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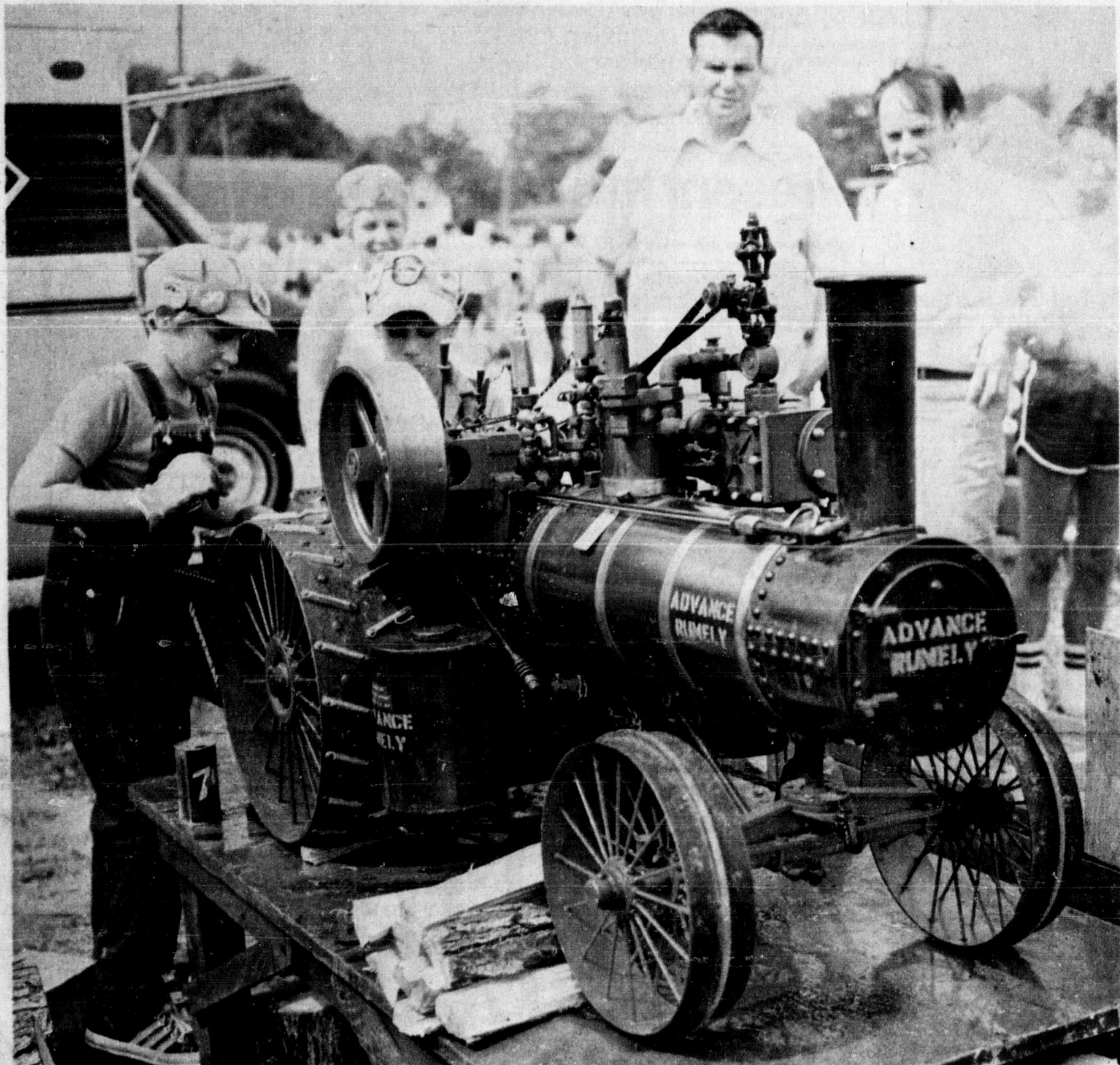
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Steam-Era overcomes heavy weekend rains

Rain? What rain?

Steam-Era organizers chose to virtually ignore the three downpours that threatened to wash out the 20th annual weekend reunion in Milton, and went blithely ahead in true show-must-go-on style.

The rains did dampen things, but didn't ruin the show which was once again described as a qualified success. Rainy weather may be the main reason attendance fell slightly from other years, but show organizers just laughed and kept the events running anyway. And a good crowd was registered.



Youthful involvement. Among the many young people participating in the 1980 Steam-Era reunion were Steven Harris, 9, of Tonawanda, N.Y. and Frank Lendvay, 10, of Milton. They're pictured working on a

model steam engine owned by Elwood Carney of Huntsville, which they stoked, polished and operated during the successful 20th annual reunion in Milton on labor day weekend.

The skies opened Saturday at 11 o'clock, forcing cancellation of the parade through town that is an annual highlight. The opening ceremonies, scheduled to follow around 12 noon, were simply postponed to 4 p.m.

A Monday morning downpour sent crowds scurrying for cover, but the skies soon cleared and Steam-Era just rolled right along. The biggest problem caused by the torrents of rain was MUD—it was everywhere.

President Don Partrick of Bramalea, who heads up the show again this year, expressed great pleasure with the four-day weekend steam and antique reunion in Milton Fair Grounds. Exhibits, entertainment and participation were all up from previous years, he said. Vice-president Ross Calder of Cambridge agreed. "Other nearby areas got worse rain than we did, we were tremendously lucky," he grinned. "I think we've done quite well."

