

**This Saturday**

**Finale of 'Journey' to feature riders, horse-drawn carriages**

This Saturday, August 25 at 1 p.m. over 500 mounted riders and horse-drawn carriages will parade along a 5 mile (8 km.) route through the hamlet of Ballinacred and south on Trafalgar Road to Scotsdale Farm located one (1) mile north of Highway 7, just north-west of Georgetown, Ontario.

The parade will be the finale of the "Journey Into Yesterday", a Bicentennial Project which began in Timbertown, near Ottawa, and Depot Harbour on Georgian Bay on July 24. The "Journey" has been a

heritage adventure for all of its participants, riders and drivers and companions on foot or otherwise, as they have travelled the pioneer trails through our beautiful province. The Horse Parade into Scotsdale is a fitting end to this Bicentennial Celebration of the horse.

The parade will enter the grounds of Scotsdale at 2 p.m. There will be a brief ceremony honouring the horse and its importance to Ontario's economy, past and present.

For the enjoyment of guests and the

general public there will be a series of brief but exciting demonstrations showing a few of the activities presently available to equestrians of all disciplines. At the same time in the Bennett home there will be a private showing by a number of Ontario's fine equestrian artists.

Scotsdale Farm was bequeathed by the Bennetts to the people of Ontario in 1982. A decision has not been finalized as to the future of the property. The Ontario Equestrian Federation has proposed that the 540 acre estate become a "Horse Park" incorporating all phases of equestrian and carriage driving activity, with the intention of educating and entertaining the general public, and providing a permanent show case for all equestrian and carriage disciplines.

All members of the equestrian fraternity and the public at large are invited to take part in this special Equestrian Bicentennial Celebration.

**Man trapped under tractor**

A 66-year-old area man is in intensive care at Guelph General Hospital after a farm tractor overturned on top of him on Lot 22, Concession 7, just north of Everton.

Robert Allen was hauling logs out of a wooded area with his tractor when the tractor tipped over and trapped him underneath it last Sunday. Rockwood Firefighters freed Allen who suffered injuries to his chest and left arm.

**Pick firm to drill wells**

Halton Region will pay G. Hart and Sons of Fenelon Falls \$21,800.89 to drill four test holes and construct municipal wells along the Fourth Line east of Acton.

The firm's bid on the project was selected after the only other bid—from a Gloucester company—was disqualified as being incomplete. The Region's consulting engineers, Morrison Beatty Ltd., satisfied the public works committee last week that Hart and Sons can do the job.

The committee expects only two of the four sites to be "accessed" and allocated site preparation funds accordingly. Negotiations for the site exploration with property owners were completed in early July.

The Region is hoping one of the test sites will become a new municipal well servicing Acton. The provision of an extra water source is directly tied into long-range plans to expand the Acton urban area.

**Obituary**

**Bessie Musselle was active in the IODE**

A lover of books, art and memorabilia about Acton, Elizabeth (Bessie) Musselle died July 21 at Guelph General Hospital after a brief illness. She was 83.

Born in Georgetown March 21, 1901, to Elizabeth and Cranmer Woodhall, Mrs. Musselle attended Acton public and continuation schools and travelled by train to attend commercial art classes at Toronto Technical School.

During the 1920's, Mrs. Musselle helped out at her father's grocery store, which was located where Alex Johnston Real Estate is now situated.

She married George H. Musselle at Knox Manse in 1927 and helped him build a home and greenhouses in the early 1930s. Mr. and Mrs. Musselle worked together in the flower and growing business.

She was active in the IODE from its early beginnings, at one time serving as Regent. She was also a member of the Knox WMS and taught Sunday School during the 1930s and '40s.

During the 1950s, Mrs. Musselle returned to art, studying oils under Dorothy Stone and Frank Black. She loved reading, especially poetry and Acton memorabilia.

Mrs. Musselle was predeceased by husband George. She is survived by sons George C. of Acton and John of Mississauga and by daughter Olive (Mrs. Allan Ellerby); also of Acton. She had eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Craig Cribar conducted a funeral service at Knox Church, followed by interment at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers were neighbors Bill Nelles and George Barnes, friends Vince Dunn, Murray McLaren and Carl Meadows of Rockwood and eldest grandson Rob Ellerby of Prescott.

Neighbors Grace and Lena Nelles and Thelma Barnes prepared a tea at the Musselle home following the funeral.

Mandy Deforest of Acton wood an appreciative audience at the CNE's Halton Hills Day. She gave her rendition of Flashdance, Nobody and I Was Country. Among other performers, the Acton Citizens' Band also entertained from a stage of the Bandshell Thursday afternoon. More photos in Newsmakers.



A unique 50th wedding anniversary took place recently when two brothers and two sisters celebrated at the Herigate Inn, Milton. Left to right are former Actonians Gordon and Edna Rolston and on the right are Margaret and Howard Rolston.—Photo by Ted Hilton.

**All in the family**

**No sibling rivalry at this golden anniversary**

by Pam Douglas

More than 50 years ago, Edna Leighton and her sister Marg fell in love with Gordon Rolston and his brother Howard. Seven children, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild later, Edna and Gordon, Marg and Howard are still together.

Two sisters marrying two brothers is unusual enough, but to be together for 50 years, that's rare indeed.

What's the secret? Edna Rolston stated it simply, as if there was no other way.

"You have to love each other." All four were married in South River, Ontario, about two months apart.

Edna and Gordon lived nine years of their happy married life in Acton as prominent members of the business community. Gordon started Acton Wood

Products "from scratch" in 1965, he said. He sold the business in 1967 when he retired and moved to Guelph, where he has lived for 17 years.

He and his wife have three daughters and six grandchildren.

Marg and Howard have one daughter and three sons, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"If you're not going to stay together, don't get married," Howard Rolston warned. "You should know that before you get married. It's worked for our family." He and his wife live in Cambridge.

The two couples celebrated their anniversary with 75 friends and relatives at Milton's Herigate Inn recently.

"Everything was lovely," said Edna Rolston of the party.

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