

1981: THE YEAR IN PHOTOS

Past year had plenty of bright moments

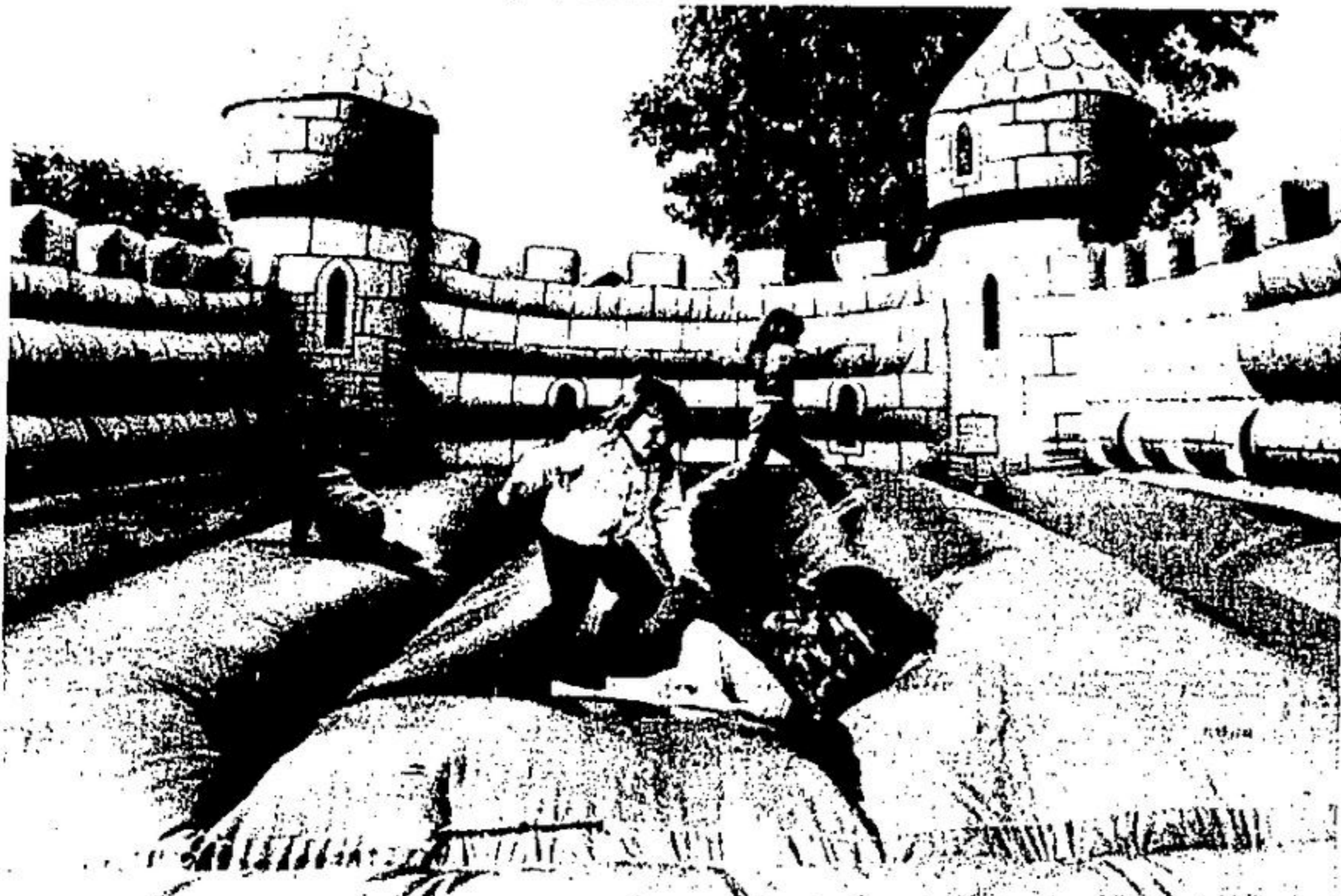
Amid the layoffs and personal setbacks, there were many occasions for pride and joyous celebration



The Feast of St. Anthony last June was quite a celebration for most European-Canadians, and Halton Hills' new Croatian and Yugoslavian recreational centres were jammed with celebrants from near and far. The musical group Zeinski Frankophon entertained at the Croatian centre near Norval while across town, people of a different ethnic background were similarly enjoying the Speyside Highland Games.



