and W. J. Johnston as the second vice-president. The directors of the Carp Agricultural Society in 1907 were J. J. Wilson, James Armstrong, Forest Caldwell, B. J. Grace, Howard Hodgins, James Boyd, T. E. Argue, E. J. Hughes and Joseph Gourlay 2.

In 1908, the expenditures of the Carp Agricultural Society were $1,301.15 while the receipts for the year were $1,490.20. Admission fees for the Fair were reported as $545.15.

This is how the Carp Review of October 7, 1909 described the fair that year:

1909 Carp Fair Was Financial Success

Although the two days chosen for the 30th annual exhibition of the Carp Agricultural Society were the worse for some time previous and so far since, the event was a financial success. Thursday - the first day of the fair when all the exhibits are supposed to be placed in the hall --rain fell nearly all day, and hindered many from coming in with what they had entered. Friday was cold and cloudy and rain commenced to fall again towards evening, practically bringing the proceedings to a close some time before it would have had the weather been fair. However, other receipts made up for a slight falling off in the gate receipts of last year and directors expect to have about the same handsome surplus as they had a year ago. The management are seriously considering the advisability of holding a two days fair in future so that most of the judging could be done the first day. It might not be out of place to suggest selecting the date a little later - say the second week in October - as previous to this the weather is very uncertain as the seasons are just then changing, and, if you notice, we nearly always have delightful weather for some time afterwards.

Despite the threatening appearance of the morning, large crowds came in on the morning trains and on the noon train from Ottawa. Also on every road leading
into the village could be seen farmers' rigs of every description.

In point of exhibits this year's exhibition was the best held in the history of the society. Last year's exhibition was the best thus far but this year there were over 800 more entries. As usual the judging of horses attracted quite a lot of attention and the decision of the judges in nearly all cases gave satisfaction. Among the prize winners were Thomas Burke for best exhibit of horses, and Robert Cox, who won the gold medal donated by W. H. Hartin for the best team of heavy draught horses. G. A. Hodgins, the Dolan and Rivington boys also carried off a lot of tickets. Those deserving of special mention for their good showing of cattle were: J. J. Wilson, J. E. Armstrong, G. Rivington and Forest Caldwell. The latter captured nearly all the prizes in the Holstein and grade classes with his splendid herd, some of which carried off honors at this year's exhibition at Ottawa. The other livestock classes were well contested for.

In the hall a noticeable improvement could be seen in the dairy display. No less than eight cheese factories were represented with exhibits of cheese and more butter was shown than at any fair twice the size. The ladies department, comprising domestic science, fancy and useful work, fine arts, etc., was well filled, scarcely a section remaining without competition. A big improvement was also noticed over other years in the quantity and quality of roots and vegetables. Among the latter were a pumpkin and two squash shown by W. S. Caldwell, weighing 72½, 99 and 120 lbs. respectively. An interesting and instructive exhibit was that of the Department of Agriculture. It consisted of most of our noxious weeds and common insects nicely mounted. Mr. H. Strett, representative of Carleton district branch, was in charge and explained how these pests could best be eradicated and crops thus increased. Other interesting exhibits were those of the Carp Public School. All kinds of garden produce grown by the pupils were on view and specimens of their writing, drawing and other branches of the curriculum were shown. The exhibits were tastefully arranged. Messrs. Orme & Son of Ottawa, were represented by Mr. J. Slack, who had a couple of the famous Martin-Orme pianos on exhibition. A single sewing machine demonstrator was also present.

