

**ANNUAL PIONEER DAYS FUN BRINGS SMILES AND SALES**



Georgetown shoppers who managed to tear themselves away from the great Pioneer Days sales Thursday through Saturday found plenty of excitement and amusements among the many activities arranged by downtown merchants for their pleasure.

Area resident Fred Ruddell took the winners of an old-time fashion show for a ride in his classic Ford Model T Saturday afternoon (left). Enjoying a ride through the past are Peggy Beach, a clerk at Simpsons-Sears, who wore a hoop-skirted costume, and Kim Haliburton of the Lingerie Boutique, who caught G.E. judges' attention with her polka-dotted pyjamas and night cap.

Another entrance in the fashion show was "saloon girl" Susan Brooks (below) of Judith's Hairstyling.

The Georgetown Drum Majorettes put on a fine show of baton-twirling and high-stepping Thursday afternoon (below left) to highlight a day of marching and music.

A swinging New Orleans-style jazz band (bottom) was among the musical attractions which kept toes tapping during the weekend. Quartet music store provided the stage for a variety of performances designed to entertain shoppers and add to the festive atmosphere of Pioneer Days. (Herald photos by Paul Dorsey, Maggie Hannah and Michael Hollett)



**HALTON'S PEOPLE**

**Rude non-believers annoy area clairvoyant**

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There was a time when people who could see the future had to be careful in case they were labelled witches and burned.

Attitudes have changed somewhat but those with that extra special intuition still face prejudice and weird looks from the sceptics.

This rudeness is what irritates local psychic Jessie Zuest most about non-believers. People that don't believe in psychic powers then demand "I'll tell them something I love she knows the future."

"How dare they have an opinion when they haven't any knowledge on the subject at all," she says. "If they said they didn't know anything about it and showed an interest in learning something I wouldn't mind at all. But to say they don't believe and then expect me to do my party tricks to convince them..." Her eyes snap and you forget that she is a soft-spoken, shy person.

**NORVAL FARM**

Mrs. Zuest grew up on a farm just below Norval. Her father believed in hard work, she says, and since the eldest three children in her family were girls it meant they had lots to do.

"I remember we resented some of the other girls in school who didn't have to go out and do the things we did," she chuckles. "It was good for us though. Hard work never hurt us and we learned a lot that way."

She always had the ability to see things before they happened and to feel when someone was facing an illness. It was something she took for granted and assumed that others saw and felt the same things she did.

When she was about 15 she became interested in the mind and how it worked. That was when she started reading and became increasingly aware of her psychic gift.

In 1970 a group of women including Mrs. Zuest's mother and herself set up a small group in Milton holding private meditation sessions in a home each week. Another member of the group heard about a mind awareness course being offered in Brampton and persuaded Mrs. Zuest to go to it to keep her company.

"I agreed to go but I wasn't going to sign up to take the course," she smiles. "When I walked through the door I knew I had to join."

That was the beginning of becoming a professional psychic. Since that time she worked in Brampton and Burlington with the well-known psychic, Geraldine Smith, in Psychic Quest. She has also done warm up spots in psychic shows both for Geraldine and for British psychic Simon Alexander.

**WEEKLY MEETINGS**

All the while she kept up her own development by attending weekly meetings with a few psychics who get together to meditate.

Now that Geraldine Smith has decided to give up her office in Brampton to head for the United States, Mrs. Zuest has moved to work full time at the New Age Centre on Brant Street in Burlington.

Clients call the centre and book a time for a reading. Mrs. Zuest finds the one problem she encounters over and over again is corruption. Clients come in looking for guidance with a problem and all too frequently sees the Mafia or some similar group behind the situation. If the client is female and her husband is the connection to the group she finds it very difficult to warn the woman because it is probable she wouldn't believe what she is told. If the client is a male asking for a business reading she is equally hampered since he wouldn't admit criminal connections even if she suggested them.

"It's very disillusioning," she says. "The corruption is everywhere. People you least expect to be dishonest turn out to have the strangest connections. It seems to be increasing all the time. It's just everywhere."

