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Whistles to welcome antique enthusiasts

Sixth Steam-Era reunion opens in Milton Friday

The era of steam — when giant wood-fed engines roamed the countryside for threshings and plowings, when the gas-fired tractors were in vogue, when today's "antiques" were in common everyday use, and when the "tin lizzie" was the modern means of transportation — will return to Milton this weekend.

Friday, Saturday and Monday in Milton fair grounds, the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association will present their sixth annual Steam-Era reunion, and a crowd of 30,000 or more is expected to be on hand to witness the rebirth of the steam generation.

"Everything is in readiness, now all we pray for is good weather," publicity chairman Gordon Smith of Orillia said Monday. Good weather in the first five years of the Steam-Era show produced a rapidly-growing attendance record that last year topped 35,000 over the three-day period.

Visitors are expected from near and far, including members of other steam enthusiast clubs

across Canada and northern United States. The show, staged annually in Milton, is considered Ontario's best and biggest, despite stiff competition from other groups.

James N. Allan, Ontario's Provincial Treasurer, will be on hand Saturday afternoon to declare the big show officially open. Agricultural Minister Wil-

liam Stewart, who has officiated at the shows in other years, was unable to come this weekend.

Officials report 31 steam engines, about 30 early gas tractors, 25 antique cars and trucks and about 100 gasoline engines will headline the big show. Each will be running on its own power, and programs scheduled for the weekend will see each machine in action.

Antique displays, trading post where members can sell antiques, a live steam railroad offering rides to children, a steam calliope that plays tunes, dozens of models, threshing bees, sawmilling, teeter totter tests and fan driving contests are also sure to lure a big crowd.

Mr. Smith is bringing his miniature steam train down from the park in Orillia where he operates it all summer long. A length of 15 inch track has been set up and three cars will be provided to carry up to 36 children at a time for rides around the circle.

One new feature this year is the trading post. All members have been invited to bring antiques or items they wish to sell. Souvenirs of the show will also be available on the grounds.

Many members will be arriving in tents and trailers and stay right on the grounds for the weekend. A special church service will be held at the grandstand Sunday afternoon for those staying over.

Vince Mountford, "everybody's favorite master of ceremonies," will be tending the microphone for the three days and bringing in a variety of talent to assist him. Whenever there is a lull in the activities, Vince can be counted on to come up with an entertainer or fill in the breach himself with a song or a joke.

One parade of equipment will be held each day in the grounds. Time of the parade will be around 4 or 5 p.m., depending on the crowds.

One parade will be held outside the grounds. It forms up at Milton Plaza parking lot at 12 noon Monday and starts off at 12.30, heading down Main St. to Brown St., then down King St. and across Hugh St. to enter the fair grounds. This parade will go right past the grandstand.

Another new feature in a hand-fed threshing machine which is

operated by horse power. Threshers will "show their stuff" in demonstrations and races on the grounds.

Halton's Dairy Princess Margaret Hunter of Burlington has been invited to attend. Mayor S. G. Childs and Halton's Warden H. H. Hinton of Acton are among other invited guests.

At the close of the weekend, trophies will be presented for the best restored steam engine and gas tractor, and for the best large and small gas engine. There's also a trophy for the best lady steam operator, and a special trophy award to the member contributing the most toward the success of the show.

Senior citizens organizations in the district have been offered free admission for groups at the Friday show. They can get details by calling Gordon Bridgen, the Steam-Era treasurer, at Hornby.

Overnight accommodation, with or without breakfast is sought for many of the visitors who come from faraway points. Gordon Rayner is arranging to line up local homes which will accept overnight visitors, and accommodation listing will also be accepted at the Steam-Era headquarters tent (878-9537) which opens in the grounds on Thursday.

The Association presently boasts 193 members in Ontario and northern United States. They all extend a welcome to join them at Steam-Era for a glimpse at the rejuvenated, polished and fire-belching relics of the past.

Old Fashioned Days back again



SHAWLS AND BOWLER HATS and beautiful big bonnets helped give Main St. a turn-of-the-century air this week, as dozens of youngsters and a few adults celebrated the fourth annual "Old Fashioned Days". The ancient cannon in Victoria Park was a perfect setting for the youngsters at the left, dressed in old-fashioned costumes.

