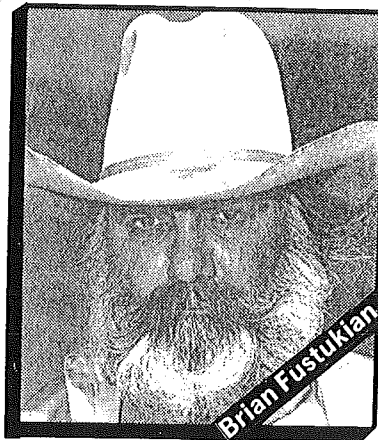


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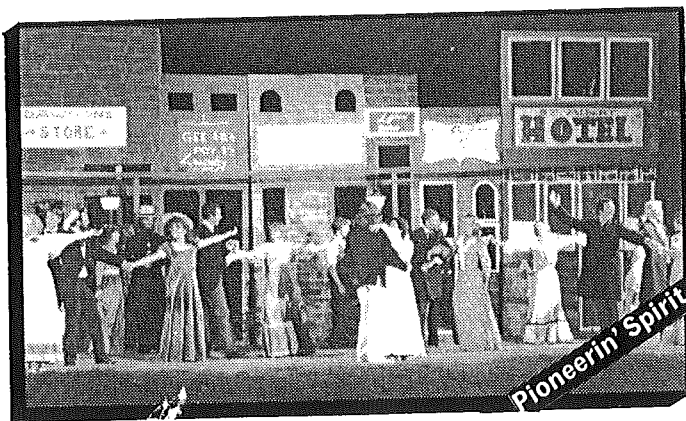
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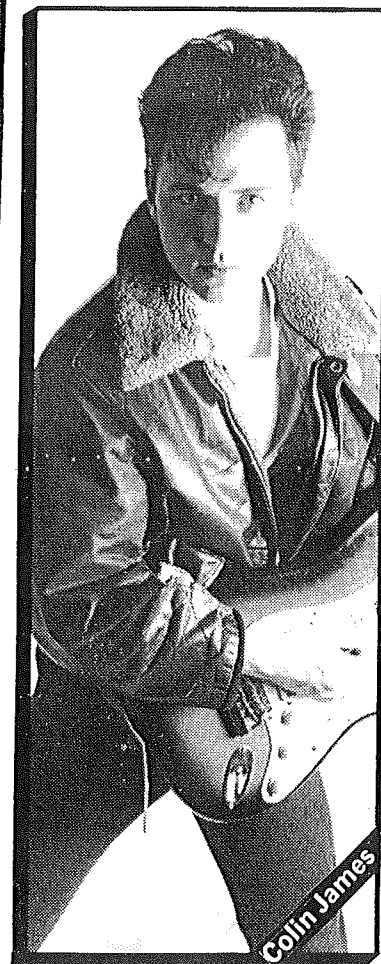
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Brian Fustukian



Pioneerin' Spirit



Colin James







125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

"On January 14, 1861 a young Roman Catholic priest and his bishop were travelling from the mission at Lac Ste. Anne to Edmonton.

The priest wanted to relocate the mission and was anxious to show the bishop the site he had in mind. They stopped on a hill overlooking the Sturgeon River.

The bishop stuck his cane into the snow bank and said to the priest, "This will be the site of your new mission and I will name it after your patron, St. Albert."

The missionary priest was the legendary Father Albert Lacombe, founder of St. Albert, his superior -- Bishop Alexandre Tache.

125 years later, on January 14, 1986, Gerard Harnois and Rev. Alexandre Tache, (grand nephews respectively of the missionary priest and his bishop) re-enacted this historic event at the actual site, atop a small hill overlooking present day St. Albert.

The two descendants of St. Albert's founding fathers were dressed in traditional attire for the historic re-enactment, witnessed by school children, residents, and a number of distinguished guests.

It was a fitting beginning to
St. Albert's 125th Anniversary Celebrations!

A group of community minded volunteers came together in order to organize a year of city-wide activities in celebration of St. Albert's 125th anniversary.

Meeting on a regular basis, the 125th Anniversary Celebrations Committee planned and executed a number of community events, some in conjunction with other city groups and other projects as a committee.



FAMILY PICNIC

The St. Albert Host Lions Club, assisted by the Royal Canadian Legion and the 125th Anniversary Celebrations Committee, organized a very successful Canada Day Picnic in Lions Park on July 1st.

