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## Expecting Record Crowd Steam-Era This Weekend

Milton's population is expected to swell by over 30,000 this coming holiday weekend, as throngs surge into town to visit the annual attraction at the Fair Grounds — the 1964 edition of the "Steam-Era", annual reunion of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association.

Daily activities all day Friday, Saturday and Monday are expected to attract record crowds, and the iron monsters of yesterday go through their paces. It's a live show, with all equipment restored and cleaned and ready to go.

**Many Features**  
Parades, demonstrations of equipment, threshing competition, operating sawmills, stationery displays and two halls full of antiques and souvenir shops will be available for visitors to see.

"We want to show the generations of the future, the best of the past," sums up Gordon E. Smith of Orillia, 1964 president of Steam-Era.

Last year's attendance was 27,000 and more are expected this year.

The show originated four years ago when a small group presented their first two-day reunion in Milton. The town was chosen for its central location to a large part of Ontario's population, and for the fact the grandstand and race track facilities of the fair grounds were open to them.

**Seek Permanent Home**  
The organizers are still attempting to find a permanent home for their show, and have been looking at properties in the Milton area. But for this year at least, Steam-Era is back in Milton and the town welcomes it.

Early Friday morning the show opens, although the official opening by Minister of Agriculture William Stewart won't take place until 2 p.m. Saturday. The grounds will be open to the public all day Friday and Friday evening many Steam-Era entries join the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored parade on Main St. from Milton Plaza to the Fair Grounds.

Saturday afternoon the "men who love steam" stage their own downtown parade, followed by the opening ceremonies. There will also be daily parades within the fair grounds at 5 p.m. each day of the show, and others if convenient.

Over 35 old steam engines, over 20 gas tractors, and dozens of stationary engines, models and home-built steam equipment will be on display. The show represents a "showcase of early agriculture" and such items as operating threshing machines, a huge sawmill, fan operating contests, a prony brake demonstration, and other contests will be included in the program.

Vince Mountford of Brampton will be on hand to entertain the grandstand crowd with songs and stories, and a variety program of singing and dancing has also been lined up to make sure there is not a quiet minute during the three days of the show.

Ontario's largest antique car club co-operates with the steam association, and provides a display of fine antique autos during the show. On Sunday, when the fair grounds is closed, the old cars head out for Kelso Conservation Area for a judging competition at the Halton County Museum.

The Association in charge of Steam-Era includes many from Milton and district, and several have places among the executive or sub-committees that run the show. There are close to 200 members from all over Ontario and some from United States.

Prizes will be awarded for the

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best restoration jobs done on steam engines and tractors. The Association also provides prizes for the "oldest thresherman" present on the grounds each day.

Hearty old fashioned meals will be provided on the grounds and at downtown restaurants, and many organizations will op-

erate refreshment booths on the midway in the fair grounds. Parking lots have been located in and near the grounds (see map elsewhere) and there are adequate washroom facilities to serve the crowd expected to attend.

See you in Milton this weekend!

### Scenes of the Past

## Old Fashioned Week Off to Roaring Start

Milton's Main St. looked like a scene from 50 years ago this week. Everywhere, people dressed in hand-me-downs or home-made old fashioned clothes, and store windows reverted to scenes of the turn of the century (and beyond) with displays of antique and tools-of-the-trade from the early days.

For it's a whole week of Old Fashioned Days in Milton this week, as the Chamber of Com-

merce, merchants and citizens don old fashioned garb to promote this weekend's main attraction, the 1964 edition of "Steam-Era."

**Big Start**  
Old Fashioned Days really started Thursday evening of last week, when the first helium-filled balloons were sold to children at Milton Plaza. The Chamber's offering prizes for the senders of balloons returned from the great-

est distance, and the first of the 4,000 balloons were going like the proverbial hot-cakes.

The Chamber's information trailer (donated by Supersweet Feeds) was at the Plaza Thursday, and on Main St. Friday and Saturday. First official program of the week was an enjoyable, well attended free band concert staged at Victoria Park Sunday evening, by the Lorne Scots Military Band, by permission of Col. Conover. While the band played under the yellow glow of overhead lights, a crowd of over 300 spread out on picnic tables around the park to enjoy a 90 minute program of marches, overtures and hymns.

### First Costumes

As Monday morning arrived, Main St. was transformed to the good old days, as the first old fashioned costumes appeared and merchants hurried to put the finishing touches on antique window displays. Monday night a big crowd sat in on the talent contest and old fashioned costume competition in the Town Hall auditorium, where prizes were given for the most promising variety acts and the best old costumes worn by residents of all ages. (See story and pictures elsewhere).

By Monday night the town was aglow with the old fashioned spirit, and even the gay Christmas lighting decorations in the business section began to convey the idea the whole town was fit up (and steamed up) about the celebration.

Tuesday evening's program was a "grudge match" ball game between the Industrial softball All-Stars and the Intermediate Red Sox hardball team. The Sox, while a large audience watched and applauded, gave the softball-

ers a trimming in both hardball and softball games. (See story and photo on Sports Pages.)