Danny Cross is shown seated on the cannon with Emily Pierce, Susan Little, Vicky Bouskill and Cynthia Pierce standing behind. In the photo at the right, four-year-old Tracy Cross, three-year-old Patsy Little and Eva Pierce admire the flowers in front of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Accuse town of trespassing on Milton Plaza property

The town was accused Monday of trespassing on private property with its alterations to the Main-Ontario St. corner.

Solicitors for Woodtown Developments Ltd., owners of Milton Plaza, warned the town the digging operations at the creek straightening were on the Plaza property and no expropriation or notice of intent had been given by the town. The solicitors ordered the town to cease operations on the property and warned the town would be held

responsible for all damages to the property. They also ordered the town to fence the excavation.

Councillor P. Barr, chairman of the streets and walks committee indicated the town had apparently trespassed, but the work had been completed. "We feel it will beautify the property, rather than damage it," he suggested.

Works foreman Bruce McKerr reported a survey had been ordered by the engineers and the area had been temporarily fenced. A more permanent fence of a guard rail type is also being considered, he told council.

Councillor C. Johnson suggested there was some laxness on the part of the engineers. The town foreman reported they had followed a Department of Highways map and understood they were still on department property.

Mrs. F. Coulson

Celebrates 102nd birthday

Mrs. Frank (Sarah) Coulson of Burlington, one of Halton's pioneer women and probably the county's oldest resident, today, celebrated her 102nd birthday quietly on Tuesday of this week at the home of her son Burness, R.R. 3, Campbellville.

Still quite healthy, Mrs. Coulson fell and broke her hip in January. After four months in hospital, she was up and around again with the aid of a crutch. She came to the Coulson home, near Lowville in 1888 and lived there until 18 years ago,

when she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Colin McPhail in Burlington.

Her eyesight has failed her lately but she still reads and crochets, makes quilts and watches TV. Until her hip injury, she liked to help prepare meals and wash the dishes.

Mrs. Coulson's family threw a big party on her 100th birthday and since then, she has not been interested in big celebrations. She marked her 102nd birthday by visiting at her son Burness' home for a week.

Hints industries want town service

Services to land owned by M. Doctorow and recently annexed to the town in the area north of the Base Line Road and west of Highway 25 came under discussion Monday by Milton council.

Mr. Doctorow noted he had received two more offers "by large firms interested in building factories there, but they are not interested in doing so until the sewers are completed."

Members noted engineering plans showed part of the property would require a pumping station to service it and this could not be done with the present sewer.

It was pointed out in developing property locally, the developer is responsible for services to the nearest municipal connection.

Councillor G. Krantz indicated council would do what is possible in establishing any large industry, if they knew of the inquiry.

Renovate Armouries building

Open new Union centre

A \$25,000 renovation project at the former Milton Armouries on Martin St. has just been completed and like in the story of Cinderella — the change is amazing.

The 25-year-old Armouries, home base for the Milton Platoon of "C" Company, Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton) Regiment has been transformed into a sleek, new community centre with offices for the Credit Union at Ontario Steel Products, a Local Union Administration Office, a large main auditorium suitable for dances, meetings and banquets, a balcony and a combined board room and lounge. Kitchen, bar and wash-room facilities are also included.

The massive project of renovating the building has been undertaken by the new owners — Local Union 1067 United Auto Workers at Ontario Steel Products Co. Ltd. The Union, headed by the management committee of Local Union president Robert Farrell, chairman Marty Caputo and building committee chairman George Purdy, began negotiations for the purchase in late December 1965. The deal was finalized in early March of this year at a purchase price of \$4,000, and renovations started in May.

Doors to the new Union Centre, on Martin St. just south of the CPR tracks, will be opened to the public on Saturday and Monday. Local Union chairman Marty Caputo commented, "this will be one of the most modern and sophisticated business centres in the area. It is something that has been needed in Milton for a long time. We're very proud of it and we think the general public will be pleased with it when they visit it."

However, mail going beyond Ontario's borders will be held up until after the strike, unless it is marked first class and air mail

"It's going to be a community hall," Mr. Caputo said, "and we hope to have it in use every day if possible. It will have to be self-sustaining." For special occasions banquet licences will be purchased and as of now, "there will be no application for a regular club licence in the immediate foreseeable future," he said.

