

A live one. When Bud Chester of Milton drove his antique tractor in Steam-Era parades on the weekend, his dog joined in the fun and became a live hood ornament. More Steam-Era photos B6.

Some old-fashioned fun

When Miltonians decide to turn back the hands of time, half the town goes old fashioned.

That's just what happened last week, when the Chamber of Commerce's annual Old Fashioned Days celebration turned out to be one of the best yet, in terms of displays, costumes and competition.

Wednesday the Chamber judged local stores and offices for old fashioned window displays, interiors, costumes and theme displays, and the competition was so stiff, extra prizes were added to make sure the most worthy entries were recognized.

The Dixie Lee Chicken and Seafood shop at Laurier Centre, a new business in town, claimed the lion's share of the prizes, with a first for window display, second for staff costumes, and honorable mention for interior display.

Other winners were: Costumes: Halton Manor office staff first, Bank of Nova Scotia second. Interior display, Bank of Nova Scotia first. Windows, Dixie Lee first, Audrey Meredith

School of Dancing second, Milton Mall and Fred Cunningham honorable mention. Best original theme, House of Spectacles.

Further details on this contest in the story on Pg. 8.

Then Thursday night an outdoor costume judging, open to the whole town, was "rained in". Scheduled to be held in Victoria Park, it was moved to St. Paul's Church Hall by inclement weather. Despite the rain, it was a fun night for all.

Dozens of individuals, groups and families competed for cash prizes in a variety of contests. Winners included:

Best family: A repeat win for the Gord Wrigglesworth family, including children Erin and Todd; the Meriam family second; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and son Kurtis third.

Best authentic costume: Jo McDuffe and daughter Rebecca, first; Joan Brown second; the Meriams third.

Best child: Erin Wrigglesworth first, Rebecca McDuffe second; Todd Wrigglesworth third.

Best single entry: Joan Brown first; Diane Michel second; Leanne Proveau third.

Best retail group: Bank of Nova Scotia first; Dixie Lee second; Audrey Meredith School of Dancing (Joan Brown) third.

Judges included Councillor Don Knight, Historical Society President Val Grimshaw, Linda Kirby of The Champion and Sue Bock of The Tribune. Emcee was Maria Reis of the Chamber, organizer was Chamber secretary Marg Burgess.

After the contest, the Scotch Block Square Dancers entertained the crowd. Halton Women's Place participated by selling orange drinks and popcorn at old fashioned prices.

Friday night the Old Fashioned Days events concluded, with a variety night at the fair grounds as part of the Steam-Era program. Several local entertainers were featured.

Mrs. Burgess said Old Fashioned Days was a bigger success this year than ever before, thanks to renewed participation

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Raid four homes

Poachers charged

By Linda Kirby

Deer poaching charges have been laid by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources against a local hunter, following a series of raids on two Milton homes, an Acton residence and an Erin home over the weekend.

Ministry officers also confiscated a car and seized two high powered rifles and additional hunting equipment. A whole deer and parts of a second were also taken.

Further charges are expected to be laid, said Harry Gingrich, fisheries management officer with the ministry.

Mr. Gingrich refused to reveal the identity of the offenders owing to the fact the matter is still under investigation and additional charges are pending.

The searches conducted by six officers from the Ministry's office in Hespeler began in the early morning hours of Sunday, following a complaint from a citizen that a deer had been shot north of Moffat.

"We began at 5 a.m. and wrapped it up by 7:30 p.m. that night," said Mr. Gingrich.

The charges are for possession of

venison during a closed hunting season. The problem of poaching in North Halton is not new and has reached serious proportions, admitted the ministry official.

"We have a serious problem here, aggravated by the fact there are lots of deer and meat is expensive," said Mr. Gingrich.

"When you look at the price of beef at \$2 to \$3 a pound, 50 or 75 pounds of venison is a good deal."

"And then there are those who enjoy hunting for the sake of hunting," he added. The last legal season for hunting deer was in November of 1980, he said.



—Roy Downs, Milton Champion

All steamed up. Milton went wild over the good old days last week, as Old Fashioned Days combined with Steam-Era to give the town a nostalgic look from Wednesday to Monday. Some of the winners in the Chamber of Commerce's Old Fashioned Days celebration took time to visit Steam-Era for a close-up look at one of the iron monsters of yesteryear. Pictured from left are Diane Michel and Leanne Proveau

of Dixie Lee Chicken and Seafood, Barb Richardson and Carm Cardillo of Halton Manor office staff, and "engineer" Carrie Boudreau of Dixie Lee. This week's Champion carries more coverage of the two celebrations, see the inside pages and the Steam-Era photo-story on Pg. B6.

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Our top scholars

Milton District High School has 36 Ontario scholars and their achievements are listed in the story on Pg. 3

History recognized

Several historic Milton buildings will be recognized with plaques from Milton Historical Society. See Pg. 5

Old fashioned fun

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Festival coming

Reporter Jane Muller presents an in-

depth look at the program lined up for Mil-towne Festival of Countries on Sept. 19, see Pg. 10

Workers winners

The best restoration work and the people who contributed the most to the weekend Steam-Era reunion received awards for their efforts. See Pg. 11

Steam-Era pictorial

There was fun for all ages at Steam-Era 1981, see the photo spread on Pg. B6

Dateline column

The Champion's new "Dateline" column lists all the coming events of community interest. And Helpful Harry, our newest columnist, is already gathering a faithful following. Both are on Pg. B9.

Out for kicks

Milton's rep soccer teams finished the season by participating in the Vanguard Soccer Tournament over the weekend, with some encouraging results. See all the results and John Morgan's Soccer Talk column in the sports section, C1 to C5.

