

Pioneer games, star's challenge back for 1984 Fair

Back for the 1984 Acton Fall Fair will be the pioneer games and the Challenge of the Stars, two events encouraging local participation.

Challenge of the Acton Stars, an obstacle

race with humorous results, will return Sunday afternoon in the arena.

Organized this year with the help of the Acton High School teachers, various teams will be on hand to represent groups in Acton.

They will be vying for the \$100 for the charity of their choice, put up by the Acton Agricultural Society.

Saturday afternoon the Pioneer games including nail driving, hay bale toss, the

farmer's walk and log sawing will be held behind the Spot-in-the-Park.

The games begin after the parade reaches the park with registration taking place on the grounds.

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Rooster crow, parade, Bird Dance all part of 71st annual fall fair

Once again Acton Fair promises local residents and visitors three spectacular days of family fun this weekend (Sept 14, 15 and 16).

Many of the popular attractions which have been drawing crowds to the Acton Fall Fair over the past 71 years will once again return, while new events organized by the innovative volunteers will also be staged.

With three full days of activities planned, the best way to see the fair is to pick up a weekend pass for \$6 at any of the Acton banks or the Credit Union, pocketing a full day's admission price.

The fun gets underway Friday when the Arabian Horse show starts at 10 a.m.

A new change this year is the introduction of the Heavy Horse show also beginning first thing Friday morning rather than the traditional Saturday show.

The midway will be in full swing and the poultry exhibits are open to the public following the morning judging.

Friday evening begins at 6.15 with more fun as exhibitors in the rooster crowing contest try everything to encourage these often stubborn birds to let off their famous cry.

The popular heavy horse show begins at 6.45.

Miss Acton Fair 1983/84 Laura Jansen will turn over her crown, marking the 21st year for the Queen of the Fair competition. All this takes place Friday evening at the family entertainment variety show.

Saturday starts early with the English, Harness and Draught ponies at 9 a.m. along with the light horse show. New this year are the Draught and Commercial ponies.

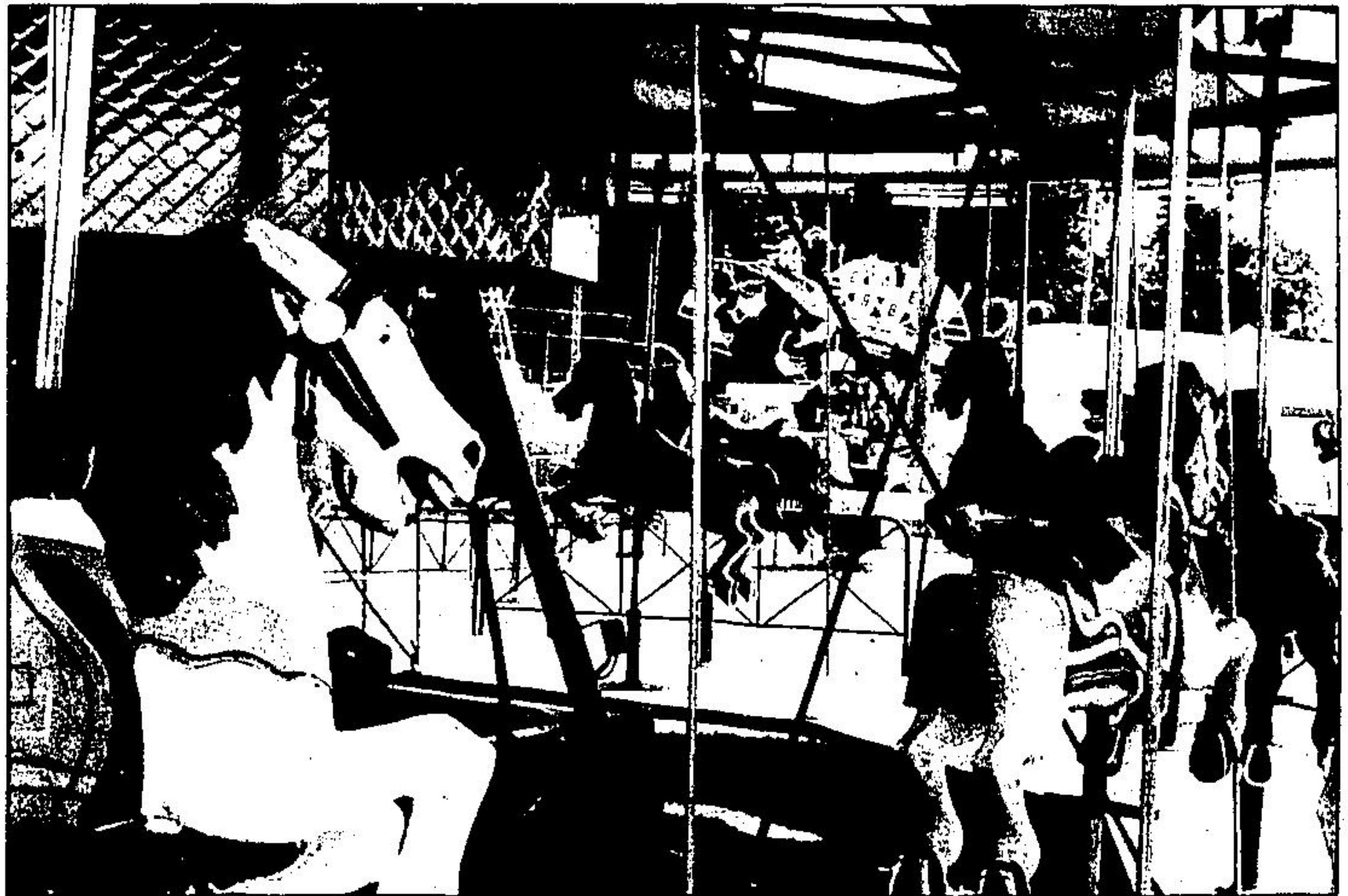
Other Saturday highlights include the beef cattle, Carlsberg Hitch, hall and outside commercial exhibits, a poultry and sheep show.

The famous giant parade with three bands, floats and much more winds through town at noon ending at the fairgrounds. Horse shoe pitching with prize money totalling \$100 begins at 1 p.m.

At 1.30 p.m. the long-time favorite baby show will be staged in the arena. Entries are now being taken at the Fabric Shoppe or registration can be made Fair day from 12.15 to 1.15 p.m.

There's a Bird Dance competition at 2.30 p.m. and an ATV (all terrain vehicle) pull organized at 7 p.m. Both these feature attractions are run by the Acton Fall Fair Junior Committee.

The night is still young as the festivities



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continue into the evening with the traditional Fall Fair night dance at the Acton arena from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The popular, versatile group "Mint Green" will return this year to help fairgoers dance the night away. Tickets are \$5 per person and available at the Village Variety on Mill Street.

Sunday is the rabbit and cavy show, which is sanctioned by the Dominion Rabbit Breeders Association.

The fairgrounds open at noon with the midway, indoor and outdoor displays, the dairy cattle show, English and Western horses all of which continue throughout the day.

The pet show for exhibitors 15 years and under begins at 1 p.m., as does the Antique tractor and 4x4 Truck Pull.

Admission each day is \$3 for adults and students, \$2 for senior citizens and \$1 for children under 12. Children under 12 are

admitted free Saturday.

Known as one of the best agricultural fall fairs in Ontario, Acton Fair attracts an estimated 12,000 fairgoers for three days of fun and excitement.

After a year of preparation by dedicated volunteers, everything is set to go for the 71st annual Acton Fall Fair, with the most important detail, the weather, left to Mother Nature.

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