

Museums hold festivals

Turn-out good at Markham, Pickering

Tribune photographers were kept running over the weekend covering a variety of events around the area. Large turn-outs were recorded at both History in Action at the Pickering Museum in Brougham Saturday and Sunday and at the Heritage Festival Saturday at the Markham Museum.

Pickering Museum board chairman Don McLean told The Tribune that 790 attended Saturday and about another 2,000 on Sunday. "It was bigger than last year," he said. The Heritage Festival, according to Markham Museum curator John Lunau, brought in roughly 2000, despite the unpleasant weather Saturday.

About 5,000 were on hand for the Uxbridge Fair held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a drop in attendance from the year before. Bernice Park of the Fair reports that the turn-out was good this year for dairy cattle and that the exhibit building was "terrific" drawing some city vegetable gardeners to some events.

At the Stouffville town park Sunday night a mammoth corn roast was held to close off town house league baseball. Corn shucksters could hardly keep up with the demand as members of ball teams and their families dived into the grub following the conclusion of house league play-offs. Al's Tack Shop held

barrel races Saturday featuring a total purse of \$1,000. Three separate runs were held through the afternoon. The History in Action turn-out, according to Mr. McLean, was so large it filled up the parking lot at the Airport Information Office, across the road from the museum. He said this year's festival successfully

attracted people from all across the Town of Pickering, including the southern part, as well as from the Stouffville-Goodwood area. Coming up next at the

Pickering Museum will be an inter-denominational Thanksgiving service, Oct. 3, 3 p.m. at the church building on the grounds at Brougham.



The piles of steaming corn set before the hungry hordes at the town park were never quite high enough to keep up with the demand. Here a fresh basket load evokes an ec-

static response from a young ball player. The corn roast held at the town park, was the crowning event of the weekend house league tournaments. Annegret Lamure



Dean Johnson (left) and his father, Doug, who was stage manager at the heritage festival, were somewhat perplexed as to where the gas tank was on this small engine. Mr. Johnson drew a laugh from the crowd by exhorting the visiting politicians to say a few words, "as few as possible."



May Hann leans her horse, Grubworm, into the corner as she rounds the last barrel during the Barrel Races held at Al's Tack Shop, Vandon Rd., Saturday. A good crowd turned out for the event and competition was keen. —John Montgomery



John Mairs (left) and Steve Churchill, both of Brougham, served as helpers at History in Action held Saturday and Sunday at the Pickering Museum in Brougham. They were demonstrating a pioneer method of making air fresheners: pressing cloves into oranges and hanging them from a little sack.



Pickering town clerk-administrator Noel Marshall tried his hand at this steam log splitter during History in Action, Saturday at the Pickering Museum. Nearly 3,000 attended the two-day event.



Arch Little looks on while Laura Reesor demonstrates the Gee Haw Whimmy Diddle that he made. The toy has a propeller which spins one way when a stick is run up and down one side and spins in the opposite direction when rubbed on the other side. Mr. Little said he learned of the contraption, which is "almost as old as Moses," from Simeon Reesor who first saw them in the Blue Hills of Kentucky. Mr. Reesor was displaying his carving at the Markham Heritage Festival, Saturday.



Udo Hochgeschurz, of Gormley, (holding reins) entered his team in the heavy drawing contest at Uxbridge Fair. Mr. Hochgeschurz had one of four teams entered in the light weight class. The stone boat started at 4700 pounds and the Gormley team stayed in until the weight reached 7800 pounds. The team was disqualified because they failed to pull the boat the

required 20 feet in three tries. It was a close loss though as they were only eight inches short of the mark. Some excitement was provided when Doug Coates of Lindsay lost his balance and the stone boat, at 6400 pounds, was pulled on top of his foot. He was freed with no injuries.



Wendy Dempster and her St. Bernard named Brandy became the centre of attention after Brandy was voted the largest dog at the fair's mutt show. Uxbridge Times-Journal Publisher-Editor, Harry Stemp (left) shown collecting the pertinent data from Wendy. Wendy's father is at right.