

# Mountain Township celebrates bicentennial



Saturday morning when the first truckload of logs arrived, Mountain residents started the reconstruction of an which was originally a smoke-house 100 years ago is almost finished. This weekend, if the weather stays nice, the final touches of shingles and mortar will be added.

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This clown doesn't look that happy for being in a parade which started two days of community festivities. But then, maybe

she's not happy about the sudden weight gain she's had.



## Pine planting at Mountain

Members of the Mountain Township Senior Citizens Club held a tree planting of Ontario's official tree, the White Pine, in front of the Mountain Community Hall last

Wednesday. Planting the tree are from left, Walter Lawrence, Matt Hastings, Wilfred McLaren and Hilda Kirkby.



Shannon Boyd hops to it at the sack races for children held at the community park Saturday. About 30 children, aged three to

15, took part in the racing competitions that afternoon.

MOUNTAIN — "You could really brag if someone asks you what you did Saturday morning," laughed a Mountain Township resident. "You organized a parade, then you built a log cabin."

"But what did I do in the afternoon?" asked John D. Maxwell, heritage weekend committee chairman.

More than 300 members of the Mountain community showed up at the community park for two days of fun and celebration during Heritage Weekend, July 14 and 15.

The events got under way Saturday morning with a colorful parade of horses, clowns and antique cars following the carnival-style organ music to the community park where the rest of the festivities took place.

The highlight of the weekend was the reconstruction of an authentic log cabin which was more than 100 years old. The 10' by 12' building was divided into 20 or 30 pieces and transported from a prosperous farm near Merrickville where it was being used as a storage shed. The cabin had earlier been used as a smoke-house.

Maxwell said that the walls went up in an hour, rafters in an hour, and the roof boards in an hour, but the cabin still needs shingles and chinking. The cabin is still not finished "but it looks like a cabin now," said Maxwell.

The log cabin rebuilding was brought in to "recreate the feeling that would've been would be at a pioneer bee," said Maxwell. He looked three months for a cabin in Mountain Township but there were no offers so one had to be bought from outside. If the cabin had been bigger it would have been used either as a concession stand or a day care centre. As it is, it will just be used as a monument.

While the construction took place in one part of the park, children played games in another part. Two-legged, three-legged, four-legged, sack and wheelbarrow contests were run with bi-centennial posters and buttons being given out.

Sunday a lunch was again provided with an ecumenical outdoor church service to follow. Four members of the clergy and a choir made up of 40 members from different churches in the township took part in the service along with about 250 residents.

MP Ed Lumley, MPP Noble Villeneuve, Mountain Township Reeve Keith Fawcett and Dundas Dairy Princess Suzanne Rose were to give speeches, but rain stopped the talks after Fawcett had spoken.