

# Weather holds for 67th Acton Fall Fair

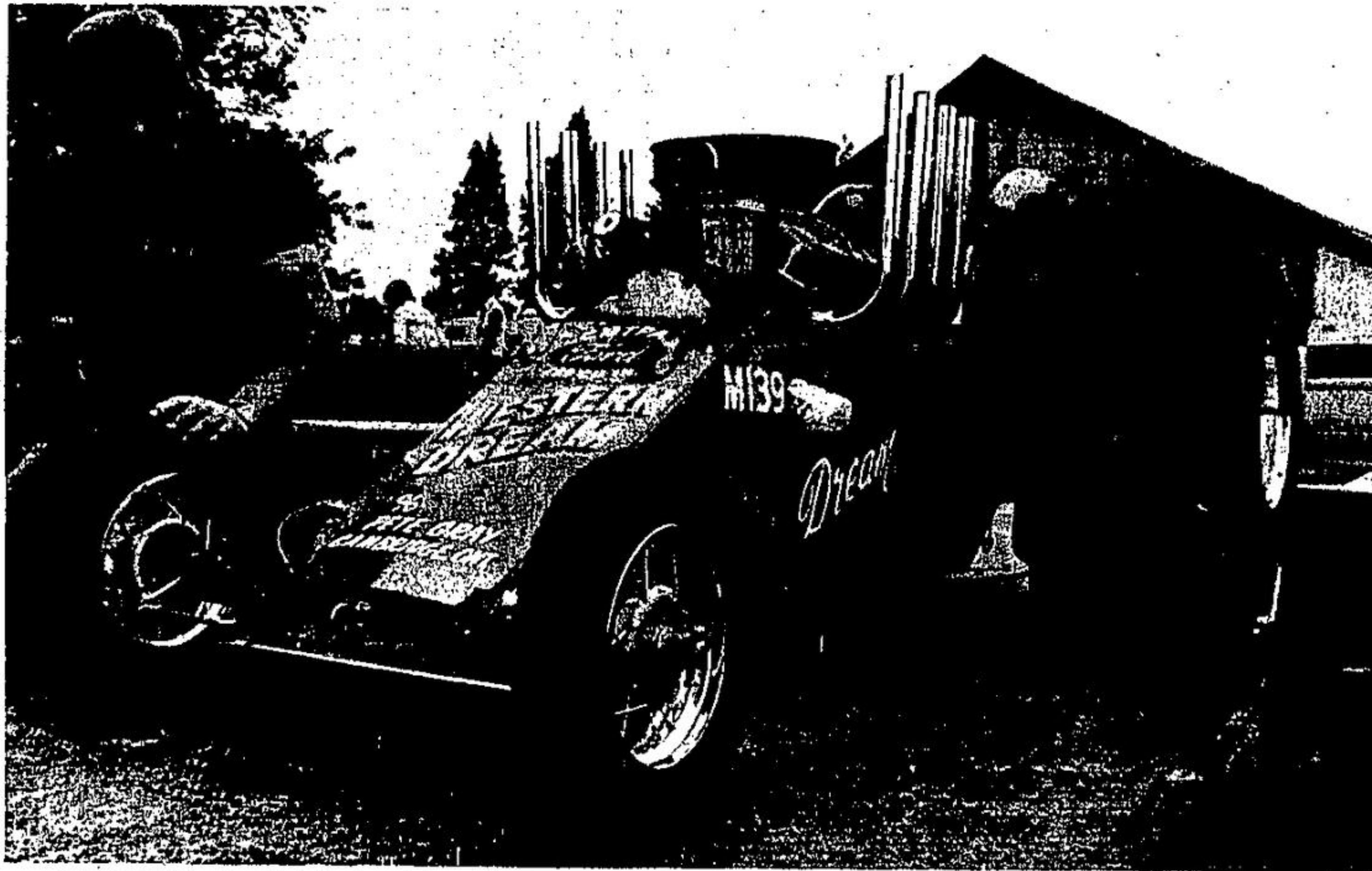
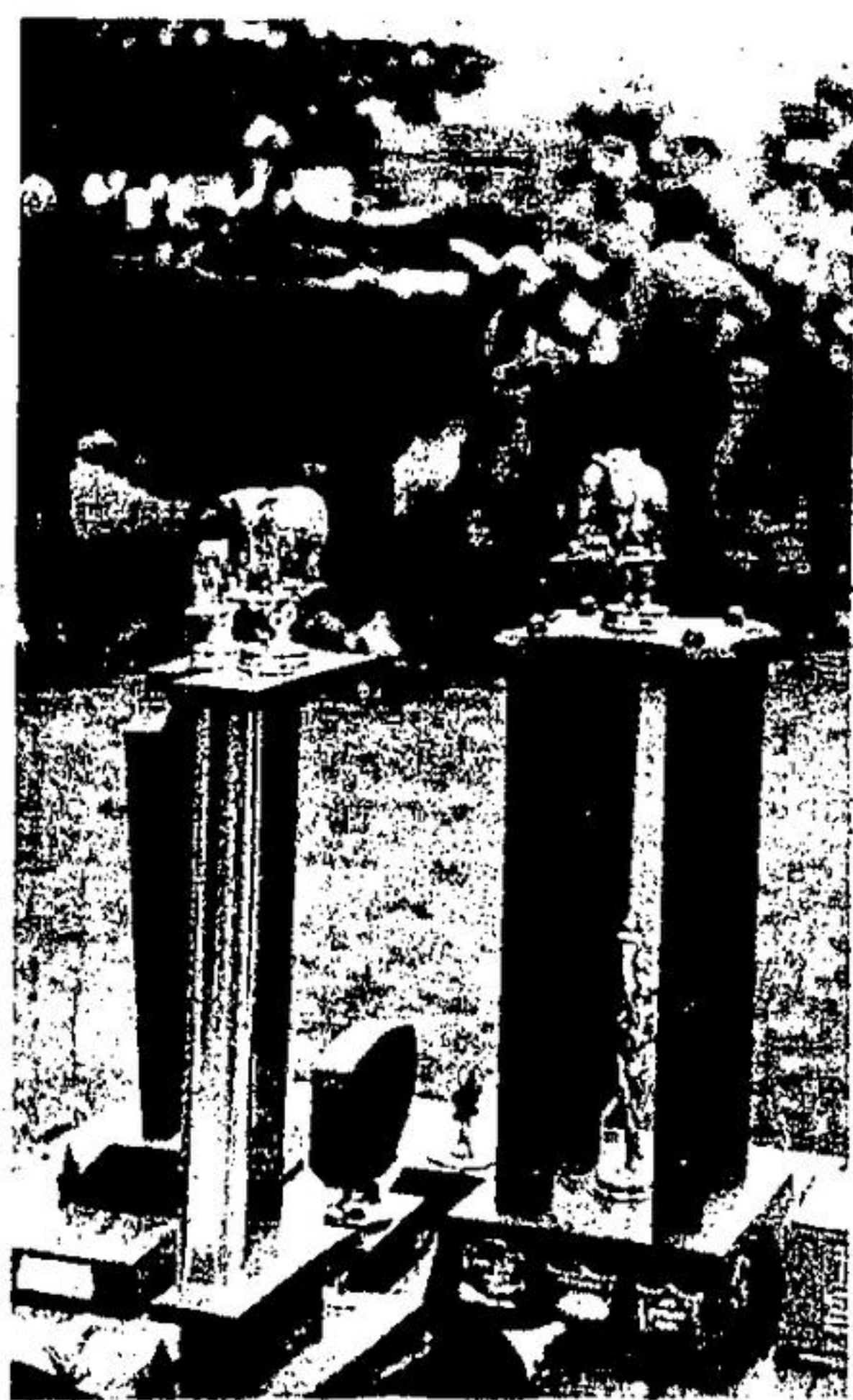
With 16,000 in attendance and plenty of new events, Acton's Big Weekend has reached new heights