It was full-steam ahead and cast off the empties for hundreds of Crazy Boaters in the annual Georgetown Jaycees event last April along the Credit River. Actually, the Jaycees kept a tighter rein on the intoxicants, but the sailors maintained enough enthusiasm to jump the gun on official starter and special guest John Aird (inset), the bemused Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.



Taking a tumble in the air cushion castle was just one of dozens of fun things to do for children at the Acton fall fair in September. Between the midway, the exhibits, the farm competitions and the variety show, which featured the Miss Acton contest, there was plenty for all ages, and hundreds didn't miss the chance.

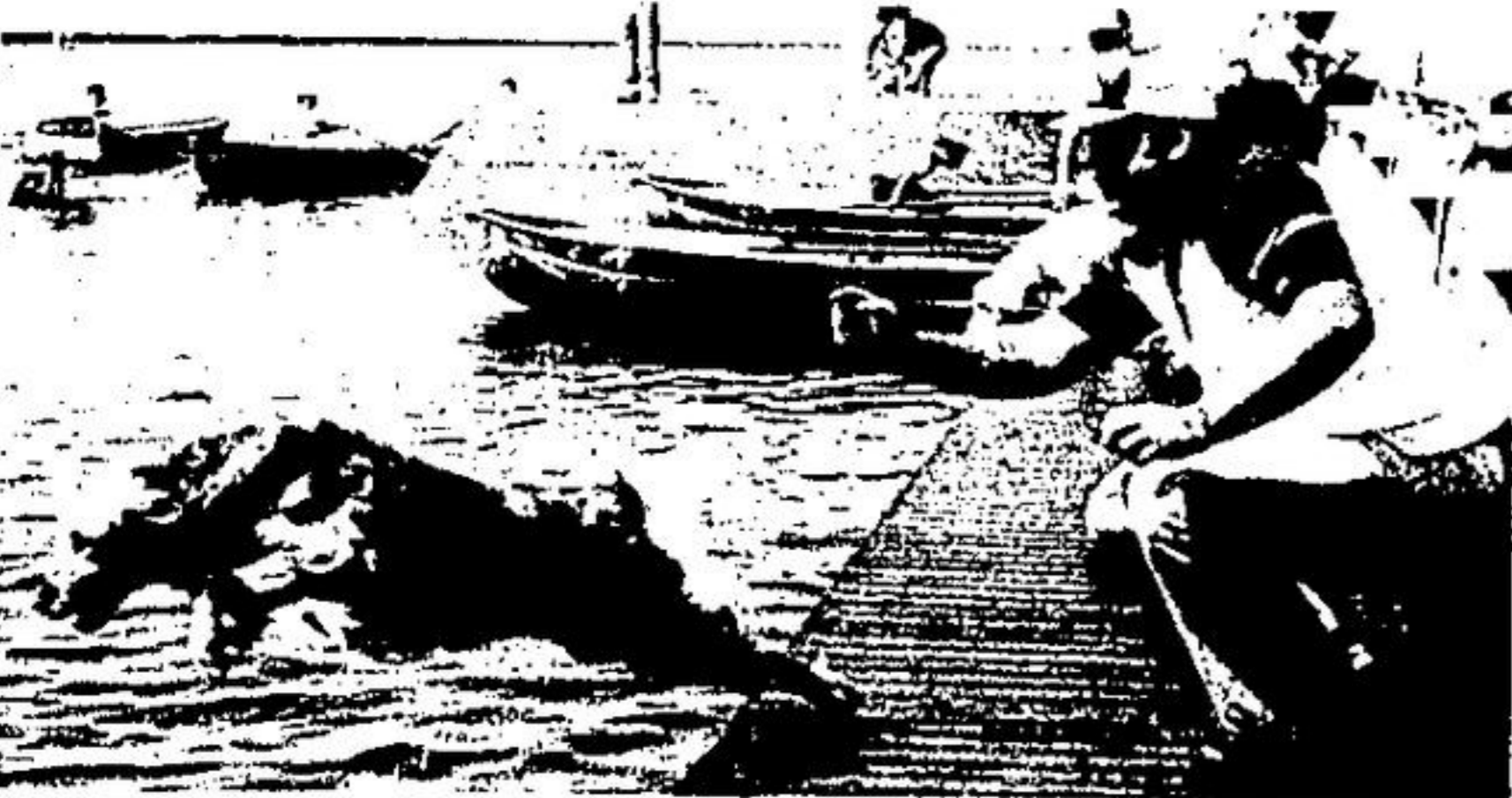


