

Presto coming

The popular musical Hits of the Blitz will continue its current run at Deer Park Inn's Theatre in the Park into next month.

Next on the entertainment agenda at the Stouffville dinner theatre is a return concert engagement by The Carlton Show Band Sept. 11-13.

Tickets, at \$35 per person, are now on sale for the 7 p.m. dinner and 9 p.m. show.

After that, the theatre will host eight performances of Whitchurch-Stouffville Magic Festival's major production, 'Presto', Sept. 17-20.

The concerts — featuring two-hours of illusory tactics by the likes of Musselman's Lake magician Jeff Evason and Dan Laffey of the Claremont-area — include luncheon, dinner and late-night sittings stretched over the four days. Tickets are available at the Deer Park Inn or Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

The fifth version of the magic extravaganza also features a wide variety of other attractions. Scheduled for the festival Saturday are an amateur magician contest, children's show, magic lecture and rare book auction, all slated for Latham Hall, as well as street performances throughout the day.

Laughs courtesy Neil

The Neil Simon comedy Come Blow Your Horn is the next play scheduled for Theatre in the Park. It debuts at the Hwy. 47 facility Sept. 24 and continues until Nov. 8.

A Wednesday matinee (lunch and show) costs \$14.95 while tickets for the Friday and Saturday dinner shows go for \$24.95.

For reservations or information on group rates contact the box office at 640-6060.

Museum pays tribute to early settlers

Pickering Museum Village pays a tribute to the area's early settlers tomorrow (Aug. 17) during its annual Pioneer Horse Day.

Harness making and horse shoeing are some of the pioneer skills that'll be demonstrated at the Greenwood museum grounds, located on Hwy 7 three kilometres east of Brock Rd.

The day-long event also features pony rides and side-saddle displays.

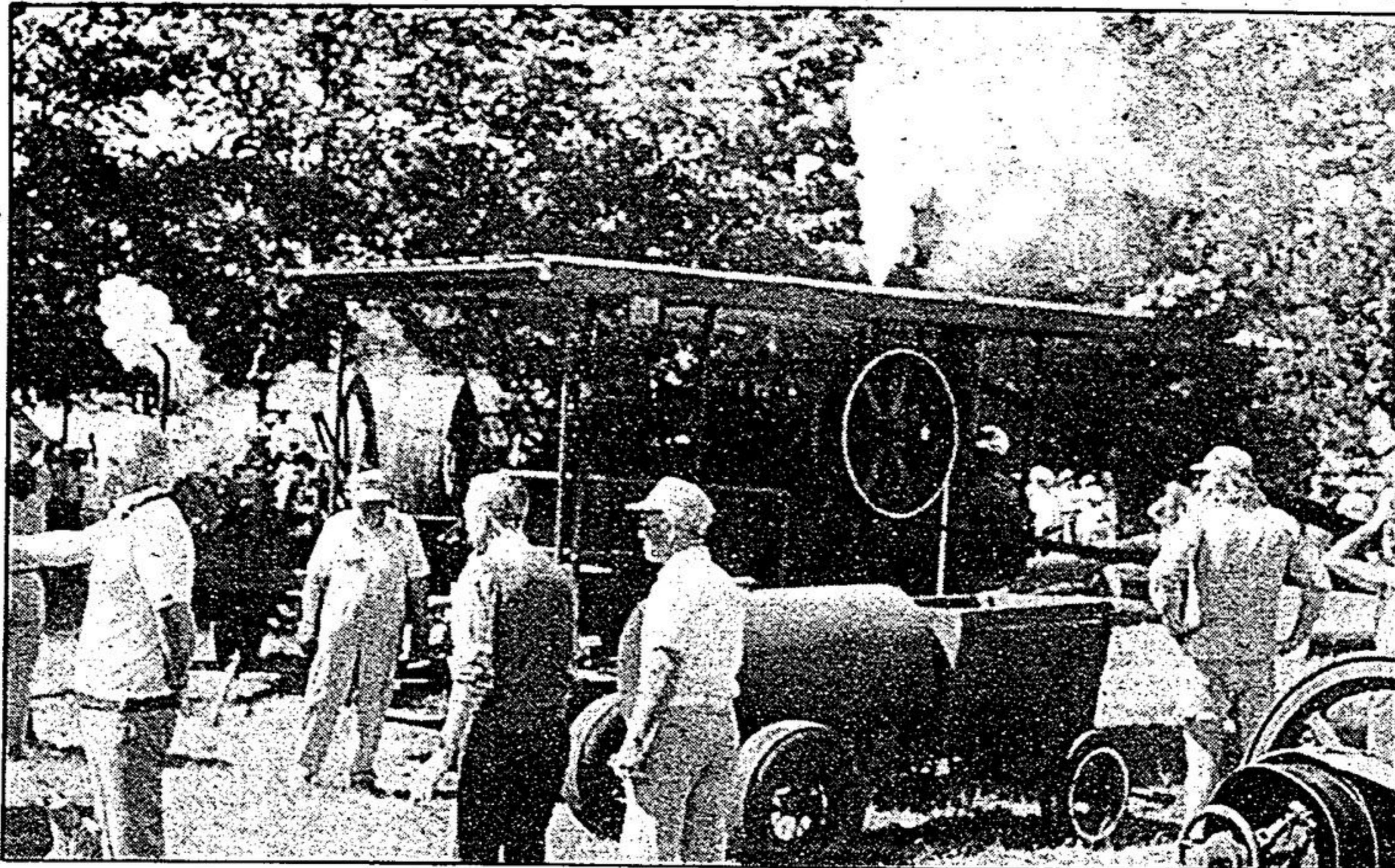
The restored 19th century village — featuring homes, barns, a blacksmith shop, hotel, harness shop, church and hall — is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission, which includes access to picnic grounds by the banks of Duffin's Creek, is adults, \$2; senior citizens and students, \$1.25; children 5 to 12, 75 cents; and family, \$5. Parking is free.

