

## Early touch of spring next week at the CNE

In the middle of a long, harsh winter an early touch of spring is coming to Toronto.

It's Garden Festival '84, at Exhibition Place, from Wednesday, Feb. 22 to Sunday, Feb. 26

Garden Festival is actually two shows in one. The Flower and Garden Show will fill the Automotive Building with fragrant blooms, exotic plants and hundreds of ideas for the home gardener.

The latest in swimming pools, hot tubs and spas will be displayed at The Pool and Spa Show in the Queen Elizabeth Building.

At The Flower and Garden Show a computer will be available to help plan backyard vegetable gardens. It will tell the gardener how far apart to plant seeds and how many feet of seed to plant to feed a specific family.

The Civic Garden Centre and other garden clubs will be showing miniature roses, exhibits from the Green Thumb Junior Garden Club and education displays for both the beginner and advanced gardener.

The Niagara Parks Commission and several large garden centres will have massive exhibits of flowers and plants in the central area of the building.

Once again, flowers and plants will be auctioned off at the Dutch Clock Auction where the clock runs backward as participants signal their bids.

A new hybrid tea rose in a delicate coral shade has been created to commemorate the September visit of Pope John Paul II to Canada. Photographs of the rose will be on display in the central area of the Automotive Building.

The Flower and Garden Show will include an entire street of townhouse facades with ideas on how to landscape and decorate the property.

A luxury patio set of four chairs, table and umbrella, donated by John Hauser Iron Works and worth \$1,000 will be given to the winner of a lucky draw at the show. Every person entering the show will be entitled to a chance at the draw.

Florida Rooms -- in-house greenhouses -- will also be on display, illustrating what the home owner can accomplish with a bit of imagination.



### Here comes another one

Huron Park Public School's Principal, John Soden got right into the spirit of things on Saturday by taking his turn at being the victim in the most popular game of the day at the school's annual Fun Fair held last Saturday, the Wet Sponge Throw. We

noticed that some of the sponges were maybe a little wetter and more on target while he was in the bull's eye and we can't imagine why. The mini-fair was very well attended and has been termed a complete success by its organizers. Photo by Bob Murray

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## Quilting Outies

by LAURIE JUNEAU

Once again another 4H unit is on its way. The Quilting Outies are meeting every Tuesday night at the Georgian Manor to work on their piece of quilt.

Our leaders, Mrs. Ruth Uitvlugt and Mrs.

Lorraine Juneau are enjoying teaching the 4H'ers how to quilt just as much as we are enjoying listening and learning.

Our president is Karianne Williams, vice president Paula MClinton, secretary

Carla McClinton, treasurer Lorraine Lesperance and achievement day organizers are Monique and Gisele Robillard, Barb Williams, Krista Williams, Laurie Ferris and Maria Uitvlugt.

**This Week in Canada**  
On February 18, in 1849, John A. Macdonald challenged W.H. Blake to a duel, and in 1963, the Canada Council received an anonymous gift of \$4,250,000.

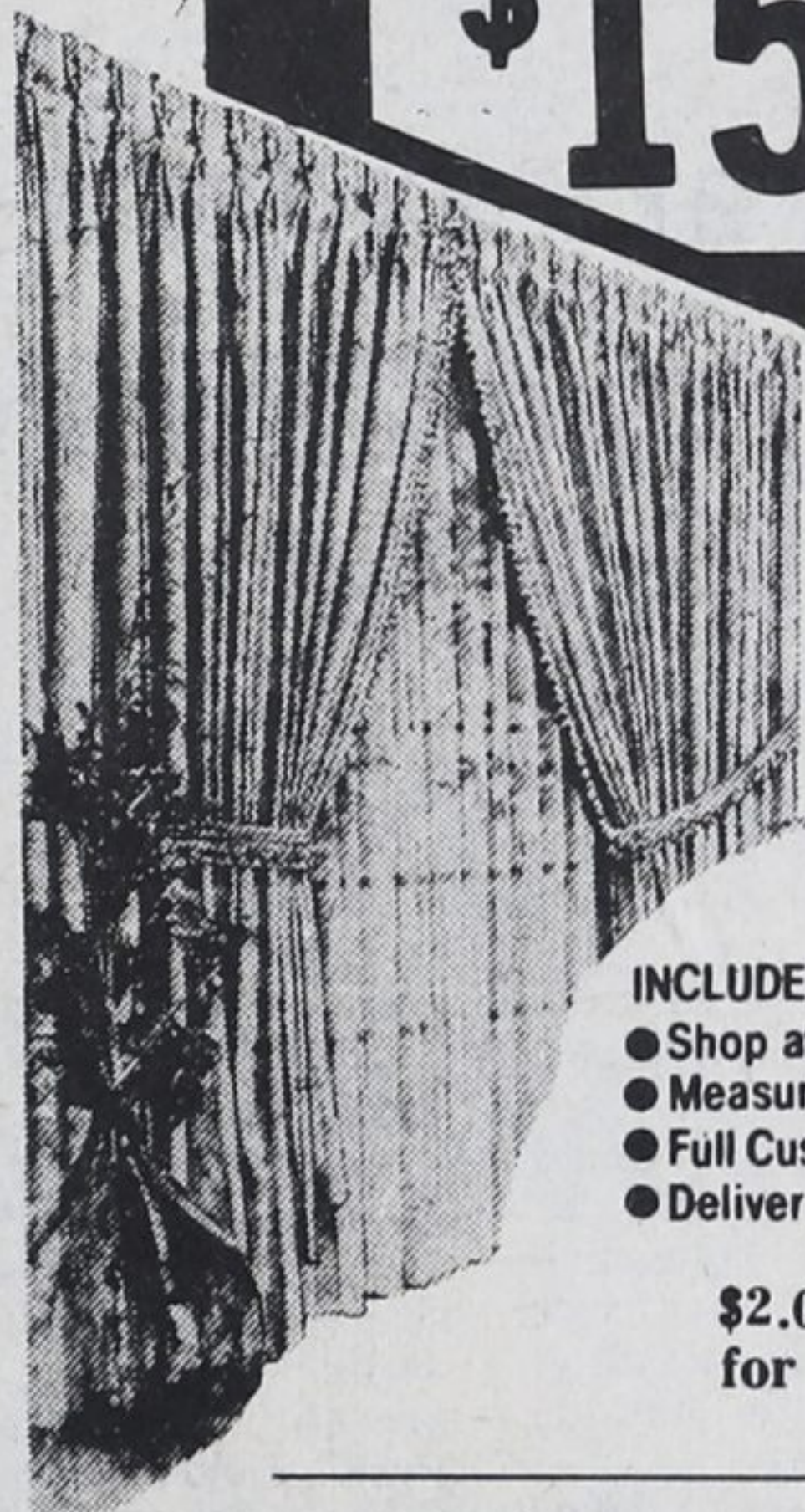
### Spring arrives weeks early here

Rain mixed with fog was the order of the day, Monday, as spring arrived several weeks early in North Simcoe.

At times the mercury hovered around plus 10C making it the mildest day of the winter of 1983-84.

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