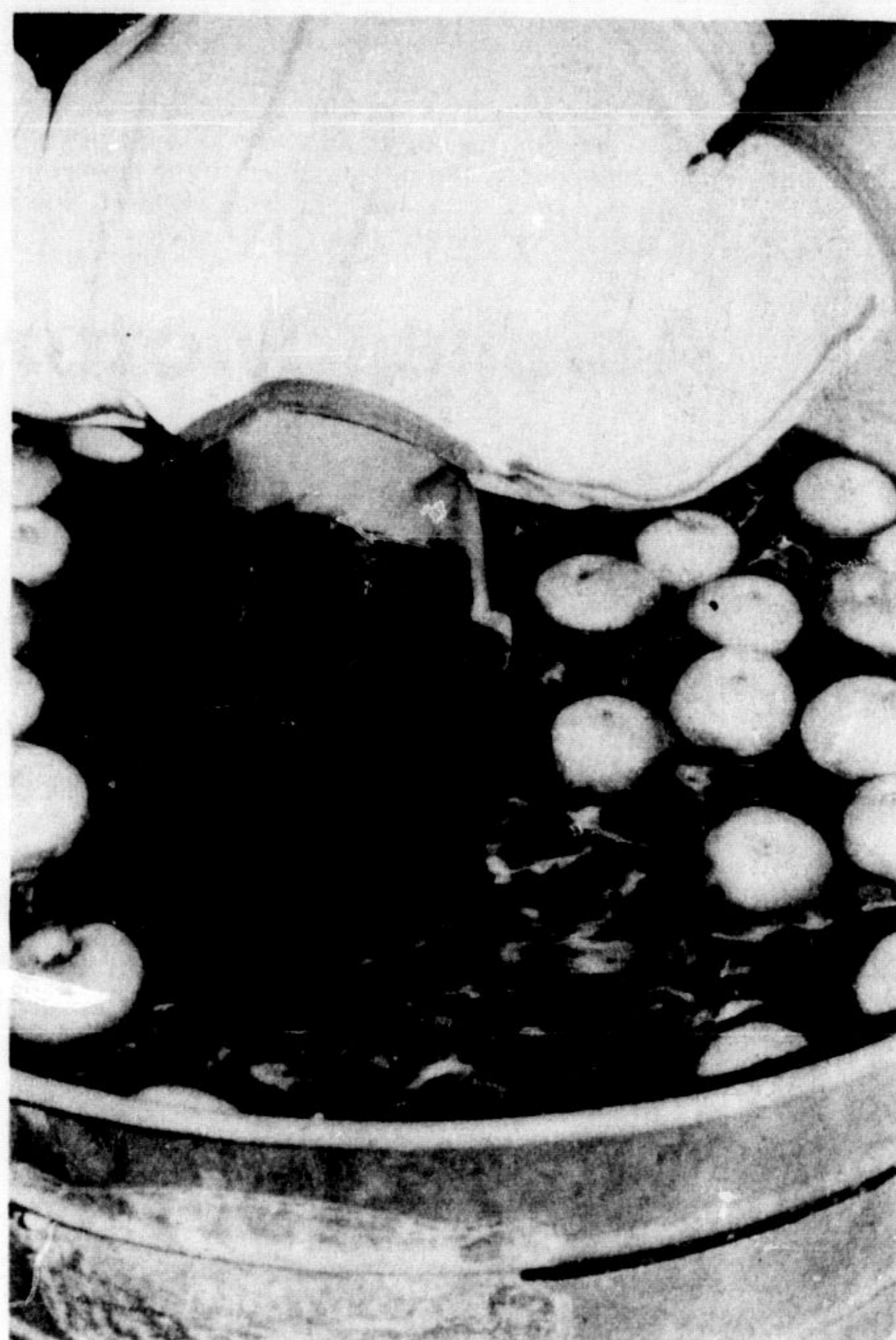


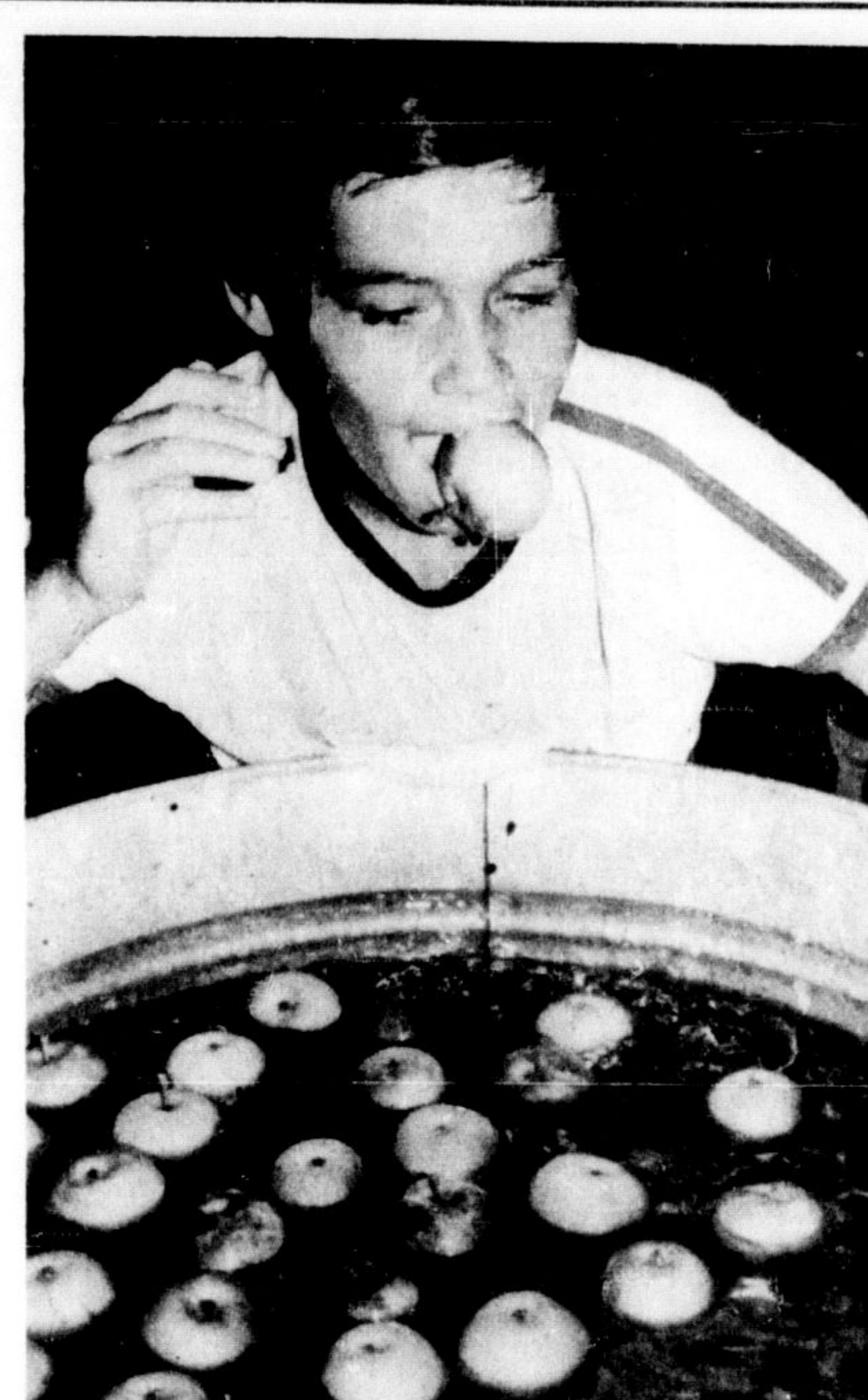
THE STYLE'S THE THING, claims Robbie White, 10, of Ontario St. N. as he prepares to bob for apples at the Jaycees' booth Friday.



AFTER EYEING the one he preferred, Robbie ducked his head right into the tub, but his first effort failed to garner a prize. So:



PUSHING THE APPLES to one side, he finally managed to grab one in his teeth. Meanwhile he was getting wetter, and wetter, and wetter.



AT LAST! Robbie grins, his apple-bobbing victory smile. The booth was part of the Old Fashioned Days celebration on the weekend.

