

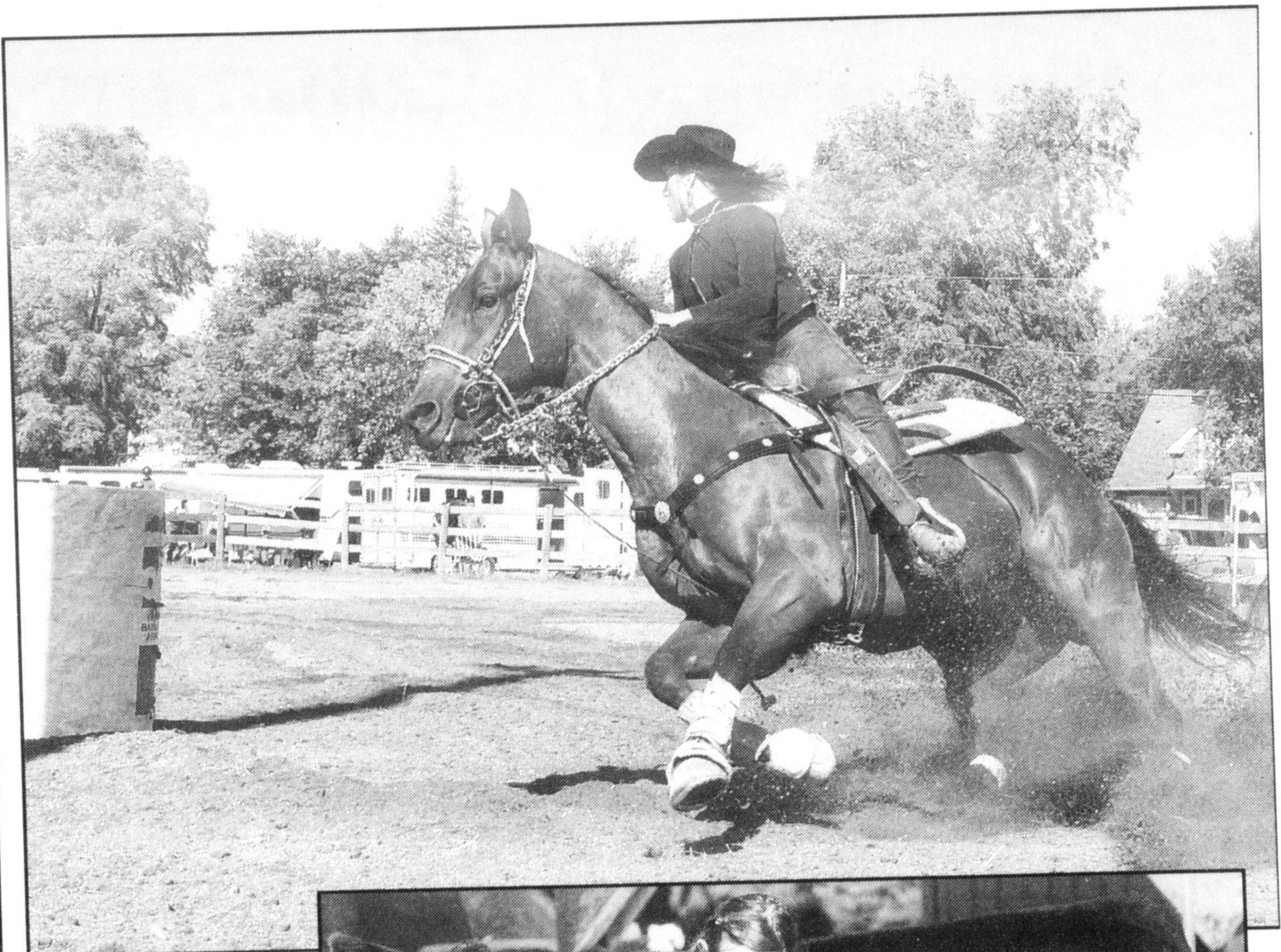
Autumn to be celebrated at Crawford Lake in Oct.

Visitors to Crawford Lake October 13 and 14 will be able to take part in the Autumn on the Escarpment Festival. The grounds will be open each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults and children will have the chance to ride on a horse-drawn wagon through the Niagara Escarpment and visit the Iroquoian Village.

The older crowd will be entertained by the music of Stephen Fuller while the youngsters partake in harvest games and face painting.

Admission costs \$5. Children under the age of 4 years are admitted free.

For more information, call (905) 854-0234, ext. 227.



Stephanie Robson (above) competes in barrel racing aboard Mr. Misunderstood while Samantha Stull, 8 (at right) has her hands full with heifer calf Blackbird in the youth showmanship class during the weekend's Milton Fall Fair.



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Annual fall fair a real crowd-pleaser — again

By FANNIE SUNSHINE
The Champion

Deanna Glasgow had a feeling Tangerine was a shoo-in to win the category of Best Cat Dressed Like a Chicken for the Pet Show competition.

"It took an hour to make the costume," the 9-year-old said, adding her mom helped with the finishing touches. "He can wear this in the winter."

The Pet Show was just one of the many attractions at the 149th annual Milton Fall Fair, presented by the Halton Agricultural Society.

More than 17,000 people took in the fair, which was held over the weekend at the Milton Fair Grounds.

Deanna and her mother constructed the chicken costume — the theme of this year's fair — out of yellow and red felt, complete with white feathers.

"He (Tangerine) wandered onto our property last year and we kept him," she continued. "I decided to try (to enter the Pet Show competition) this year."

Tangerine also placed first for Fluffiest Cat, third for the Cat That Most Resembles Tigger and fifth for Cat with the Most Colours.

The Petting Zoo gathered quite a crowd, with most of the interest generated toward the goats and ponies.

Tyler Silverman had never seen a capabara before — a South American rodent — and was fascinated by the large creature.

"It looks like a big rat," the 8-year-old said. "It looks scary."

Along with turkeys and a donkey, the wallaby also drew curious stares.

"It's a kangaroo!" 5-year-old Sandra Beck shouted, jumping up and down excitedly.

Besides the animals, the Tractor Pull and the horse shows, the biggest crowd congregated at the rear of the

grounds for the games and rides.

"I like the Zipper and Avalanche best because it goes fast," said Jocelyne Novak, coming off the Zipper. "The other rides are okay but they are a little boring."

Her friend Cassie Newhardt agreed.

"The Tilt-A-Whirl is fun, but the Zipper is the best."

Fair-goers off all ages could be found on the Carousel and the Grand Wheel, but rides like the Tilt-A-Whirl and Avalanche appeared to be more popular among the younger, braver crowd.

"I took my niece to the fair and she wanted to go on the Carousel," said Marni Stone. "Thank God she's too young to go on some of these other rides because I'm getting sick just looking at them."

Vendors were kept quite busy selling hamburgers, hotdogs and French fries to the many customers that lined up.

Perhaps the most popular stand was one selling air-brush tattoos (washable).

"I just wanted a little rose to see what it's like having a tattoo before I get one permanently," said Michelle Davidia, showing the flower on her shoulder. "This way I'll be saving a lot of money and regret if I don't like it."

Nancy Comber, secretary-treasurer of the Halton Agricultural Society, said this year's fair was another success.

"We're very happy with it. It's returning to be a family affair."

The Demolition Derby and Lawn Mower Racing were crowd pleasers, she continued, adding entries for the horse shows were up.

"It was a wonderful weekend. The volunteers were fantastic and now we're busy cleaning up and planning for next year's fair."