The St. Albert Fire Department Pipe Band led a color guard from the Legion to the bandshell stage for the official opening ceremonies of this Canada Day Celebration.

The day-long festivities were very well attended by people of all ages, who enjoyed the many activities and entertainment provided at this family-style affair. There were dancers, musical entertainers, demonstrations, races and competitions for the youngsters, barbeques and birthday cake, and fireworks at dusk.

STREET DANCE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

There was "dancin' in the street" in front of St. Albert Place when Garry Lee & Showdown and the Colin James band entertained young and old alike at a street dance on Saturday, August 2nd.

City residents of all ages turned out to dance the night away to Garry Lee's country music and the upbeat memphis tinged rock and roll of Colin James and his group. Toddlers danced with their parents, seniors joined in, teens and young adults, they came in hundreds all evening long -- to "celebrate St. Albert's 125th birthday."

A truly spectacular fireworks display drew cheers and applause from those assembled, topping off a very enjoyable evening and a rockin' good time.

BARN DANCE

Brian Fustukian and his band played good old country music at an August 30th Barn Dance in the Perron Street Arena. The Barn Dance and refreshments were arranged by the St. Albert Optimist Club, assisted by the 125th Committee.

Although attendance was not at capacity, those who stayed in town for the long weekend enjoyed themselves, dancing to the harmonious country music.



ST. ALBERT'S 125th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ART EXHIBITION

St. Albert's 125th Birthday Celebration Art Exhibition was set up in the Profiles Gallery of St. Albert Place. Co-produced by the St. Albert Arts and Crafts Guild and the 125th Committee, the art exhibition ran from June 28 to August 10.

The purpose of the juried exhibition was to choose and display works of art in a variety of media, which were meaningful to St. Albert. Resident artists or those who had made a contribution to the enrichment of the visual arts locally were eligible to submit their work.

Artists were encouraged to consider subjects pertaining to the local landscape, history, or in one way or another pertinent to St. Albert. Selected works of art were purchased and turned over to the City's Permanent Art Collection.

PIONEERIN' SPIRIT!

The outdoor musical Pioneerin' Spirit! was revived for the 125th Anniversary celebrations, and staged in Red Willow Park July 31 to August 4.

This Festival of the Arts production tells the story of St. Albert's early days, it's settlement by Fr. Lacombe, up to present times.

Written by Jack McCreath, Pioneerin' Spirit! was first performed in 1979 in conjunction with the Summer Games, hosted by St. Albert.

PLAYDIUM

The cities Community Services Department set up Playdium, an indoor space-age playground in Perron Street Arena. This children's festival portrayed St. Albert 125 years into the future.

A number of activities were arranged for youngsters up to the age of twelve to enjoy -- and enjoy they did.



PROJECT 125

Ms. Fla Mingo and 125 of her pink Flamingo friends kicked off Project 125 -- a participation event, where St. Albert residents were invited to get involved and do "125" repetitions of an activity of their choice.

After registering and completing their activity, participants received a numbered commemorative certificate. Draws were made from these entries for a number of donated prizes, including a trip for two to Vancouver via P.W.A.

Response to the project was very good, with over 1,000 certificates being issued for a variety of activities, such as:

- i) A presentation to the Mayor of 125 balloons that a youngster had blown up herself.
- ii) Each class at Father Jan School collected 125 cans of food and donated them to the Food Bank.
- iii) A St. Albert Chapter of Amnesty International wrote 125 letters on behalf of political prisoners throughout the world.
- iv) Students at Wild Rose School listed 125 things that had changed during St. Albert's Anniversary year.

Residents and city groups organized a number of events and activities to mark our cities 125th Anniversary. Following are some of these special "celebration" projects.

- i) The St. Albert R.C. Parish held a five day celebration in April, and arranged for the construction of a scale model of the historical Mission Hill area -- the cost of which was partially covered by a 125th Anniversary grant.
- ii) A joint project of the Chamber of Commerce and the 125th Anniversary Celebrations Committee was the minting of a souvenir Commemorative coin.
- iii) 125th Anniversary trophies were presented to St. Albert and District Garden Club horticultural competition winners.
- iv) The 125th Anniversary Rugby Football Tournament, a provincial competition, was held the weekend of June 14th at the St. Albert rugby field.



