

Fifth Hillsburgh festival celebrates summer, music, small towns, people



Strum'n and a pick'n came the blue grass sounds during Saturday's music festival at Hillsburgh.

by Ken Bustin
The Hillsburgh Country Bluegrass Jam-boree is said to be a celebration of summer, music, small towns and people. For the estimated 2,000 bluegrass fans that were in attendance, no words could better describe the fifth annual festival held Saturday.

There is a certain flavor to bluegrass music that brings people together of all ages for the sole purpose of having a good time, whether it be enjoying the stage performances, doing a little parking lot picking of their own, or just strolling through the crafts area.

The festival committee, headed by president Roger Clark, works all year to organize the one day event. There are over 150 volunteers who donate their time to put the festival on, and it is a non-profit event. The money made after expenses is turned back to the community.

Over the past years proceeds from the festival have helped fund minor hockey, the community centre, the volunteer firemen, the new arena, books for the library and lighting for the ball park, to name just a few. Last year the funds were given to the town's three churches for children's work. This year the festival organizers have given a \$1,000, pledge to the ball park.

Festival goes took advantage of the addition of a beer garden operated by the Optimist Club, with their proceeds going to minor hockey. This is also the first year the La-

batt's people were involved, lending their time for advertising and promotion.

As for the entertainment, in a word—outstanding. Something for everyone—the tight sound and stage antics of Cody, the melodic harmonies of the Taylor Family, the fine step dancing of the Story Dancers. The line up of talent was excellent and the sound was reproduced crisp and clean by Southdown Music Concert Sound.

At the other side of the park was the children's area. There they were treated to a small animal zoo as well as skill testing races and games with prizes being donated by the local merchants. There was also a stuffed animal contest and story telling with Mary Eileen McClear. Conrad The Magician added to the overall magic of the day with a few wizardly tricks to delight both the young and the young at heart.

Good food was available at the various concessions as well as what has to be Ontario's largest outdoor chicken barbecue.

All in all it was a fine day filled with good music, warm weather and people enjoying themselves in the tradition of friendship and togetherness, which is what Bluegrass Music is all about.

Local doctor heads to U.S.

Dr. Brendan Smith, of the Glenlea Medical Centre has accepted a position on the staff of an Indiana hospital.

Dr. Smith left the Centre last week, after over three years of local practise. His patients will be referred to the Centre's two other physicians Dr. Sam Ng, and Dr. Peter Wong.

A drop in patients has prompted Dr. Smith's move to the United States, he told The Acton Free Press. He explained that last spring, when the Centre was almost forced to close many found other

Halton bids for drug aid

The provincial ministry of health will be asked to help with whatever Halton's Board of Education does concerning a drug and alcohol program.

Board trustees agreed to ask the ministry to "provide re-inforcement to programs on the use and abuse of drugs."

"This is not an attempt to pass the buck," Burlington trustee Elaine Riehm said. She indicated that the ministry would have some advantage in dealing with students because they are farther away from students than other professional groups.

"We lack the medical and scientific expertise," she said.

The Addiction Research Foundation this spring released a Halton study report which indicated widespread use by students, in secondary and primary schools, of drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

Festival...

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The North Halton Music Festival, usually a day-long event, is part of a 52-year-old county tradition. Halton county was the first in Ontario with its competitive festival in 1928.

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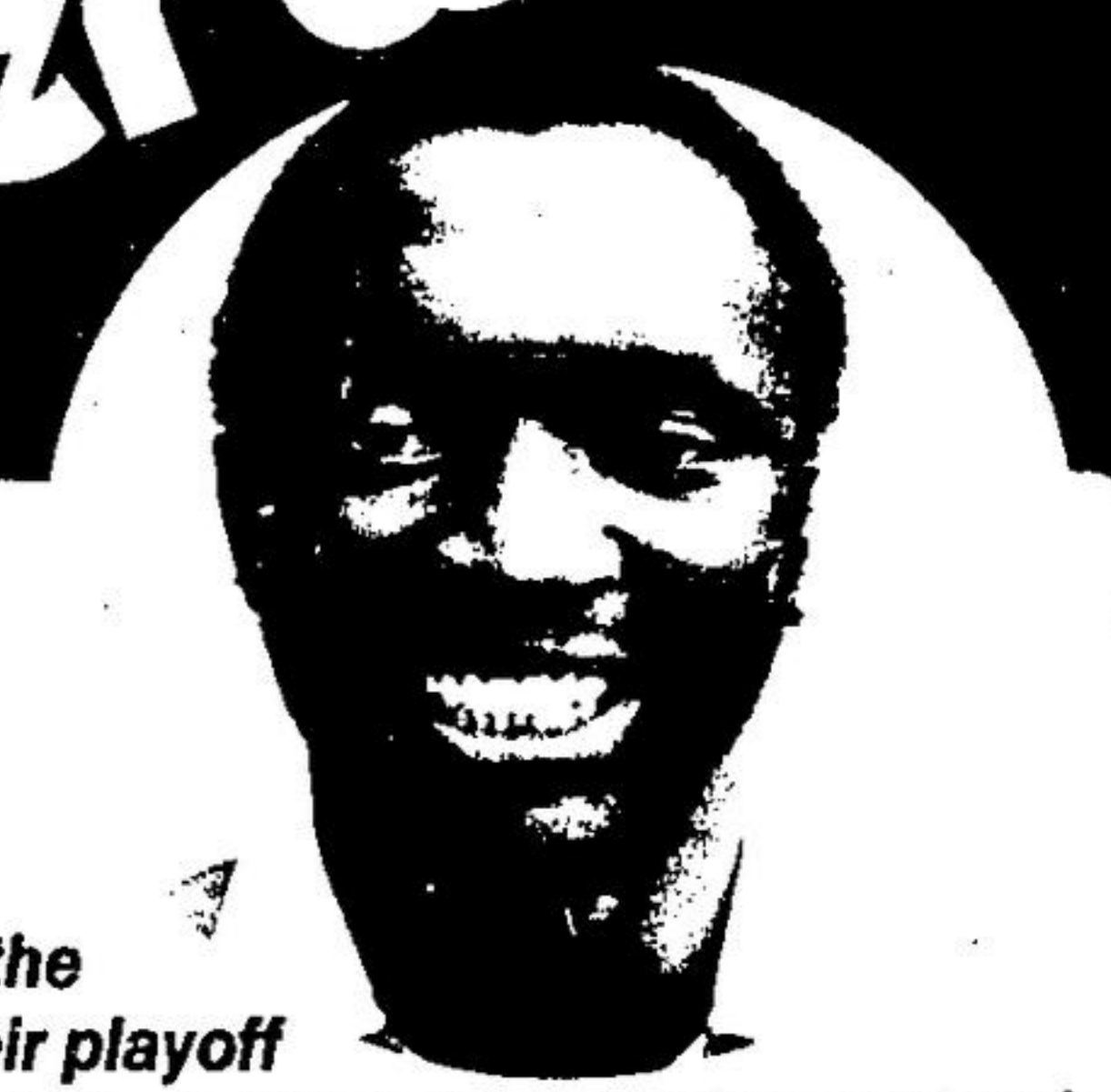
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