

It's 'show and tell'

The 22nd Annual Steam-Era Reunion begins Friday at Milton Fairgrounds and the gala event is expected to be bigger and better than ever.

Visitors can look forward to viewing a fine collection of antique steam traction engines, early gas tractors, gasoline engines, vintage cars and trucks, a saw mill, shingle mill and household and farm antique exhibits.

There will also be a few new displays including a selection of Massey Harris gas tractors, courtesy of Bud Chester of Milton.

The four-day event is the effort of more than 500 members of the Ontario Steam and Antique Preservers' Association and features parades, music and entertainment as well as displays, demonstrations and competitions.

Today's issue of The Canadian Champion includes a program and history of Steam-Era.

Special features this year will include an antique parade through Milton at approximately 11.30 a.m. Saturday (parade leaves Milton Mall at 11 a.m.) with the official opening at 12 noon at the Milton fairgrounds.

Dennis Timbrell, Ontario Minister of Agriculture and Food, will perform the honors of opening the Reunion.

Mr. Timbrell and his family will also be riding in the parade Saturday morning.

Ross Calder, president of Steam-Era,

describes the reunion as both entertaining and educational.

"It is Canada's largest 'show and tell,'" he said.

"We like to show visitors the way things were when our parents or grand-



parents worked the land—it is like a walk in the past."

Antique tractor pulls will take place Saturday and Monday mornings. Steam engines and tractors will be demonstrating their strength when they belt

up to a fan or the "power eater" machine.

There are rides for children, crafts and hobbies on display, a trading post where members and visitors can buy and sell equipment and antiques, threshing bees, models, a blacksmith shop, model railroad displays, souvenir booths and plenty of food booths.

The public is invited to take part in a variety of contests including sheaf tying, bag tying and log sawing with a cross cut saw.

Each day at 4 p.m. all mobile equipment will parade past the fairgrounds grandstand and organizers will provide a running commentary on each machine.

Special entertainment will include the annual variety night talent show at the grandstand, sponsored by Milton Chamber of Commerce (Friday at 7 p.m.); the sixth annual country and western talent contest (open to all) Saturday at 8 p.m. and a Sunday evening Gospel Hour featuring the Edwards Family of Wooler (8 p.m.).

Admission to the fairgrounds is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Those (under 12) accompanied by adults are allowed free admission.

Earlier this year, the Milton Chamber of Commerce named Steam-Era its outstanding community organization of the year, during the annual "Citizens of the Year" awards banquet.



The bike that Joe built

The men behind Cambio Rino bicycles don't just manufacture them, but they ride their bikes regularly and sponsor an Ontario and a national Cambio Rino team. From l. to r. are Des Dickie, team coach; Joe Gardin Sr. and Joe Gardin Jr. For story, see page A8. (Photo courtesy The Mississauga News).

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Bodies at jail can't be found

It appears the two men hanged at Milton jail more than 100 years ago will rest in eternal peace as their whereabouts continue to elude archeologist Roberta O'Brien.

A reconstruction project at the old court house and jail complex on Brown St. necessitated an initial dig a month ago when it was thought the graves might be disturbed while creating a basement in an area of the building. Excavations at the site, which would have been affected by the underpinning, proved fruitless.

Results of that dig conducted in July intrigued the archeologist, however, and she returned last week to further investigate an old foundation which seems to run into the existing western wall of the jail courtyard.

Prior to continuing the dig in this area, she and her crew took one last stab at locating the bodies, following yet another lead from a local witcher. That location, in the rear courtyard, revealed no clues of the illusive bodies.

It had been planned to relocate the bodies in an established cemetery.



Preparing for the feast

(Champion photo by Murray Rosin)

Crops of sweet corn are ripe for picking and perfect for eating as visitors to the Ontario Agricultural Museum discovered this week-

end. The Family Corn Festival is an annual feature at the museum which offers a taste of the pioneer style harvest activities. Museum

general manager Bob Carbert helps two young friends, Dave Gill (left) and his brother Gregory, husk some cobs.

Snow says daycare to get funding

By STEVE ARNOLD
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Halton officials can look for a little more money from Ontario, but nowhere near as much as they want.

That's the message representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services delivered to Halton staff earlier this week.

At issue is money required to keep Halton's subsidized day care program operating past the end of this year.

Grant cutbacks by the Province have left Halton officials with the possibility of cutting off subsidized day care at the end of this year.

If the program is to continue, a further Provincial grant of \$150,000 will be needed.

In efforts to pry more money from the Provincial Treasury, local officials have enlisted the aid of Cabinet member Jim Snow, currently Minister of Transportation and Communications.

In a telephone interview Monday afternoon, Mr. Snow said he spoke twice with Frank Drea, Minister of Community and Social Services, and that officials of that department were meeting with Halton staff that day.

"They are going to review the entire program and see what can be done to resolve this problem," Mr. Snow said.

Halton's problems have centred

around action taken last November to extend services to all the children who were then on waiting lists for services.

When the 1982-83 day care grants were announced by the Province, however, there was not enough money to continue those services or to pay for expansions planned by Halton for this year.

Although he did not attend meetings between Provincial and local staff, Mr. Snow said he was hopeful some money could be provided to solve the local problem.

"I have reason to believe that there will be some extra funds provided, but they're not going to get everything they've asked for," he said.

Mr. Snow also rejected statements that the day care program in Halton would have to be cancelled because of the grant cuts.

Grants for each of the last three years, he said, have been increased, but the increases just haven't been as large as local councillors and staff would like.

"It isn't always possible for the Ministry to match the total amount that is requested," he said, "but there has been a substantial increase allowed over 'ne years."

Regional officials have planned to cancel subsidized day care services to 385 Halton children at the end of October if extra Provincial grants are not provided.

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Casatta Youth Centre

Detention not punitive

By JANE MULLER
Champion Reporter

Detention should not be looked at as punishment, according to Bert Hofland, director of Casatta Youth Centre in Milton.

Mr. Hofland administers the local observation and detention home for juvenile offenders. The home serves both Peel and Halton regions. The home provides a semi-secure environment for up to 10 young offenders for a maximum of 30 days while they await permanent placement by the courts.

The name was changed but the service remained the same when Casatta Ltd. took over the operation of the home from Sheridan Youth Assoc. in mid-June. The home is now run under the direct supervision of the Ministry of Community and Social Services instead of a volunteer board of directors—as in the past.

Sheridan Youth Assoc. board of directors notified the ministry this spring that it could not operate within the budget allowed and turned over the operation to the ministry. Following a three week closure, the home was opened under new management and a new name.

Within days of opening July 1, there were four admissions and since that time admissions have

been hovering near the maximum level at eight-and-a-half. (The half figure is derived from averaging placements.)

Casatta Youth Centre's behavioural management program mirrors that of the previous administration and other observation and detention homes in the province. The four level system rewards good behaviour by added privileges and discourages unco-operative tendencies by the removal of certain privileges.

If the juvenile is co-operative during the admission procedure, he or she is automatically placed at level two. The lowest level is reserved for those who are not "toeing the line," says the director.

One of the functions of the observation and detention home staff is to assess the temporary residents and recommend future placement. The prime worker system provides for a one-on-one relationship between a resident and a staff member, which carries through interviews and agency contacts.

"Judges have indicated they would like us to make recommendations but we realize we must be careful. Sometimes we see kids for a short period and they could be on their best behaviour

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Juveniles temporarily placed at Casatta Youth Centre while awaiting direction from the courts hit the books—even during the summer, when classes are held each morning. The school program is individualized to

deal with academic problems which often accompany juvenile delinquency, according to Bert Hofland, director of Casatta Youth Home.