



Miss Acton Fair Jill Pardy



First runner up Jennifer Rowe



Second runner up Lorella De Pieri



Finalist Susan Schupp



Finalist Lillian De Vries

Choose queen amidst fall fair variety show

Lights, camera, action! It sounds like a movie studio, but in reality it was the Miss Acton Fall Fair '75 contest. There were plenty of lights, lots of cameras and an abundance of action Friday evening as 19 beautiful girls made up the contest.

Judges George Atkins of the CBC and Valerie Pringle of CFRB interviewed each contestant briefly before the girls made their stage debut of the evening.

In the midst of the variety show, the girls were introduced to the audience and gave the judges another chance for deciding the winner.

Top five picked

An hour later, the girls all appeared in evening gowns and the top five finalists were named. Susan Schupp, Jennifer Rowe, Lillian DeVries, Lorella DePieri and Jill Pardy were crowned out from the 19 others.

These girls were each given a topic for an impromptu speech. The subjects ranged

from fashion to jobs to places. At approximately 11 o'clock, the judges had made their decision. The name Lorella DePieri was called out for the second runner-up. Cheers of delight rose from the crowd. First runner up Jennifer Rowe brought more cheers as she stepped from the line-up to receive her trophy.

The crowd hushed as the final name was to be announced. Jill Pardy's name came over the loudspeaker. Miss Acton Fall Fair '75 was chosen. For the second year in a row, a brunette had been picked to represent Acton.

Other girls participating in the contest were Charmaine Bigelow, Joan DeLong, Sandra Denny, Sharon Gillespie, Charlene Hubble, Judy Johnson, Theresa Luty, Denise McLarty, Rhonda Preston, Sandra Preston, Marianne Baker, Anne Smith, Kathy Turkosz and Kim Van Der Eyken.

Variety show

Friday evening's show wasn't just composed of the contest. Vince Mountford proved a capable master of ceremonies as he sang and told jokes.

Hilton Hills mayor Tom Hill officially opened the fair at this time and had a few words of welcome for the spectators.

A juggler kept the children in the audience enthralled as he spun a ball on his fingertip, juggled three balls, balanced a ball on the sharp end of a long machete and did various other tricks.

Last year's queen of the fair, Karen Hillman told of her experiences in the past year and thanked everyone for making them possible.

The O'Neil Sisters held the audience captive while they did their singing act. Upon returning from the stage after a brief absence, the blonde bombshells got a young boy from the audience and sang love songs to him. This was,

by far, the high light of their act as the youngster got redder and redder.

A banjo player played many times for young and old.

Franka D. Smith, a belly dancer, did the limbo at various heights. This is when a person tries to bend over backwards and walk under a horizontal pole. Children taken from the audience tried for several minutes to accomplish the feat.

Miss Smith then turned the house lights down and set the pole on fire. She was going to attempt to go under the pole at a level she had just barely made before.

With the pole a-fire and the lights out, Miss Smith, in her fringed bikini, looked like a tribal queen. Voices hushed as she bent down to try this almost impossible task.

Her legs went out, her head went down and she just barely missed the flaming pole, but the important and impressive thing was, she did miss it.

The audience applauded, and cheered her as she stood up. Not one hair was singed nor one fringe misplaced.

The evening was unforgettable for many, but there are few people, including Jill Pardy, the O'Neil Sisters' youngster and the limbo volunteers, who will remember the event for a long time to come.

Miss Acton Fair '75 Jill Pardy crowned

Too shocked to realize what was happening, Miss Acton Fall Fair '75 Jill Pardy had to be nudged by last year's winner, Karen Hillman, to step forward and accept her position.

The crowning was the highlight of the Friday evening variety show at the fall fair. Jill, who entered the contest for fun, found herself at evening's end to be the centre of attention. All the publicity, all the events of the evening, and all the prizes were hers.