- v) Commemorative Baby Spoons:- A commemorative 125th Anniversary spoon was presented to each newborn St. Albert resident, born in the Sturgeon General Hospital and Edmonton hospitals as well.

As part of this "celebration" activity, the 125th St. Albert baby to be born in 1986 at the Sturgeon General Hospital was presented with his commemorative spoon and a tiny 125th Anniversary sweat shirt by Mayor Fowler.

- vi) The 125th Anniversary Provincial Gold BMX Race in St. Albert attracted approximately 300 young riders the weekend of June 30th.
- vii) A Band Concert in the Park was held on June 1st, with seven St. Albert bands and one guest band from Calgary filling Lions Park with music to the delight of fans of all ages.
- viii) Sunday, June 8th was Senior Citizen's Day at the Recreation Centre on Tache Street, with a number of sporting events, a box social and barbeque scheduled. Winners of sporting events such as horse shoes, darts and billiards were presented with 125th Anniversary trophies.
- ix) Candles were lit and cake served in celebration and commemoration of Father Lacombe's 159th birthday, on February 27th in the foyer of St. Albert Place.
- x) A Teaching Unit highlighting St. Albert's 125th birthday was compiled through matching grants from the 125th Anniversary Celebrations Committee and St. Albert School District #3.

A diversified program of events and activities were undertaken in 1986, by great numbers of St. Albert residents -- spotlighting our heritage and celebrating 125 years of life in our community.

Respectfully submitted by the 125th Anniversary
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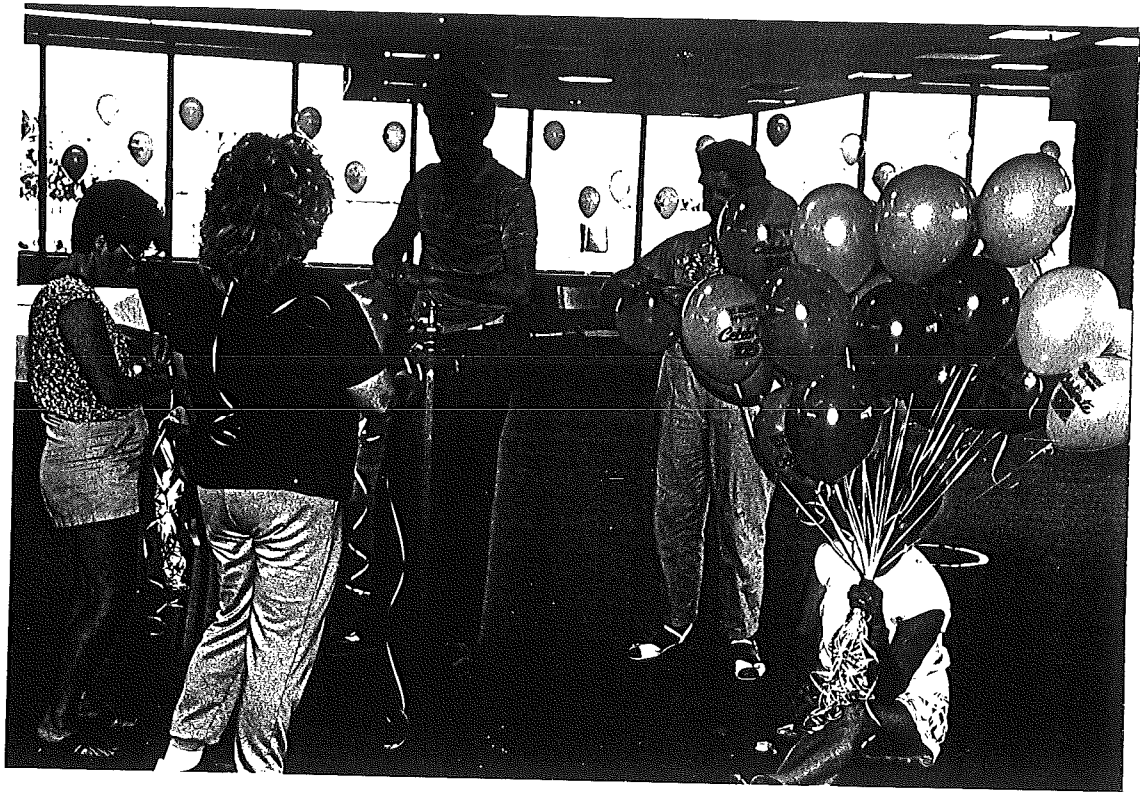
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Site Re-enactment



