

Valerie Mitchell Miss Acton Fair

Acton will be represented at the C.N.E. next summer by sparkling, long-haired Valerie Mitchell, a 16-year-old, grade 11 student at Acton High.

Of nine contestants, she was chosen by the three judges and her name announced to waves of

applause from hundreds of spectators in the arena. Her runners-up in the contest were Heather Cormack, 17, a grade 13 student and Corie Maxwell, 17, also in grade 13. Heather lives in Rockwood and Corie lives at R.R. 1 Acton.

All nine contestants appealed to the crowd who applauded and cheered for each lovely girl.

Finalists
Before the final judging was done, the five finalists were named and suspense mounted. They included pert Shelley Roy and Ann Toth.

Other charming girls in the contest were Carolynne Abram, Susan Brooks, Rosalind Hall and Debbie Hilt. All attend high school in Acton.

Last year's winner Brenda Bruce crowned Valerie as tears welled from her eyes. The red robes were put over her dark green velvet dress made by her mother.

Trophies, prizes
While prizes from local merchants are heaped on the winner, all the girls wore corsages from Elsie Syme of Blue Springs Flower Shop and all received wallets from Beardmore, presented by Bill Nelles. Trophies went to the top trio.

Past winners
Zenith (Armstrong) Neills, Maggie Given and Anita Thibodeau assisted, with committee members under the direction of Brent Marshall.

Co-operative girls
As usual most of the entries came late, and Valerie's was one of those. Despite the committee's worries contestants happily co-operated to again make the contest a good one - a thrilling climax to the Friday night show which keeps everyone there till the last minute.

Judges were again Valerie Jean Hume and John Cruickshank of Sheridan College and Mac Byrd of radio CJOY. Miss Acton Fair, runners-up and their escorts, were guests of committee members at a dinner at the Dominion Hotel Saturday.

Miss Acton fair has lived here eight years and is the oldest of a family of five. Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Mitchell, Poplar Ave., also have Michael, 14; Dorsay, 12; Christopher, 8 and Paula, two years. She lived previously at Speyside and Bancroft.

A former Sunday school teacher and Guide, her time is pretty well filled now with school work and after-hours she works at Eatons order office. Val's hoping to be able to fit in her dancing lessons with Carol Wharton yet. This summer she was a playground leader.

She loves cheerleading and swimming.

Val is looking forward to the excitement of being in the C.N.E. Queen of the Fairs contest; Brenda Bruce has told her about it.

"I couldn't believe my ears when my name was called," she recalls delightedly. "I started to cry and then later I got very happy!"



WE LOVE you, spells the lettering on the Charlie Brown quilt, and who Paul Nolan loves is the Y's Men's club and Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. He won both their draws at the fair - \$500 from the men and the quilt from the ladies in their fund-raising projects. Lucky Paul, 7, is the son of Adele and Larry Nolan, Main N.

Bought ticket for her niece

Mrs. Jean Coult of Dundee, Scotland, who's here visiting for a month, bought her niece a ticket in L'Arche Auxiliary draw at the fair - and proved to be the lucky winner. She wrote the name of her niece, Mrs. Mary McVeigh of Nelson Court, on the ticket.

The pieced quilt was made by

the oldest member of L'Arche Auxiliary, Mrs. Robbins, who is a resident at Eden Nursing home. Her daughter Ruby Laustsen is also a member.

The Auxiliary has an attractive booth which showed samples of articles made and pictured the activities of the Sunshine school and workshop on colored slides.

Biggest winner

Paul Nolan takes fair \$500 and quilt

While some of the young people thought they did well by winning a couple of stuffed toys on the midway, nobody could beat seven-year-old Paul Nolan, who won two draws made Saturday. One of them was the biggest draw of the day - for \$500 from the Y's Men's Club. Second was the Lakeside chapter I.O.D.E. draw for a Charlie Brown quilt.

The cheque was presented to Paul Monday by Y's Men draw committee chairman Ross Ribey and committee member Pat McGreener. Mrs. Larry Nolan was with her young son; she had bought the ticket at the fair.

The Nolans live on Main St. N. Adele Nolan says she's been buying tickets on everything for years, and this is the first time they've won anything.

The Y's Men made a good profit on their draw. Proceeds all go for equipment for the youth programs in the Y.

Lakeside I.O.D.E. sold so many tickets on their unique Charlie Brown quilt they had to hastily make more out of scraps of paper at the fair. The design was particularly appealing to children.

Chapter members also sold small cakes, cookies and squares and snacks Friday and Saturday from a booth in the hall.

Steer winner

Oshawa Rotarian Dick Baker was delighted to learn he was the lucky winner of the 1,000 pound steer in the Rotary draw at the fair. He explained to Dave Manes, who phoned him the news, that his freezer was just

Wins radio

Leroy McIsaac was the lucky winner of a \$75 AM-FM radio in the Acton girls softball team draw held at the Fall Fair. Fair board director Brent Marshall made the draw. The radio was donated by Hinton's Store.



ASTONISHMENT, TEARS and finally a huge grin appeared on the face of Miss Acton Fair Valerie Mitchell in quick succession Friday. Shelley Roy (right) reflects the excitement of the moment.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

Employees of midway charged

While crowds swirled through the midway unaware of problems, broken rides and operators' behaviour brought complaints from fair officials and charges from Acton police. Two midway employees appeared in court Monday and were fined.

King Shows had leased their midway contract to John Bunk.

Broke down

The four main rides at the fair all broke down at one time or another during the two days. The Ferris wheel was closed down when the brake used in stopping the wheel to load and unload passengers failed to work. Repairs were made and then it was opened again.

The salt and pepper ride failed to function Saturday and the Octopus broke down three times, leaving people stranded for as long as eight minutes.

The Tilt-a-whirl had problems, too.

Remove operators

Police removed two operators from the rides. One of them was barred from the park while the other was arrested and charged with being drunk in a public place. He was fined \$50 Monday. He had knocked a girl off the platform of the tilt-a-whirl and was also attempting to operate the ride.

One of these men removed by police tried to start the Octopus, failed three times, and flooded the motor. As gas spilled on the ground he lit up a cigarette.

On Thursday night at the fair grounds a father reported his 14-year-old son had been struck by a female employee of the carnival. She was charged with public assault; when police learned she had given an assumed name she was also charged with mischief and obstructing police and arrested. She spent the weekend

Tories extend invitation

Concerned about a lack of response, Acton Progressive Conservatives are extending an invitation to everyone, regardless of party affiliation, or age to attend Thursday night's gala Ontario campaign kickoff rally at the Oakville arena.

A bus will leave Acton High School at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday) night and everyone, especially young people are invited to attend.

The platform will include a shining array of the nation's top Tories including National leader Robert Stanfield, Paul Hellyer, Claude Wagner, Ontario Premier Bill Davis and Ontario Justice Minister Allan Lawrence.

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in jail in Milton and was fined \$100.

Liquor charges
Six liquor charges were laid against Acton and district people.

Missing children were also reported and located fair weekend.

On Friday a Toronto man doing a poor job of directing traffic at the Mill-Main corner was arrested and charged.

An impaired driver from Toronto was also charged Friday.

Saturday night
Saturday night an Acton man attending the dance reported a beer bottle through a window of his car. Damage about \$100.

Complaints were received from the dance.

Also on Saturday night young people causing a disturbance at the Queen St. plaza were taken home to their parents. Police report complaints of this type are on the increase.

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