

Fall Fair a resounding success

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

By all accounts, the 79th edition of the Acton Fall Fair was a great success and already the planning for next year has begun.

"It may not have been the best fair ever in terms of numbers through the gate, but it was the best for activities," said an exhausted George Henderson, president of the Acton Agricultural Society. "We haven't heard the final count but Saturday's attendance may have been a record, bringing in more than \$20,000."

Last year some 14,000 people

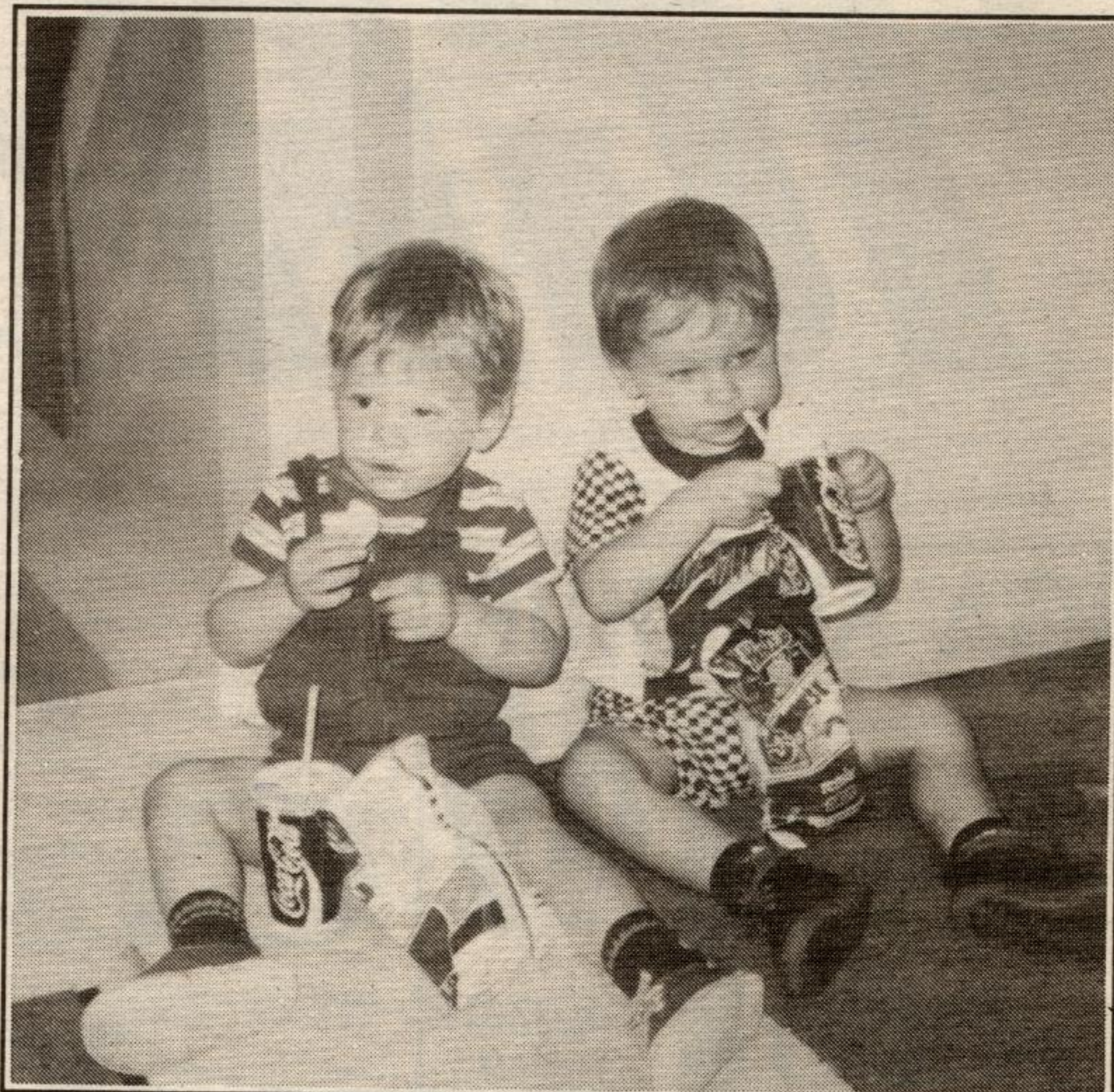
attended the fair and Henderson predicted they would be down just a bit from that. "The rain Friday afternoon and evening hurt us but then the rest of the weekend was beautiful," Henderson said Monday. "I'm sure that nobody went away unhappy. What a deal for five dollars!"

With a budget of \$74,800 for this year's fair, organizers hope to make a profit. At least \$60,000 was handed out in prize money to exhibitors and any surplus will be used to improve the fairgrounds and buildings and for bursaries for

local students.

Henderson says even as volunteers clean up the fair grounds, exhibitors and concession owners are signing up for next year.

"Acton's Fall Fair is well-known throughout Ontario and we get visitors from all over. Already we know that Glen Andrews and his oxen will be back, along with the sheep dogs and the sheep-shearing demonstration. We will keep the favourites and hopefully add some new exhibits and events to make next year's fair even more of a success."



Two-year-old Liam Pritchard (left) and 2-year-old Ryan Kinsey, both of Acton, take a break during last week's Acton Bowl's Smurf Bowling, held each Wednesday morning. (Frances Niblock photo)

Fashion show for Acton cancer unit

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Ticket sales are brisk for the upcoming *Colours of Fall* fashion show being presented by the Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Soci-

ety. The show will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Acton Legion with all proceeds staying in Acton to help fund Cancer Society programs.

Again this year, clothes for the show will come from Elizabeth's Fashions and Bridal Boutique on Mill Street.