A number of fairs were prevented from operating their games of chance by County Chief Hamilton, but a “wild” man confined in a cage made of inch boards, chicken wire and cheese cloth was allowed to be exhibited and several other harmless games were permitted. A dog show on the grounds attracted quite a large patronage and was undoubtedly well worth the price of admission. Then there was a tent where the young man could get his “likeness took” giving his girl a ride in an automobile. The inner man was ably looked after by Mr. T. A. Brown, who had the entire refreshment privilege. Music throughout the day was furnished by a section of the 43rd band from Ottawa, under the leadership of Mr. Allie Brown.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon’s proceedings was an address by Sir James Grant, K.C.M.G. of Ottawa, who for the first time came out to our Fair. Sir James was introduced to a large crowd by Dr. G. H. Groves. He spoke in very high
terms of the fine exhibits, both in the hall and in the ring, giving especial praise to
the fine class of horses that were on exhibition. He expressed surprise at what he
saw, and bespoke a great future for Carp exhibition and Carp village, which he
prophesied would be one of the great agricultural centres of the province. He spoke
of the fact that a site had been examined by the committee that day with a view to
having the sanitarium for the three counties established a mile from the village, and
assured his hearers that there would be no danger from the proximity of the
sanitarium.

The management, and especially the president and secretary, deserve credit
for their untiring efforts to make the exhibition a success, and also those whose work
it was to arrange the various exhibits so as to show to best advantage.

Further expansions of the fair grounds occurred in 1910 as noted in many articles, however the nature of these
expansions has not been recorded.

During the 1920's the show ring was built, fenced and graded.

The long hall was built behind the exhibit hall, in
1925 under the presidency of Thomas E. Carroll. The
exhibit hall had been previously built and was patterned
after the Howich Pavilion which then stood at the Ottawa
Exhibition Grounds.

In 1929, Byron Boyd was president and new horse
stalls were built.

Open horse stalls built in 1929 and torn down in 1993.
Home crafts have always been an important part of the Carp Fair.

1. Fair is older than Canada; by Susan Winkelaar, Press Reporter; Carp Fair Special, Carp Valley Press, September 21, 1988, page 13.

2. A detailed history of the Carp Agricultural Society; Carp Fair, 1976
CARP FAIR 1930 TO 1962

In 1930, the Carp Fair celebrated its Golden Jubilee as it was the 50th anniversary of the Carp Agricultural Society which was founded in 1880 as the Huntley Township Agricultural Society. H. W. Graham was the president of the Fair for the two day jubilee celebrations but C. Hardy Armstrong, the first vice-president of the Society, arranged the Fair since Mr. Graham had recently accepted the position of manager of a Jersey herd at a large farm near Toronto and was not in the area. Mr. Graham had been connected with the Carp Agricultural Society for many years as a director 1.

At the Jubilee Carp Fair a monster old timers celebration took place on the first day of the Fair, October 3. The events of the Fair started at noon on October 3 and continued until midnight on October 4. The chief attraction of this Jubilee Fair was the horse show. The weather was cold and windy but the Society got over $2,000 in gate receipts. As in past years, many people who attended the Fair came by train from Ottawa.

C. Hardy Armstrong, who became president of the Carp Agricultural Society in 1931, attended every fair during his lifetime. Born in 1879, he was a baby in arms when he attended the first fair of the Huntley Township Agricultural Society in 1880.

In 1932, people were feeling the full effect of the depression. The Carp Fair, however, was a cheap source of entertainment for everyone as indicated in the Carp Fair Prize List for that year as reproduced below.

Ask the man or woman on the shady side of fifty for reminiscences of childhood days and he will tell you of the first fair he attended. There will be some experiences that can never be repeated and precious memories as long as we live. What a thrill! We would be sorry if we had no Fair. Keep it humming. Everybody come.

Fundamentally the interests of all classes in a community are the same. Booker Washington was pleading for the Negro, he said: “No man can keep another in the gutter without staying in the gutter with him,” and no man can keep another man in the community down without staying down with him, and if the farmer is prosperous every other class in the community will prosper.

“Genius” is the faculty of taking infinite pains along the well trodden path of toil. Edison defines Genius as 98% perspiration and 2% inspiration.

Carp Fair extends a glad hand whether you come by train, auto, airplane or zeppelin, or walk. Everyone come.
Forget the depression for a day. Enjoy yourself at Carp Fair and don’t let Carp Fair slump. We only have one day in a year; make it a record breaker.

