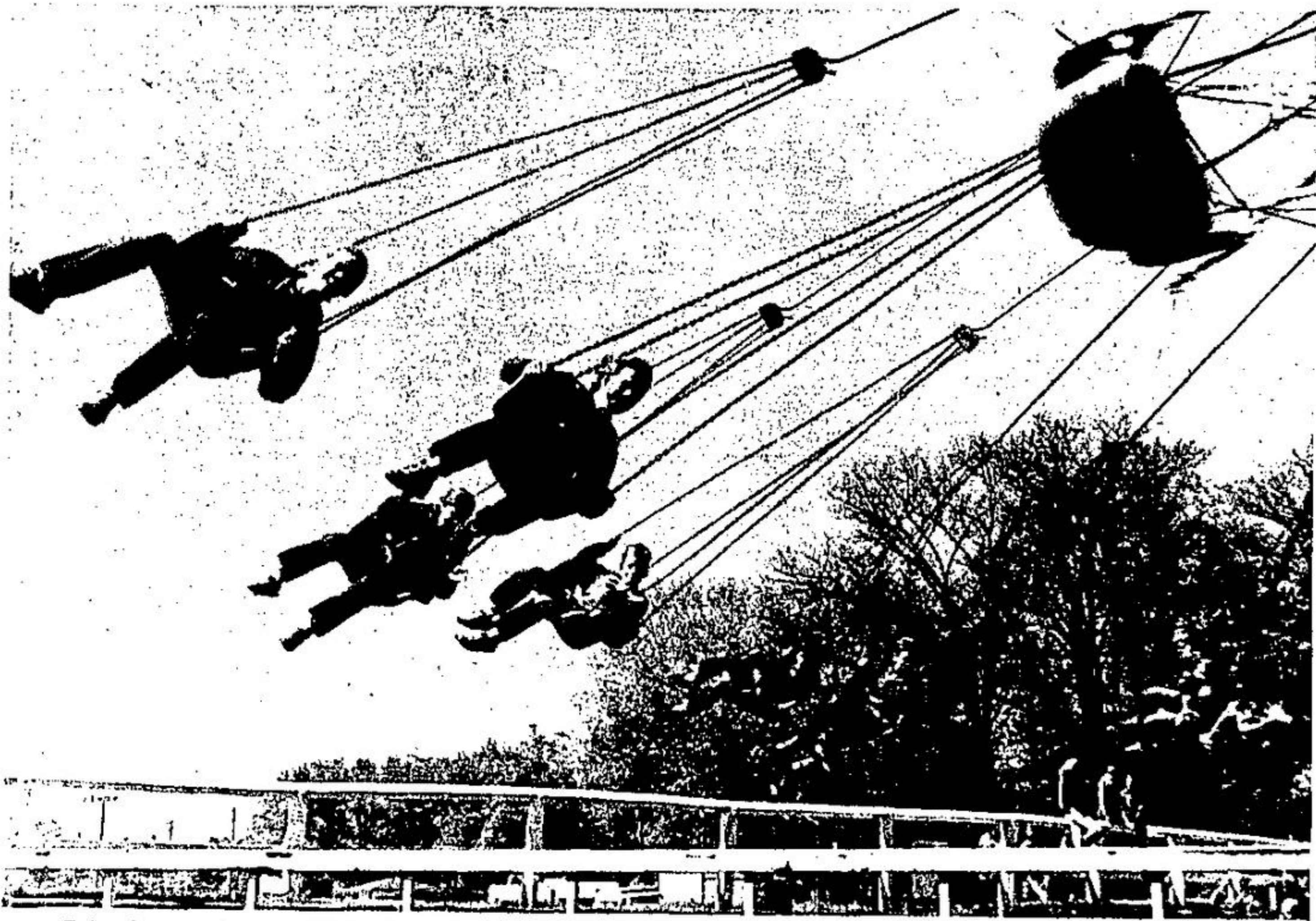


Clear blue skies and hundreds of visitors made Bang-o-rama and Norval's bash big successes

Victoria Day spectacular a real blast



Tethered to a thread of steel and looking like a swarm of bees heading for a picnic, these kids screamed with delight as one of the Bang-o-rama rides whipped them into mid-air. Despite a slightly chilly wind, crowds thronged to the Georgetown Fairgrounds Monday, taking part in the amusement park watching shows, eating hot dogs, chicken and cotton candy and generally having one heck of a good time. Bang-o-rama wrapped up with a tremendous display of fireworks handled by trained optimist members.



