

Victoria Day spectacular a real blast



Members of the Georgetown brigade of the Halton Hills fire department were at Bang-O-Rama Monday with displays of their equipment and sound advice on fire prevention. Pictured here with the town's jaws of life rescue equipment are (front row,

left to right) firefighters John Egerton, Cal Wilson, Wade Emmerson, (back row) Marty Glaude, Greg Reaume, district fire prevention officer John Murray and Al Stennett.

The aerial fireworks display was spectacular. Against a cloudy backdrop, the rockets exploded brilliantly, delighting the audience below.



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One of the more popular horse events at Bang-O-Rama Saturday was the barrel race. Riders combine in-saddle dexterity with speed as they wheel around barrels positioned along a short course. For tamer stuff, Norway's ZRC Ranch had hay rides, the proceeds from which were donated to the Georgetown Optimists Club's fund-raising drive to get a special lift for handicapped students at Georgetown and District High School.



New to Bang-O-Rama this year, BMX races proved to be one of the event's most popular attractions. Kids on specially constructed pedal bikes ran a small course full of hair-pin turns and jumps in a race not unlike moto-cross.



This group of youngsters seems to be enjoying themselves on one of the rides set up at the Bang-O-Rama midway. Fairmounts Amusements

can take credit for providing the carnival-like atmosphere with its accustomed string of exciting and lively rides.



When BMX races weren't underway, kids could try their hand at the specially-designed course. Races began in the morning and concluded in the afternoon with a finale.



Bang-O-Rama's top artists

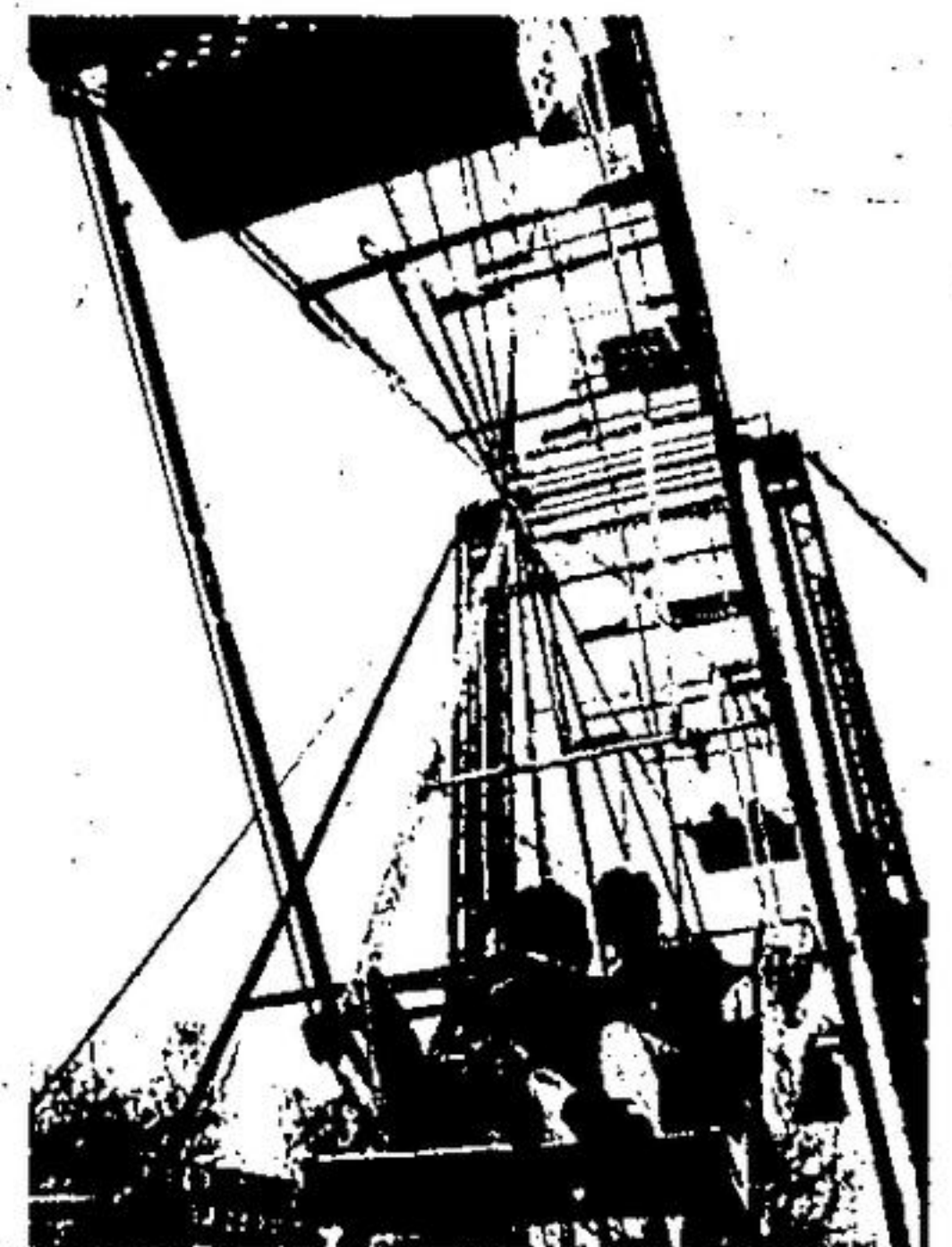
The Annual Optimist Art Contest held Monday at the Bang-o-Rama festivities saw 102 persons displaying their artistic abilities and talents.

There were 3 categories with the following persons judged as winners:

Ages 5 and under
1st Maureen Tse (Georgetown); 2nd Danny Kalka (Georgetown); 3rd Jenna Hagge (Georgetown).

Ages 6-10
1st Sophia Duke (Georgetown); 2nd Marne McLeod (Acton); 3rd Paula Digenova (Georgetown).

Ages 11 and over
1st Rosemary Hynne (Acton); 2nd A. Kennedy (Georgetown); 3rd Wendy Fleming (Georgetown).



The Georgetown Optimists had help providing food for the thousands of Bang-O-Rama celebrants: one group which opened up a fast food shop at Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park was the Optimist Club of Erin, complete with Chef Greg Thomas wearing an elephant hat.



As darkness fell over Georgetown's Fairgrounds Park, local Optimists began lighting their elaborate fireworks display. Hundreds turned out to see the show and this time, the weather was just perfect. As well as an aerial display with rockets,

whizzers and other exotic explosives, the show featured an intriguing ground display as well with pin wheels, a flaming Canadian flag and a large "Optimists Thank you" in flaming letters.