## Best show in 18 years

# Crowds flock to Steam-Era

"This show's not getting older, it's getting better," beamed a tired but pleased president Dennis Webb of Beamsville as the 18th annual Steam-Era steam and antique reunion drew to a close in Milton fair grounds Monday night.

The sponsoring Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers Association's second four-day show was an unqualified success — with exhibitors, organizers and visitors alike. Attendance this year soared above the usual 20,000 and

unofficial estimates place the total attendance in the 23-25,000 range. Accurate figures are not possible, due to the hundreds of passes issued for daily or weekend admissions. Saturday and Monday crowds were definitely above last year's, said treasurer

Marjorie Webb, the president's wife, based on gate receipts. But a decrease in the Sunday attendance had organizers puzzled. Last year, the first time a Sunday show was held, the club found the total attendance was equal to the previ-

ous year, but being open on Sunday spread the crowd factor over the three main days. The Sunday opening had the same affect this year, but Sunday saw a smaller crowd than last year's. Yet overall attendance figures were up.

Highlights included a parade through town Saturday morning, the official opening ceremonies held Saturday afternoon, exciting threshing competitions staged each day, a country and western talent contest that drew 2,000 to the chilly grandstand Saturday night, a gospel hymn-sing hour Sunday evening, daily parades in the grounds, and many new (old) pieces of machinery on exhibit.

### Future brighter

## Seven months later merchant morale up

By Bob Burt  
It was just over seven months ago when a handful of the community's leading business people closeted themselves in a room at town hall and set out to cure Milton's downtown core of its ailments.

When the group was formed under the Business Improvement Association, stores were closing in rapid succession and the mood of remaining merchants reflected what seemed to be inevitable doom.

At that time Chairman Bill Duignan expressed optimism for a downtown revival, but even he wondered at times if there was anything left to do

but rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic. Now, seven months later, Duignan recognizes that his group has performed no miracles but, on the other side, the mood is changing and the chance of a healthy recovery seems greater than it could have when the group gathered for the first meeting on that cold blustery January evening.

"There were about 20 stores closed, merchants were depressed and there was a degree of scepticism about our group. They had seen groups take on the task on a hit and miss basis, but it was never sustained," Du-

gnan said in an interview recently. "The merchants' morale has been lifted up off the sidewalk," Duignan noted. He explained the group had opted to go for some furniture

and trees on the street instead of applying available funds against studies and long term measures. "We've decided to show something in the first year. (Continued on Page Two)

### Talks continue

## Public, separate teachers working without contracts

Halton's thousands of public and separate school students are back in class today (Wednesday) and while their teachers are working they don't have new contracts for the 1978-79 school year.

Negotiations between Halton Board of Education and its high school and elementary teachers are continuing as are talks between separate school teachers and the Halton Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Contracts for all three groups of teachers expired Thursday and since settlements haven't been reached provincial legislation requires the Ontario Educa-

tion Relations Commission appoint Fact-Finders to assist talks. Fact-Finders review the state of negotiations, both sides positions and makes recommendations.

### Inside Today

**STEAM SHOW SOUVENIR EDITION**  
This week's Champion contains full coverage of the weekend Steam-Era reunion, in words and photos. Steam show workers and restorers honored, Pg. 3; People at Steam-Era, Pg. 8; and picture pages, B5, B15, B16 and C1.

**SEWAGE PLANT EXPANDS**  
Later this month Milton's greatly enlarged sewage treatment plant will be open. See Pg. 6.

**OLD FASHIONED FUN**  
Milton Chamber of Commerce revived Old Fashioned Days to salute the Steam-Era. Coverage on B6, B7 and Pg. 10.

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WHO'S GOT THE BALL? See Sports, B1.

