

## Fair attracts 21,000

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bits. Cattle and horse shows ran throughout the weekend and a large 4-H achievement day was held Saturday.

The Ontario Barrel Racing Association held a horse show and competition as well Saturday, and there was an open horse and pony show Sunday.

Ron Kuiken of Burlington was Saturday's winner of the demo derby while Jody Hernden of Ancaster won on Sunday. A field of 40 cars entered the two derbies. Prizes for the best decorated cars went to Glenda Hodichak of Hamilton and Stephen Laughton of Milton.

A new record was set by the Hodichak family of Hamilton in this year's derby. The father and daughter team, Robert and Glenda, made it to the final race by winning previous heats.

A lost children's booth was operated by the Bahai community and local Girl Guides and Pathfinders organized a baby rest area which was appreciated by parents.

Boston Presbyterian Church again served hot meals and several local groups ran food booths and commercial displays on the grounds.

Miss Acton Fair Lee Whiting paid a visit to the fair on Saturday morning. Children's entertainer Sandra Borch drew a good crowd Sunday afternoon as did the second annual kiddies' tractor pull. Adults held a separate tractor pull Saturday.

Competition winners include:  
High points of flowers: Rocky Pelletier of Downsview. Best flower arrangement: P. Way of Milton.

Children's poultry champion: Donna McPhail of Milton.

High points in art: Virginia Hulme of Georgetown.

Best picture in show: Alice Murdoch of Milton.

Best painting by a child under 16: Ann Richardson of Milton.

High points in needlecraft: Virginia Hulme of Georgetown.

High points in domestic: Suzanne Goulet of Oakville.

Championship quilt: Barbara Bruce of Burlington.

Best Women's Institute display: Ashgrove Women's Institute.

Best display of fruit: Rocky Pelletier.

Best display of vegetables: Elizabeth Stout of Milton.

Biggest pumpkin: John Hutchinson of Milton.

Best school display: Holy Rosary School.

Bike decorating: Marissa Chesley, 9, grand champion and first in the intermediate division. Sarah Renschel of Milton, runner-up champion and best in the junior section. Kevin Masie, 10, second in intermediate division.

Farm Safety Poster Contest: Katie Paterson (junior), Kelly Paron (intermediate) and Connie Paron (senior).

4-H: Ron Rod, grand champion, Karen Swackhamer, reserve champion.

Pet show: Daniel and Natalie Martin, grand champion cat, Tribb and Glenn Saunders, grand champion dog, Donna and Deanna McPhail, reserve.



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### Just right

Elsie Parnaby's pie was the apple of the judges' eyes, winning first place in the Milton Mail apple pie contest. The event, held September 15, attracted 25 entries. Mrs. Parnaby's version included McIntosh apples and a little cinnamon.

## Truckers need training, says Wood

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without the burden of ownership, Mr. Wood says.

Under those circumstances, he indicated, pressure to haul the maximum number of loads contributes to aggressive, speedy driving.

And one of the first costs to be cut in the face of dwindling real earnings is scheduled maintenance.

### Competition a factor

Union haulage rates are \$3.45 per tonne, per mile, but non-union competition has driven the rate down as low as \$2.60 per tonne, per mile, Mr. Wood says.

Entry into the business is relatively easy, according to Mr. Wood.

With a truck driving licence, which he indicated is too easy to get, and \$5,000 down anyone can lease a vehicle.

Because of competition in other areas of trucking, drivers are often bringing rigs not meant for heavy stone hauling into the industry, he added.

"A lot of highway trucks have been pushed into aggregate," he said.

### Strict specifications

Mr. Wood advocates allowing only trucks which meet heavy hauling specifications to work the aggregate industry.

He also is pushing for provincially established minimum charges for hauling stone.

He wants truck driving recognized as a trade, so as to beef up the standards for drivers through an apprenticeship, and he wants the provincial government to make owners clearly responsible for truck maintenance.

Quick and effective action is necessary, he believes, because "the problems are very serious and it's not going to get better."

## Public hearings planned

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tion factors, including high debt loads, low prices for farm products, increased costs of production and increased international competition.

Other topics to be reviewed include park systems policies, water taking and diversion, protection of archeological and heritage features and some proposed administrative housekeeping changes.

The NEC's revised plan will be the subject of a public hearing next spring.

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