A Midway with rides will be at Carp Fair. Be able to tell reminiscences of the fun and thrills.

Public Speaking Contest will be in charge of W. M. Cockburn. This is an event worth the price of admission. Come and hear the future parliamentarians in open combat; starts at 3 p.m. – back of the long hall.

Meals served on the grounds by an expert chef at 40 cents each.

In the year 1933, the country as a whole faced the worst depression in history - but the Fair was held. Dr. A. B. Hyndman was president. Donations amounted to $292.00, but this, along with the gate receipts, was not enough to take care of the prize money and other expenses. A meeting was held. The late John C. Hopkins, secretary-manager, was sent to Toronto, to the Provincial Fair Association, to see if they would grant enough money to pay the prize list. Their advice was to withhold payment that year, due to the depression. But when Mr. Hopkins returned and the matter was again placed before the Board of Directors, every man present pledged his support in borrowing sufficient funds to pay the prize list winners and exhibitors, thus upholding their honour and integrity.

1934 marks the first year that calf club members showed their calves at Carp Fair. Many of the members later became president of the Fair. Levi Black, president of Carp Fair in 1934, was president of the first school fair in Huntley Township in 1913. At that fair he showed a foal, potatoes, and chickens.

An incident which could have had dire consequences took place in the mid-1930’s, when the Fair was in danger of losing everything to fire. A spark from the Midway caught in the shingles of the main exhibit building. There was great confusion; ladders were found; water was carried by the pail; a man from the Midway was helped to the roof where he literally tore off the burning shingles so that the fire could be reached. It is said that if you look at the inner side of the west wall of that building today you can still see the black marks where the fire scorched the timbers.
Sam Scissons was president in 1935. In 64 years, he only missed two fairs. As director for 12 years, he helped build, fence, and grade the show ring, and to build the long hall.3

In 1936, the Fair was enlarged to include market classes for cattle.

In 1937, the late Rugg Rivington came up as president of Carp Fair. In his address to the Board of Directors, he shot straight from the shoulder. He announced that 'from now on, no money is to be paid out for work that we can do ourselves, everything is to be done on a voluntary basis; no more commissions will be paid to those who solicit for donations. Any money spent will be for skilled labour.’ Mr. Rivington served as president for two years, one of the few who did. He had injected something new into the association, and it is a policy that still holds good today. Many members give unstintingly of both time and energy on behalf of the success of the Fair.

In 1939 the main hall was re-roofed and a culvert was built at the main gate. It rained steadily on Fair day and attendance was poor. Gate receipts were less than $500. Erskine Johnston was president.
In 1940, Erskine Johnston was given a second chance and the good weather returned along with the crowds. The buildings at the Fair grounds were painted in this year.

A very large crowd attended the Fair in 1941 and the receipts helped to pay off the mortgage that year and attain a surplus of $1,100 to its credit.

The ladies committee of the Carp Agricultural Society was formed in 1942 with the organizational meeting being attended by Mrs. J. W. Humphries, Miss Ina Hodgins, Mrs. J. J. Reid, Mrs. T. R. Rivington, and Mrs. H. J. Johnston. However, ladies were involved with the Society long before this as Mrs. J. J. Reid was a long time director of the Carp Agricultural Society.

In 1943, the flower stand in the main hall was constructed and the dairy exhibit was moved to the long hall at the rear of the main exhibit hall. Although a war year with restricted traffic, Carp Fair had the largest horse show to date.

In 1945, the inside of the main hall was painted and improved while hydro was installed.

Further expansions of the fair grounds occurred in 1945, although the nature of this expansion has not been recorded.

A new entrance gate was built in 1948.

In 1949, a new class for feeder steers was initiated by president Ambrose Scissons. He also thought that Carp should have a race track.

1950 saw the construction of a new entrance gate. Howard S. Caldwell was president and is remembered as having the highest gate receipts up until at least 1963

Further expansions of the fair grounds occurred in 1950, although the nature of this expansion has not been recorded.

