

Piping, dancing, drumming, Highland Games back June 8

That distant plea of the bagpipes you hear can only mean the season of the highland games has returned, and Ontario's first gathering of the clans takes place right here in Georgetown June 8.

Fairgrounds Park once again comes alive with Scottish fervor as the Georgetown Highland Games Committee hosts musicians, dancers and athletes from around the province for its 16th annual festival of tradition.

More than 20 bands and 250 dancers are expected to compete. This year, children can find some added interest in the fun workshops being conducted through the afternoon.

And if your family claims Scottish ancestry, you'll want to look up your roots in one of the many booths devoted to individual clans.

Some lucky guest will win airfare for two to Edinburgh in a draw on tickets that will be sold at the games for \$1.

But you don't need to visit the "auld sod" to enjoy the flavors of Scotland. Highland Games activities begin at 8 a.m. June 8 with the solo piping and

drumming and the junior chanter and hornpipe competitions.

The highland fling trials follow at 10, and sword dancing and the hammer throw and tug of war at 10:30.

At noon, a parade leaves Remembrance Park and proceeds through downtown Georgetown before heading up Park St. to the fairgrounds. Official opening ceremonies take place at 12:30, followed by the massed highland fling at 12:45, the massed bands at 1 and the massed Scottish country dancing at 1:20.

Through the afternoon, there will be band competitions, the drum major championships, the Seann Triubhas, weight toss, caber toss, farmer's walk, country dancing and children's fun workshops.

At 4, the Grade 1 piping and drumming championships and tug-of-war finals begin, and dancers' prizes will be awarded.

The grand day concludes at 5:15 with the massed bands prizes.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$3 for children under 12.

Mock exercise prepares Lorne Scots for terrorists

Peace protesters, terrorists and snipers. These were all the various groups that the Hamilton Militia District had to deal with last weekend. In a highly publicized exercise involving over 5000 Reservists from across Ontario, the Lorne Scots Regiment were called out to protect strategic locations against such factions.

Members of C Company, Lorne Scots, deployed to a radio tower southeast of Waterdown to protect it against "terrorist elements of Redland." The job of the Georgetown Reservists was to ensure that the radio tower remained operational. Posting a 24-hour guard around the tower and setting up roadblocks and observation posts in the immediate area ensured that no harm came to the 300 foot

LORNE SCOTS REPORT

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tower.

Major McIntosh, Company Commander of C Company, had the Lorne Scots on their toes at all times as the terrorists (actually members of the 11th Field Artillery) tried to sneak in and harass the soldiers protecting the tower. However, the terrorists were unsuccessful as the radio tower remained standing at the end of the weekend.

One of the main roles for the C Company was to be the Quick Reaction Force. Their jobs was to run to any hotspot and swiftly deal with any situation, be it protesters or snipers.

"Other than the rain and lack of sleep, I had an excellent time doing what I did. I just can't wait till the summer when we do this for two weeks," said Private Jeff Lawson, after arriving back to Georgetown Armouries from yet another successful weekend accomplished.

Doing my bit at the fire hall

Halton Hills firefighters are a pretty good bunch of guys, you know.

Over the years, I've enjoyed a close working relationship with them, covering various events they have sponsored, and of course, at fire and accident scenes all over the town.

And they really enjoy being firefighters.

Not only for the camaraderie, but for the fact they are doing a lot of good for the town.

But once in a while, they give me a smile.

Two weeks ago, I was covering a training exercise in hazardous materials spills. The Ontario Fire Marshall's office was instructing the course.

The culmination of the course was held Friday (May 17) at the Area Two fire hall and the firefighters were required to deal with a mock accident.

I arrived, and after meeting Boyd Finger of the Fire Marshall's office, he filled me in on the procedure.

After explaining the details, he asked a favor.

"Ted, could you give us a hand in this exercise," he smiled, "I want to really test these guys."

Always ready to assist anyone from the Fire Marshall's office, I readily agreed. "What do you want me to do?"

"Oh it's simple," says Boyd, "just wander into the accident scene, past the yellow barriers to see if they'll challenge you. Just act obnoxious, like most members of the media."

I think he meant it as a compliment, but I'm still not sure.

So, as requested, I wandered into the "accident" scene, right past the yellow "Do not enter" banners, almost on top of the tanker, which was leaking water to simulate a chemical spill.

I took pictures of the tanker, the water, and the firefighters; all huddled several yards away, peering back at me through their binoculars.

Not a word.

I may have imagined it, but I think

A TED BIT

By TED BROWN



they moved into better positions as I took their pictures.

You know the sort of thing; tilted their helmets back a bit, with the chin straps hanging, and a serious, concerned look etched on their brows.

I could have sworn I was shooting stills for a "Bud" beer commercial. "I'm a 'Bud' man, that's what I am..."

But still, not a word.

After returning to Boyd, I said, "If these guys are being tested on their reaction to the media, they just failed miserably."

Boyd just smiled, and reminded me they had a lot on their minds, and after all, "They all know you, Ted, which puts them at a disadvantage."

"Just head back in Ted," he smiled, "And see how far they will let you go."