Trade Fair



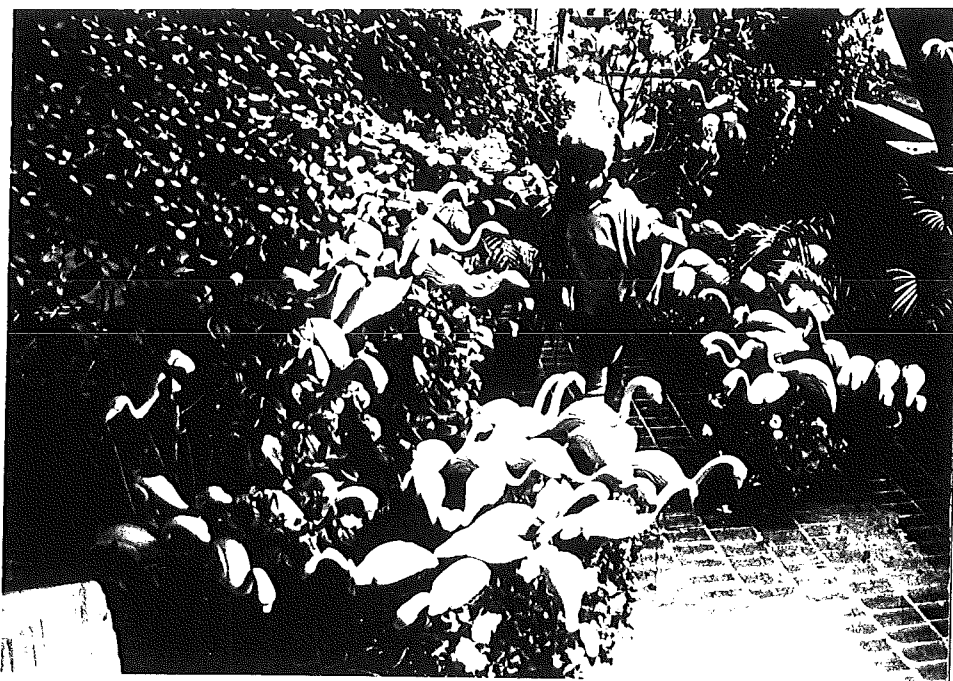
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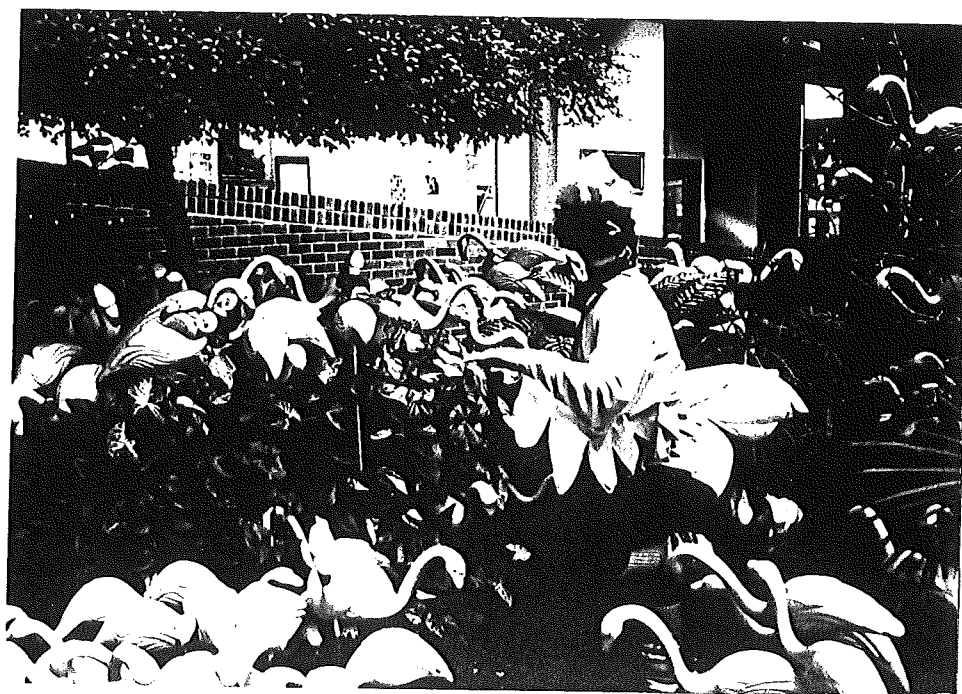
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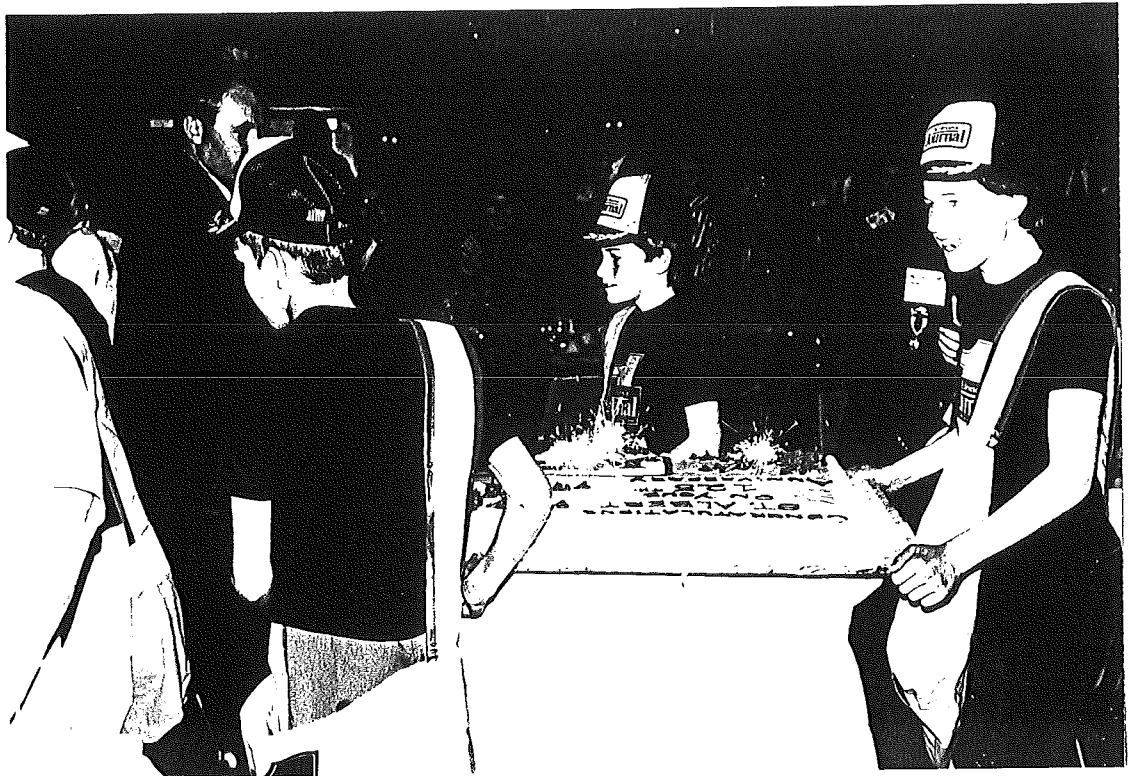


