



All aboard. Dixie Lee Restaurant at Laurier Centre was transformed into an old fashioned train station, complete with paintings reflecting the theme on every window. The display brought the staff first prize for best window in the Old Fashioned Days contest judged last week. The artist is Ruth Montgomery (rear) and next to her are Joanne Bethune, Carrie Boudreau and Diane Michel.



Bashful bunch. Halton Centennial Manor staff were not going to enter the Old Fashioned Days contest last week, despite their period costumes, as they just dressed up for the pleasure of the residents. There was a communications leak however and judges found theirs to be the best costumes. Seated are Jane Gillies (left) and Betty Wellwood with resident Frank Thompson (left), Marilyn Phillips, Manor Administrator Gordon Timbers, Colleen Rivers, Barbara Richardson, Carm Cardillo and resident Madeline Pyman, who along with Mr. Thompson thought the costumes a wonderful idea.

Witnesses seek future

More than 200 Milton area residents plan to attend the Circuit Assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses Sept. 12 and 13 at the Assembly Hall on Highway 7 in Norval. A peak attendance of some 1,600 is expected for the Sunday afternoon session.

Witness spokesman Z. Pasternak claims many local residents who have expressed concern over present unsettled world conditions and the Bible's promise of a secure future will attend the special talk Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m., "Deliverance in a Time of Anguish". The speaker will be A. Powley, District overseer of Jehovah's Witnesses in Southern Ontario.



Sail away. The Bank of Nova Scotia sailed away with a first prize for the Old Fashioned Days contest best interior category. Martha deBie (left) and Louise Gaul are two of the employees who dressed to compliment the nautical theme the interior was based on.

Old Fashioned Days growing success

Each year there are more and more stores and businesses entered in the Chamber of Commerce's Old Fashioned Days contest, making it more competitive and choosing the winners a harder job for judges.

Last Wednesday afternoon a group of five judges walked Main St. and travelled to Milton Mall, Halton Centennial Manor and Laurier Centre to scrutinize the various entries. Winners were chosen in four categories including best window display, best interior decorations, best costumes and best original theme.

The best window display or window painting category proved the most popular, flooded with 14 entries. This popularity prompted judges to add more prizes to the category.

Dixie Lee Restaurant at Laurier Centre with its beautifully painted windows depicting scenes from the past took first place for the best dressed windows. Staff worked overtime preparing for the competition and their effort was obvious in the resulting display. The interior of the restaurant continued the Steam-Era theme of the paintings complete with ticket wicket, lanterns and staff dressed in period costumes.

The enthusiasm toward the project emanated from those involved in painting the window scenes. Ruth Montgomery drew the scenes in her spare time with help from painters Carrie Boudreau, Leanne Proveau, Leslie Russell, Chris Downs and Colin Ashbee.

The window display at Audrey Meredith Dance Wear Centre took second prize for its authenticity and scene-setting style. Honorable mentions were given to window displays at Milton Mall and Fred Cunningham's, across the road from the dance wear centre on Main St.

The costume category also saw good participation this year and the winning entry was chosen for the spirit in which the people participated as well as their garb.

Staff at Halton Centennial Manor Martin House office wore long dresses and bonnets rented in Toronto "solely for the pleasure of the residents" they explained. Administrator Gordon Timbers called the Chamber to enter the group, who won first prize. It is expected more staff will be participating next year.

The Bank of Nova Scotia staff headed into the competition with the zeal which has come to be expected from them, and won second prize. They chose a nautical theme this year and dressed in sailing whites, full-length dresses, assorted hats and plumes. Honorable mention in this category was given to the staff at Dixie Lee.

The Miltonwe Belle, better known as the Bank of Nova Scotia on Main St. was a standout for the best interior display. White sails and sea gulls adorned the walls and tellers served customers through customary portholes. Fish nets, sea shells, an anchor, lengths of rope and an assortment of period books and small furniture also contributed to the theme of the old days on the sea. Dixie Lee's interior took second prize. An eye-catching window display at the House of Spectacles, Main St. inspired judges to add a special category this year which will likely be repeated in future. The "best original theme" prize was given to the House of Spectacles where numerous antique glasses and cases made up the display which was backed by scene-setting prints of an old time optician's shop. Monica Heaney, who works at The Nut Keg Milton Mall should have received an award for bravery. She was the only Old Fashioned Days participant at the mall, dressed in a long yellow dress and a white apron which she made especially for the event. Other contest entries included Gabrielle's Flower Boutique at Laurier Centre and from Main St., McCuaig Insurance, Knight's Men's Wear, Mostly Pine, Man's World, Stationery, and Noble Clements and Cunningham's, Anderson's Barber Shop and Milton Mall. Those who selected the prize winners were Chris Peet of Canada Valve, Bob Carbert of Ontario Agricultural Museum, Maria Reis of Can Travel, Jane Muller of The Champion, and Larry Wright of The Tribune.

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