Okay, I was ready to push it to the limit. These guys had only one more chance to redeem themselves, and challenge me for entering "the hot zone." Gawd, a journalist could get killed with those guys around here.

One more time, I wandered up to the tanker. Again the firefighters moved, discreetly, closer together, with their hazardous spills booklets and binoculars in front of their faces, and a cellular phone clenched in their hand.

Not a word.

Hmmm, did I have to climb right on top of the tanker, to get their attention?

So closer I moved, and found a

little ditch, lined with crushed stone, with the "chemical" from the tanker running by me. I only had to step over the ditch and be right beside the tanker.

So I stepped over.

I suddenly found myself halfway to my knees in mud under the crushed stone; with brand-new shoes.

It seems they forgot to mention the ground was "er...a little soft" over there.

So as I picked myself, (and cameras) up out of the mud, a fellow from the OFM ran over.

"Are you all right, Ted? How about your cameras? Are they all right?"

The responding line of profanity assured him of my wellbeing.

And finally, after I darn near drowned in a sea of mud, I hear a voice off in the distance.

"Hey you! Get out of there! That's a restricted area! Get back behind those yellow markers!"

Nice play guys. What took you so long?

As I stood in the washroom of the fire hall, with my not-so-new shoes in the sink, while wringing out my socks, I had to smile at the contribution I had made to the workshop.

They'll never forget this training session on hazardous spills.

Nor will I.

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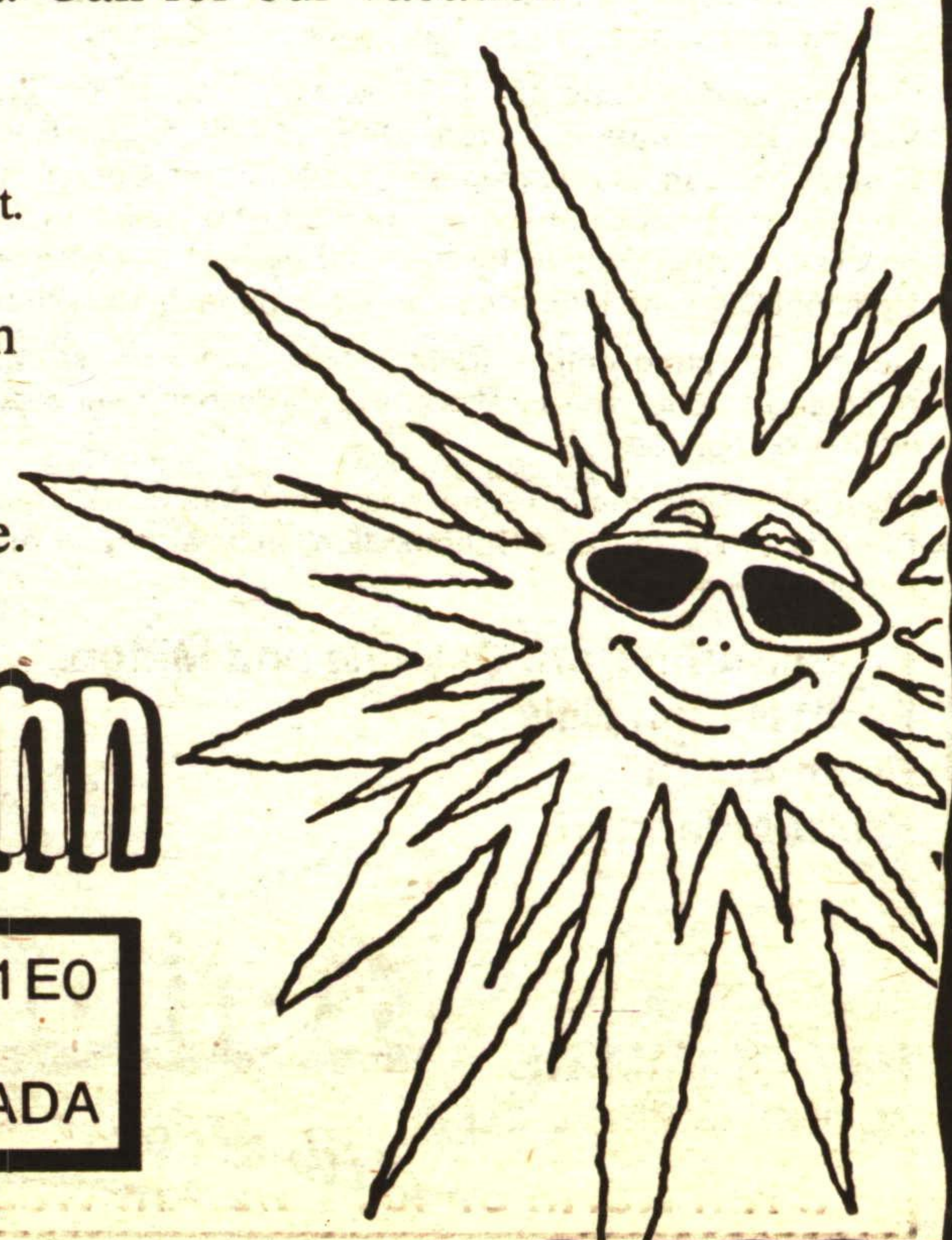
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