Much of the renovation work was done by skilled volunteer workers, members of Local 1070, while contract work was handled by Sunny Construction (Nadalin Electric) and Fay Plumbing.

About 25 volunteers helped out. At the open houses on Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon and evening, there will be light refreshments served through the co-operation of Ledwith's Super Save. Saturday evening there will be a Local Union Social Dance for members only.

"Dr. C. A. Martin really pulled us out of a tough situation," Mr. Caputo said. "We needed parking space close to the building and he has leased us enough space for 103 cars for \$1 a year." Entrance to the parking area is

just north of the building and just south of the CPR tracks.

The hall will be used for union meetings, Union social and recreational functions, for Social and Athletic Club. It will also be available for outside rentals.

Official opening of the building has been planned for October 4 and it is expected Municipal, Provincial and Federal Government officials will be present for the occasion along with Emil Mazey, International Union Secretary-Treasurer and George Burt, Canadian Regional Director.



RENOVATIONS ESTIMATED at \$25,000 have been completed at the former armouries on Martin St. Saturday the doors to the new "Union Centre", purchased five months ago by Local 1067 United Auto Workers at Ontario Steel Products, Milton, will be open for the first time.

The old armouries have turned into a sleek, new assembly hall which will be suitable for many types of public functions. Local Union chairman Marty Caputo and Local Union president Robert Farrell are shown hoisting the new sign above the Union Centre entrance.

Pool manager Jim Hamon, 18 killed in car accident Sunday

James (Jim) Hamon, 18-year-old University student and manager of Milton's Community Swimming Pool during the summer months, was killed instantly Saturday night when the sports car he was driving flipped twice on a curve near the resort town of Port Carling.

Funeral mass was held in Holy Rosary Church, Burlington, on Tuesday morning with members of the Milton Pool staff attending. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Burlington.

Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamon of 910 Sanford Dr., Burlington, was the winner of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce teenage safe driving rodeo, held just three months ago. Jim, his younger brother Robert and a cousin Gregory Dales of Erindale were passengers in his car when it flipped.

The two passengers were thrown clear and were uninjured. They were heading from the Dales cottage at Walker's Point to a dance at Port Carling at the time of the accident.



JIM HAMON

The youth was a graduate of

Cathedral Boys' High School in Hamilton and was preparing to start his second year of medicine at the University of Windsor.

During the summer he was in charge of Milton pool.

Rail strike is felt here

The nationwide railway strike which has been handicuffing industries and transportation services, has had little effect on mail services inside Ontario's boundaries, Milton Postmaster W. B. Bell reported Tuesday.

Trucks haul the vast majority of mail to and from Milton and indeed throughout the province, he said, so mail posted from one Ontario centre to another will likely reach its destination without any delay. "We found after the last strike that mail could be moved more efficiently by truck, so now its almost all transported by truck," the postmaster indicated.

However, mail going beyond Ontario's borders will be held up until after the strike, unless it is marked first class and air mail

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Marg loses title hopes

Margaret Hunter, Halton's 1966 Dairy Princess was eliminated Thursday in her bid for the Ontario Dairy Princess title. The slim, dark-haired 20-year-old lost out in the preliminary round at the Canadian National Exhibition.

Margaret, who also vied for the title in 1965, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter of R.R. 1 Burlington. She is a graduate of Kemptville Agricultural School. At the competition on Thursday, five contestants talked to the judges, displayed their milking ability and gave a brief talk on milking in their county.

School lists in this issue

For the 1,100 students of four Milton Public Schools, this week's issue of The Champion presents a special interest: the back-to-school student allocation lists are printed this week. Students wanting to learn which room they'll occupy and who their new teacher will be, can find Denyes, Bruce St. and W. I. Dick school lists on Page B3 while the Martin St. Senior P.S. lists are on Page B8.

Back-to-school news on other local and district schools will be found on Pages B1 and B2 in this issue.

And elsewhere, it's sports Pages 4 and 5; classifieds, 6 and 7; editorials, C1; Gallery of History, C2; farm news, C3 and the new O.S.D. clock tower, C4.