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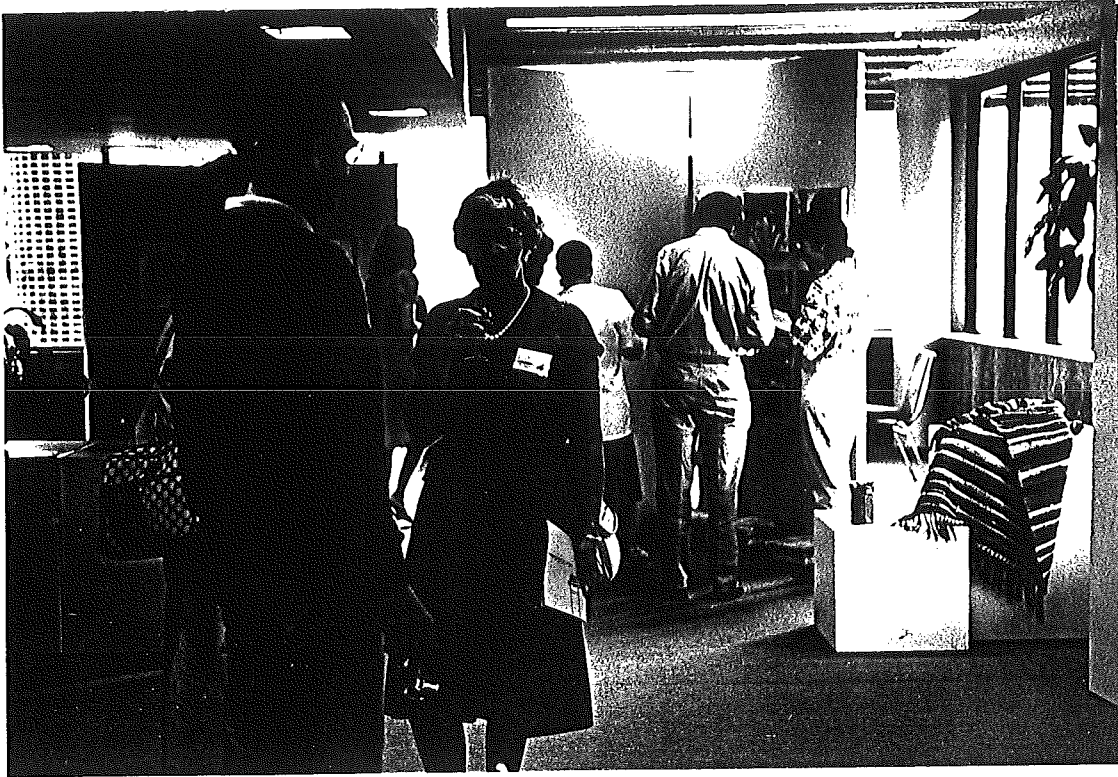