In 1951, the Carp Fair was promoted to class “B” status.

M. D. Anderson was president of the Carp Fair in 1952 when the Car Tombola committee was formed and the first car tombola (raffle) was held. The installation of the new underground water system that year was remembered in the Arnprior Chronicle Guide of 1981 as follows:

An ample supply of water is a priceless thing, and not the least is its requirement for a rural farm fair. From about 1918 to the mid-1920’s, water was supplied for Fair use by the late Wesley Johnston and the late George Mordy. These men did much of the threshing in the local area, and the old steam-engine type threshing equipment had a large water tank which held around 1000 gallons. When the tanks became empty, they went down and filled them up at the Carp River. Mrs. J. J. Reid, a past lady Director for 28 years, who exhibited at Carp Fair for 50 years, says she can remember the tank placed outside the kitchen of the old dining hall.

The water tanks of the threshers were followed by use of the ample water supply from the drilled well at Carp Public School across the road. During Fair time a hose was put across the Rock Road and protected with a few boards. This was much to the dismay of the late Freeman Gibson who had an
In 1952, the year Mac Anderson was president, a reciprocal arrangement was agreed upon between the Carp Public School Board and the Carp Fair Board. Carp Agricultural Society could have access to the water they needed, and, in return, pupils at the public school could have the use of the Fair Grounds as auxiliary playground areas.

The water was taken underground across the road, and underground water lines on the Fair grounds lead to various locations where it is most needed. With the change of the school to a new site, Huntley Centennial, the old well was no longer available, and the Board drilled a well on its own property, north of the dining hall. The new well was connected to the massive and complicated water lines already in place on the Fair grounds. A second well, to meet increasing demands, was drilled in 1979 beside the Story Book Farm building.

In 1953, with Stuart Hanna as president, the first half of the cattle barn was built. This replaced the outside pens which had previously been used to contain the cattle. This was the beginning of the building program that was the result of the Fair being promoted to class “B” status. This was also the last year for the car tombola.

Prior to 1954, there was practically no seating accommodation except parked cars which obstructed the views of all but those who sat in them. The building of portable bleachers that are kept inside when not in use, was the biggest move toward comfort on Fair day. The first drive-in bingo, a financial success, was held in the summer of 1954. With Weldon Johnston as president, at a well attended meeting, an unsuccessful attempt was made to reorganize the fair grounds by pushing the midway more into the background in order to emphasize the agricultural show. ⁴

In 1955, President Glenn Rivington, another former calf club member, rounded out the building programme with 44 new horse stalls joining the two old stables.⁵

The second half of the cattle barn was completed in 1956 during the term of president William B. Hodgins, a 4-H Club leader. He also introduced ring numbers for the light horse exhibitors and discovered that the Carp fair was over 100 years old. Mr. E. F. Pineau, Supervisor of Fairs and Exhibitions, Canada Department of Agriculture, opened the Fair.⁶

The Reeve of Huntley, Albert Boyd, became president in 1957. A new roof was put on the old horse stalls as well as minor improvement to some of the other buildings. With overflowing crowds attending the Fair, the dilapidated old dining hall was inadequate and plans to build a new one were discussed. ⁷
In 1958, Lester Story, president, organized the building of the new dining hall to replace the old hall that had burned down the previous year. From 1948 to 1958, the Fair night dance was held at the Carp Airport. Since the construction of the new dining hall, the dance has been held there. The building is also used for large gatherings that no other building is big enough to hold.

In 1959, President M. Leo Hogan oversaw the installation of a ceiling in the dining hall and a fence on the east side of the grounds.

Many improvements and innovations were made during the presidency of George Kennedy in 1960. This was the year of the chuck wagon race and marked the introduction of jumping horses. New water supply tanks were installed. The horse ring received a new flag pole, a shelter for clerks and officials, and much improved lighting. More bleacher seats were built, and the chain mesh fence and the fence around two lots were finished. Instead of dangerous obstructions in the parking lot, shallow, graded, drive-through ditches were constructed. Uniformed men from General Investigation and Secret service were hired for ticket selling and parking. Major-General Howard Kennedy opened the Fair.

