

*Plenty of excitement at Bang-o-rama, Norval Fun Day*

# Halton Hills' Victoria Day spectacular!

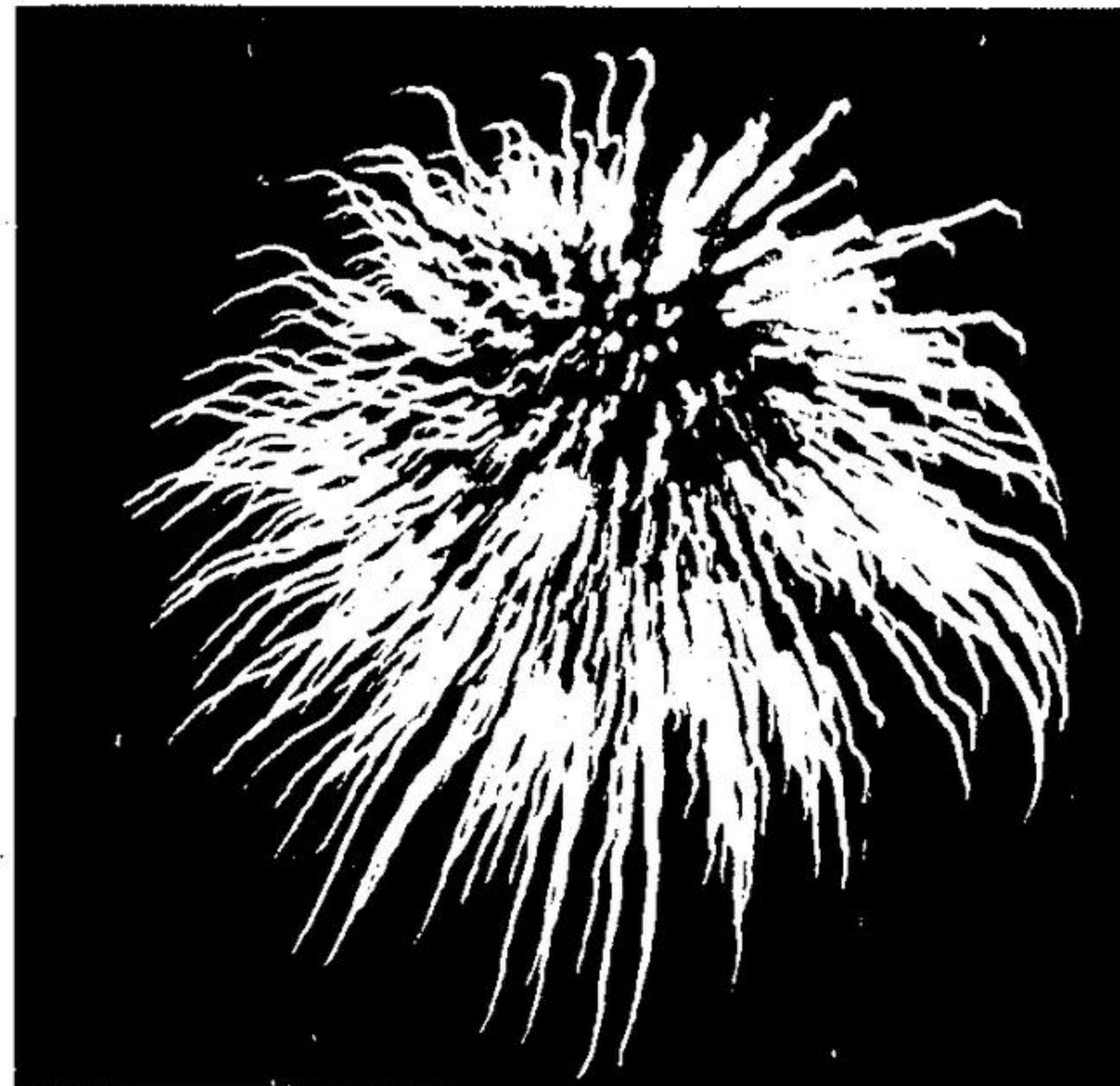


Little Janice Bailey of Acton seems to be enjoying herself on the bicycle ride at the Bang-O-Rama on Sunday. Janice was

