



Would you like to encounter this sturdy English gentleman in a dark alley? Toting a pike is one of the costumed characters at the English Pavilion, in this case a Beefeater.



Beautifully embroidered costumes and delicate fans created the traditional Chinese look at that pavilion.



The tin flute and bagpipes were popular sounds at the Scottish Pavilion. Evening entertainment was provided by Cromdale, a Scottish Canadian folk group.



Festival of Countries

What a day!!!

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There are many words which can describe the Festival of Countries but successful seems to be the adjective most often attributed to the annual event.

Many new residents contributed to the sellout crowd of more than 5,000 on Saturday, judging from passport sales in the new areas of town. The multicultural festival is largely supported by local residents, but some out-of-town visitors added to the crowds.

Rose Harrison, festival committee member, noted the Main St. stage attracted large crowds throughout the day, offering entertainment of a variety that is hard to come by—especially for the price.

A new feature this year, in the form of a citizenship court held at Martin St. School in conjunction with the closing and candlelight ceremonies, did its part to add to the success of the 1982 version of Festival of Countries.

"We don't appear to have lost any ground," said committee member Betty Phillips.

Organizers have not yet calculated the proceeds from the event and, in fact, are not even sure if the event was able to break even. The festival is not run as a profit-making venture, but if some excess funds are found they will be channeled back into the community. It is hoped there will at least be enough money left over to seed next year's event.

Last year, after all the bills had been paid and some cash was laid away for this most recent festival, an excess of \$1,500 remained. Milton Public Library received \$500 of the profit while the remainder was earmarked for the expansion fund of Milton District Hospital.

"All we're out to do is cover our expenses," Mrs. Phillips contends.

Mrs. J. Boer of Windsor got more than she bargained for in attending the festival. She was the winner of the trip for two to Jamaica that all passport holders were eligible to win.

The lucky lady would not have been at the festival had she not heard about it in Hamilton, where

she and a group of other women were attending a conference. The group boarded their bus and headed to Milton's crowd-pleasing event.

The Irish Pavilion is traditionally the most popular, especially in the evening and, in an effort to cope with the crowds it attracts, larger quarters were utilized this year.

Although Laurier Arena provided plenty of space, it only served to increase the number of visitors who managed to pack the arena throughout the day.

A positive reaction was attributed to organizers of all 14 pavilions by Mrs. Phillips.

Still reeling from the rigors of Saturday's cultural celebration, some organizers are already looking forward to next year, according to Mrs. Harrison. Associated with the festival throughout its four year history, she says the event will continue "as long as the pavilion workers remain enthusiastic."

Local tourists had the opportunity to visit two new pavilions this year, one representing Denmark at the Union Hall, Martin St. and the second representing Egypt at the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fairgrounds.

Germany was back on the festival line up after missing the event last year. The Bavarian Inn at Milton Mall hosted this display of German food, crafts and entertainment.