### Successful Bingo

Wednesday's program was the weekly bingo at Milton Arena, sponsored by the Milton Kinsmen and Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136. A better than usual crowd attended to hear caller Dave Brush holler out the numbers that won over 20 people cash prizes.

For the remainder of the weekend, a swimming pool aquatic display, steer roast, free rides in a 1912 bus, two parades, a German "hofbrauhaus" stage show and dance, the Gordie Tapp show and dance, a Sunday fireside hour, outdoor barbecue, and band concert should draw thousands of people to the town.

As the week of Old Fashioned Days comes to a climax Friday, the Steam-Era show opens at Milton Fair Grounds. Town council and the Chamber of Commerce are working with the Steam and Antique Association to promote the weekend.

### Mugs, Ashtrays

The Chamber is selling coffee mugs and ashtrays with old fashioned designs, as well as the balloons that are promoting Milton and the show far and wide. A list of accommodations in the town and district is posted in many local stores. The Chamber information trailer will be in the fair grounds all weekend.

### Diner's Guide

Men's, ladies' and children's hats bearing "Steam-Era" hats are also on sale for \$1 each, and most of the women's hats are gone already. The Chamber is issuing a "diner's guide" listing local eating places and program.

**MILTON**  
HOME OF THE ONTARIO  
and ANTIQUE PRESERVERS ASSOC  
**STEAM-ERA**  
AT THE FAIRGROUNDS  
**4.5. & 7. SEPTEMBER 1964**  
LABOUR DAY WEEKEND



—Staff Photo

**ALL ROADS LEAD TO MILTON** this weekend, as the directors of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association prepare to launch their fourth annual steam reunion — "Steam-Era" — at Milton Fair Grounds Friday, Saturday and Monday. Last year's event attracted an overall attendance of 27,000 to the three-day show, and a new record attendance is expected this weekend if the fine weather holds out. Pretty Ingrid Zwolman of Main

St., Milton, bedecked in an old fashioned costume for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Old Fashioned Days celebration prior to the show, posed with one of two new signs erected this week at the town's entrances — pointing out to visitors that Milton is the home of Steam-Era. Ingrid, like everyone else in town, extends a hearty welcome to all visitors. May you enjoy your weekend in Milton.

## Board Accepts School Bid Expect Full Cost \$691,450

The low tender of Colt Contracting Co., Scarborough at \$575,118 was accepted by the Milton District High School Board Wednesday for an addition on the Williams Avenue High School. The acceptance is conditional on obtaining the approvals of the Department of Education and the Ontario Municipal Board.

The bid was the lowest of five received. Highest tender was \$671,505.

Added to the basic bid will be the furnishings, and the finishing of the kitchen and cafeteria, which will be a separate bid. Architect's fees would also be added to bring the total estimated cost of the project to \$691,450.

By resolution, the Board asked the town of Milton to raise the necessary funds. Earlier tentative approvals have been obtained as required and members foresaw no delays to an early start on construction.

Representatives of the contracting firm reviewed current projects with the board and noted they had constructed the Liquor Control Board store in Milton several years ago.

Board members reviewed estimates on equipping the kitchen and necessary finishing which was not included in the basic contract with S. Heidman and G. Farrow, representatives of the architectural firm of Dunlop, Wardell, Matsui and Aitken. Instructions were given to prepare plans and specifications and call tenders on the equipment and finishing required in the kitchen and cafeteria area.

The new addition, which will replace the present Martin St. school and put all the high school facilities in one location, will include eight classrooms, two science labs, two home economics rooms, three shops, library, gymnasium and cafeteria.

**RECORD AT KELSO**  
The Kelso Conservation Area at Milton Heights saw its busiest weekend of the season when hundreds of carloads of swimmers, boaters and picnickers arrived there Saturday and Sunday. It was the first warm weekend in the past six weeks, and on Sunday alone, 470 cars paid to enter the area, representing about 1,800 persons. The swimming pool and wading pool were jammed to capacity at the height of Sunday afternoon.

**Accept Tender On Kelso Line**  
The new 15,000 foot, 12 inch pipeline to bring water from the Kelso well to the town of Milton will be constructed this fall at a cost of \$93,348.

On Monday evening Milton Council held a special meeting to review the tenders from 14 bidders, and after a discussion with engineer K. Hyde, decided to accept the lowest price. The contract was awarded to Dundas Construction Co. Ltd. of Rexdale, who bid \$93,348 on asbestos cement pipe. Bids ranged from there to \$120,930, on asbestos pipe; from \$97,788 to \$122,685 on cast iron pipe.

The decision will be passed on to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval.

At the same meeting council applied for a loan of \$80,660 through the Municipal Works Assistance Act, to help pay for the construction.

## Weekend Program

The latest program for Old Fashioned days is as follows:—

### Thursday, 3rd September:

Aquatic display, 7:00 p.m. at the swimming pool in Rotary Park water polo, races, pillow fights, etc.

"Roasting the Steer" in Victoria Park sponsored by the German Canadian Club. Barbecued chicken will also be available, 4 p.m. Friday to 12 p.m. Saturday. Fritz Schicht, 878-2016 or 9213.