It doesn't seem to matter how many exhibits and how many special events there are, if there's a midway, that's where the youngsters want to go, and the Acton Fall Fair Thursday through Sunday was no exception. Spinners, flyers, merry-go-rounds and the popular air-cushion tent took their toll on parents' pocketbooks, but the kids' laughter made it all worthwhile.

A bellow of discomfort, perhaps, or maybe an affirmation of his championship status was offered by this woolly bully at the Acton fair's livestock show, which ran continuously through the weekend. Avon Acres had this prize entry.

Holsteins probably enjoy fall fairs as much as the kids do—it gives them a chance to lay back and enjoy all the fuss and attention. Eight year old Sandy Jones of Hurlington (right) puts the finishing brushes on this bovine specimen with the help of Scott Bennett, 9 (left) and Connie Bennett, 8.



Their goal within reach, junior breeders from throughout southern Ontario showed their stock to a panel of knowledgeable judges, their trophies and ribbons at the ready. This year's fair, the 67th annual Acton agricultural exhibition, set some new records for popularity.

Alan McNeil fine-tunes Pete Gray's souped-up mini-tractor prior to the mini-tractor pull at the Acton Fall Fair Sunday afternoon. This completely

home-built, chrome-piped beast harnesses an incredible 300-horsepower especially tuned for such hauling competitions around Ontario.

Sam Mills of Rockwood uses a sledgehammer to further aggravate an already battered car, all in the cause of Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope crusade against cancer. L and L Ford of Acton put the car on the block and generous fair-goers lined up to get a swing at it, three smashes for a dollar.

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Friday night's Miss Acton Fall Fair competition featured plenty of fine entertainment to keep the crowds amused while the contestants gnawed at their fingernails. The "Beauty Spots" from Toronto (above) jitterbugged and boogied to many popular melodies of the century, joining other acts such as the Paul Brothers and Shirley, the Amazing Arliss unicycling team, Doreen Hayes, and magic by Captain Bill James.

Alma Sweetman was one of several Actonians concerned enough about the fate of her community's former town hall - now an abandoned and dilapidated structure - to man the Acton booth at the fall fair and help raise funds for the hall's restoration. Ticket sales for the lottery, along with the sales of posters, prints and engraved dinner plates, are boosting the Acton committee towards its goal.



Most people are familiar with the Carlsberg horse team which occasionally clips its way into living rooms via TV set. The eight beautiful, carefully-bred Belgian horses—and their colla—visited the Acton fair Sunday.

aw ing crowds with their huge bulk. Miss Acton Fall Fair (1978) Kathy McGrath took time out to chat with Carlsberg team master Keith Myers while the horses were being unhitched following a performance.