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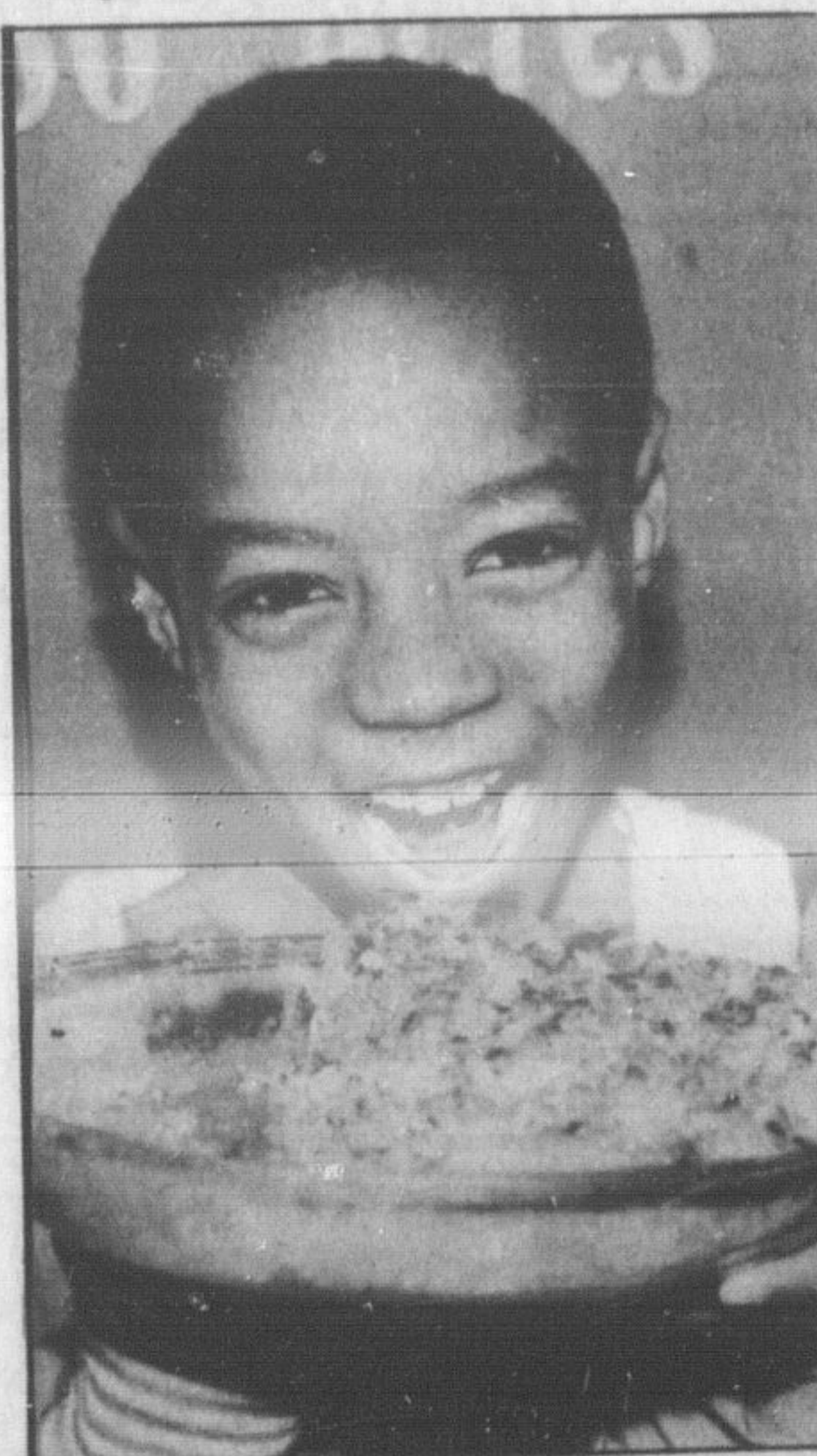
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No pie in the sky: Mike Jeffers looks like he's going to take a big piece out of the winning apple pie in a contest at Milton Mall. The winning pie belongs to Mrs. M.G. Brown of R.R. 3, Milton

Charges follow body search

By Linda Kirby
Metro Toronto Police have laid three charges of public mischief against a 24-year-old Toronto woman whose stories about a man's body in a culvert adjacent to Kelso Lake in Milton prompted a fruitless \$33,000 search a few weeks ago. The charges were filed late Tuesday afternoon, according to Sergeant Bob Montrose of the Metro Homicide Division. The woman has also been charged with forgery. Charged is Lainey Valenti, of no fixed

address, the mother of two children. Sgt. Montrose said the investigation into reports of a murder are still being investigated. Police have not "closed the door" on the possibility there has been a murder, he said.

Back in May, a Toronto woman had told police a man had been killed and his body dumped in a 300 foot long culvert that runs from a farm pond north of Highway 401, under the highway and empties into the lake at Kelso Conservation Area. The story prompted an initial search by skindivers,

who found no trace of any body. The woman insisted her story was true. She was also given police protection after fears she may be harmed. A few hours after the protection was dropped, a fire broke out at the home where the informant was staying, and arson was suspected. Police again offered the woman protective custody, and renewed their search for the body.

Finally a full-scale search was mounted. Crews from Halton Region Conservation Authority build a roadway and coffer dam

around the culvert outfall, then drained the water from the pond and culvert to facilitate a good search.

The silt-filled tunnel was searched and studied, to no avail. When police closed down the costly search operation two weeks ago, they said they were sure there was no body.

The massive effort, which lasted 10 days, ran up a \$33,000 bill.

Mrs. Valenti, alias Lainey Davidson, is scheduled to appear in College Park Court today to have a trial date set.