Elizabeth's co-owner Cheryl Donoghue says that she is happy to be able to help. "This actually is the third year we've been involved with the fashion show. In 1989, the Cancer Society approached my mother Elizabeth and asked if she would be interested in being involved. She said that she would, and the rest is history," Donoghue said Friday.

Elizabeth's will also supply most of the models, although some Can-

cer Society members will be pressed into service.

Children's clothing for the fashion show will be provided by Victoria Lane in Georgetown and hair and make-up will be done by the Feminine Way.

Cancer Society spokesperson Cathie Gerrow says the fashion show is always a great fundraiser and a lot of fun. "We start off at 7:30 with dessert and coffee and the fashion show starts at 8 pm. In the past, we've almost sold out because it is a very popular event and Elizabeth's has beautiful fall clothing."

Tickets for the event are only \$6 and are available at Elizabeth's Fashions at 37 Mill Street East or by calling Rena at 853-0744 or Cathie at 853-1424.

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Town's dump fight is not over yet

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ronmental regulation matters are significant to the board and must be followed."

Local environmental groups, which fought hard against the proposal, say they have won a major battle, but the war isn't over.

"We will have to wait and see what RSI does next," said Barbara Halsall, president of Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (POWER). "They aren't going to roll over and play dead but they didn't get this one by us."

The Town and local environmental groups hope to recover some of the money they spent fighting the proposal. The Town spent close to \$500,000 and has instructed its lawyers to apply to recover that money from RSI. All parties must submit their legal bills by Wednesday, Oct. 7 for consideration.

Eramosa is a community where people work together

Around Rockwood

With
Debbie Tilson



Because of the work of tireless volunteers, Eramosa is considered to be a model by many other communities. Approximately 50 individuals, along with their families, gathered in the Eden Mills Community Centre recently to give each other a pat on the back for their contributions and accomplishments in Eramosa Township. These were many of the people who give of their time unselfishly.

Rose Stocco had a huge cloth and everybody was asked to write their name and their "vision" of the township. She also compiled an album full of clippings from various major papers and memorabilia showing everything that has happened since "The Spirit of Shivarree," and what people have accomplished. Rose plans to present the book to Heritage Eramosa, who in turn would like to see it made available at our library, possibly in a special reference section. It is important for the public to have access to artifacts like this, so that our children can learn about their heritage.

Eramosa's own James Gordon, song writer and musician, who has had success in Canada, is advancing his career by moving into the U.S. market. James, along with

Gwen Swick and Alex Sinclair have formed the group Tamarack. Folk Era, a recording company based in Chicago, will be marketing Tamarack across the U.S.A. Folk Era has launched such groups as The Kingston Trio and the Clancy Brothers. Tamarack also appeared in a one hour special Sept. 20 on Global called Tamarack Review.

The Rockwood Gardening Club meets this Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 8 pm in the Rockwood Town Hall. Topics for discussion include bringing plants like herbs and geraniums indoors for the winter. The club has been meeting for about 15 years; they often have guest speakers or else informative discussion sessions. Mark your calendars as well for the Oct. 21 meeting, when Ann Chesworth (back by popular demand!) presents fall edible wild plants. Membership in the club is only \$5 a year.

The Rockwood Presbyterian Church Beef Dinner will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29 at the Rockmosa Community Centre. This annual event follows the church's anniversary. Sittings are at 5 pm and 7 pm. Adults pay \$10. Children 6 to 12 pay \$5. Under 5 are free.

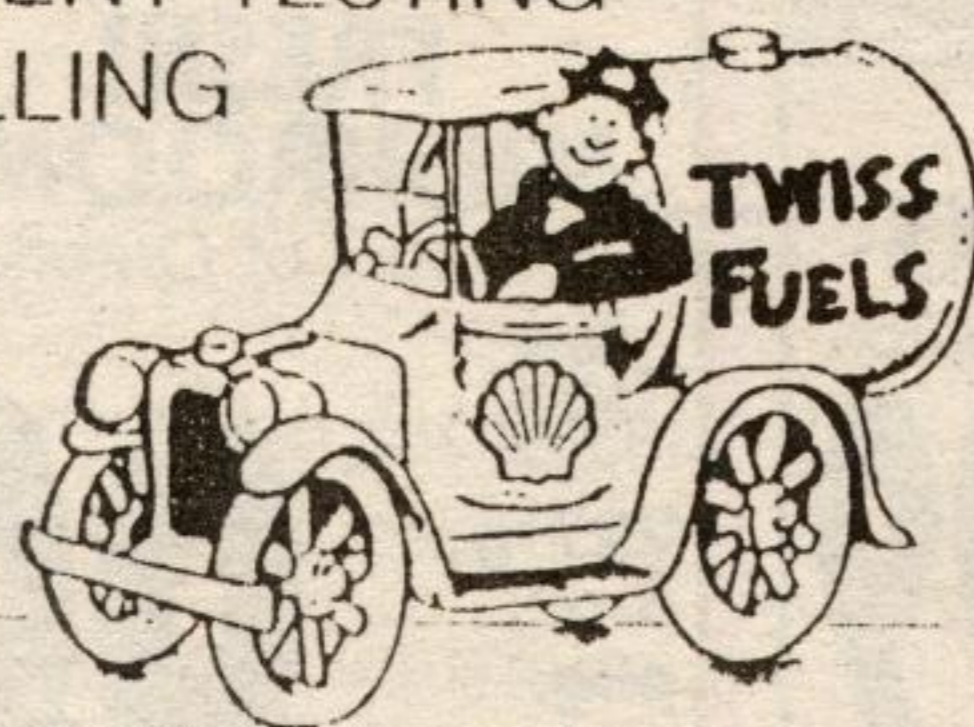


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