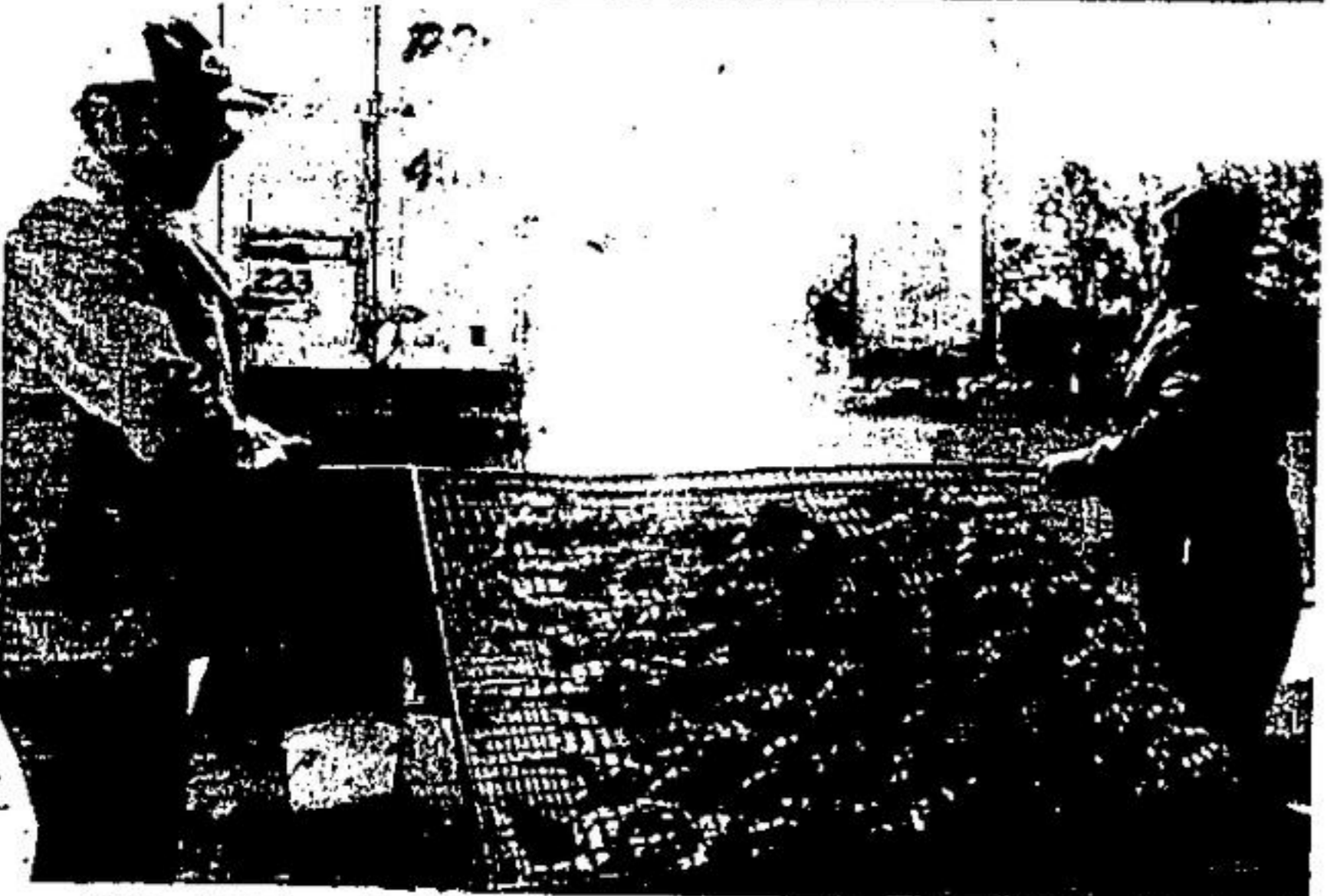
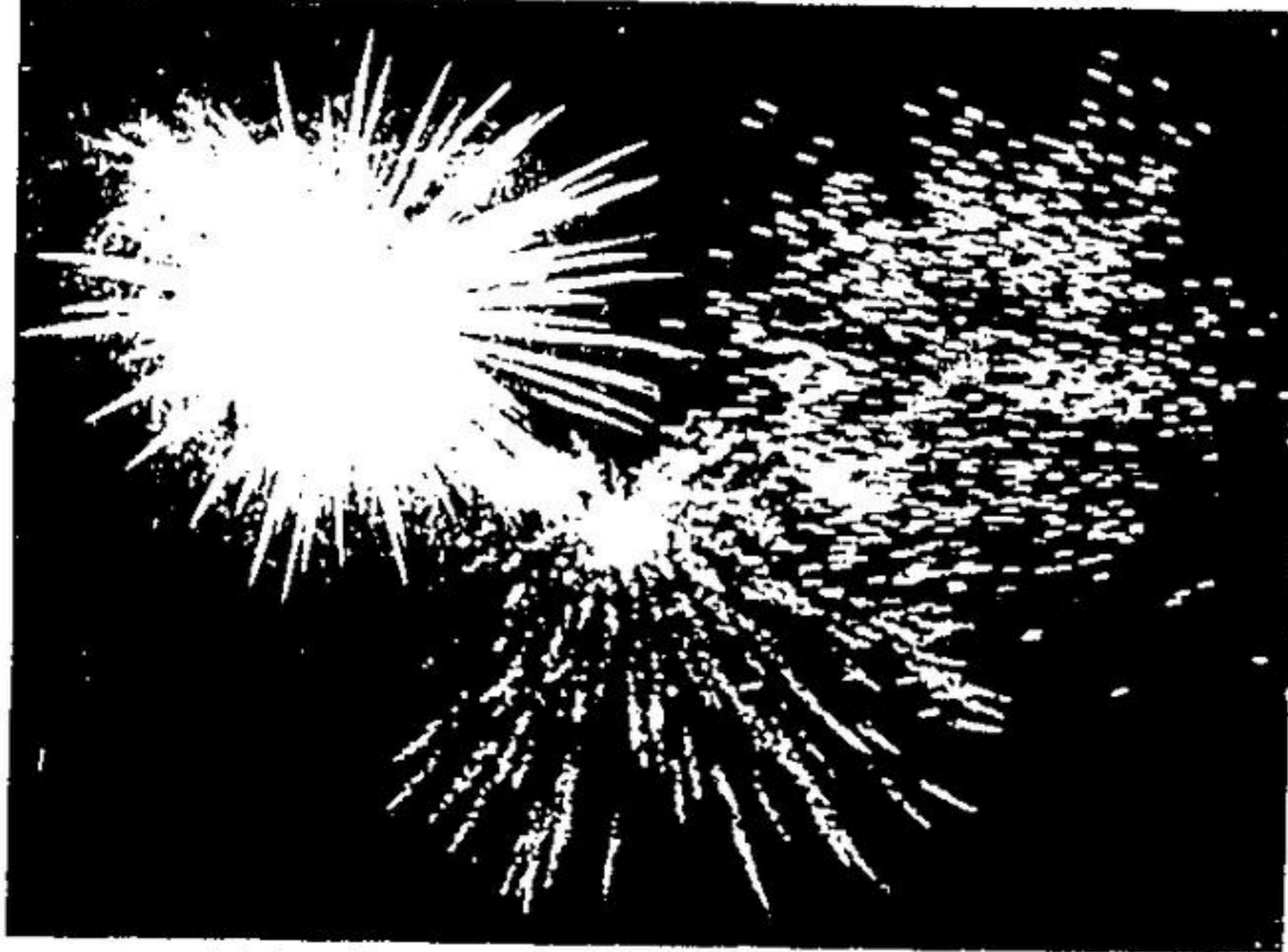
Will one of these youngsters one day carry the Olympic torch? Well, for now they seem content just to carry a torch for their parents. One of the more popular crowd-pleasers at Bang-o-rama were the track and field events for little guys and gals. Here a group of four-year old boys charge for the finish line—and ribbons.



