

## Karen reigns over fall fair

The excitement of the fair weekend is over for most, but for Karen Hilfman, an 18-year-old grade 13 student at Georgetown high school, the feeling will remain with her for a long time to come.

feels there is no place better than Acton. "I really love Acton, especially the people", she said as she explained her reason for entering the contest.

Karen was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair on Friday, winning out over 10 other contestants. Charlene Hubbell was first runner-up with Brenda Burt as second runner-up.

Her boyfriend was a bit hesitant when Karen told him of the contest. However, when she won, he was very proud of her. "My parents were very proud of me also," she remarked later. "My mother's face was just beaming when I spoke to them later in the evening".

Karen had a busy weekend as she made appearances at all the exhibits throughout the fair and made draws for different clubs, including the Rotary draw for the 1,000 pound steer. She rode in two parades, the large parade on Saturday and a small one within the fairgrounds on Sunday.

Most of the prizes she won have already gone into her hope chest. She won several wonderful things which had been on display in Sweetman's shoe store, but received one unexpected gift which was not previously known. The Acton Fall Fair Board presented her, along with the other former queens, with a silver charm with Miss Acton Fall Fair 1974 inscribed on it. The other charms had the date the queen was presiding on them.

On Saturday, Karen rode down the main streets of the town in a horse and buggy rig. Sunday she rode on the steam calliope around the track.

Karen is a busy girl with her dancing lessons and her job in the parts department at Country Mart, a local John Deere dealership. She has worked on the Acton playground for one year and is now going into her fourth year as a Sunday school teacher at Trinity United Church. She would like to be a school teacher when finished her education.

The Milton girls' pipe band also attended this parade.

Karen will represent Acton at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto next August in the annual Sweetheart of the Fairs contest.

Her only regret for the whole weekend was "I didn't get to go on any of the rides. I was afraid of my crown falling off!"



ACTON FALL FAIR queen for 1974 is Karen Hilfman of Speyside. She is surrounded by runners-up and last year's queen: left to right, Brenda Burt, second runner-up; Ann Luty, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1973, and first runner-up, Charlene Hubbell.



FIRST REUNION of past Miss Acton Fairs was held Friday night, and each was given a silver charm engraved with her name and winning year as well as a wallet. Only one was missing, Nettie Tryssenaar, of 1964, who lives in Trinidad. Left to right, 1963 Mrs. Linda (Ferguson) Wilson; 1965 Mrs. Patti (McKay) Elliott; 1966

Miss Maggie Given who will be married next Saturday; 1967 Mrs. Brenda (Spear) Hillier; 1968 Mrs. Zenith (Armstrong) Nellis; 1969 Kathy Smith, 1970 Anita Thibodeau; 1971 Brenda Bruce, 1972 Val Mitchell and 1973—the spirit of centennial—Ann Luty.

## Glittering crown, robes for Karen Hilfman, 18

Eleven charming young ladies produced waves of applause from the record-breaking crowd in the arena Friday night before one of their number was named the 12th Miss Acton Fair.

Laughing Karen Hilfman, 18, was proclaimed the winner and had the sparkling crown placed on her head by last year's winner, Ann Luty.

First runner up was Charlene Hubbell, 18, an Acton high school student, and the second runner-up Brenda Burt, 20, who takes nurses' training at Guelph.

Other lovely entrants were Debbie Browne, 16, of Acton high; Mary Ann De Haan, 18, who works in the TD bank; Dianne De Vries, 18, a Guelph hairstylist; Patricia Lazenby, 19, of College Heights, Guelph; Vicki Taylor, 17, of AHS and Kathy Turkosz, 16, of AHS.

Thomson of CKCO, George Atkins of the CBC, and Stu Holloway of CJOY.

Entertainment Friday was excellent with Paul Bros. comedy act, singer and dancer Sigume, Hanson-Eaton duo Instrumentals, Harold Bee juggler, and the Paul Fairs duo.

Acton Citizens' Band started the program off with a concert.



Karen Hilfman Miss Acton Fall Fair

Saturday evening, Karen and her escort Randy Weldon attended a supper sponsored by the Fair Board, held at the Station Hotel. During the course of the dinner, Karen made a speech to thank the fair board for all the work they put into the event. "They really worked hard to make everything the success it was". She also went to the dance on Saturday with her escort.

Karen lives on a farm outside of Speyside with her parents and brother and sisters. She moved there from Toronto when she was 11 and



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