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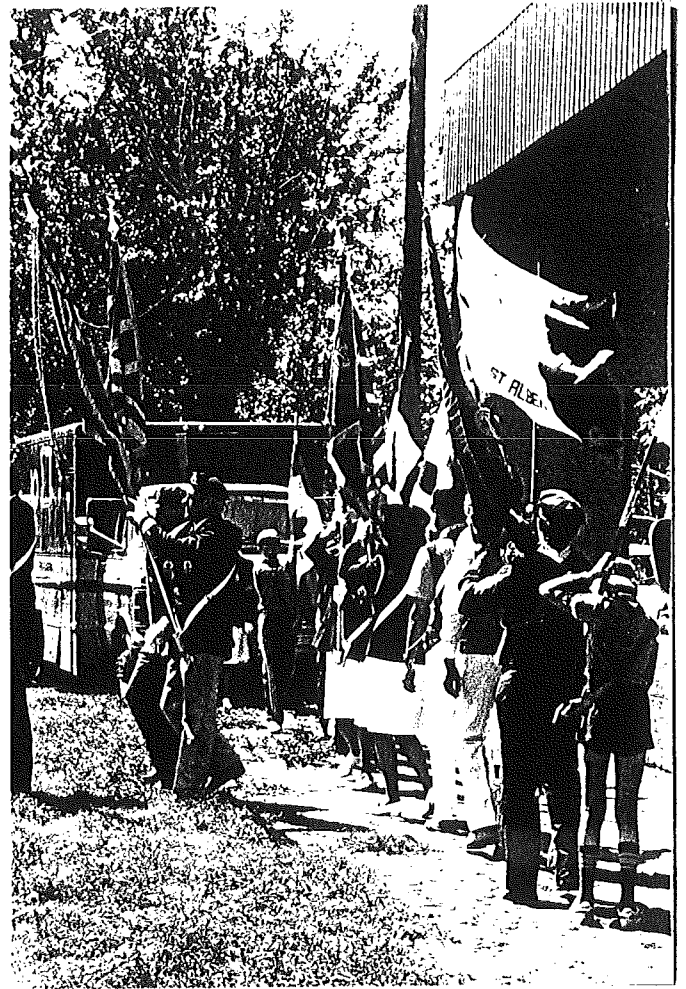
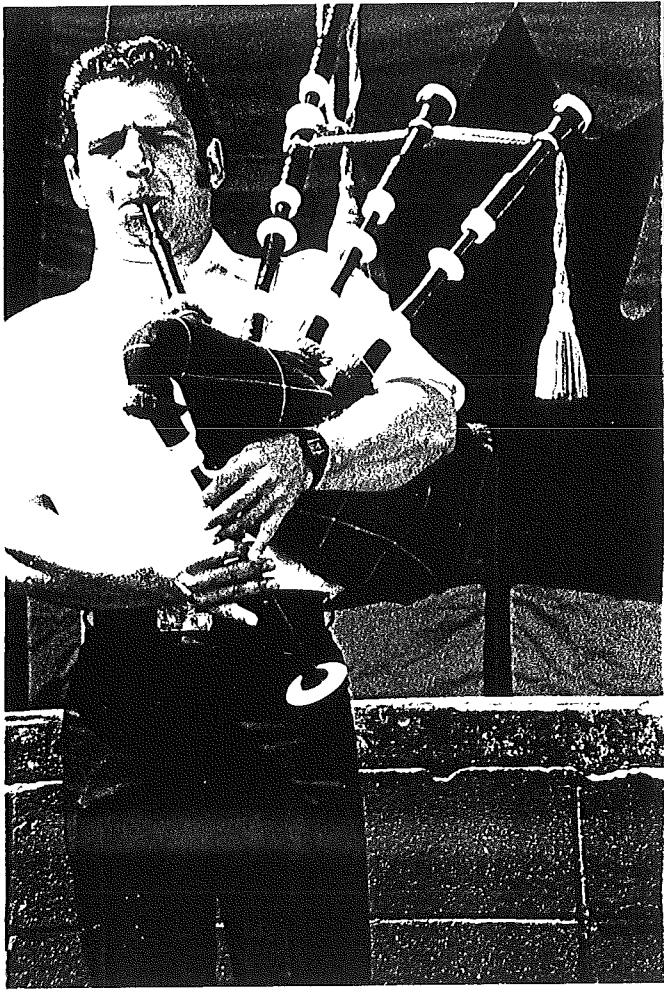
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