Another special attraction planned at the museum this summer is Photography Day (Aug. 24), which includes displays of antique camera equipment, photographs and methods of photography.

And on the weekend of Sept. 13 and 14, History-In-Action takes centre stage with demos of old steam and gas engines, a grain thresher and a wood-splitting machine.

For more information on Pickering Museum Village contact 683-2760 or 683-8401.



Steam show

Uxbridge Township's 15th annual Steam Threshing Days is being held next Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23 and 24, on the museum grounds (Conc. 6, a mile west of Uxbridge) Steam-powered farm machinery, gas and oil engines, antique cars and pioneer crafts will be displayed both days from 1 to 5 p.m. Drag saw and shingle mill demonstrations, museum displays and contests will also be part of the two-day heritage festival.



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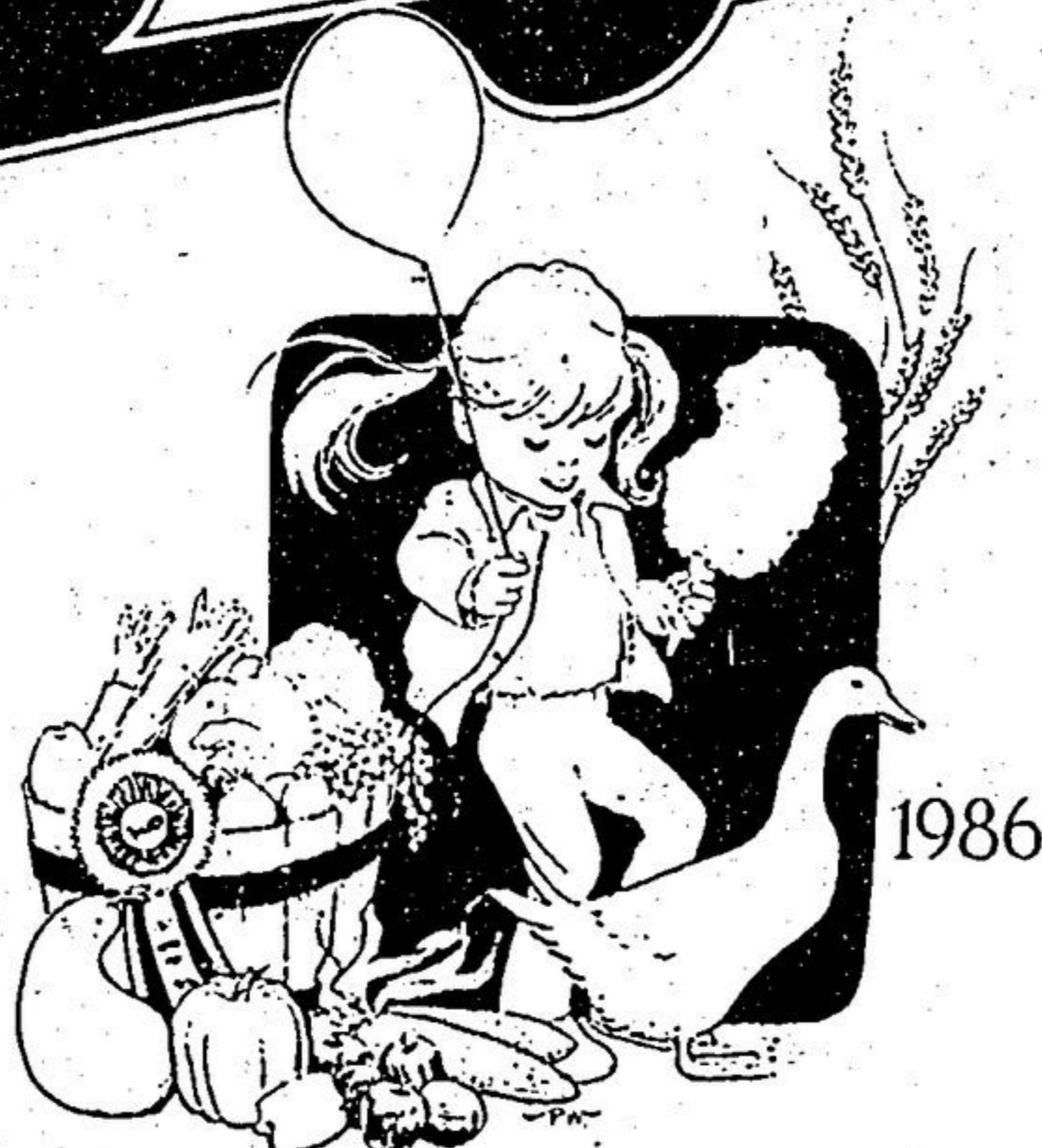
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