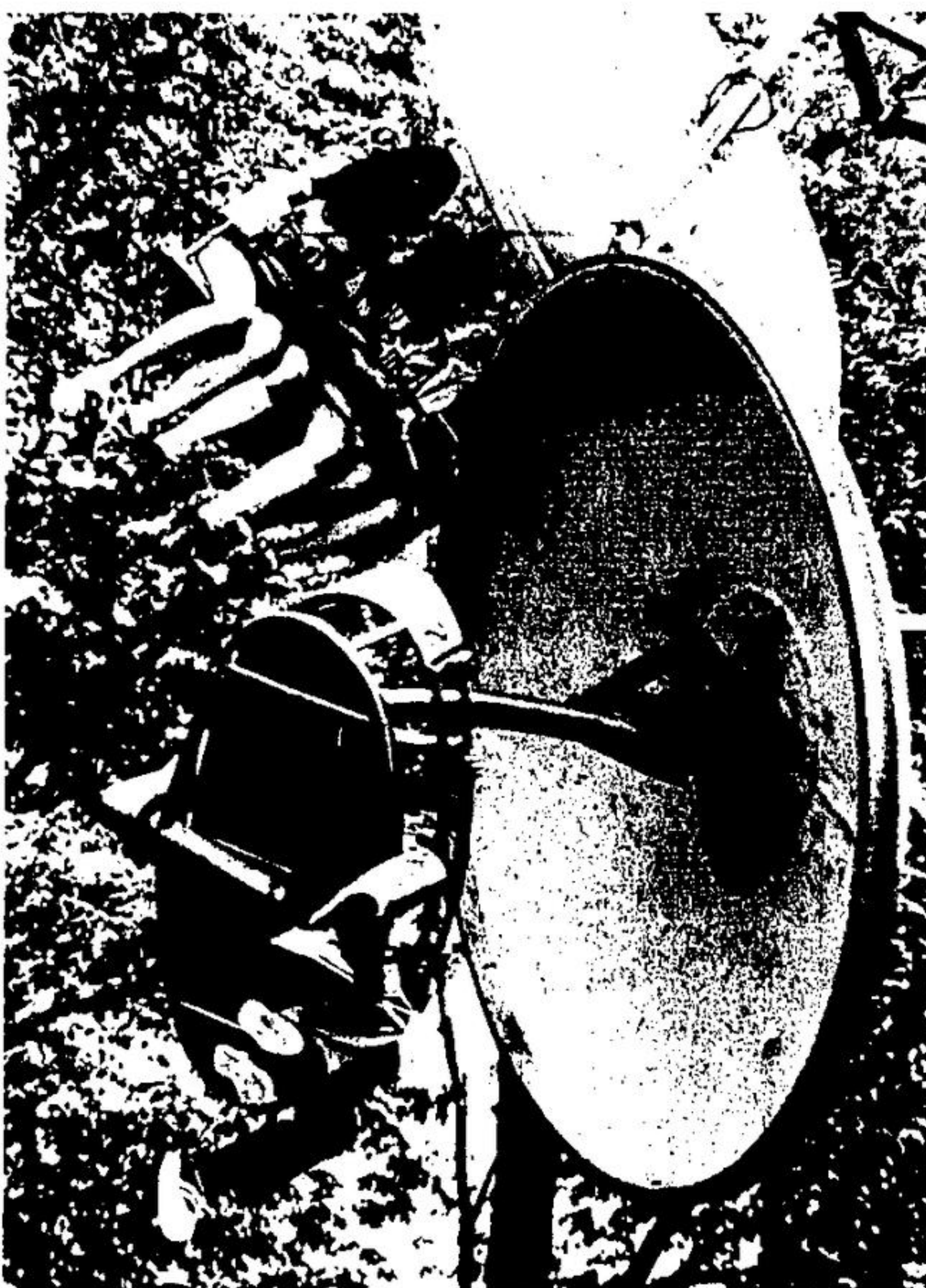
one of the estimated 5,000 to 6,000 people who attended the event, which according to the Optimist Club, was a huge success.



Archie Fuller turned 88 on Sunday and he's still spry enough to play his fiddle with the best of them. (Herald photo)



Fireworks is what Victoria Day is all about, and Bang-O-Rama kept the faith with a spectacular show Monday night at the fairgrounds. The flashing lights and loud bangs were the fitting conclusion to a day of fun for an estimated 6,000 people who took part in the festivities.



The best view of Bang-O-Rama on Monday was from the top of this swinging ride, provided you're not afraid of heights and sea sickness doesn't pose any problem for you.

The weather outlook for the Georgetown Optimist Club's 4th annual Bang-O-Rama had been bleak Sunday, but Monday was a fine, sunny day, and Bang-O-Rama was a success "beyond everyone's wildest dreams", Optimist John Horning told The Herald.

The club estimates a turn-out through the day of between 6,000 and 7,000 people who enjoyed the sunshine and the varied activities, and came back for the fireworks in the evening.

"The weather was very good," Mr. Horning said. "We had a terrific turn-out. We were worried about the weather, because if it had rained and we had had to postpone it, we wouldn't have had a midway because they're booked solid, and it would have caused a lot of problems. But the weather was good. It turned out really well and everyone was very happy."

The club had a few "administrative" problems with some of the events, Mr. Horning said. The horse draw was delayed because both groups involved in the event thought the other group was supplying the weights, and the Optimists had to travel through the area trying to round up some weights.

Because of a shortage of one flatbed trailer, the square dancers shared the stage with

the band, Stonecrop, and things were a little crowded with both the instruments and dancers on the stage, Mr. Horning said.

The midway had its own troubles with a shortage of coupons. The midway ran out of coupons during the day, and ended up using tickets the Optimists had bought for use in the beer garden.

The chicken barbecue by Maple Lodge Farms, which was held for the first time this year, went over well, Mr. Horning said.

The track and field events for the children were also well-attended.

"We try to give out ribbons to the kids because it means a lot to them to win a ribbon," Mr. Horning said.

The club is looking at new events to add for next year's Bang-O-Rama. Each year, they try to add something different during the day time, to make the event a "fun day", Mr. Horning said.

"We have no problems getting people out for the fireworks, but what we try to do is get events going to bring people out in the day time and make a day of it," he said.



High jumping proved to be very popular at the Bang-O-Rama field day held at the park Monday. This lad was one of the more talented entries in the event.



While one of the delightful Norval clowns comforts a maiden in distress, this young lady is finding time to blow her own horn. It must be admitted she had rather mixed success.

Bill Collier shows his fine throwing form in a game of horseshoes at Bang-O-Rama on Monday. Bill had a successful day as he and Bill Bennett won the doubles competition.



Charlene Baker and Angela Lee were just of the children who participated in the painting contest at Bang-O-Rama Monday. Other activities for children included track and field events, the midway, lawn darts and all that gooey cotton candy and candy apples.



The Norval Scouts proudly carried Canada's flag in a parade led by Mayor Pete Pomerooy, MPP Julian Reed and Coun. Pat Patterson. The parade opened Norval's annual Victoria Day celebrations.



A band composed of Iva Davidsop on piano, Bob Armstrong on the banjo and Archie Fuller playing his fiddle, entertained a large crowd gathered at the Norval Park to celebrate Victoria Day.

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