

# Victoria Lenizky wins Miss Acton Fall Fair title

Cries of delight and approval rippled through the crowd at the arena Friday evening as 17-year-old Victoria Lenizky of Rockwood was crowned Miss Acton Fall Fair, 1978.

She was almost immediately dubbed Queen Victoria as she sat on her makeshift throne, tears streaming down her face. The tension of the contest was over, but an entire weekend of hard work was ahead of her.

Kim Ottaway, 16, also of Rockwood, was named first runner-up and Dorri Rossiani, 20, of Acton second runner-up.

Mrs. Phyllis Jameson, owner of Gayna Fashions, Mrs. Pierre Pilote, wife of former NHL hockey star Pierre Pilote and Lloyd M. Deeks, agricultural officer for Agriculture Canada were the judges. Many felt these judges had the toughest time in years at selecting a winner. Girls were marked on appearance, poise, and intelligence.

Other contestants were: Beverly Anderson, 17, of Acton; Jessica Buscher, 19, of Limehouse; Audrey DeVries, 19, of Acton; Gerry Jansen, 17, of Acton; Cindy Johnston,

18, of Acton; Cathy Upton, 18, of Acton; and Cheryl White, 17, of Acton.

The girls first appeared on stage in street length dresses, and introduced themselves to the audience and the judges. They then departed for Knox Presbyterian church where they changed into evening wear.

Five runnerups were chosen, eliminating half of the contestants. In addition to the winner and her runner-

ups, the finalists were Cathy Upton and Gerry Jansen.

The finalists were called upon to appear in skits with the master of ceremonies Brian Perkin. He pretended to enter a store with the idea of purchasing a sexy short nightgown for his wife. Unfortunately, the store only had one item left, a ragged old housecoat, complimented by a shower cap and old woolen slippers. It was displayed on a mannequin. The

finalists each had to persuade the shopper to buy the outfit.

Victoria and her runner-ups attended the fall fair for the entire weekend, making draws, presenting prizes and an array of other duties.

In the next year, she will be busy attending social functions including the Beardmore Christmas Party and the Miss Sweetheart of the Fairs contest at the Canadian National Exhibition next August.

## Elvis, Elton, Archie wow crowd in arena

A few hundred people jammed into the arena Friday night to see Elton Presley, the Beatles, Elton John, Sonny and Cher, John Travolta and Olivia Newton John, to name a few of the many superstars on stage at the Fall Fair Friday night show.

Naturally it would be impossible to get all these people in one concert, but "The Newcomers" did their best to make the large audience feel as if they were

seeing and hearing the actual celebrities.

Under the leadership of "Ian and Robin" The Newcomers provided every type of music from Irish Jigs to Country and Western and Rock and Roll.

With the help of wigs, clothes and gestures, the pair were able to transform from Burton Cummings to Kiki Dee to Archie and Edith Bunker from All in the Family. Other stars portrayed Friday were Bobby

Vinton, Johnny Cash, John Denver, Paul Williams and Dolly Parton.

As the evening wore on, the crowd warmed up to the group, who have a few records to their credit. John Denver, Archie and Edith and The King Elvis seemed to be the favorites.

Interspersed with the entertainment was the Miss Acton Fall Fair contest in which 10 young Acton and area girls competed for the



ORGANIZERS AND AUDIENCE alike agreed it was the toughest decision ever when the judges had to choose the Miss Acton Fall Fair 1978 Friday evening. An array of lovely young women vied for the title. Left to right, Susan Thibodeau, last year's winner, and contestants, Cheryl

White, Cathy Upton, Dorri Russiani, Kim Ottaway, Victoria Lenizky, Cindy Johnston, Gerry Jansen, Audrey DeVries, Jessica Buscher, and Beverly Anderson. Victoria Lenizky was the eventual winner with Kim Ottaway and Dorri Russiani as her runner-ups.

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## Victoria misses party to reign over fall fair

Victoria Lenizky missed her own party Saturday evening when she was

Just 24 hours before that, the 17-year-old brunette was chosen Miss Acton Fall Fair 1978 in front of hundreds of pleased spectators.

The party went on without her at her R. R. 2, Rockwood home as Victoria and her escort Steve Papillon headed towards Acton for the Fair dance. She didn't really mind missing it though as she met new people and new experiences.

The entire weekend was just one event after another for the new fair queen. It started Thursday evening with a rehearsal of the Friday contest. Never dreaming she would win, she kept making arrangements for her party.

Friday night was the contest. Victoria confesses when the two runner-ups names, Kim Ottaway and Dorri Russiani were called, she never thought her name would be the next one. Tears streamed down her face as she slowly realized just what had happened.

The new Queen Victoria was toasted later in the evening at a wine and cheese party in the arena after the show for directors, organizers, Miss Acton and contestants, escorts and parents.

Saturday she was busy walking around the fair with her runner-ups presenting trophies and ribbons, opening events, meeting people, and as she says "enjoying herself". She also managed to find some time to visit with her grandmother, who had flown in from Vancouver that day and was most pleased at her granddaughter's success.

The fair dance was on the agenda for the evening. Although she was looking forward to her own party, Victoria said she enjoyed the dance and meeting more people.

On Sunday, rain cancelled most of the events, but did not dampen her spirits. She saw the pet show, and took part in the fashion show.

Monday was school as usual at Acton high school where she is in grade 12. She finishes in January at which time she will enter the modelling field. Victoria explains she is taking a

course at the Judy Welsh modelling school in Toronto and has done some odd jobs in that career. Miss Welsh she says is extremely confident of the local girl's future in this area. There is a possibility Victoria might be in next winter's Sears catalogue.

