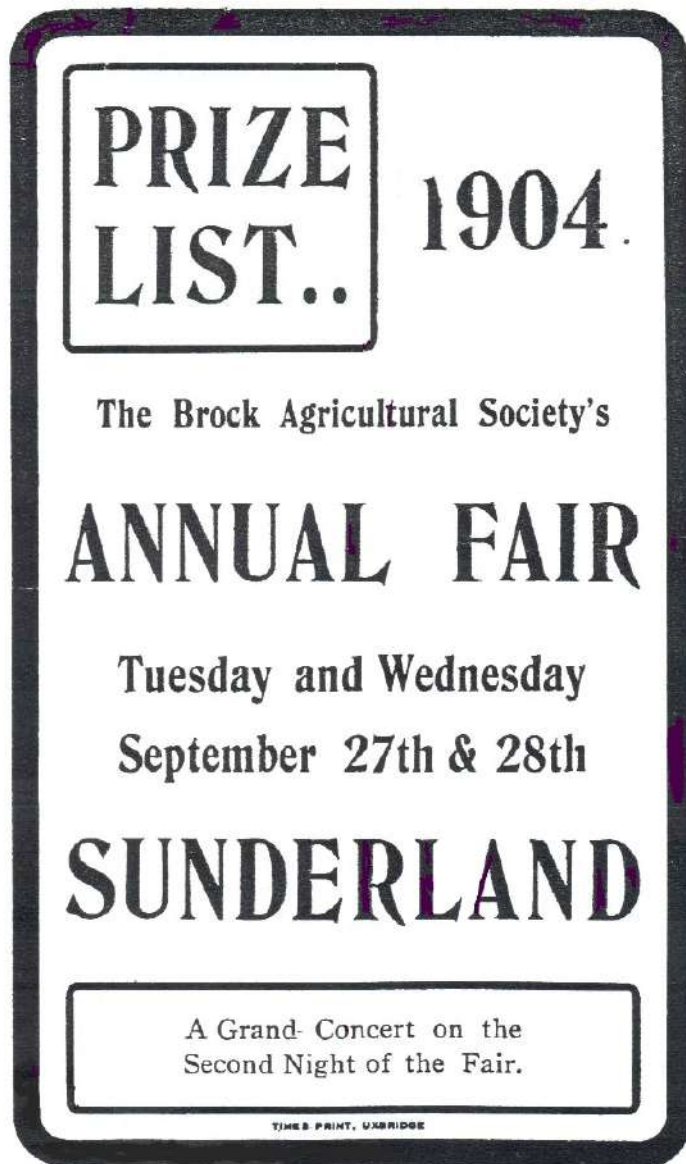




A History of the Fair

1851 -2011





1904

The Domestic Manufacturing section asked for home made yarn, cloth and carpet.

Girls under 12 made under garments and pinafores, as well as knitting and crocheting.

“Farm Implements and Manufactures” class: reapers, seeders, turnip slicer, and farm gates were some categories

Fair Building 1920



PRIZE LIST
SUNDERLAND
Rural School Fair



TO BE HELD AT

Fair Grounds, Sunderland

Monday, September 13, 1937

T. R. Ferguson, M. A., E. A. Innes,
Inspector P. S. Agricultural Representative
North Ontario UXBRIDGE, Ontario

Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture

1937

The school fairs, although linked to the adult fair were held on a separate day. The Ontario Department of Agriculture donated seeds to the schools and prizes for the students. Eatons donated prizes of trophies and books.

Physical drills (Strathcona), Public Speaking, Spelling and School Chorus contests were held.

Sports contests included 25, 50, and 100 yard dashes, relay races, three legged races, shoe kick, wheelbarrow races, balloon blowing, and tug of war.

“Farm and Home Mechanics” contests had classes for vegetables, flowers, fruit, cooking, sewing, writing and livestock.

1949 (after the great Sunderland fire)

Reeve Thompson (right) found himself in the middle of a controversy following the great downtown fire. Many felt the money spent on the new arena would have been better used to upgrade fire fighting equipment.



Grandstand 1950



1950's



Horse Racing was a main attraction.

1961

People walking
past the United
Church horse
stable on their
way to the fair.



