

Celebrate Canada

Fireworks, parades, battles and more

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food booths and a 25 cent charge at the mini-putt.

ACTON FIREWORKS

The Acton Firefighters Association is once again inviting area residents to join them at Prospect Park on Monday evening to celebrate Canada Day with a fireworks display.

Organizers are hoping to make this the biggest and best display yet, with Branch 197 of the Royal Canadian Legion making a larger than normal donation in honor of their 60th anniversary celebrations that also takes place this weekend.

Admission is FREE but the Firefighters will be seeking addi-

tional donations to offset some of their costs.

For those who want to watch the fireworks from the Legion's side of the lake, they're offering free pop and 25 cent hotdogs, part of their 60th anniversary wind-up.

The fireworks begin at dusk.

ORTON FIREWORKS

A Canada Day Parade will be held by the Orton Community at 8 p.m. See antique cars, tractors, plus horse and bikes and more. There is also games and a bonfire.

Fireworks begin at dusk. Admission is \$4 per family.

AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM

Take a trip through time at the Ontario Agricultural Museum to

celebrate Canada Day, July 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission is FREE.

There will be activities and entertainment for the whole family -- a puppet show by Mother Goose and Her Puppets, craft workshop, wagon rides and musical entertainment. The museum's costumed interpreters will recreate an historic Dominion Day in a drama presentation.

Pack a picnic lunch, or eat in the country style restaurant, but leave room for the strawberry shortcake during the afternoon's strawberry social.

The museum is located beside Kelso Park, just off Sideroad 5 (Campbellville Rd.)

REGIONAL MUSEUM

Relive the excitement of Canada's pre-Confederation years. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., military reenactors representing the 12th York Battalion of Infantry and the 69th Irish Brigade will square off against each other as they recreate skirmishes from the famous Fenian Raids, originally fought on the Niagara Peninsula area in 1865 and 1866.

The Fenians were Irish Americans who at the end of the American Civil War, took it upon themselves to capture Canada in order to use it as a base from which they hoped to compel England to free Ireland.

Military performances are at noon and 2 p.m.

In addition there will be homemade ice cream to crank and to taste and free Canada Day souvenirs.

Admission to all Museum exhibits and public buildings are FREE, however a Kelso Conservation Area gate fee will apply to all visitors. The museum is located within the conservation area, next to the agricultural museum.

OUT OF TOWN

The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. at Queen's Park with multicultural groups performing throughout the day including The Nylons and Bob Schneider and the Rainbow Kids. There will be a 21 gun salute at noon, followed by the release of one thousand racing pigeons.

At Harborfront, there's the Coca-Cola Classic Parade of Lights and fireworks display, shortly after sundown. Private and commercial vessels plan to enter the patriotic display of nautical decoration. Admission is free.

