

**Baby contest, girls' pageant set for fall fair**

**Public to decide Little Miss' fate**

By **BETTYANNE WELLSTEAD**  
Herald Special

The future of the much-disputed Little Miss Halton Hills competition and Baby Show at Georgetown Fair will be decided by the people of Halton Hills.

Despite the controversy over the competitions and the opposition of a number of people, the entertainment committee of the Agricultural Society will present both events at this year's fair if public response warrants their continuation.

Rita and Jim Barrett, who introduced the idea of the Little Miss pageant at the 1980 fair and re-established a Baby Show, feel that there was considerable interest in the new events last year and are hopeful of continuing them on behalf of the Fair Board.

"Of course," Mrs. Barrett says, "we can't continue the

pageant and baby show without participants. We have to have enough babies and children taking part to make both events worthwhile. So, we are asking those parents who might like to enter their children to come forward now and let us know if they are interested in entering them.

"We expect some parents may be hesitant to enter their children because of the unfavorable publicity generated by a few people who oppose the idea of children in such competitions. But then, these same people opposed and stopped a proposed Miss Industrial Fair competition for young women last year. So perhaps, age is not a factor," she said. "I hope they have not damaged the fair competitions to such a degree that parents are intimidated and nervous of supporting us."

At the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society held in January, members voted to

continue the Little Miss and Baby Show events despite the Letters-to-the-Editor which had appeared at the time of last year's fair.

Following the meeting, other letters appeared and local editorial opinion was voiced against the decision to carry on. A meeting in March between the entertainment committee and opponents to the events failed to produce any positive results.

"Many people have approached Jim and I saying that they cannot understand the opposition of Little Miss Halton Hills and they support our efforts," says Mrs. Barrett. "Obviously, the Fair Board does not feel that such competitions have any injurious effects or they would not have chosen to continue them. So, we are going ahead with our plans to stage both events again this year, if enough

people indicate they wish to enter their children," she said.

In keeping with the "pioneer" theme of the 135th annual fair, all contestants in Little Miss Halton Hills will be asked to wear a costume which might resemble one worn in Georgetown in the 1800s.

Organizers stress that the costume is open to all little girls in Halton Hills between the ages of three and five years inclusive.

The Baby Show, open to children from one to 12 months, will also be held, if there is sufficient interest. Whereas Georgetown Fair had not held a Baby Show for some years until 1980, many people recall their popularity at earlier fairs.

This year, it is hoped that a tent can be obtained to provide better facilities for both competitions and several other fair activities. Other fairs throughout the province report a renewed interest in baby show events.

Some opponents to the Little Miss pageant have suggested that a "Junior Master" competition be held for little boys from three to five years. Organizers say that such a competition is certainly worth considering and if parents of small boys wish to dress up their sons in pioneer costumes for the fair anniversary, and if there is enough interest expressed, such an event would be included along with the other Saturday morning activities at the fair.

Interested parents are asked to contact Mrs. Barrett at 877-6640 if they are interested in entering children in any of the three competitions.

A Pet Show and Pony-rama

will also be held for children Oct. 3. A full day of events is planned and this year, the fair board is hoping that more families will make the effort to arrive at the fair early in the day to see the full schedule of

events and agricultural competitions. A program and parade will also be presented in front of the grandstand on the preceding Friday evening, following the official opening ceremony.

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**Village's W.I. marks its 60th anniversary**

By **MRS. A.W. BENTON**  
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Mrs. John Leferink is home after enjoying a week's holiday with a friend in Calgary. Congratulations to Dr. Peter Glynn, who has been appointed associate deputy minister of health of Saskatchewan. Recently he has been head of the

Prescription Drug Plan there. Limehouse Women's Institute celebrated the 60th anniversary of the branch at Limehouse Presbyterian Church evening May 14 with 70 present including representatives from eleven other District branches, provincial and District officers and a few other guests. All enjoyed a

splendid roast beef dinner served by the Women's Association of the Church and a good program to follow.

Mrs. Clarence Diamond of New Hamburg, a past president of the Provincial Board of Directors of the W.I. was a very special speaker and very well received.

**Camps, crafts keep Brownies Guides busy**

By **BARR HADDON**  
Herald Special

April was a busy month for the First Limehouse Guides and Brownies.

The Guides enjoyed a variety night in Ballinacra and learned how to boil sap for Maple Syrup at Marie Browns. On the latter occasion, they learned how to make "Buddy Burners".

Later on in the month, Donna Metcalfe presented a film and talk on cross-country skiing. Many thanks, Donna, from the girls and leaders!