During the presidency of Dalton Baird in 1961, the Poultry Building was taken down. This structure was located at the end of the hall. In addition a heating system was installed in the dining hall and plans to build a community centre were proposed, discussed and researched. The financial situation improved and a Variety Show was initiated on the Friday night before the Fair. The Fair was opened by Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture for Canada.

A second, 150 foot long barn was erected in 1962, along with new fences, bleachers, jumps, hog pens, water and ring equipment. Robert W. Moore presided over a very wet and rainy Fair.

1. A detailed history of the Carp Agricultural Society; Carp Fair, 1976
2. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 25
3. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 25
4. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 36
5. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 36
6. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 37
7. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 37
8. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 39
9. Carp Centennial Fair souvenir booklet, page 39
Scenes from the Fair Parade, 1963.
Carp Fair 1963 to 1998

The Carp Fair celebrated its centennial in 1963. In the words of John Armstrong, then president, “Many far sighted and determined men and women have given of their best to promote an organization that has served their community for one hundred years. We pay tribute to them now. We have erected a memorial gateway in their honour . . .”

In 1963, the Carp Agricultural Society celebrated its ‘centennial’ and this was the year when many of the Directors decided to grow beards in honour of the occasion. Among these were Geo. Kennedy, Doug Rivington, Don Munro, Ken Stevenson, Dalton Baird and the late Nybert Irvine, who sported a most magnificent growth. John Armstrong, President in 1963, wrote the following President’s Message for the Prize List:

We of the Carp Agricultural Society are grateful for the opportunity to commemorate the organizers of Carp Fair.

Many far sighted and determined men and women have given of their best to promote an organization that has served their community for one hundred years. We pay tribute to them now. We have erected a memorial gateway in their honour and we present this book as a souvenir of one of our oldest organizations.

To be President in this Centennial Year, I am greatly honoured. It was a pleasure always to work with fellow directors and members of the community. It is a pleasure and a privilege to help plan the observance of our one hundredth anniversary.

On behalf of Carp Agricultural Society, we welcome all who join us in our Centennial celebrations. We hope Carp Centennial Fair will bring enjoyment to you all and that it will be an event you will long remember.
The Carp Fair has held parades through the streets of Carp, only on special occasions. In 1963, the three hour Centennial parade was exceptional and caused a major traffic jam, backing up traffic as far as Stittsville and South March. It should be remembered that the 417 had not been built and the parade crossed the main highway between Ottawa and Arnprior.

In 1967, a wind storm blew down many of the old stables. This was the year of Canada’s Centennial and it was celebrated on May 12th with a Centennial Ball which was held in the Agricultural Hall. The event was reported in the local press as follows:

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY CENTENNIAL BALL**

Over 400 persons attended the Centennial celebration held by Carp Agricultural Society on Friday evening May 12. Guests were welcomed by William Argue, President of the Society, and Mrs. Argue; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Black, and W.G. Rivington, all of whom have been closely connected with the Fair Board in the past years.

A unique feature of the program was where the pages of history were turned back to a time when election day was excitement and lawlessness as tempers flared and feelings ran high. This was portrayed by a skit in which two masked horse men entered the hall and kidnapped Erskine Johnston M.L.A. and several municipal officials.

Donald Munro and Francis Murphy also presented a humorous skit which had to...
do with days of long ago. 
The Centennial theme was carried out in the many colorful and beautiful costumes worn.
W. G. Rivington and Miss Anne Argue cut the centennial cake.