With the new arts complex opening then still eight months away, students of most schools in town were busily involved in the project. Teams of artists took up a Halton Hills Arts Council challenge last January to prepare colorful, historical murals on panels which subsequently surrounded the Market Street construction site. The Arts Council raised money through the mural project by selling advertising space on the panels to local businesses.

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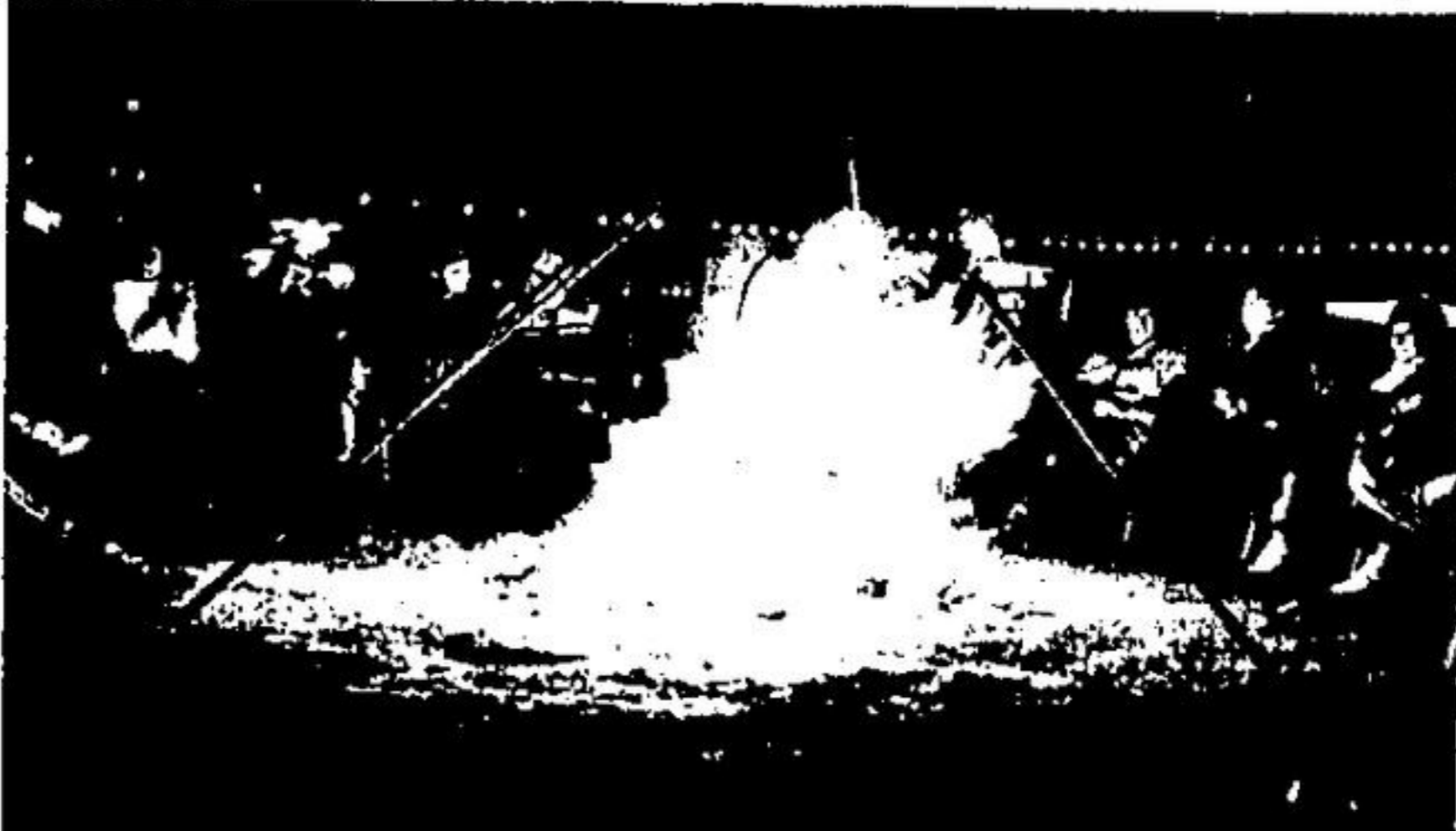
Federal Conservative leader Joe Clark (left) visited Georgetown's increasingly noteworthy Varian Canada plant in July to find out more about the nation's high technology industry. Helping convince the former PM that more jobs and better revenue may lie in that field was Connell Smith, operations manager for the plant's electronic device division.