1967

Rae Brethour, Bill Scott MP and Matt Diamond MPP, Jack Dancey Reeve of Brock Township celebrate completion of the new grandstand, a community Centennial project.

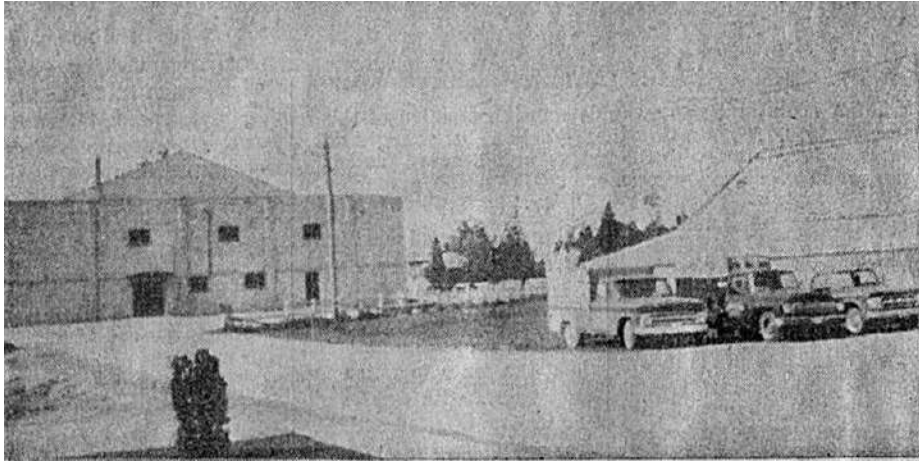


1971 Horse Barn Built



The previous horse barn behind the arena had burned.

1972



Arena



4H Achievement Day
Gail Snoddon and Paul Harder
Keith Kennedy in background



1978



Lorne Brethour in the sulky. Horse races continued until 1981.

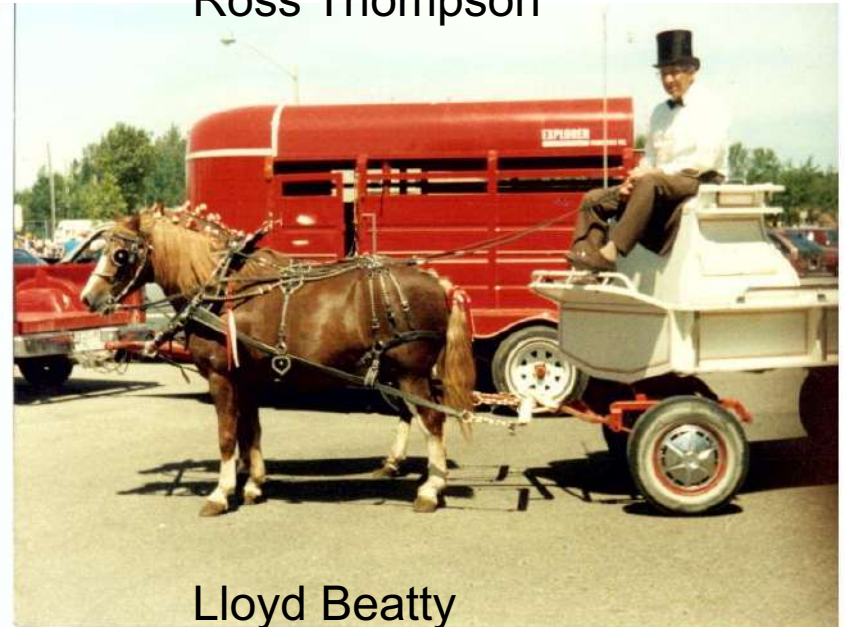
1980



Light horse competitor



Ross Thompson



Lloyd Beatty

1982



Lawrence Patterson driving Bruce Walker and Lieutenant Governor John Black Aird in the parade.



Norma Ferguson and Betty Ann Harder look over the preserve entries.



1983



Warren Jibb competes in
the tractor pull.



Stan
McLeod



Fred Snelgrove
celebrates his
95th birthday at
the fair.

In 1983,
Berle Doble
designed
the new
fair crest.