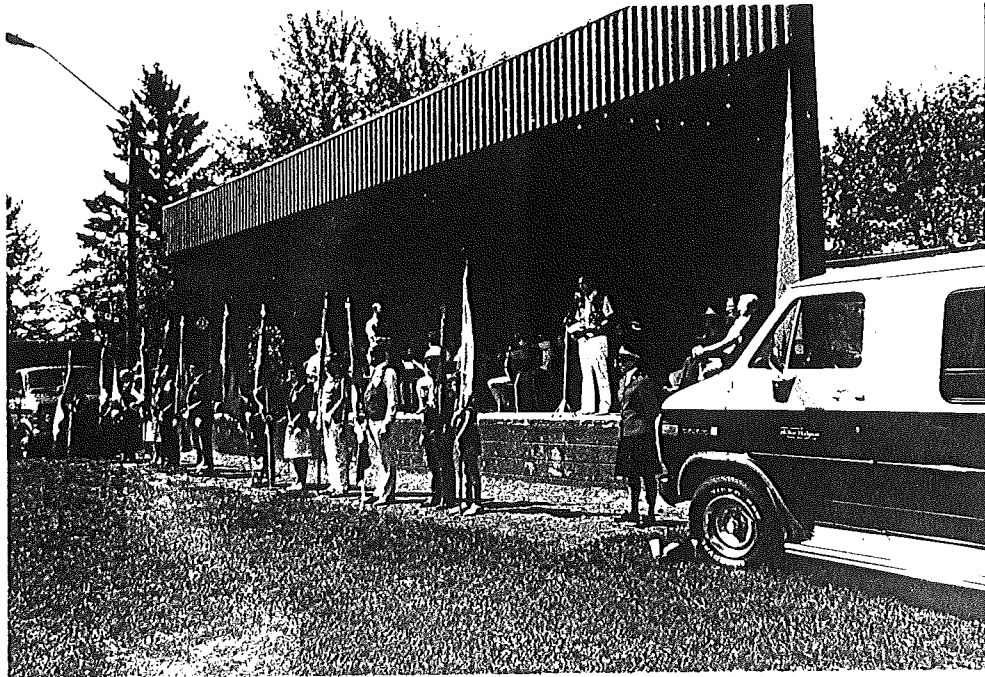
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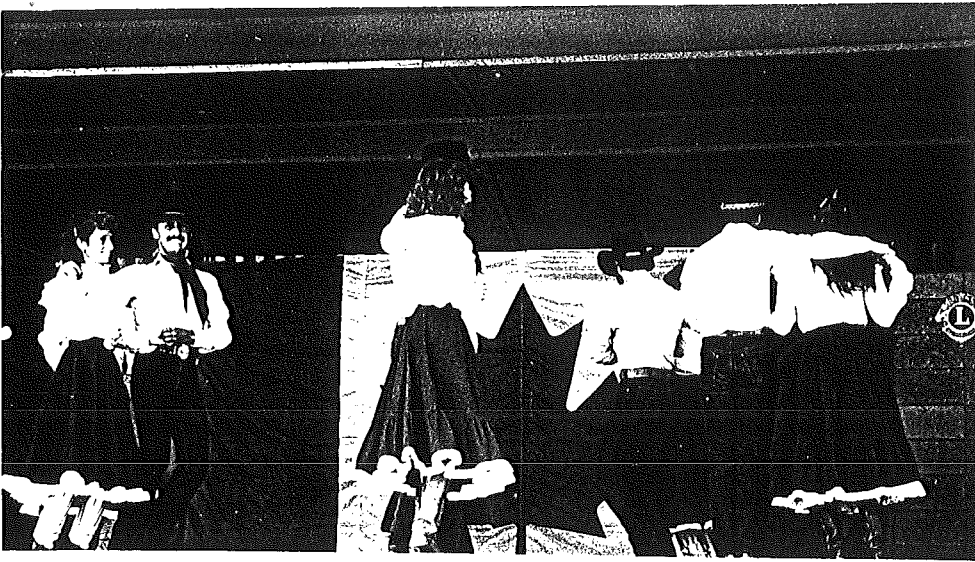