### UFO spotted

## It went zap and then it was gone

By Linda Kirby  
The sun can play funny tricks on one's eyes, but on Friday afternoon, it was no trick of the sun that made Al Waters of 430 Broadway St., Milton, sit up and take a closer look at the sky. According to Mr. Waters, a UFO with the appearance of a shiny piece of glass sped across the horizon at approximately 4:40 that afternoon. "It was like the sun hitting a dime," he said of the object, adding he could not estimate the speed or the size of the ob-

ject he had seen. "It just went zap from the east horizon to the west." It was a hot summer afternoon and he was sitting outside by his front driveway with a rum and Coke (his first that day) when the flying unknown matter made its appearance. "At first, I thought it was a reflection of something," he said, admitting he did have eye trouble in sunlight and wore sun glasses, "but I took off my glasses and it was there."

Although Mr. Waters does not describe himself as a great fan of watching for UFO appearances, he would be interested to know if other residents in the area witnessed the same happening on Friday. "I know I was not just seeing anything," he continued, adding that he saw something similar five years ago, but the object was traveling in a different direction. Milton precinct police said they had no reports of UFOs from residents in the vicinity.

long after a settlement was reached. However last year talks limped along long after the Fact-Finders report was made public.

Halton Board of Education's chief negotiator Trustee Bill Priestner said if the Education Relations Commission follows its previous track records Fact-Finders should be appointed in about two weeks.

Priestner said negotiations are continuing with both high school and elementary teachers which was confirmed by both of its spokesmen Rupert Papin and Bill Watt.

The board's negotiator denied reports coming out of south Halton papers last week that talks broke off with elementary teachers on the issue of seniority. Watt refused to comment Tuesday saying a news blackout was instituted after reports of contract talk troubles came out.

Supposedly teachers want all years of service, even if broken up, calculated in deciding seniority. The board says only the years of employment after returning to Halton should be used in calculating seniority.

Priestner said he was quite "surprised" by reports that talks had broken off. He admitted no agreement was reached and bargaining on that issue ended a little early one session but doesn't feel talks have ended. As far as public secondary school negotiations both sides (Continued on Page 15)



SHIFTING INTO HIGH is 18-month-old Gregory Wilson of Brampton, who was occupying the driver's seat in a neighbor's tractor at Steam-Era Sunday afternoon.

## Death plunge for boy hiking on Kelso cliff

A hiking expedition along the Kelso bluffs on the Bruce Trail ended in tragedy Monday night, when a 19-year-old Kitchener youth plunged to his death over a cliff edge.

Michael Niereisel, of 61 Confederation Dr. was hiking with a group of friends when he stumbled down a 25-foot sheer drop into a rocky brush ravine.

The accident occurred shortly before 9 p.m. when several members of the group decided to head back to their parked car at the end of Bell School Line, before it got any darker, according to Halton Regional Police.

Niereisel ventured on along the trail with two other friends Albin Stanfel, 20, and Jon Stanfel, 18, of 15 Eastwood Dr., Kitchener, said police. According to the statements of the two accompa-

nying youths, the 19-year-old was seen near the edge of the cliff and suddenly lost his footing.

With no flashlights or equipment, the group ran back to their car to get help at the local Milton OPP station.

Police, fire and ambulance crews arrived to find the youth still alive, and worked feverishly with flashlights, ropes and a stretcher to carry the boy up a steep incline along the cliff drop.

"He was still alive when we reached him," said Constable Roy Smith, who assisted in the rescue. "but he was unconscious and groaning as we brought him up." The Kitchener college student suffered severe head and internal injuries, and died shortly before midnight during surgery at Milton District Hospital. The trip out to Kelso was not the first for the youth. According to police, he and his friends had gone hiking along the trails on several other occasions. Accompanying Michael on this occasion were Bruce Kukor, 19, of 50 Kenneth Ave., Gail Kukor, 16, of 50 Kenneth Ave., Brad Maddick, 16, of 376 Franklin N. Ave., Ruth Ann Wentzlaff, 17, of 26 Sherwood Ave., Elaine Kreutzwieser, 16, of Fairmont Rd., and Albin and Jon Stanfel. All are Kitchener residents. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday morning. The tragedy is the first fatal at Kelso in recent years, although there have been a number of similar accidents this summer. Two Milton men fell over cliff edges in Kelso in separate incidents earlier this summer, suffering several broken bones and a 16-year-old Buffalo youth suffered cuts and lacerations after falling 30 feet from the Rattlesnake bluffs.