For those who were not experienced on the dance floor, the Program described the steps as shown below:

**1. CENTENNIAL WALTZ**

**2. MILITARY SCHOTTISCH**

Partners stand side by side, gentleman’s right hand at lady’s waist and her left hand resting upon his right arm.
Each starts with outside foot. Three running steps forward and a hop on outside foot 1 Bar
Three running steps forward and a hop on inside foot ................................................................. 1 Bar
Change to closed position and execute four step hops, turning .................................................. 2 Bars

**3. POP! GOES THE WEASEL (Square Dance)**
The head couple lead to the right and balance there so easy .......................................................... 4 Bars
(Head couple leads to right and stands and balances with that couple). Then join hands and circle half 2 Bars
(The two couples join hands and circle half around).
Pop! Goes the Weasel .................................................. 2 Bars
(The right-hand couple raises hands, while the head couple bows through in under and leads to the next couple).
Song is continued until head couple returns to its original place. Next couple on right leads, continuing until each couple has completed movement.

**4. FRENCH MINUET**

**5. HEEL & TOE POLKA**

Part I – Waltz Position
Hop lightly on right foot while extending left heel to side, count 1-2. Hop on right while placing left toe back of right, count 3-4. Take three short, quick steps to left side and rest, count 5-6-7-8 .................................................................................................................................................. 2 Bars
Hop on left while extending right heel to side, count 1-2. Hop again on left, placing right toe back of left, count 3-4. Take three short, quick steps to right side and rest, count 5-6-7-8 2 Bars
(Repeat four bars)

Part II – Eight Polka Steps ........................................................................................................... 8 Bars

**6. NELLIE GRAY (Square Dance)**

**7. RYE WALTZ**

Part I – Extend toe of left foot to side, back, side and forward, count 1-2-3-4 .............................. 1 Bar
Chasse four steps to left, count 5-6-7-8 .......................................................................................... 1 Bar
Extend toe of right foot to side, back, side and forward, count 1-2-3-4 .............................. 1 Bar
Chasse four steps to right, count 5-6-7-8 ...................................................................................... 1 Bar
Repeat all ................................................................................. 4 Bars
Part II – Waltz ................................................................................................................................. 16 Bars

**8. PILOT MOUND WALTZ – Variety (Jersey) etc.**

11.30 -- SUPPER
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CANADA
CUTTING THE CENTENNIAL CAKE
0 CANADA
DANCING
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
With Doug Rivington as president, the open horse barn was built in 1968.

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker opened the Carp Fair in 1969; Don Black was President.

In 1970, the Carp Agricultural Society had 354 members.

In 1971, the Carp Agricultural Society president Hugh Anderson of Woodlawn presided over the 108th Carp Fair.

In 1976, the Carp Agricultural Society had 354 members. Ivan Baird was president and he oversaw the construction of the “red” horse barn.

Almost 300 people attended the annual pancake supper, sponsored jointly each spring by the Carp Agricultural Society and the Kiwanis Club of Ottawa, when the Honourable Eugene Whalen, Minister of Agriculture, announced that beginning in 1978, the Carp Fair would be have Class “A” status. Apart from other benefits, this signified an increase in the prize monies to be given to the fair. At the time, there were only 55 class “A” fairs in Canada.

Starting out as a one-day event, the Fair continued as such until 1980, when the fair board decided that the numerous displays and exhibits deserved more than one day of showing. The Fair was thus extended to two days and was held on Sunday as well as Saturday.

A second storey was added to the Agricultural Society office building in 1985. The lower part of the building was erected in the early 1960's.

In 1990, the light horse ring was moved to its present location. Although not part of the Carp Fair, Hildegarde Anderson started the Carp Farmers Market in this year. This market has grown steadily over the years and has become a significant event in Carp every Saturday morning throughout the year.

In 1991, the president of the Society, Mr Harold Daley was also honoured as Citizen of the year. Construction of the “white” horse barn was completed this year just one day before the fair opened.

The open horse stalls were torn down in 1994 and the gully behind them was filled in.
In 1995 Carp Fair received the National “Regional Fair of the Year” Award.