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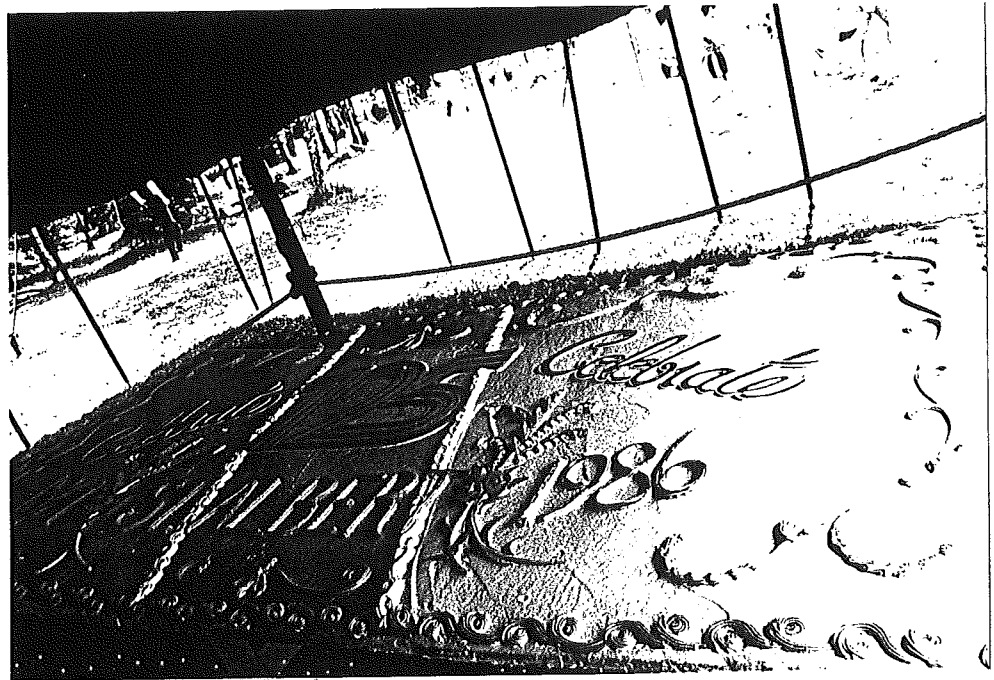


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