Taffy, a golden retriever owned by Richard and Reia Thompson of Prince Charles Drive in Georgetown, was one of at least two local dogs who entered the Canadian National Exhibition's annual dog swim on the shore of Lake Ontario. While Obie, a local Labrador, took top honors for the second year in a row in one heat, Taffy finished third in the 100-yard swim. Halton Hills residents at the Ex often weren't just visiting. Many local livestock breeders did well in competition.



Canada Day celebrations were back bigger and better than ever in 1981, and Ballinacra put on its best show. While Glen Williams and Acton held their own festive observances, Ballinacra had some fun of its own. Showing their love of country were Peter, Chris and Kim Collins.



Every fall for the past ten years, Brian and Dianne Rainbow and the boys and girls of Airedale Court in Georgetown get together for a little fun. With the couple mentioned organizing things and Mary Wilson emceeing the activities, the Airedale Court party got underway in September with a bonfire, sing-song and some good neighborly fun.



For the second consecutive year, downtown Georgetown's Pioneer Days were combined with the Arts Council's Summerfest activities to make for a routing variety of things to look at and do. Many residents picked up prizes in the Main Street pioneer costume contest, judged by Martha Lewis and Norm

Elson (at left). They included (front row, left to right) Jenny Williams, Deanna Finlayson, Katherine Johnson, (back row) Michelle McEachern, Lynn Morey, organizer Betty Monchamp and Cindy Woudstra.



Volunteer Week '81 was a time to thank all those friends and neighbors you see helping other people every day, and the Candysirpers of Georgetown District Memorial Hospital were no exception last June. Holding the trophy that attests to her progress, Barbara Kachmar got a well-deserved pat on the back along with Sandra Lovegrove and Sheila MacDonald, both awarded for their excellent work.



Say goodnight to 1981, Chester. Ventriloquist Mark Crocker of Hamilton didn't grab the headlines like Ronnie Hawkins and Sylvia Tyson when he visited Halton Hills in November, but his hundreds of young fans at the Acton and Georgetown libraries didn't care. Mark and his friend Chester were a charming team for the small fry and their parents, one of a dozen or more out-of-town shows arranged by the library board through the year.