Last year, in 1997, marks the first year that elephant rides were offered as an attraction. The position of “Chairperson of Homecraft” was changed to “President of Homecraft” in order to reflect the importance of this section to the overall make-up of the fair. The three beautiful days encouraged record crowds to attend the fair which resulted in the setting of new financial and attendance records.

This year, 1998, plans are being discussed for the renovation of the exhibit hall and the long hall behind it. If sufficient photos are found to show what the exhibit hall looked like on the inside, it will be restored to its original splendor. Sometime after it was built, the second floor was filled in to form a second storey.

Carp’s first dollar taken at the gate of a Sunday Fair, 1980
Prime Minister Diefenbaker at the Fair

Judges discuss the results (left is Stuart Hanna)

Left to right Elaine Baird, Patsy Falls, Nelson Blair, Peggy Blair, Marion Mooney, Heather Blair and (front) Laddie Blair.

Borden Falls manned the gate for many years.

PEOPLE AT THE FAIR
FACTS AND FIGURES OVER THE YEARS

The fair was organized in 1855 by the Huntley Branch Agricultural Society who received a grant of 16 pounds, 7 shillings, and 11 pence (approximately $40). The Fair receipts for that year were 37 pounds, 2 shillings, and 11 pence with expenses being 29 pounds, 12 shillings and 6 pence.

Before World War 1, the grant from the Township of Huntley was increased to $100. By 1971, the Township grant had been increased to $300 for the Carp Fair. By the 1950’s, Fitzroy, March and Torbolton townships were also giving grants for the Fair. Originally the grants were for $25 but they gradually increased to $50. In 1976, Fitzroy and March townships gave $75 grants to the Carp Fair while Torbolton township approved a $200 grant in light of the cancellation of the $1000 grant from the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton. Carleton County gave $1000 grants to the Carp Fair from 1962 to 1968. For the Fair’s centennial celebration in 1963, the County gave a $1500 grant.

In 1889 the Huntley Township Agricultural Society had receipts of $491.80 and expenditures of $472.94. The breakdown of the $491.80 receipts was as follows; balance on hand, $12.30; rent of ground to W. Dooley, $15.00; receipts from gate, $107.00; electoral grant $105; municipal grant, $50; county grant $50; members subscription $152.50. The $472.94 expenditures’ breakdown was as follows; William Barton, $12.30; postcards, $1.23; minute book, $1.25; four class books, $.25; judges on field crops, $10; stationery 50 cents; step ladder $5.00; notifying judge 65 cents; men at gate $8.00; judges at Mr. Dooley’s, $7.00; printing $43.63; McElroy for rope 26 cents; W. Falls and William Barton for hall, $2.00; prize money $330:62; ladies’ department $50.25. The balance of $18.86 was carried over to the following year.

In 1906, gate receipts amounted to $600 as reported in the Carp Review.

In 1908, the expenditures of the Carp Agricultural Society were $1,301.15 while the receipts for the year were $1,490.20. Admission fees for the Fair were reported as $545.15.

In 1931, the donations amounted to only $132.00.

In 1915, A. E Hunt, D.D.S., Secretary-Treasurer, reported that the total receipts were $2,136.07 and the total expenditures were $2,116.31 with $19.86 remaining as cash on hand. The receipts included members’ fees of $80.00, Cash donations of $85.00, miscellaneous accounts (predominantly grants and rents) of $1,956.35 and cash from 1914 of $14.72. The expenditures were $1,012.72 for prizes paid, $75.00 for prizes paid, field crops and 1,028.49 for general expenses.

The 1937 Prize List records donations from some 180 individuals and organizations from Carp, Huntley, Stittsville, Dunrobin, Almonte, Britannia Bay and Ottawa as well as national firms such as Western Canada Flour Mills, F. W. Woolworth, Metropolitan Stores, T. Eaton Company and Chas. Ogilvy Ltd. Most of the prizes were between one and three dollars, and up to five dollars for major events. Produce classes had the lowest prizes of 75, 50 and 25 cents for first, second and third prizes respectively.