The Guides finished up the month by making macramé key chains, and earning the following badges: Collectors Badge: Louisa Rosati and Karen Case; Musicians Badge: Lori Haddon; Hostess Badge: Vicki Hill, Louisa Rosati, Karen Case, Debbi Fiddler and Shannon Burrell; Cook's Badge: Lori Haddon and Vicki Hill; Backyard Cooks Badge: Lesia Shrubsole, Heather Brown, Vicki Hill, Susan White, Karen Case, Debbi Fiddler, Shannon Burrell and Joleen Scholz; First Aid Badge: Debbi Fiddler, Karen Case, Shannon Burrell, Judy Carroll, Vicki Hill, Heather Brown, Lesia Shrubsole, Susan White and Lori Linstedt.

The April meeting of the L.A. was held at Barb Case's and the hotle drive was organized. It was held April 25 and turned out to be successful again this year. We would like to thank everyone who donated glass items also the families that helped in collecting, and allowed us the use of their property.

The May meeting was held at the home of Rhona Scholz, and a new executive was formed as follows: President: unfilled, Vice Pres.: Rhona Scholz, Secretary: Barb Haddon, Treasurer: Judy Schrubsole, Card Conv.

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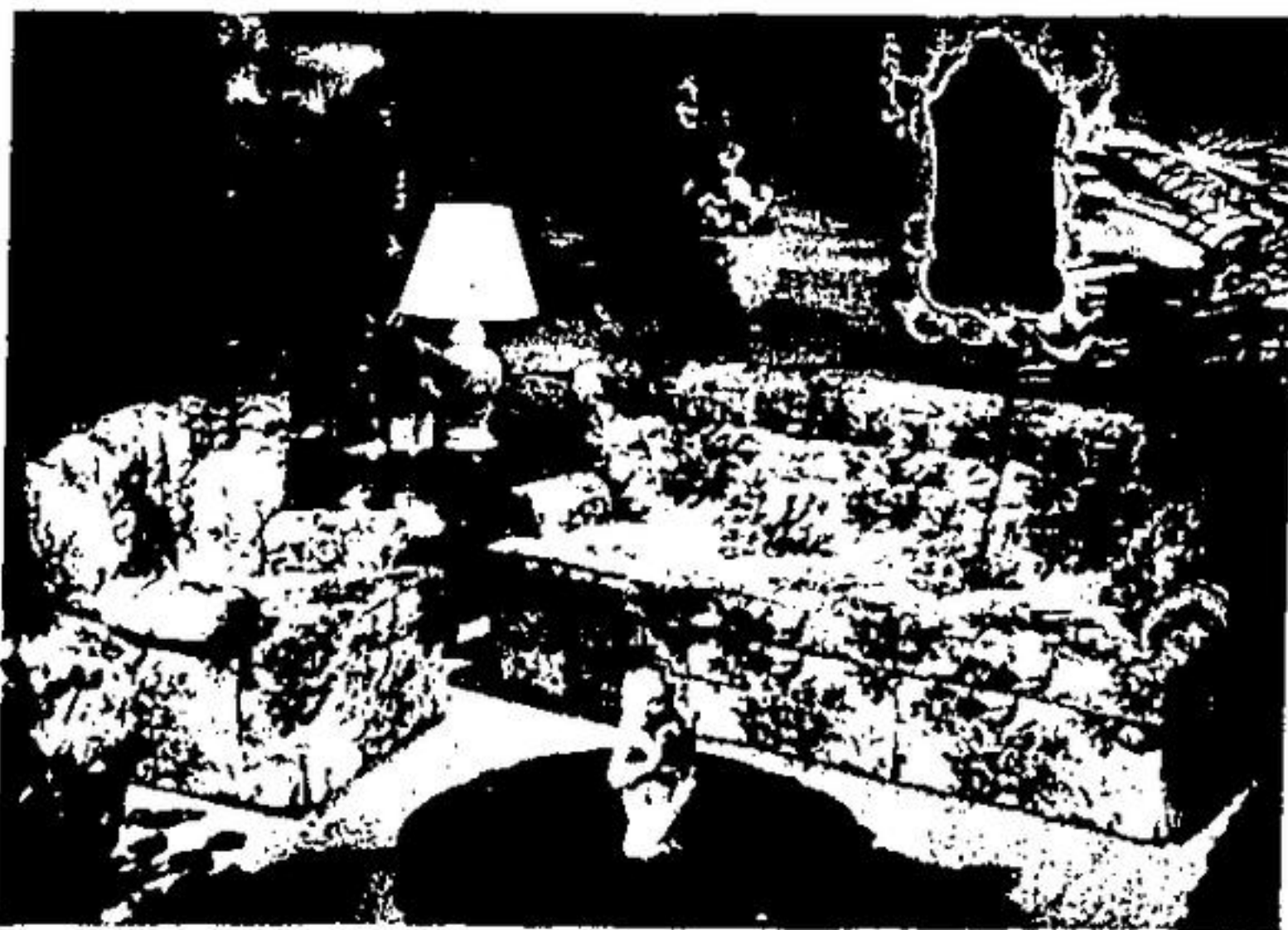
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