Castrol Oil Company's "Charabanc" will begin to provide free rides around town.

### Friday, 4th September:

Opening day of "Steam-Era" at the fair grounds. Over 35 steam engines, threshing, sawmills, working models, old farm equipment, tractors, antique cars, parades in the grounds, souvenirs for sale.

7 p.m., Grand Parade including steam equipment, antique cars, local entries, starting at the Plaza. The Milton Lions Club will be parade marshals. Contact Gus Mowbray re your float or entry. Children welcomed, "the more the merrier." Parade will be led by the Lorne Scots Pipe Band.

8 p.m. — Steerburgers will be ready to serve after the parade.

9 p.m. — Grand Opening of the Milton Hofbrauhaus at the arena. Eleven piece German Brass Band, dance groups in national costumes plus many surprises. Hans Stephan 878-2161.

### Saturday, 5th September:

12:30 p.m. — Steam and antique parade along Main St. from Milton Plaza.

2 p.m. — Official opening of "Steam-Era" at the fair grounds by The Honorable W. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture.

8 p.m. — "The Gordie Tapp Show" and dance at the arena, sponsored by the chamber of Commerce. Tickets in advance, 50 cents for children, one dollar for adults. At the door, 75 cents for children, \$1.50 for adults. Buy now and save — at the Milton Travel service, Chamber Office, Barber Shops, Bus Knight's Men's Wear, Brian Best Real Estate.

Steer burgers and barbecue chicken available in Victoria Park until 12 p.m., coffee served by Milton District Hospital W.A.

### Sunday, 6th September:

"Steam-Era" at fair grounds is closed all day, no admittance to the grounds.

Band concert in the J. M. Denvers School grounds at 2:30 p.m., by Oakville Citizens Band. (In arena in case of rain.)

2 p.m. — Judging of antique cars at the Halton County Museum, Kelso Conservation Area.

8:30 p.m. — Milton Arena, Milton Christian Laymen's Fireside Service (Interdenominational), special music and guest speaker. For information call T. Amis, 878-2576.

### Monday, 7th September:

Last and final day of "Steam-Era" show at the fair grounds, parades, demonstrations, presentation of prizes.

### C.N.E. WINNERS

Two Milton district farmers, Dr. W. F. James of Hornby and J. H. Willmott and Son of Milton, captured prizes at the C.N.E. Market Cattle competitions this week. Dr. James' Ankonian of Malden won the grand champion market steer title and placed first in the steer, calved May 1, 1963 to June 20, 1963. J. H. Willmott and son won a second in the steer, calved January 1, 1963 to April 30, 1963, class.

## Halton, Peel Trust Co. Opens Branch in Milton

Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Co. will open its seventh office in Milton early in October, General Manager O. E. Manning announced this week.

"We're optimistic about Milton and the surrounding area," Mr. Manning noted as he pointed out the company felt the business in north Halton justified the new branch.

The company will occupy recently constructed quarters at the corner of Main and Charles St. in the heart of the downtown area. Complete services, including a savings department, investment department, mortgage loaning, pensions, estates and trusts will be operated.

### Started in 1955

Started in Oakville in 1955, the company was the first trust company to receive a charter in 27 years. Milton has been represented on the Board by Dr. C. A. Martin since its inception. Dr. Martin is presently vice-president, as is W. J. Beatty of Acton, also a member of the Board since its inception.

In 1955 the Halton and Peel Trust and Savings Co. had total assets of \$1,215,026 which has now grown, at the end of June

1964 to \$36,482,978. First mortgages of \$1,075,118 in 1955 have grown to \$26,267,329. Mr. Manning points out that of that amount in mortgage more than (Continued on Page Five)

## Hose Ban Off As of Tuesday

Car-washers, lawn and garden waterers can enjoy full use of the town's water facilities once more.

Council rescinded the summer water restrictions, effective Tuesday, September 1, at Monday's meeting of council. At the same time, council urged residents to use common sense and conserve as much water as possible for emergency and fire-fighting purposes.

Restrictions were imposed on May 25, limiting residents to two hours of hose use per week. The town was split into three areas, with each area allowed to use hoses on either Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings, 7 to 9 p.m.



—Staff Photo

**THE HARD WORK** of their big sister boosted three pretty Milton maids to the first prize in the costume contest at the Town Hall on Monday evening. The judges assessed that the trio of sisters, eight-year-old Karen, six and one-half year old Cathy and three-year-old Tammy McLeod, were the best dressed ladies in "Old Fashioned" style. The youngsters are shown here with Mrs. John Adam, who copped third prize in the contest. The costumes for the first prize winners were made by Peggy McLeod.



—Staff Photo

**PLENTY OF BOOK LEARNING** is in store for 13-year-old Susen French as she prepares to enter high school when the annual back-to-school trek begins on Tuesday morning. Milton District high school students have been picking up books at the Martin St. school all week, in preparation for that all-important day. More than 600 students will be attending Milton District high school this year and it is estimated that more than 4,000 Milton and district youngsters will be attending schools in the area this year.