

Gaelic fun in the sun Speyside Highland Games

The eighth annual Speyside Highland Games Saturday celebrated another year without rain, as spectators relished the sweet sounds of Pipe Bands and sleek movements of Scottish dancers.

Although attendance was down from previous years, nearly 4,000 attended the event which featured a variety of skill, strength, artistic and musical competitions.

One local competitor John Owens gained a fifth place ribbon for compet-

ing in the 56 lb. distance throw. Drawing cheers from the crowd was Metro Toronto Constable Dan Markovic who won the 35 lb. stone putt, 28 lb. for distance, 56 lb. for distance and height and the 22 lb. Scottish hammer.

Mr. Markovic also won the farmer's walk, carrying a 414 lb. weight 301 ft. George Gray of Edith St. donated the caber for the popular caber toss event. Lloyd Mark donated the farmer's walk trophy.

In the band categories,

the Clan MacFarlane from St. Catharines won the grade 1 level. The 400 Squadron of Toronto won the grade 2 level while the Metro Toronto Police won the grade 3. Sheridan College collected grade 4 standings.

The Georgetown Girls Pipe Band competed in the grade 4 level, but they did not place in the top three.

There was to have been a Tug-of-War between the Acton Bulldogs and the Peel Regional Police, but through a misunderstanding

ing the Peel team brought spikes shoes which were disallowed.

There were 350 dancers competing at the games ranging from the baby category to the almost professional 17 and over category. Air Canada provided a contest for the dancer who won the most points for 10 Highland Games - the winner, Fiona Lowy receives two tickets to Scotland.

Nine Scottish clans were out to provide information. There was also an excellent demonstra-

tion by the Acton and Georgetown firefighters.

Highlights to Games Manager Sandy McAllan were the sheep dog competition because of the tremendous control displayed by the dogs in handling the sheep. Year after year the event always calms down the crowd as they watch in amazement.

John Neil won the drum majors contest while for the fifth year in a row Sandy Leil won the tenor drum.



Many enjoyed the Speyside Highland Games bergarden with all the hot and humid weather Saturday. Here Brian King (left to right), Gary Humes and John King of Dundas cool themselves off while they enjoy the competitions.



The Caber Toss demands endurance, strength and coordination to lift the gigantic log pole and toss it a maximum distance. Here Ian Sandilands of Williams-town, Ont. competes in the "Heavy Events" of the Speyside Highland Games Saturday. (Herald photo)



Joe Dooner, 59, of Mississauga enjoys the festive delights from the food concessions at the Speyside Highland Games Saturday at Fairgrounds Park. Although the weather was extremely hot and humid, the crowds were treated to one of the best games ever. (Herald photo)

Herald photos by Gerry Timbers

Local grads

Among the 850 students receiving degrees May 29 from Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo were seven Halton Hills residents.

James M. Turner of Georgetown received his honors bachelor of arts degree.

Receiving general bachelor of arts degrees were Georgetowners June M. Leoz and Norma

R. Slegner, Glen Williams resident Marlon I. Young-Lookman, and Terra Cotta resident Joan W. Hunter.

Georgetown's Karen E. Gopill and James D. Taggart, Jr. received honors bachelor of business administration degrees.

The spring convocation was held at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium,

with honorary doctorates conferred upon Peter C. Newman and Grant L. Reuber.

Mr. Newman, who addressed the convocation, is the former editor of Maclean's magazine, and author of the book The Canadian Establishment.

Mr. Reuber, a Mildmay, Ontario, native, is deputy chief executive of the Bank of Montreal.

Officer Cadet Christopher J. Deere received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commerce and a Commission in the Canadian Forces during Graduation Ceremonies held May 20, 1983 at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario.



CHRISTOPHER DEERE

Officer Cadet Deere is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham N. Deere of Georgetown, Ontario. In 1978 he graduated from Georgetown District High School and entered R.M.C. under the Regular Officer Training Programme. Officer Cadet Deere will serve as a Maritime Surface and Sub-surface Officer in the Canadian Forces.



ALICE ARMSTRONG

The degree was conferred by the Honorable J. Gilles Lamontagne, Minister of National Defence and Chancellor of the Royal Military College of Canada.

