



Spinning display. Cindy Rennie of Ontario Agricultural Museum in Milton was spinning wool and talking about how the raw material was prepared to make into clothing in pioneer days, in a display at African Lion Safari Saturday. The display was part of a "Milton Day" promotion at the Rockton wildlife park.

Milton 'goes wild' on Safariland visit

The African Lion Safari invitation to "go wild" was accepted by many Miltonians Saturday, as Milton Chamber of Commerce celebrated Milton Day at the Rockton wildlife park.

The day was designed to get Miltonians to visit Lion Safari, and to promote Milton's tourist attractions to other visitors at the park during the day. While the crowd of Miltonians was not as large as hoped for, many did go for the day, buying reduced price tickets at local outlets.

Promotion-wise, the day was an even bigger success. Five local organizations utilized the Lion Safari facilities to promote Milton and coming events in the town, with good response from visitors.

Milton Chamber of Commerce had a booth, manned by Chamber secretary Marg Burgess, giving away Chamber litterbags, guide books and brochures about the town. She also sold T-shirts and souvenirs.

Ontario Agricultural Museum had a spinning wheel on display and operated by girls in long, old fashioned dresses, plus a display on the museum in Milton. They also gave out litterbags and brochures.

Milton Fall Fair Board set up a model display of the fall fair, and Fair Queen Elaine White was there to promote visits to the Sept. 25-27 fair. Beside this display was Halton Region Conservation Authority's mobile trailer with wildlife and conservation exhibits.

The fifth display was from Milton Festival of Countries, with Councillor Colin Best manning a table promoting the Sept. 19 cultural heritage day.

George Swann of Robin Hood Foods attended for half a day and used his sound car to draw attention to the displays and announce the full line-up of events happening in Milton this fall.

All park visitors that day received a letter of welcome from Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, which listed the day's events at Safariland and invited visitors to events in Milton.

Don Dailley, General Manager of Africal Lion Safari, said he was happy with the displays, although a little disappointed in the turnout of Miltonians for the day. "These things take time, we may have to wait for a year or two before our annual 'Milton Day' really takes off," he said.

Local community days have been

quite successful with other neighboring towns, he said, and more are planned in future years.

The Lion Safari, located just east of Cambridge, is a 500-acre drive-

through wildlife park with its own safari buses, boat and train rides, bird show, campground, cafeteria and amusement park. It has played host to over 6 million people since it opened.



Fair on display. The Milton Fall Fair Board had a display showing highlights of the September show, at African Lion Safari park Saturday. Milton Fair Queen Elaine White and the man who made up the display, George Swann, are shown with the exhibit.

Hospital investigates, dismisses charge

Officials at Milton District Hospital have investigated a man's charge that his sick wife was "turned away" by the nurse on duty, and dismissed it as an unfounded complaint.

According to hospital records, Alexander Haag of rural Milton called the hospital about 12.30 a.m. on May 9 after his wife Velmon, age 34, became ill with abdominal pain, fever and nausea. He was asked to bring her to the hospital.

On arrival, the duty nursing supervisor called the doctor on call, Dr. H. A. Tam at his home, to discuss the woman's condition. The nurse and doctor agreed a doctor was not immediately necessary, and the nurse suggested Mr. Haag take his wife home and bring her back the

following morning to see a doctor.

The following day Mr. Haag telephoned Hospital Administrator Brian Brady to complain of the treatment they received, and threatened a lawsuit. He said his lawyers would be in touch with the hospital.

Nothing more was heard about the incident until last week when a Toronto Star reporter queried Mr. Brady and the hospital's Chief of Staff Dr. Ronald A. Mackay about the case. Mr. Brady acknowledged talking to Mr. Haag but refused to discuss the case with the reporter, and Dr. Mackay pleaded ignorance.

In the Star's story, Mr. Haag claimed his wife was "turned away, in

agony and bleeding internally". He also complained it took several minutes for the on-duty nurse to answer a bell when they arrived at the hospital.

He said he took his wife to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, where torn ovaries and internal bleeding were diagnosed. Mrs. Haag remained in hospital three days, then spent eight days in bed at home. She has now recovered.

Mr. Haag also told the newspaper the administrator had "stonewalled" him.

Asked for his comments, Chief of Staff Dr. Mackay said it appears the incident was "a judgement call" and the hospital lays no blame on either the nurse or the doctor.

"If people call in the middle of the night and have no family doctor to call, we invite them to come to the emergency department," he said. "The nurse supervisor checks them and calls the doctor on call to discuss the case. The doctor decides whether to come in or not."

"The ultimate decision is ours (the doctors'), we have the responsibility," he said. Dr. Mackay said the man was agitated and "demanded" a doctor right away. When the nurse refused, Mrs. Haag said she wanted to go to a Toronto hospital, but they ended up in Oakville instead, he said.

Mr. Brady had informed Mr. Haag of the hospital's complaint procedure — the com-

plaintant writes out and signs a formal complaint, then the hospital carries out a thorough investigation, then sends the complainant a copy of their report.

"This was not done," Dr. Mackay pointed out. "The man told Mr. Brady his lawyers would be in touch, and that was the last we heard, until the newspaper reporter called."