Mrs. Zuest says that in doing a reading she slips to a deeper level and lets her subconscious tune into the subconscious of her client. Thus bits of information pertinent as to what will probably happen in the future may well leave a client feeling she has been reading his mind, she has, although she may not remember what she picked up.



Jessie Zuest may be a professional psychic but that doesn't preclude her having many mundane interests. Gardening is one of Mrs. Zuest's hobbies and she posed with some of her more than 500 large cacti which she sets outdoors

for the summer. She grows all her annuals from seed and does a lot of canning and preserving for her family each year.

(Herald photo)

"That's why readings can only be accurate within a certain degree," she says. "You know the situation stands thus and these solutions are possible if certain things happen at certain times involving certain people. The catch is whether the right person will be in the right place at the right time so that the solution that seemed most probable will take place. But there are so many possible variations on what will happen or who will be involved in any given situation that we can be totally wrong in what we see. We can only predict what seems the most logical solution and we can only use what we see in our client's mind."

**VERY TOLERANT**

Mrs. Zuest says her husband, Joel, is very tolerant of her work. He is very intuitive himself, she says, but not interested in getting involved with meditation or awareness.

Her three teenage sons are also intuitive but are not doing anything with their talents at present. Their interests are varied and she believes in encouraging them. Perhaps later they may want to delve into their minds more deeply but

trying to push them into it now would only turn them against it, she feels.

Mrs. Zuest feels that exploring the mind will be the science of the future. Those with knowledge of science and technology tell her that more space exploration will be done with the mind than with mechanical devices.

Her second pet peeve after rude sceptics is pessimists. People who go about predicting doom and gloom for man's future are a menace, she feels. "The future won't be so dire as everyone thinks," she says. "I feel there has to be something there, but I'm keeping an open mind on what it is."

She feels changes over the coming years will be much more rapid than in the past. The biggest problem she feels will be for our generation to adapt to these rapid changes.

**VERY STRONGLY**

"I feel very strongly that we'll be the problem for our children," she says. "We'll have emotional problems adjusting to all these changes we'll see in the next 20 to 40 years. I just hope I won't be too much of a problem myself."

Her extra awareness is just

one facet of Jessie Zuest, however, and friends and neighbours may well be more aware of her love of gardening. She also loves to bake.

Her special pride is her cactus collection. At present her 2,000 or so cacti are all outdoors. She even raises many of her plants from seed.

She loves plants of all sorts, however, and raises all her annuals, under fluorescent lights in the basement during the early spring so they'll be ready to set out when the garden is ready.

She says vehemently that she's "not at all" an organization type person so she doesn't belong to any community groups although after 19 years in her husband's home community she knows her neighbours fairly well.

Her psychic gift is a natural ability, she says, and really not something weird. Most of her foresight comes in the form of hunches.

"When I was working before I was married," she says, "I'd get a feeling I should go back and check something. As sure as I didn't do it there'd be something wrong with it. So I learned not to ignore my hunches."

Mrs. Zuest dislikes negative predictions and agrees with Mrs. Smith that she prefers not to publicize negative things.

"I knew about that air crash in Chicago," she says. "I have to wonder how much effect negative thoughts have on something like that. After there's been one crash there's often another one. I have to wonder if a lot of people thinking about something negative like that can cause the incident to recur."

**MIGHT HAPPEN**

Whether she really believes it or is just afraid it might happen, the potential of making a bad thing come true because so many people think it will happen has made Geraldine Smith say many times that she will never make negative predictions in public.

Mrs. Zuest has done a number of television programs on the psychic. She says that she has not sought great publicity but has instead forced herself to meet people when she was working. One of her appearances was to do predictions for Canada A.M. for 1979 at New Years. She was asked on the show because she had done a private session for a woman connected with it and the client asked her to appear on television.

Despite the fact she is shy and retiring it doesn't seem to have held her back.



**CHEQUE FROM TAMMY**

Halton's Tammy, Aggie Kavanagh, presented Mary Comartin with a cheque for \$172.50 which was raised at a recent carnival in support of crippled children. The presentation was made at the opening of the new facilities for Georgetown's Newfoundland Club last week. Mrs. Comartin is district nurse for the Ontario Crippled Children's Society for this area. (Herald photo)