1984



Women's Institute Display



Lois Parish in Demolition Derby

1986



Food Booth Crew: Joyce McMullen, Gloria Harder, John Allin, Mildred McDonald and Berle Doble



Barrel Racing

1988-1989



1988 Joyce Allin presents Ted Smith with Ministry of Agriculture Ford Centennial Award



1989 Roland Mitchner opens the fair.

1992



Sunderland Co-Op
exhibit: Highland cow

Eddie Shack
opens the
Fair



Oxen in parade.



Kids' Tractor Pull



Firemen demonstrate jaws of life.

1996



Fiddle Contest



Steam Engine and Tractors



Demolition Derby

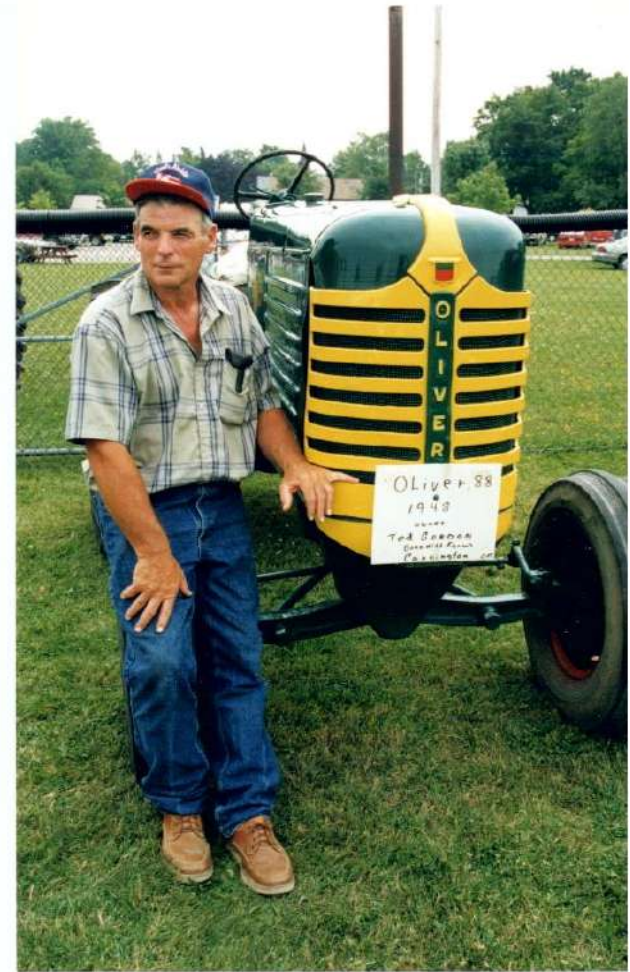
1998



Old Time Fiddle Contest



The Cheer by Cannington P.S.



Ted Gordon with his
Oliver Tractor

2001

150th Anniversary



Chuck Thompson
and Wilma Smith
cut the cake,



Ploughing Demonstration



Don Pindar's Steam Engine

2002



Sunderland Public School float



Robert Baker



Fire Department supports fair.



This has been a great year for gardening.

2004



Heavy Horses lined up for competition.



Lorne Brethour, Lynda Cunningham (with picture she painted for horse dance auction) and Ambassadors

2005



Craft Demonstrations have been a part of the fair for many years,



Fair advertisement on the Shier lawn.



Maple the cow is a frequent visitor to the fair.



2006



John Hill Chairperson for the rabbit class marching in the parade.



John Nowakowski with judge of vegetable section.

2007



The demolition derby is Wednesday night crowd pleaser.

2008



Marilyn Smith, Betty Ann Harder and Wilma Smith check out the culinary arts section.



Norm Craven with his giant beet.



Cathy Allison chairperson of Homecrafts.



Firemen assist at the demolition derby.

2009



Woodworking

Poultry Show
boast more than
25 classes.



Dorothy Shier with her
giant corn stalk.



Rope Making
Demonstration
allows for
audience
participation.



Giant Pumpkin weigh-off



A place for kids to play.

2010

The SAS support
the Let Them Be
Kids initiative
painting the
grandstands under
the guidance of
Allan Simpson.



Painting Team

The park and
fairgrounds are
spruced up
and ready for
the community
to enjoy.



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