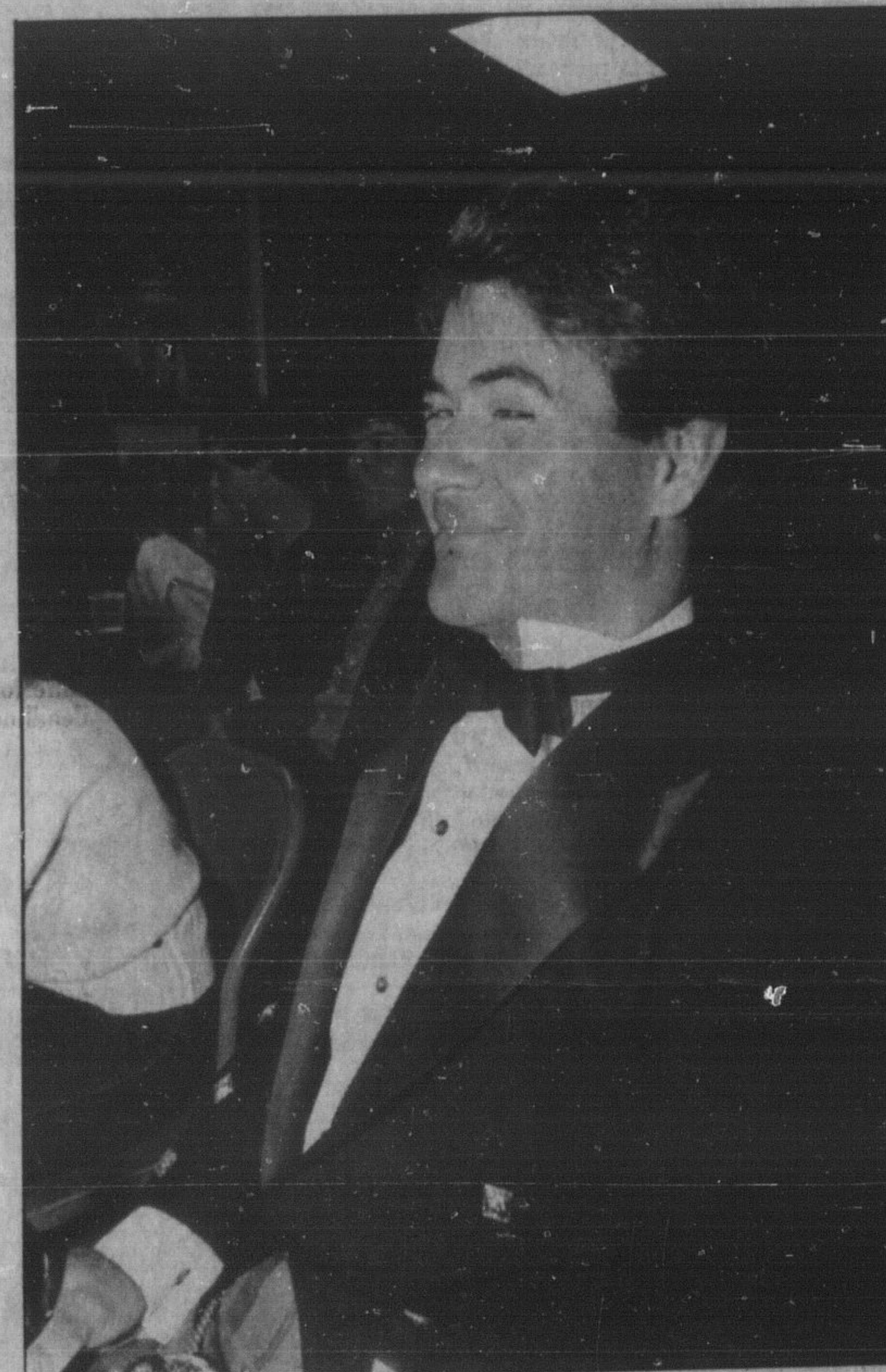
Many pavilions were back for the 1982 edition including the Dutch at the Canadian Legion Hall, the Scottish at the Union Hall, Pine St., the Latvians at Halton Centennial Manor Auditorium, the Philippines at St. Paul's United Church, the Chinese at Knox Presbyterian Church, Canada at Town Hall, the English at Martin House, Italy at Halton Hills Place, the Ukrainians at the Charles Hotel and the Welsh at Grace Anglican Church.

Any fears expressed by Mrs. Phillips prior to the event that the sagging economy could effect attendance at the Festival of countries were put to rest Saturday.

It appears Miltonians still feel the \$3 passports are worth the money even when entertainment dollars are shrinking.



From the land where the Pharaohs lived comes the dance of the seven veils. In Milton such entertainment is rare but it was here Saturday at the Egyptian Pavilion at the fairgrounds.



Dressed to the hilt in traditional Scottish garb is Bob Worrall, taking in the festivities at the Scottish Pavilion.



It was service with a smile and dresses German style that greeted visitors to the German Pavilion at the Bavarian Inn

Saturday. Heidi Egbert, left and Andrea Pettigrew added to the festive spirit at the Milton Mall restaurant.



The main street stage took on an Egyptian look when this dancer entertained for the audience of Festival of Countries tourists.