Curse you, Red Baron, you took first prize! Four-year old Timmy Dowd wheeled his way to top spot in the decorated bike contest during Monday's Bang-o-rama held at Fairgrounds Park. His avionic design and a costume patterned after that of the famous World War One German flying ace wowed judges without a shot being fired.



There's something about fast rides and the sensation of stomach butterflies that spurs the human psyche into taking up the challenge. The screams coming from the amusement park at the Georgetown Fairgrounds indicated that it was worth the effort to muster up enough bravado for a short spin on the rides like the one above.



Finger lickin' good! Maple Lodge Poultry Farms' Ron Feenstra (left) and Jim Mehlenbuer were the chicken chefs during Monday's Bang-o-rama at Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park. The hundreds of people who walked through the gate to enjoy amusement rides, races and contests whetted appetites at the barbecue or ate whopper hamburgers and hot dogs at the Optimist's van. About 1,200 chickens are usually consumed during the annual event.



The First Norval Cubs and Scouts captured the winning title in the bed race from the defending champs, whose wheel spun off in a collision with the third entry, the "East of the River Gang" in a fight to the finish race in Norval Community Park Monday. The threesome of Bob Armstrong from Caledon (left), Jim McDermott from Guelph and Iva Davidson, Mayor Pete Pomeroy's mother-in-law from Brampton, often get together at area fairs and set the feet stomping.



Roger Moore readled 'Jake' for a long time of western equestrian events planned for Monday's Bang-o-rama. Dozens of riders turned out for the horse shows, most of them youngsters but also a number of experienced horsemen who could spin circles around the city folk who watched from the safety of the stands. Jim Blisma (rear) helped Roger with preparations to represent Acton's Birchmoor Acres Farms at the events.

The Halton Hills Jills took to the field shortly after 2 p.m. to demonstrate a little gymnastic panache. Their efforts were well received by Bang-o-rama visitors who turned out in droves under sunny skies Monday.

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What would an amusement park be without a ferris wheel? Not much fun, these kids would agree. Bang-o-rama, sponsored by the Georgetown Optimist Club, was favored with clear skies Monday and good turn-out at the Fairgrounds Park. With horse shows, track and field events, and lots of good eating, it was a great way to wrap up another Victoria Day weekend.



By 9 a.m. Monday morning, the garage and shrub sale at the Optimist Bang-o-rama was packed, even though the gates had opened only an hour earlier. The old adage "one man's junk is another's treasure" certainly proved true as droves of people strolled between booths, scooping up on bargain-price items needed for the home. Tracy, 18, (left) and Kevin Gregory, 8, sifted through some of the kluck-knacks available at one table.