In Centennial year, 1963, donations came to $3,127.50
In 1975 the Carp Agricultural Society had a financial statement with receipts of $20,705 and expenditures of $20,482.

In 1979 donations totaled around $10,000. This figure does not include federal and provincial grants which were in excess of $25,000.


By 1975, the number of exhibitors had increased to 354. By 1987, no less than 811 people brought their projects and produce to be shown.
Bands have played at many Carp Fairs. Above is an old photo of a Scottish band playing for the crowds at the 1929 Fair and below is another band playing in the late 1960's or early 1970's.
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1994  Keith Samson
1995  Bruce Munro
1996  Doug Armstrong
1997  Bob Foster
1998  Scott Caldwell

* DECEASED
SOME PAST PRESIDENTS

Front row, left to right: Horace E. Armstrong (1947), Graham Hodgins (1941) and Sam scissons (1935). Back row, left to right: Leo Hogan (1959), Lester Story (1958), Albert Boyd (1957), Wm. B. Hodgins (1956), Stuart Hanna (1953) and Mac Anderson (1952).
Board of Directors for 1969


PAST DIRECTORS

1915  Mrs. C. A. Hodgins*
1915  Mrs. F. S. Caldwell*
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1915  Mrs. George Reid*
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1918  Mrs. O. M. Groves*
1919  Mrs. George Caldwell*
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1990  Mrs. Linda MacDonald
1990  Mrs. Susan Howie
1991  Doug Hewitt*
1993  Mrs. Sue Falls*
1994  Mrs. Peggy Graham
1997  Mrs. Nancy Gillan

* Deceased
### CARP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
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The Donald B. Munro Award for Family Achievement

The family of Donald B. Munro, first Mayor of the Township of West Carleton, has donated a trophy for family achievement. The purpose of this award is to encourage families to work together for a common goal at Agricultural Fairs and to provide recognition for their achievements. The award shall be presented to the family group winning the highest number of points at each annual fair. The award shall be kept on public display in a place chosen by the donor and the Carp Agricultural Society.

Rules: 1. A family group shall be two or more people living in the same household and being father, mother and children living at home.
2. For every class included in the official prize list, three points shall be allowed for first place, two points for a second place and one point for a third place winning. Five points shall be awarded for each department in which the family exhibits.
3. Each family shall be responsible for recording its own winnings on a tally sheet at the back of the prize list. The sheet must be returned to the Society Office by a date specified in the Prize List so that computation of points may take place and the trophy will be presented at Appreciation Night.
4. In the event of a tie in points, the winner shall be the family with the greatest number of first places, and in the event of a dispute, the decision of the Directors shall be final.

Winners of the Donald B. Munro Award:

1974 Gerald & Carol Morin & Family, Kanata
1975 Stewart & Betty Crabb & Family, Richmond
1976 John & Hester Shackleton & Family, Carp
1977 John & Hester Shackleton & Family, Carp
1978 Gerald & Shirley Yakabuski & Family, Carp
1979 John & Hester Shackleton & Family, Carp
1980 William & Helen Dean & Family, Arnprior
1981 Glenn & Libby Eastman & Family, Kinburn
1982 Glenn & Libby Eastman & Family, Kinburn
1983 Stanley & Eleanor Carruthers & Family, Carp
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1991 Brian & Jill Rivington & Family, Carp
1992 Andrejs & Laila Dambenieks & Family, Carp
1993 Steward & Leanne Bennett & Family, Carp
1994 Wayne & Pat Grant & Family, Kinburn
1995 Brian & Jill Rivington & Family, Carp
1996 Brian & Jill Rivington & Family, Carp
1997 Brian & Mary Carry & Family, Kinburn
THE AGRICULTURAL SERVICE DIPLOMA

The Agricultural Service Diploma is awarded by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies on the recommendation of the Carp Agricultural Society for meritorious service to Agriculture. Recipient are deemed to have made a valuable contribution to one or more aspects of the Agricultural life of the community.

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