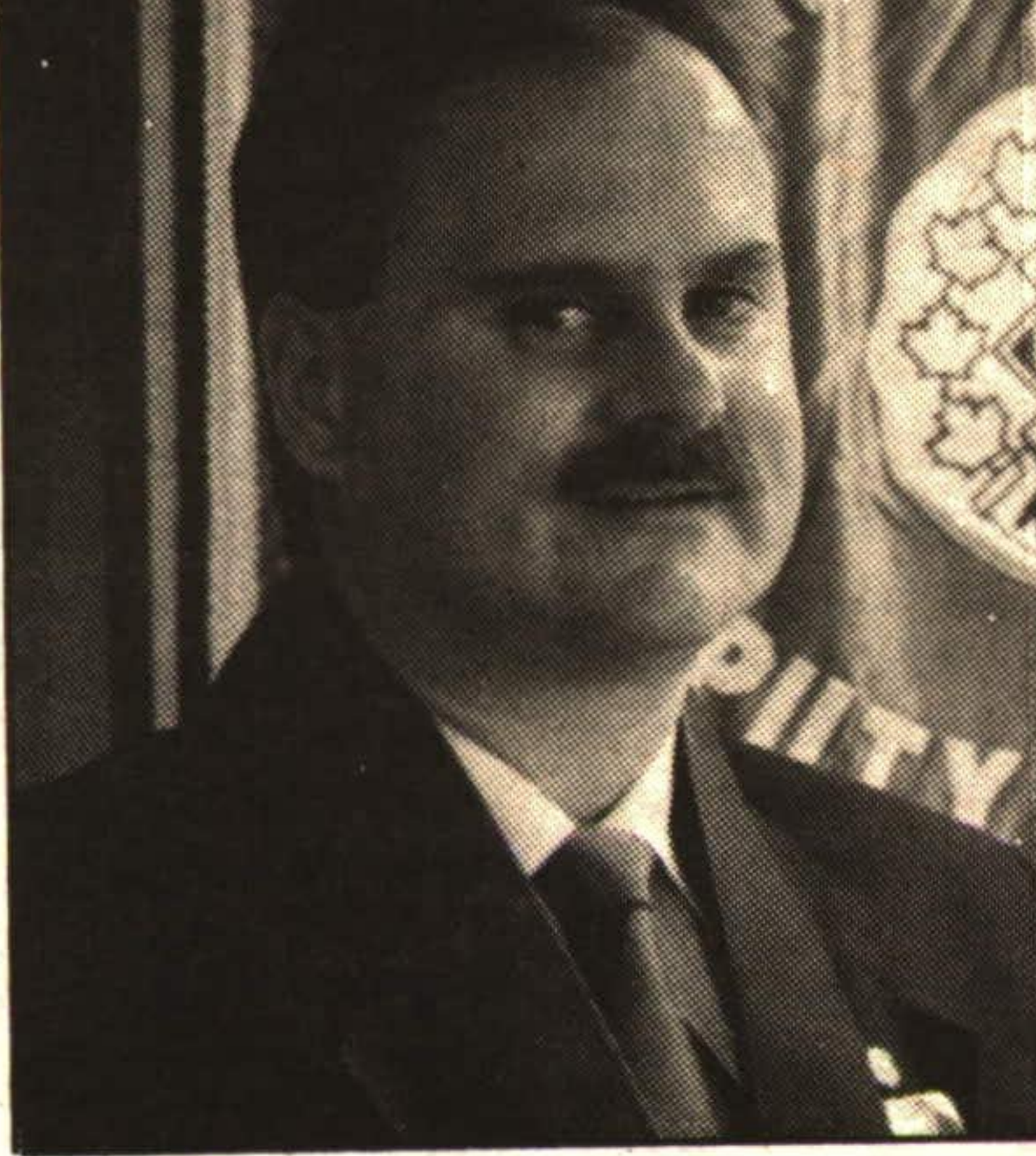
Georgetown artists Laura Kingsbury and John Harrington participate in Cobourg's Canada Day Cultural Celebration -- a four day art show and sale.

Milton holds its annual fireworks and entertainment at the Mill Pond and Rotary Park, between noon to 11 p.m.



NEW EXEC

Georgetown Kinsmen met last Saturday night at the Glen Williams Town Hall where Ron Hough, inset, was installed as the new Deputy Governor of Halton-Peel zone. The new executive is front row, from left, Nick Niedorezow, Brian Shirtilffe, Jack Wallinga, Brian Whitteker, Ron Lefebvre, Randy Schaefer. In back, from left, Dave Yakimischak, Dean Miller, Bruce MacGregor and Lou Ruttiman.



Welfare cases shoot-up ...

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is normally anywhere between 90 and 115 cases per employee, but that figure has risen to almost 150 cases.

Ewart noted each employee has been working overtime just to catch up on their workloads, but they are not getting paid for it, instead taking time off at a later date. But, she added, they can't keep doing that with the amount of work they must handle every day.

"The number of clients has mushroomed...and time off in lieu is ridiculous," Oakville mayor Ann Mulvale said. "Staff burnout is a real possibility."

Several councillors resisted hiring new employees because the Province has not committed its 50 per cent funding for them. Others believed the case workload is increasing because there are abuses of the system that are not being properly monitored by staff.

"This is a chance to say 'no,'" Oakville rep Kevin Flynn said. "I'd like to see the Province implement new criteria for social assistance and hand us some money...We seem to know how to get people on welfare, but we do very little to get them off it."

Milton mayor Gord Krantz agreed, adding that not "many people are told no" when they apply for welfare.

But, Chief Administrative Officer John Fleming told councillors that each department is "running as

lean as they can, now," so stress is a big factor with the social assistance employees.

"Staff moral in this situation is quite serious, so I urge council to approve the recommendation," Fleming said.

The new positions are five new social service reps, two intake workers, an income maintenance team supervisor, data entry operator and a receptionist.

Ewart told councillors last week that it presently takes two days for staff to return an initial phone call and 10 days to process a welfare application because of the unprecedented demand.

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