Daily parades in the grounds, featuring everything that was portable, highlighted the four-day weekend and drew crowds that overflowed the 2,000-seat grandstand and lined both sides of the race track, up to 10 persons deep.

The Eastern Canadian Threshing Championship, with runoffs staged each day of the weekend, resulted in the Caledonia team carrying off top honors for the second year in a row. They beat out the Milton club's junior team by 30 seconds in the Monday final.

Both teams recorded times of under nine minutes in the last contest, considered excellent. Milton Steam-Era's senior team was on the way to the championship, but the thresher jammed with wet grain in the semi-final and they had to drop out.

Laugh highlight of the weekend was the appearance of the T-Model Hillbillies from Ashland, Kentucky with their crazy car that seemed to have a mind of its own.

Ranking high on many people's list was the (Continued on Pg. 10)



Old fashioned winners

The staff of the Scotia Bank of Main St. have done it again. Each year the Chamber of Commerce judges businesses for the best old costumes and display as part of Old Fashioned Days. Scotiabank took both prizes this year. From left to right in the "old saloon" are Olive Bergin, bank manager L.T. "Nick" Gauthier, Sharon Coffen and Carolyn Spertgeon.

Civic Committee consultants start town theme conception

By Jane Muller

Subject to ratification by Milton Council, the Civic Committee has retained the services of Barry Lyons and Peter Turner, architectural planning consultants, to devise a series of sketches suggesting improvements to local business facades.

The Toronto-based consultant team will work closely with town staff and will study the DBIA downtown improvement scheme making plans which will complement the new streetscape.

At a Civic Committee meeting Thursday night, Lyons and Turner made a presentation of slides showing Main Street

treatments in many Ontario towns and cities. The team designed store fronts for merchants on Elm St. and the Young St. strip in Toronto, offering detailed drawings depicting the potential of the store fronts.

The Civic Committee must now formulate a list of priority items which the consultants will deal with, staying within a \$15,000 budget allotted to the project by Milton Council.

The pair take a practical approach to their work with attempts made to create the best effects at the lowest possible cost, without sacrificing aesthetic appeal.

Local business mer-

chants and owners will be approached by Lyons and Turner regarding store front beautification, but not before they have sampled local opinions and ideas on the treatment of the Main St.

The consultants may also be asked to suggest improvements to the main entrance to Milton on Martin St. and assist the Rotary Club in planning a beautification scheme for the Mill Pond.

Lyons and Turner hope to be at the drawing board before the end of September, to coincide with Main St. improvements planned by the Downtown Business Area.

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Miss Canada Terry MacKay visited Steam-Era Saturday and inspected china in the souvenir booth with Muriel Rayner.

Review into claim that doctor wouldn't operate

The Ontario College of Physicians will look into complaints that an Oakville doctor refused to treat a patient in the Milton District Hospital.

Dr. Michael Dixon, registrar of the college, said the complaint committee will look into allegations the gynecologist refused to participate in a surgical matter because the woman involved had not paid an earlier bill.

Dr. Dixon refused to discuss any details, other than the fact the charges would be reviewed at the end of this month, along with another case which may be similar in nature.

He said the complaints committee will deal with a North York case Sept. 9 in which a doctor allegedly refused to participate in a surgical matter because the woman involved had not paid an earlier bill.

If the committee up-

holds the complaints there can be penalties which range from a reprimand to cancellation of the doctor's licence to practise.

Meanwhile the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons will be mailing out notices to all doctors in Ontario, advising them not to demand payment before they treat or operate on a patient.

These warnings will be sent to the 17,000 licenced physicians and

surgeons—due in part to the current problem of doctors demanding payment before rendering medical treatment.

The Ontario Health Disciplines Act states that a medical doctor who does not "render a medically necessary service" unless paid in advance is guilty of professional misconduct.

A "medically necessary" act is considered anything insured under the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

Teachers vote on new contract

Halton's elementary school teachers will vote Friday on the terms of the new tentative contract agreement.

Details of the pact will remain secret until after both sides have ratified it.

Most of the region's 1,255 elementary school teachers learned of the contract's details today (Wednesday) during an afternoon meeting in Milton's Roma Hall.

Halton Elementary Teacher Association

(HETA) President Jerry Dunn said last week he hopes for 1,000 teachers to turn out for the information meeting.

The Halton Board of Education and HETA ended eight-months of on-and-off negotiations August 19 with a provisional agreement.

The teachers' ratification vote is expected to be followed by the board's ballot.

Dunn noted that in the past recommendations from HETA's negotiating committee have been

accepted by the teachers. Boyer walked off a work gang Aug. 26.

The board threatened, with a formal motion, to expose terms of the proposed contract if an agreement was not reached August 21.

Neither side has released details of proposed agreements in earlier talks.

More than 30 issues, including salaries, working conditions, lesson planning time and lunchtime supervision, were negotiated.

Two escapees caught

Two young Maplehurst escapees were nabbed by police in Montreal over the weekend.

Barry Alexander Keeble, 18, of Burlington and 16-year-old Raymond Boyer of Hamilton were picked up together by

Montreal City Police on Sunday.

According to Maplehurst officials, there are unconfirmed reports the pair face charges for a stolen automobile and one or more counts of break and enter that

occurred in Peel region. Boyer walked off a work gang Aug. 26.

Keeble made his escape the previous Thursday when he used a ladder to scale the fence at the medium-security institution.