Victoria explains there are five steps to modelling. They begin with promotion, then on to wholesale, where her career now stands, then runway work, photography (magazines, etc.) and then commercials.

Already Victoria has done some work for the Candon Fashion Group in Toronto, and got her hair cut at the International Hair Show at the Harbor Castle recently. She also worked at the CNE this past summer.

Victoria has a wide variety of interests. She enjoys scuba diving, skiing, cooking, sewing, stamp collecting and playing the piano and saxophone. The talented girl also does English lettering, and will be doing the Grade 13 graduation diplomas for this year's graduates.

In spite of all her talents, however, Victoria does not feel she will ever enter into the acting field as models Cheryl Ladd and others have done. Modelling is her only goal.

Victoria is the daughter of William and Helen Lenizky. She has one brother, Rob, 16 and a sister, Julie, 8. She was born in Vancouver, and eventually arrived in Mississauga. The family moved to R. R. 2, Rockwood four years ago.

In addition to winning the honor of being Miss Acton Fall Fair, Victoria also wins an array of gifts from Acton and area merchants and industries:

A total of \$283 in cash and vouchers were received from various merchants. Donors to the cash and other gifts were: Dominion Hotel, cash; Family Barber Shop, cash; Draperies and Things, cash; Browne's Store, cash; Lakeview Centre, two mats; Acton Automotive, two Armor-all; Al's Marine, cash; Building Products of Canada, cash; First Line TV, cash; J & T Sports, Adidas tennis shoes; A. B. Supermarket, merchandise voucher; Family Cleaners, Royal Blue Shirt

Blouse; Family Restaurant, dinner for two; Hinton's, pen and pencil set; Swetmans, black shoes; Bank of Montreal, scrap book; Page Glass, cash; Chicken and Pizza Spot, large deluxe pizza; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, cash; Royal Variety, cash voucher; Olympia, gift voucher for pizza; Double Happiness, dinner for five; Chance Cleaners, voucher; Halton Hills Furniture, digital clock radio; Chalet Service Centre, cash; Halton Hills Credit Union, cash; Toth's Service Centre, cash; Grants Service Centre, cash; 747 Restaurant, steak dinner for two; Royal Cafe, cash; The Music Stop, LP record; A & J's Place, negligee; Acton Delicatessen and Pantry Boutique, circular table cloth; Canadian Tire, 12 cup coffee maker; House of Buys, cash voucher; The Holland Shop, spoon set; Viman, blue Indian shirt; Station hotel, cash; Village Pine Shop, strawberry bubble bath; Gals Pals, gift certificate; Rockwood TV, cash; Rockwood Hotel, cash; Mill End Store, Rockwood, cash; R & M Shopette, Rockwood, cash; North Halton Investment, Rockwood, cash; Food Town, Rockwood, case of pop; Kelly's Korner, Rockwood, music box; Plaza Variety, Rockwood, pocket camera; Watson's Music Store, cash; Acton Restaurant, dinner for two; The Looking Glass, shampoo, cut, and blow dry; Eds In and Out, cash voucher; Russmac Beauty Salon, cash; Gayna Fashions, red formal dress and silver earrings; McKenzie Lumber, Silver Bag; Carpet Corner, pink rug; Acton Pharmacy, "Charlie" toiletries; Alteo Construction, Sheaffer pen and pencil set; Acton IGA,

merchandise voucher; Bud's Hobby Cellar, Miss Acton Trophy; Toronto Dominion Bank, cash; Denny's Insurance, necklace; Nielsens clothing, lounging robe; Acton Home Furnishings, placemats; Sarah Coventry and Joan Knight, necklace and bracelet; Achilles Motors, Nail Dazler; Johnson Real Estate, Pro-turbo hair blower; Dawe Real Estate, Blue Jay picture; Glenlea Drugmart, brown wallet; the Book Nook, The Heritage Book; Pro Hardware, set of glasses and Acton Agricultural Society, silver charm.

The judges' gifts were donated by the Village Pine Shoppe and Frank Heller and Company. Blue Springs Florists and Goy Cartage supplied the contestants' corsages; and Robertson Flower Mart, the red roses. The Eramosa Flower Mart donated the corsages for the committee members and Fourth Line Nursery supplied the baskets of flowers on the stage.

Beardmore and Co. gave each contestant a wallet.

AUDREY DeVries was one of the contestants in the Miss Acton Fall Fair contest Friday.

IAN, of the Newcomers, was a big hit at the Friday night show at the fair.



FAIR BOARD MEMBER Maggie Hall presented Miss Acton Fall Fair 1977 Susan Thibodeau with a colored photo of herself and runners up at last year's fair. The presentation came during the Miss Acton Fall Fair 1978 contest Friday evening.



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## Legion Breakfast draws 400

If you were looking for someone on Saturday morning they very well could have been at the Legion enjoying breakfast.

Some 400 people turned up to enjoy tea or coffee, bacon and eggs or pancakes and syrup and toast and jam for only \$1.50. The event was a huge success and the doors had to be shut at 10 a.m. so

that everyone would be cleared out in time to serve a roast beef lunch to the visiting Royal Canadian Legion Massey pipe band.

The band made up of members of different Legion bands, marched in the parade, then gave a performance in the arena parking lot before returning to the Legion for dinner.

In the evening the Legion had two bands going. In the lounge they had Kent Tusher while the Country D's played in the hall.

All day Saturday a shuttle bus ran from the fair to the Legion carrying Legionnaires and comrades. The bus was reported to be very successful.

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