Jill's duties as Queen of the Fair began that evening after the show. A wine and cheese party was held in her honor before she was whisked away for a tour of the midway.

Exciting day

Saturday was also full of exciting events for the 18-year-old Acton high school

student. While touring the midway with her two princesses, Jennifer Rowe and Lorella DePieri, Jill met many people and saw many things. She played games, went on rides and saw exhibits as hundreds of other people did.

At five o'clock Jill performed one of her first official duties as Acton Fall Fair Queen. She made the draw for the Rotary 1000 lb. steer. That evening she was escorted to the fair dance by Paul Daley where she met other well wishers.

Sunday brought no rest to Jill. Even though she shed her royal garments and wore pants to cover her shivering legs, she continued to make the tour of the fair. Still receiving smiles wherever she went, Miss Acton kept hers up as she munched on hamburgers

and walked for miles meeting people.

By Sunday evening, Jill's glamorous weekend was over, but many more exciting events are to come within the next year. As queen, she will represent Acton at the Canadian National Exhibition Sweetheart of the Fairs competitions in August. She will also be attending a preparation dinner for the big event this winter.

Other duties in store for Jill in the coming year will be acting as Santa's helper at the Beardmore Christmas party and the annual fair-board barbecue. Smaller events around town will undoubtedly be requesting Jill's presence which she is looking forward to.

Future plans

The grade 13 student will be completing her high school education in June and would like to become a policewoman. However, she is half an inch under the minimum height requirement and hopes this will not hamper her chances. She has already applied to a police force which unfortunately has no openings at the present time. She is optimistic, though, about her future. If her desire to be a policewoman do not unfold, she will continue on to university.

Jill's mother, Mrs. Pearl Pardy thought her daughter's victory Friday evening was "terrific". She had been trying to get her daughter to enter the Miss Acton Fair contest since they moved here three years ago, but Jill was hesitant. She is now glad she did enter, although she did not expect to win.

As fall fair queen, Jill received many exciting prizes. She appreciates all the gifts given to her and intends to find some way to thank all the donors.

Among the 19 girls entered in this year's contest, many deserved to win. However, all of Acton must agree that the judges, George Atkins of CBC and Valerie Pringle of CFRB, made the right decision. Jill will make a fine representative of the fair and of Acton in the next 12 months.

Achievement day at Fair

By Mark Leahy
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The Acton 4-H Calf Club held the Achievement Day at Acton Fair on Saturday, Sept. 20. Results in the various classes were as follows:

Beef Showmanship, first Stephen Lasby, second David Lasby, and third Tom Parker; Dairy Showmanship, first Judy Brown; second, Marie Murray; and third, Shirley Murray; Beef Heifers, first David Lasby; second Stephen Lasby and third Rosemary Wilson; Beef Steers, first, Peter Barnes; Junior Dairy, first, Brenda Buchanan; second, Shirley Murray; and third, Brad Ottawa; Senior Dairy, first Cheryl Buchanan and second Don Buchanan.

The leaders of this club are Nino Braida, Bob Lasby, Cathy Lasby, Rob Murray and Russell Murray. The judge was Brian Eby from Ayr.

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The Halton 4-H Horse Club

held Achievement Day on Sunday, Sept. 21. The results are as follows:

Horse Section, first, Debbie McMillan; second Bruce Clifford and third Roy Fish; Pony Section, first, Suzanne Corkey; second Cathy Turner and third, Bev Wingfield; Junior Showmanship, first Susan Raspberry; second Roy Fish and third Ross Fish; Senior Showmanship, first Debbie McMillan; second Jane Nixon and third Valerie Richardson.

The leaders of this club are John Anselcomb, Stan May and Doug Morden. The judge was George Coverdale from Campbellville.

Stings

Wasp stings kept a stream of customers coming to the St. John Ambulance trailer at the fair. The nasty bites were treated, as well as a few cuts. The brigade was on duty all three days of the fair.

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