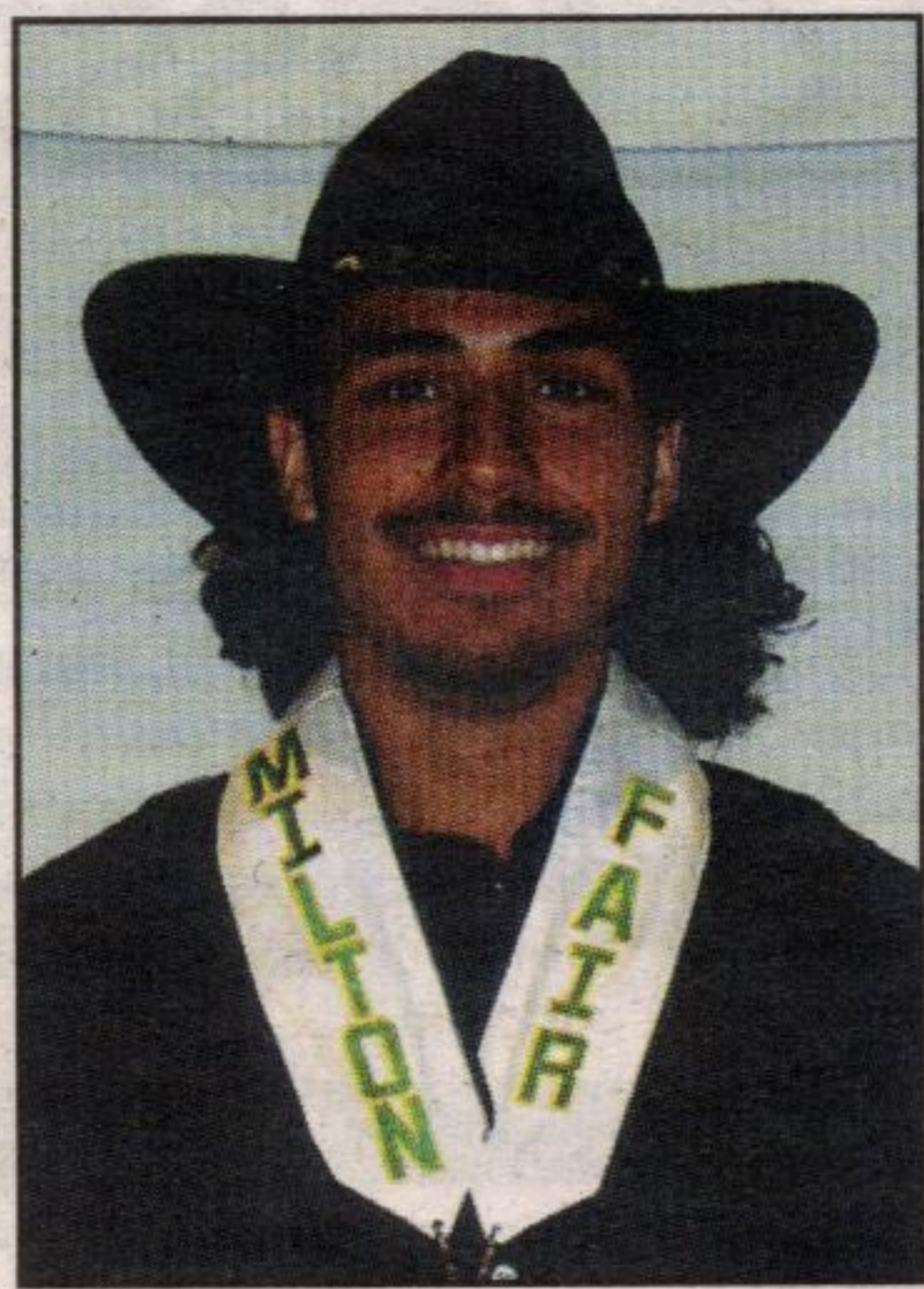


# Mr. Fall Fair Ambassador

By ANN KORNUA

The year is almost up in the reign of Milton's first male Fall Fair Ambassador. Vince Carito is the nineteen-year-old Hornby resident who took the community by surprise last fall winning a competition that in the past has always gone to a young lady. Vince may be the only male winner for the Halton district, but he is paving the way for others for what he calls as a fun and exciting event.



were gathered there from all over the province." Vince said. On a regular basis, Ambassadors meet with others to discuss how they can help to improve their own Fall Fairs through community support and ideas. "One of your biggest challenges as being ambassador is to recruit new candidates within the community for next year. The more people who are involved the better and we are always looking for out going people who want to get involved."

"It was exciting and I am proud to be the first male winner for Milton," Vince commented. "A friend and past Ambassador Serena Purdy brought up the idea of me going in for the competition. I was somewhat iffy about it, somewhat nervous and shy but she told me that no male had won it before and I wanted to be the first."

It's not a beauty pageant. The Ambassador Competition offers youths aged 19 and up an exciting chance to be involved and seen within the community. Vince is the first male winner in Halton region. Out the hundred competing ambassadors in Ontario, only seven are male.

