



Timothy Findley made the trek to Eden Mills for the writers' festival. His novel, *Not Wanted on the Voyage*, is being transformed into a stage play.

## Large turnout at festival

The third annual Eden Mills Writers Festival, held Sunday, was a resounding success with nearly double the number of participants of last year's event.

"It was even more successful than we had hoped," said Dawn Kackley, one of the organizers of the event. She estimates 700 people attended the event, which ran from noon until dusk.

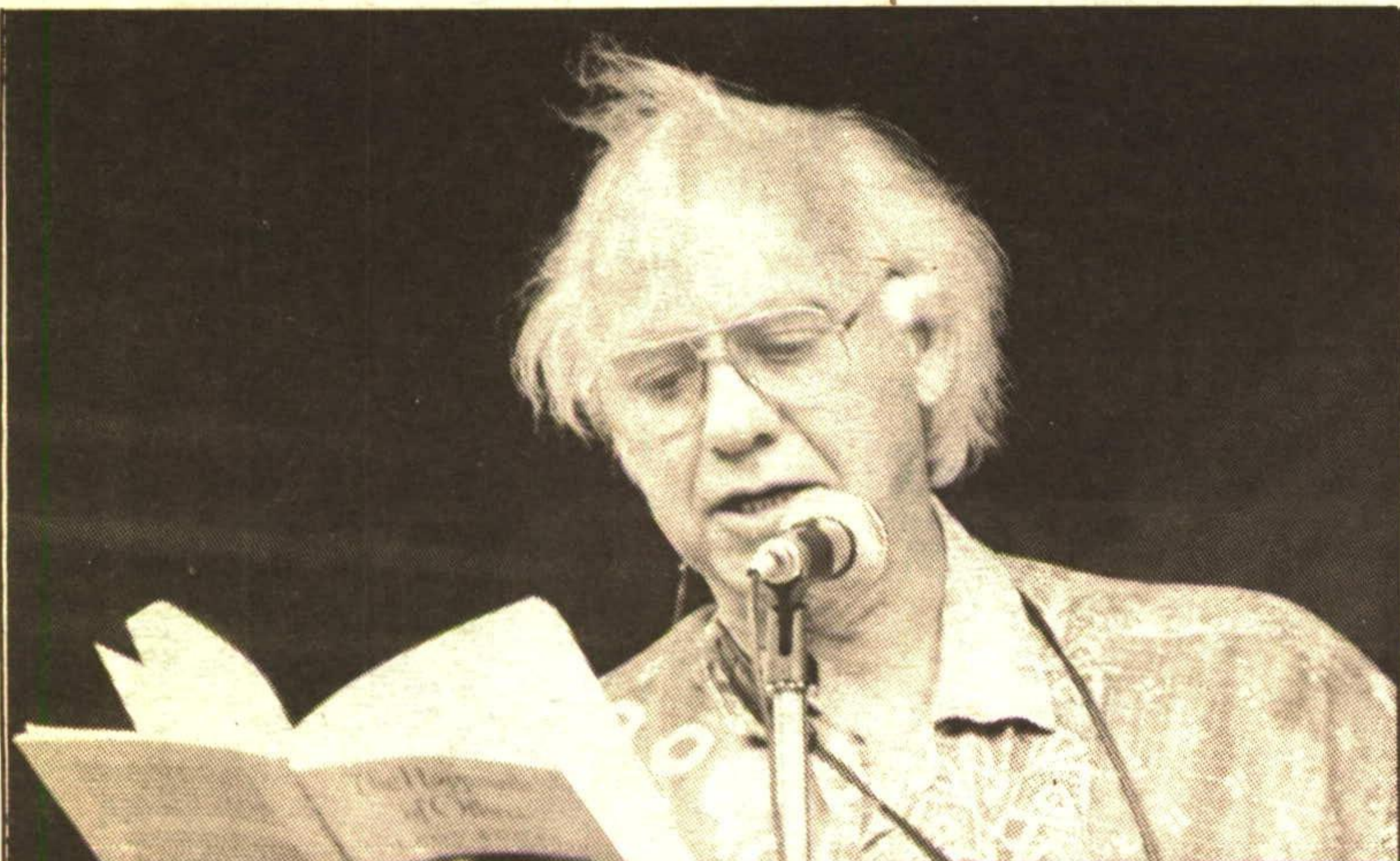
Writers attending the event included Timothy Findley, Micheal Ondaatje, Janice Kulyk Keefer and Terry Griggs.

Three books were launched Sunday including *Adult Language Warning*, a book of poetry by Wil-

liam Robertson, Rosemary Sullivan's poetry collection *Blue Panic*, and Eden Mills resident Leon Rooke's book of short stories, *The Happiness of Others*.

Last year's festival was held at the Bookshelf Cafe in Guelph because of an oil leak in the basement of the Eden Mills Community Centre prevented using the building. But organizers moved the event back to Eden Mills and plan to keep it there in the future.

Events included readings of poetry and fiction outside by the mill, at the Eden Mills Hotel, the Community Hall and Eden Place.



Writer and organizer of the event, Leon Rooke, reads from the *Happiness of Others*, a book he launched at the festival. The event was so successful this year that Rooke is toying with the idea of expanding it into a two-day affair with a theatrical component next year.

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