

Chair looks to bigger, better Fair

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Jim Warrington will not be organizing the Acton Fall Fair parade this September for a ninth year.

Instead, he hopes to parlay the success of that event – 63 parade entries last year from 42 in 1992 – into a bigger and better Fair as chair.

It's only been 11 days since Warrington, 53, officially took over the reins of the Fair at the Agricultural Society's annual general meeting, but he's already getting in Fair mode.

"I'm still in shock, but it's kind of nice," the 20-year Acton resident said of his new position. "I've had a lot of phone calls – some directly concerning the Fair – congratulating me on my new role. It's going to be an interesting year."

Agricultural Society member Mike Arnott, who has assisted Warrington with the parade the past three years, takes over.

"He has some capabilities, plus everybody will be there to help him. It'll work," said a confident Warrington.

Already confirmed for this year's 83rd Acton Fall Fair, which will see entry fees frozen at \$5 for adults, is the continuation of an emergency plan that sees 10 to 12 volunteers designated to search areas if a child goes missing. As well, the successful canoe race event introduced last year is a go.

Education Day for Acton students on the Friday of Fall Fair weekend is also on for this year.



NEW CHAIR: Jim Warrington says his first of two years as president of the Acton Fall Fair "will be interesting."

"It has exploded across the province," Warrington said. "I like it because you can't buy or sell anything. We want to teach the kids."

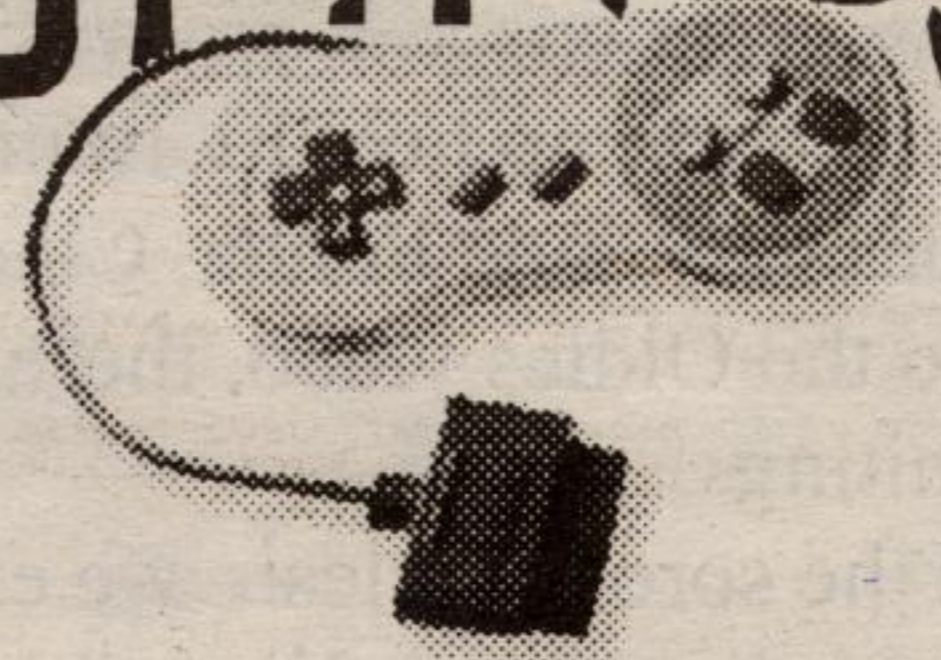
He added he'd like to revamp the Fair setup, maybe having the carnival at the back of the fairgrounds, as well as take advertising money that failed to lure Oakville and Burlington residents and boost local interest or add an event.

"What I've learned over the years is the tremendous interest for the Fair and the community spirit," explained Warrington. "I can't think of anything bigger in this town than when the Fair is on. It's a homecoming weekend."

Warrington said he wants to involve more of the Agricultural Society people in more of their events.

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Rural Acton residents should watch their mail for an important survey on garbage collection.

Halton Region will mail surveys out next week asking rural residents if they want weekly garbage pickup and bi-weekly recyclable material pickup.

The survey also asks people who do want the service, how they would like to pay for it – based on

their property assessment or a flat fee for every house.