Alice Mae Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Armstrong of RR3 Georgetown, graduated with Honours in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science May 26, 1983.



JOHN COLTER

John Ross Colter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colter graduated from Sheridan College, Oakville, Friday, June 9, from the Computer Studies Division. He is a graduate of Georgetown District High School.

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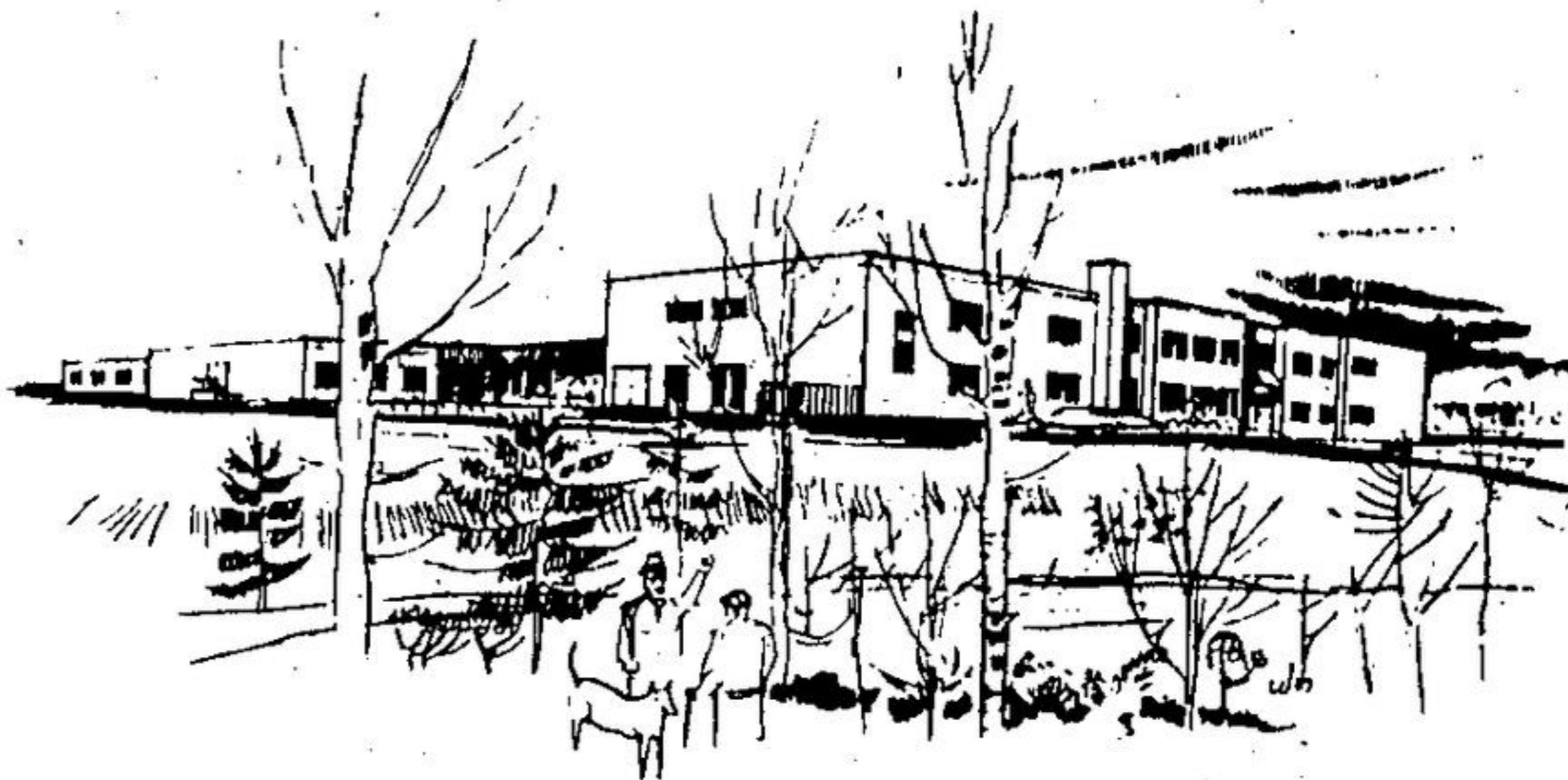
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