Ambassadors must be available for the final competition held at Toronto's Exhibition Place. The judges will look for stage presence, diction, and an agricultural or community involved background. Each applicant must write an essay and undergo a formal judge interview.

Vince says since winning in Milton he has made many new friends. "You meet many people in and out of the community. At a recent meeting of the Ontario Agriculture Association held in Toronto at the Royal York Hotel, all the ambassadors

Vince says that being Ambassador is not all cutting ribbons and newspaper photo opportunities. An Ambassador must appear at public events and address people at a moment's notice if required. "The one thing that took me some time to get used to was speaking right on the spot," Vince explained. "You have to be ready with a speech and ready to talk in front of a large group of people at any given moment."

Vince will be going on to compete at the CNE for title of Ambassador of the entire Exhibition celebration this August. "If you win you, receive scholarships, gift certificates and you get to be on TV. I am not thinking about competing so much as I want to go and have a good time."

For those who are interested in competing for this year's role as their district's Fall Fair Ambassador, Vince offers his advice. "Try to be as professional as possible. You are constantly representing your community and your Fair." For further questions, Milton area residents can call Ember Johnstone at 905-878-5689 or contact the local Ambassador Committee Chair in your area.

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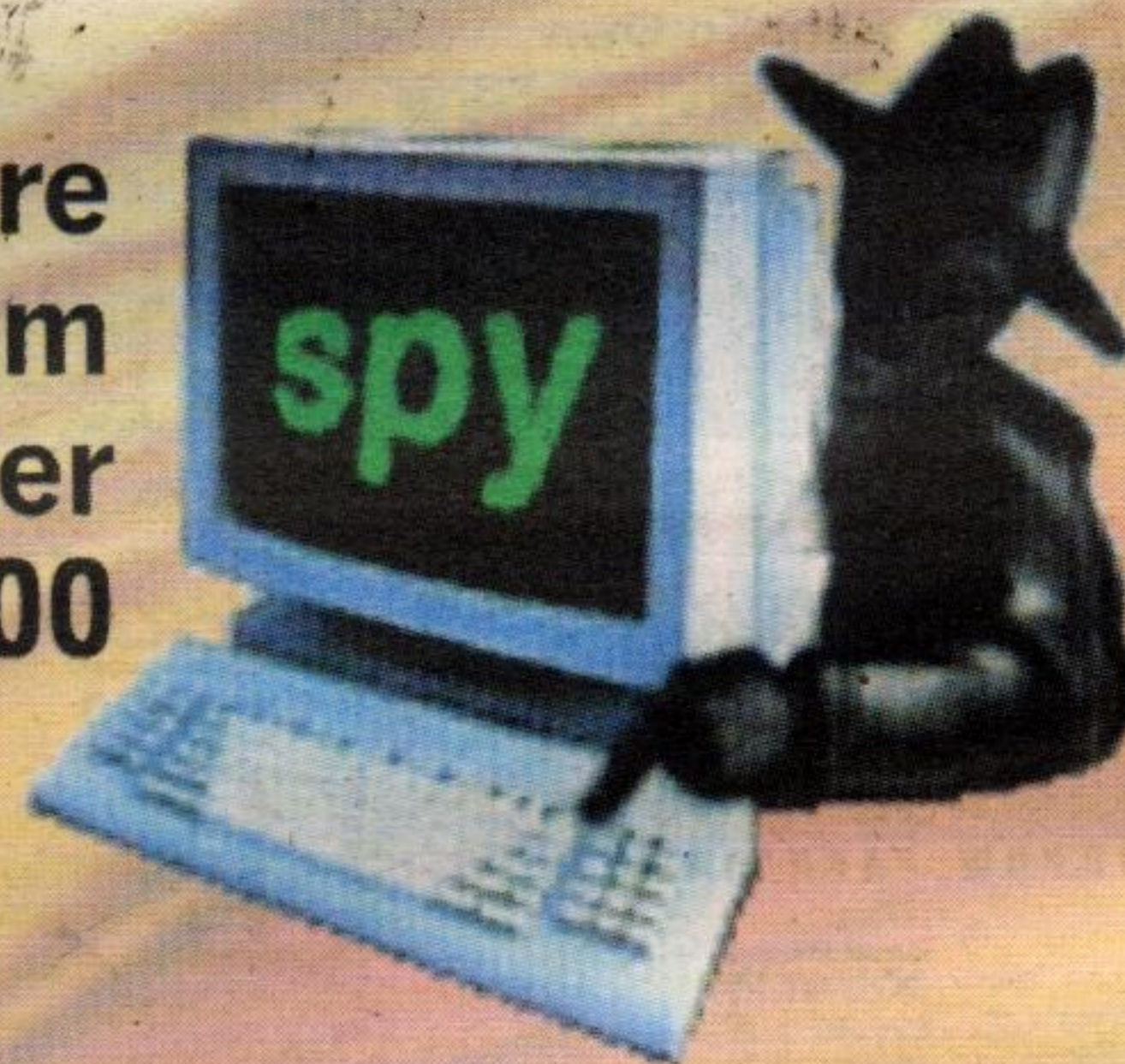
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