

Limehouse herdsman

City-girl-gone-country is Dairy Princess Cathy



MEET CATHY RICH, Halton's reigning Dairy Princess, a city girl who enjoys country life and works on a farm in Limehouse.

By Robin Reid

City-girl-gone-country is an accurate way to describe Halton's 1979-80 Dairy Princess, Cathy Rich.

In order for a girl to be chosen Dairy Princess, she must be a daughter or employee of a dairy farmer. Miss Rich falls into the latter category.

"I grew up in Oakville, but I started working summers on a dairy farm, which is how I got interested in the dairy industry," she said.

After receiving a degree from Ontario Agricultural College last spring, Miss Rich now works as a herdsman in Limehouse, but manages to spare a few hours a week for her duties as Dairy Princess.

Before Christmas, the 23-year-old Princess made appearances at fairs and banquets and she now visits schools to educate small children on the dairy industry.

On one such visit at Percy Merry School, Miss Rich helped a kindergarten class make a jar of butter, and explained how milk got to the dairy.

The co-ordinator for the Dairy Princess activities is Pat Thompson who once held the title herself. She arranges speaking engagements and accompanies Miss Rich on all appearances. Last year, her first year as co-ordinator, Mrs. Thompson's sister Marie Murray of Acton reigned as Dairy Princess.

In August, Miss Rich will compete at the C.N.E. for the title of Ontario Dairy Princess.

Black says

Actonians lost their homes due to interest rate

Current high interest rates are causing "hundreds of personal tragedies" to which there appears to be no current solution, according to Halton NDP candidate Doug Black.

Mr. Black said "Halton is especially hard hit by high interest rates. My personal canvassing and research during the campaign reveal tragedies caused by high interest rates." Some of the instances Mr. Black discussed were:

Some owners of a block of 20 homes in Acton who have walked away because they could not afford re-financing of their second mortgage.

A cattle farmer in Milton who recently went into receivership because he could not continue to finance his herds.

Two small builders in Oakville who are on the verge of bankruptcy because they can't get offers to buy land they have built on and they can't carry the interest charges.

Mr. Black said he has been told Oakville has the highest level of personal bankruptcy in Ontario. He said the figures are contained in a new Statistics Canada report which he had not yet obtained prior to his press conference on Monday.

He stressed the Statistics Canada report should not be used as fact until it could be confirmed, but pointed out that the information is only a small part of the "hundreds of devastating, personal tragedies going on right now."

Contact the police to recover stolen goods

Residents who have had their hub caps or car hood ornaments stolen in the past few months in Acton should contact Halton Region Police.

There is a good chance they'll get these expensive items back. Constable William Riddle said this week police recently recovered many stolen items, including quite a number of hub caps and hood ornaments, and the police would like to see them returned to their owners.

Unfortunately the police don't know who the auto accessories belong to. Riddle pointed out these items are expensive to replace, police have one hub cap that is worth between \$70 and \$80.

The items were recovered following the apprehension of some juveniles, charges are pending against at least two, who have been busy this winter stealing car accessories.

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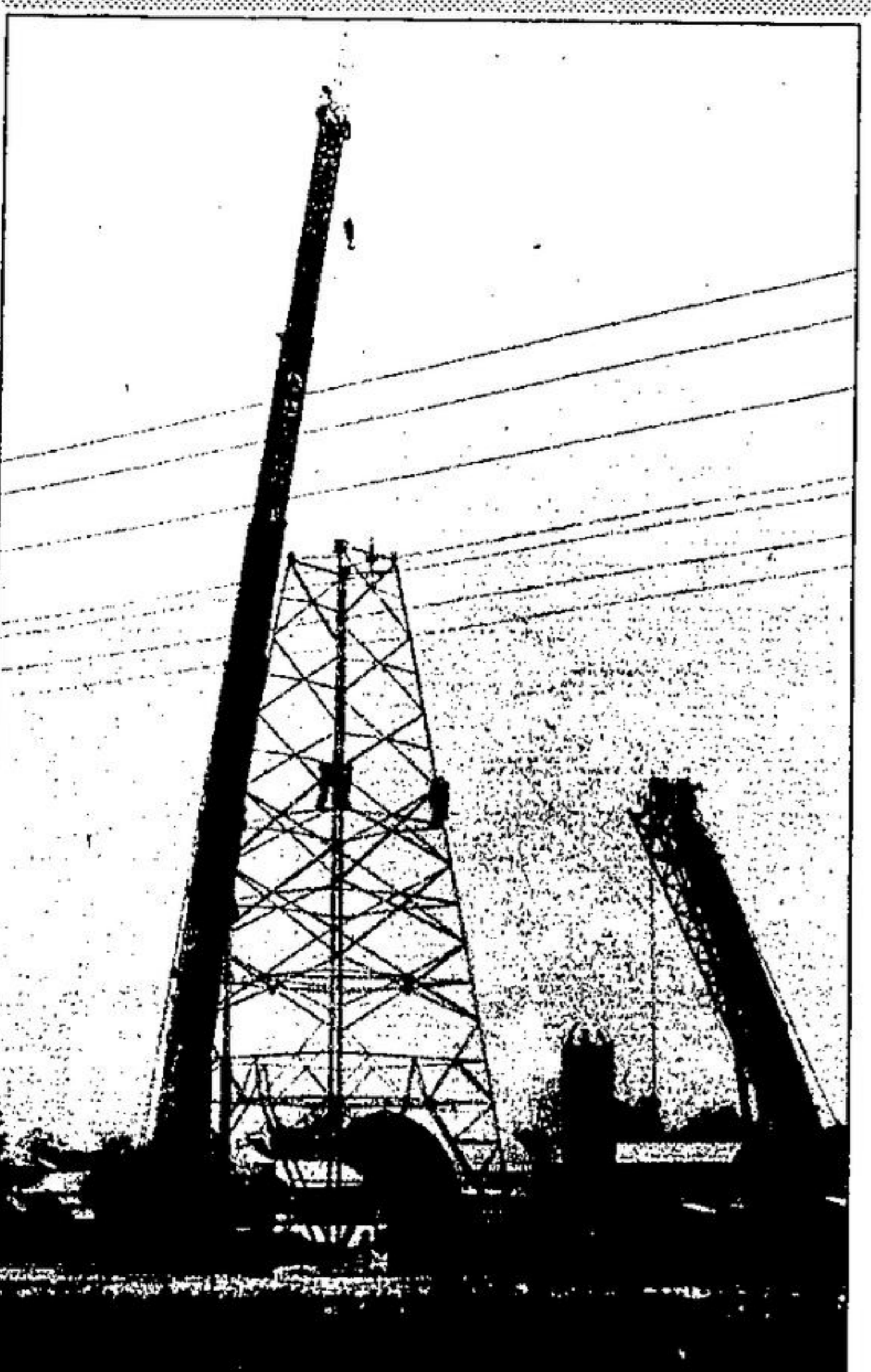
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K. Hall ill on Mexico trip

Former Acton and Ballinacorney resident Kathy Hall was one of many tourists who became ill during recent holidays in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Mrs. Hall cut short her vacation by four days because of a sickness. She is still undergoing tests to determine the illness, though she has returned to work at Toronto. "I feel fine now," said Mrs. Hall.

Soon after Mrs. Hall's return, January 10, another Canadian woman was stricken with a disease in Puerto Vallarta and died. The vacationers were staying at different hotels. Mrs. Hall said that several people on the plane which returned to Canada were also sick. People in the hotels were also sick, Mrs. Hall said. "I've never been sick like that before in my life," said the former Acton Bank of Commerce employee. Medical tests have concentrated on the liver and the blood count.

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