

Canada Day celebrated in style at South Mountain



Stage West player at bat



Leading the singing of O' Canada.

The weather was balmy and spirits were high during the South Mountain Canada Day celebrations held Wednesday.

Attendance at the fair-like birthday party was good as residents flocked to the agricultural grounds to participate in a number of events.

Although not all of the results from the various activities were available at press time, indications from some organizers were that the celebrations continue to draw more people every year.

Leanne Chamberlain, organizer of the Family Fun Night estimated that between 2,000 and 3,000 people were on hand to participate in the after 6:00 p.m. events.

Families had a variety of activities to participate in prior to the giant fireworks display held Wednesday evening.

At 6:00 p.m. Mountain Township Reeve, Keith Fawcett and MPP Nobel Villeneuve cut a large birthday cake during an official ceremony. The dignitaries were followed by a Variety Show, held at 6:15 with about 10 acts entertaining the crowd.

Races, intended for the children, soon drew the adults into the fray with many adults joining the children in races and relays. All participants in the event received participation ribbons.

At 7:30 p.m. the children were drawn out on the field to participate in a game of soccer. About

50 children could be seen on the field kicking soccer balls and enjoying the evening.

The next event featured a Tug-Of-War between 4-H groups. The might was shown by the Dairy Group, who managed to out-muscle their rival team.

Throughout the evening, children had a chance to put on a happy face, via the face painting event.

Organizers estimate that about 600 youths had their faces painted during the course of the evening.

Over 500 children registered their names to participate in the balloon send-off with about 600 free treats of chocolate milk and ice-cream sundaes passed around to hungry kids.

The bed-races drew a large crowd as five local teams pushed their bed-buggies around a portion of the track.

The winner of the contest was the team of the Mountain Trailblazers.

Many of the treats and ribbons presented to families were the result of donations from local service clubs, churches and Mountain Township.

Events which drew participants to the Fifth Annual celebrations during the day included, harness racing, a horse show and a ball tournament.

No details were available concerning the outcome of a number of the events, so check next week's Weekly Advance for the complete results.



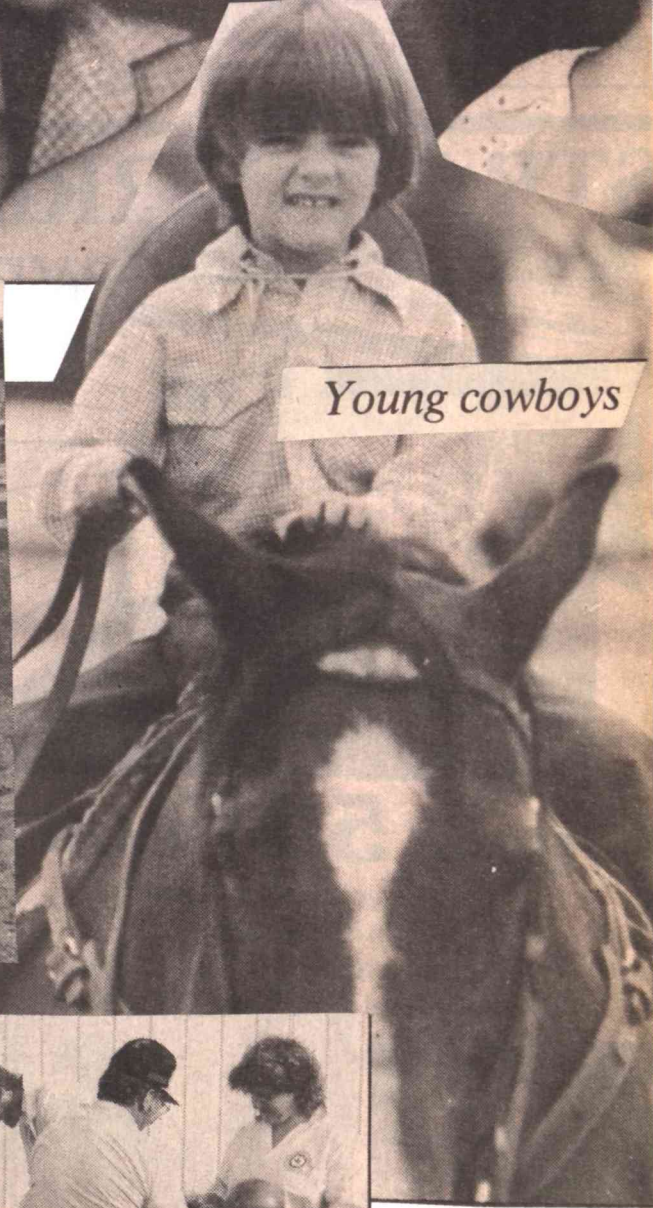
Huge cake honoured Canada's birthday.



Face painting popular



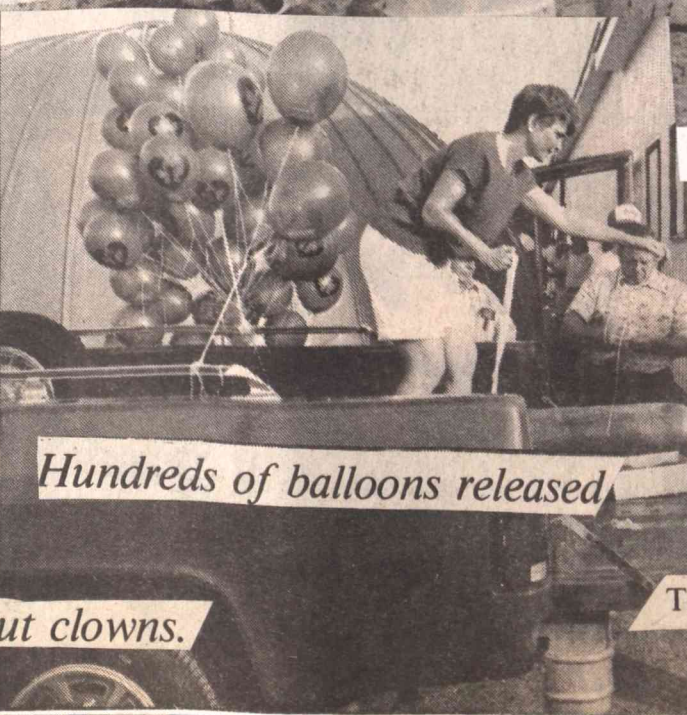
Horse show



Young cowboys



Party not complete without clowns.



Hundreds of balloons released



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