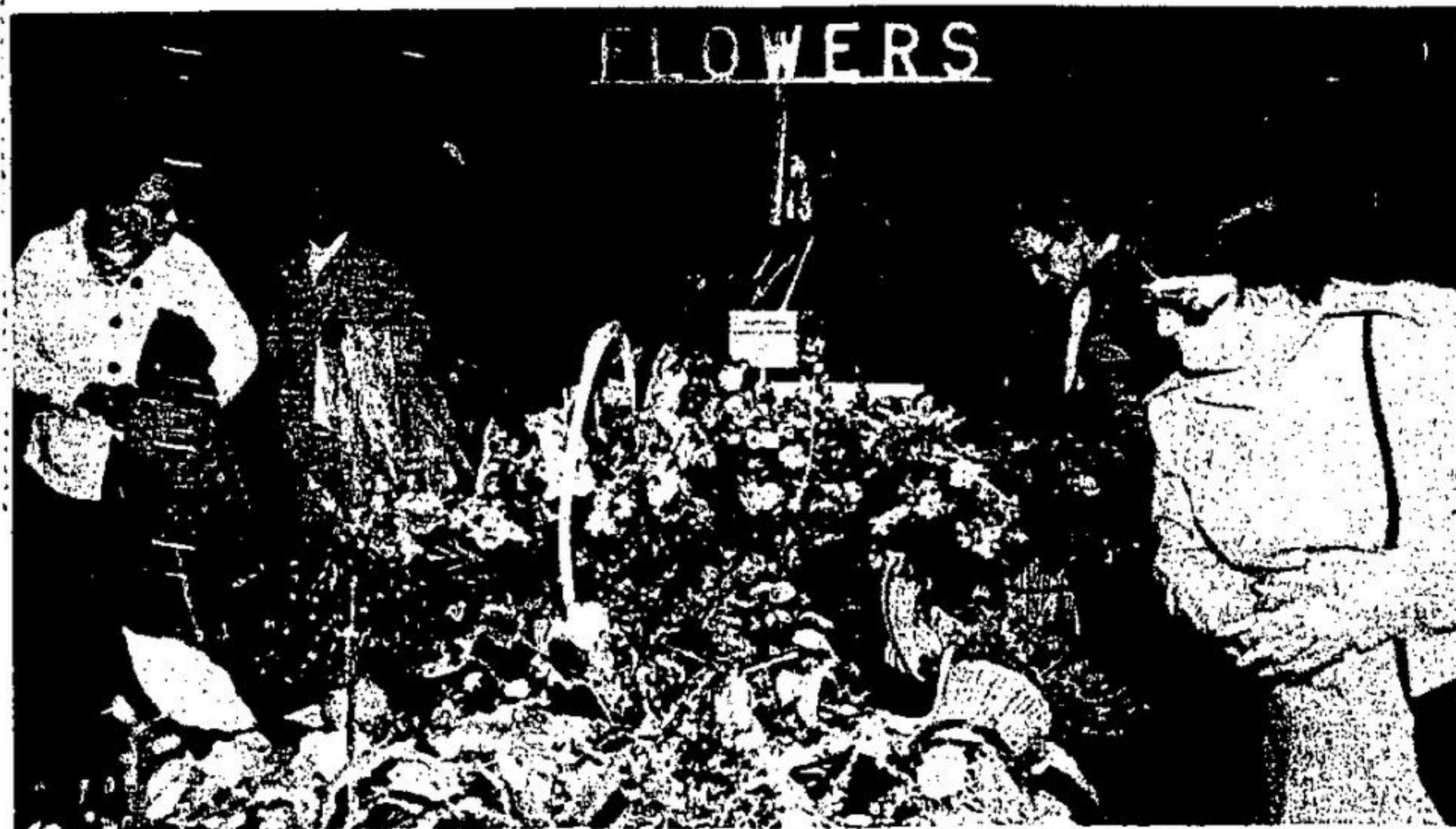


Rockwood girl deemed loveliest of all

Acton's 69th fall fair crowned with success



With its large arena at hand, the Acton fall fair takes full advantage of the generous exhibition space, jamming the community centre with the fruits of agriculture, from the flower garden to the crop field. Marjorie Kirkwood of Acton (right) joined others admiring the displays entered by several green-thumbed gardeners. (Herald photos by Harald and Gottfried Bransch)



The inflatable castle was back at the Acton fall fair last weekend and thousands of youngsters shed their shoes for a romp among the bubbles. Kevin and Holly Shields of Acton didn't waste any time trying out the action: they visited the castle, supplied by Albion Shoes, Friday night, at the start of a long weekend filled with displays and demonstrations, races and tugs-of-war, contests and plain old fun.



When the kids have their hands full of games, rides or cotton candy, what's a Dad to do but hold their helium balloons for them? Paul Melcalfe of Acton did his paternal duty while escorting son James and family friend Corinna Shortill, seen below checking out a tractor display, around the fall fair. Things got off to a rolling start Saturday at noon with a big parade from McKenzie-Smith School to the park.



The Acton fall fair has a new queen, Lisa Petty, 17, of Rockwood is looking forward to a year-long reign, a chance at the Miss CNE title next summer and another fall fair next September, but Friday night was a glorious one for the ambitious teen, who said she was "tingling all over" following her coronation by predecessor Cindy McGilloway. Surrounding the new Miss Acton Fall Fair were Miss McGilloway and this year's contestants Denise Dlibey of Acton (first runner-up), Heather Noble of Rockwood (second runner-up), Diana Kilmer of Limehouse, and Patty McClure, Kathy Toth and Lynn Winters, all of Acton.



Few things draw a crowd quicker than a game of chance and throngs of people milled around the arcade-amusement area at the Acton Fall Fair this weekend. The three-day event held in Acton's Prospect Park was blessed with good weather and attendance figures soared.



Little Adrienne Gibson of Mississauga had a drink and lovable green dragon, so who needs photographers? She managed a tentative greeting anyway during her visit to the Acton fall fair Friday night, checking out the grounds while waiting for things to start inside the arena. Hundreds enjoyed the gala variety show and the Miss Acton pageant that evening.

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