Currently rural residents don't have road-side pickup and must pay to drop their trash at the Halton landfill south of Milton or at the Georgetown waste transfer station. The surveys are to be returned by Feb. 23. If the results support collection services, the program would begin on June 1 this year.



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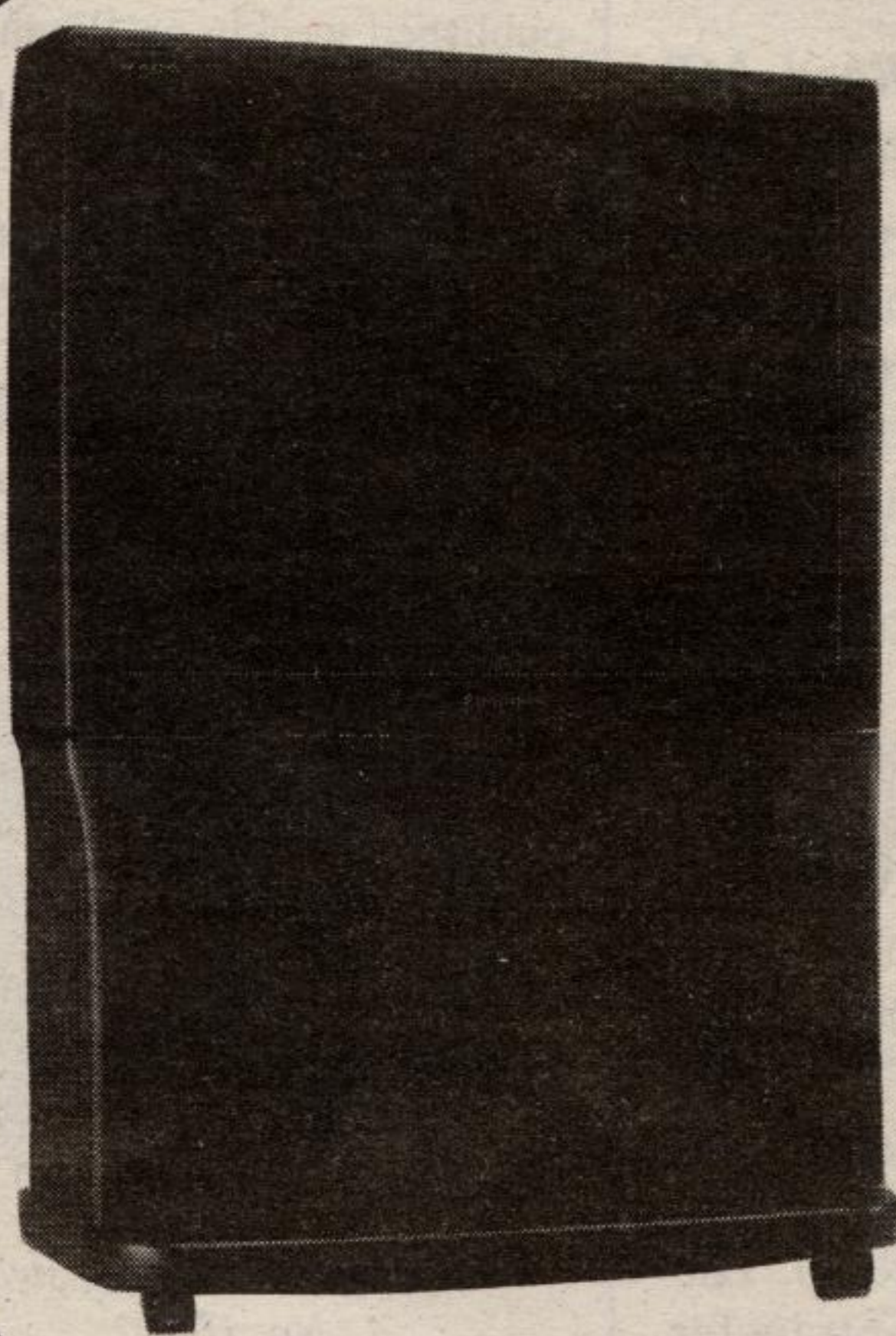
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