Dr. Mackay admits he told the reporter he had never heard of the case, in error. But he was led to believe it was a recent case, not one over two months ago, and that reporter mispronounced Mr. Haag's name. Once Dr. Mackay looked into the situation and realized it was the Haag complaint, he called the reporter back and told him the matter had been

investigated at the time and no action was deemed necessary, awaiting the formal complaint.

"I regret the people were distressed," Dr. Mackay summed up, "but our staff did the best they could with the resources available to them. The nurse involved is a good, conscientious nurse, she has always had good judgement."

He disagreed with Mr. Haag's claims the hospital staff was unconcerned, evasive and "stonewalling". Mr. Haag failed to follow through with a written complaint, he pointed out.

The answer to the problem, Dr. Mackay said, is to have a doctor on duty 24 hours a day at

the hospital, but this is too costly and "out of the question" for an 83-bed hospital in a community like Milton.

"It would cost \$300,000 a year," he suggested, to have a team of five more doctors who could staff the building 24 hours a day, five days a week. The available income would only cover about half the cost, and the hospital board would have to shoulder the balance, he said.

"We are short of funds now. We are concerned that we don't have 24-hour service, and we are looking into it."

"With just 83 beds, we can't compete with the luxury services of Burlington, Oakville or Toronto hospitals," he said.

The system at the Milton hospital utilizes local doctors on an "on call" basis, with each doctor taking a regular turn at being "on call".

If a patient arrives at emergency, the nurse tries to locate the family doctor, and if there is no family doctor she will call the on-duty doctor. He may or may not be in the hospital at the time.

All the local doctors have private practices to run as well, Dr. Mackay pointed out. They are affiliated with, but not attached to the hospital.

"When we get bigger, we hope to have someone (or several) doctors in residence here," he summed up, but right now we cannot afford it."

Antique tractor pull, quilt show added to fall fair agenda this year

Directors of Milton Fall Fair have a fun-packed weekend lined up for fair-goers, with several new attractions added to round out the three-day fair's agenda.

Fair Board president Don Heath said one new feature this year is a tractor pull competition. One class will be for antique tractors (the type shown at Steam-Era reunions) and the other will be for "out-of-field" tractors — the type used every day on Halton farms. They'll be pulling heavy weights in

front of the grandstand at 7.30 Friday night, Sept. 25.

A big new feature this year is the Canada Packers quilt display. This display includes championship quilts from recent CP competitions at fall fairs across Ontario. There will be a local competition in quilts this year, and the winner will go to a district competition. The district winner goes to a province-wide contest, the winner of which will be paid \$600 and placed in the Canada Packers

travelling display.

A children's petting zoo is another new feature. Susan Robinson-Cooke of Campbellville is operating the zoo, featuring a wide variety of wildlife and barnyard animals specially trained to be petted and handled by children. The fair board and United Co-Operatives of Ontario are sponsoring this zoo.

A demolition derby is being held Saturday at 8 p.m. for local drivers who want to get in the field and get a car smashed up. This was a

popular event last year. It's being operated by the Hell Drivers team, which will put on a fancy driving car show Sunday at 2.30. The Hell Drivers show features a motorcycle jump and a two-wheeler car ride plus ramp tricks and jumps.

Local drivers wishing to enter the demolition derby should contact Mrs. Marj Hall, fair secretary, at RR 2 Milton, phone Burlington 335-9210 well in advance to register for the event.

The fair's pinto horse show has been moved from Friday night to Sunday morning this year.

Milton Fair Queen will be named at a dance Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Optimist Centre. This event was opened to local service clubs this

year and President Heath reports an "excellent response" in entries. Entrants can still be accepted until Sept. 1.

The Princess of the fair, a 4-H competition, will be held the Friday night of the Sept. 25-27 fair weekend.

This year for the first time, advance weekend passes will be sold for Milton Fair. The \$5 pass admits visitors anytime on the weekend. Passes will be sold at The Champion and Milton Chamber of Commerce building.

The fair prize list has just been printed, listing all the classes and competitions for the 1981 fair. The prize list will be inserted in the August 19 edition of The Champion, and extra copies will be available at the office of The Champion.

Kanefff promises swift buyout action

It is expected that the last buyout in the Official Plan Amendment 7 area will be completed within days.

The Milton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses had asked the council to put pressure on Kanefff Properties Limited, one of the developers in the OP7 area.

The plan covers 1,100 acres of land the town has recently redesignated as an industrial park. Part of the planning process concerned an obligation on behalf of developers holding lands and options to buy the lands and homes of all those people living within the

boundaries of the park. Paul Spalding and Derrick Hornsby, speaking on behalf of the congregation, told councillors they want the lands they occupy purchased.

Milton clerk Co-ordinator, Roy Main, said he and staff had reviewed the OP7 pro-tem agreement and "it is obvious from the schedules attached to the said agreement the developer is responsible for both the Jehovah's Witnesses Congregation Hall and the home located adjacent thereto."

Milton Planner Bob Zsadanyi has contacted the firm and was told

negotiations would commence.

"Mr. Kanefff also indicated that he would contact either Mr. Spalding or Mr. Hornsby of the congregation immediately to commence action on the property," Mr. Main said.

Mr. Zsadanyi said there is a plan of subdivision submitted by the Kanefff company in his office, but he said there would be no action taken to process the plan until the buyout negotiations had been resolved.

Mayor Gord Krantz said he had also talked with the firm and stated the same thing as Mr. Zsadanyi.

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