

# Police Briefs

**\$8,000**  
The Markham Food Market, located at the corner of Highway 48 and 17th Avenue, was robbed of \$8,000 last week.

Thieves entered the premises by forcing the front door open.

The owner reported \$4,697 in cash and \$3,300 in cheques were taken from the safe, and \$400 worth of damage was done.

### EQUIPMENT

M.H. Rental, located on Highway 7 in Woodbridge, was robbed during the night of August 5 when one vibrator sander and nine Homelite chain saws were stolen.

Value of the equipment is estimated at \$1,500.

### Rustlers?

A female Appaloosa pony was stolen from its owner's residence Saturday.

The pony, which was tied up at the time, belongs to Sharon Fontaine, Ruggles Avenue, Thornhill.

Police investigation is continuing.

### Five charged

During the early hours of Sunday, Bell Telephone boxes, located on 17th Avenue in Markham, were pulled down and damaged, and two daily newspaper boxes were stolen.

Five people were charged with the damages which amounted to \$1,000 for the Bell Canada boxes, and one person was charged with the theft of the paper boxes.

Charged are Kevin Coxworth, 17, Greg Schell, 18, Douglas Magee, 17, John Sutton, 18, and James Hinves, all from Markham.

They are scheduled to appear in court August 16.

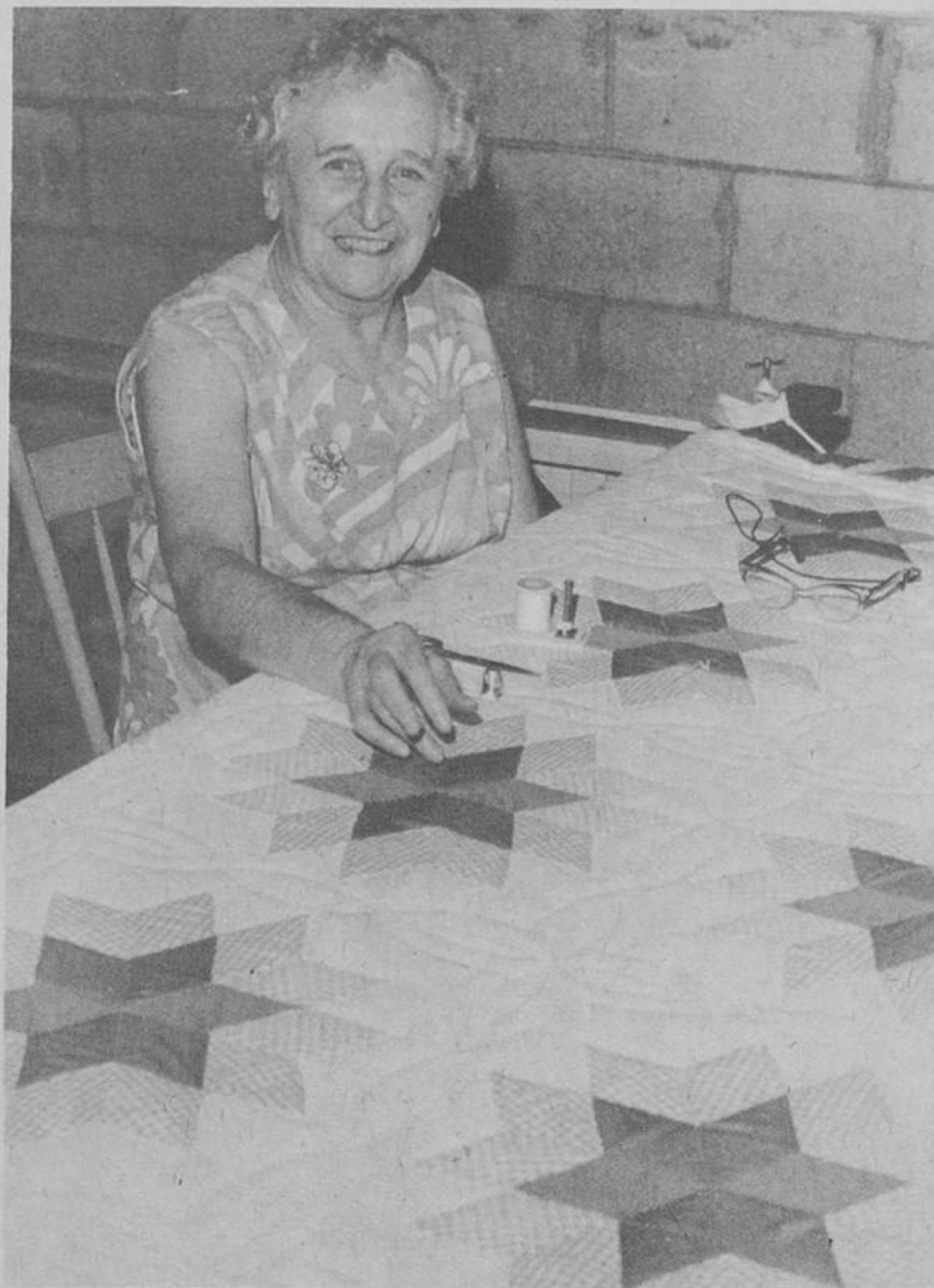
### Door open

Two men were discovered on the premises when a citizen reported an open front door at Cooper Rental Equipment on Highway 48 in Markham.

Investigation revealed stolen surveying equipment and small tools from Park Lawn Construction Ltd., Thornhill, were in the possession of the two men.

Charged are Edgar Liepins, 20, of Richmond Hill and Brian Long, 19, of Willowdale.

# Quilting is alive and well at this Richmond St. house



**174 of them**

Gladys Keffer of 90 Richmond St., has perfected the art of quilting, by combining some natural ability and good taste and a lot of practise. She has completed 174 quilts in the 14 years she has lived in Richmond Hill.

By DIANE MARSHALL

The idea of quilting brings to mind visions of a cozy, fire-lit farmhouse with women from the church institute clustered around quilting frame, exchanging gossip at this regular social "bee".

And, unfortunately, it also brings to mind that such an event is a thing of the rural past.

However, such is not the case as the art of quilting is alive and well at the home of Mrs. Gladys Keffer, 90 Richmond St., Richmond Hill, where she has lived and worked at her hobby for the last 14 years.

She also is assured that quilting continues to be an important art carried on by the Mennonite people in the community.

Mrs. Keffer usually works alone which she thinks makes for a better quilt.

"Everyone quilts differently and the stitches are more consistent if you do it yourself", she said.

In the past 14 years, she has made over 175 quilts which she sews all by hand. This number is the amount she has quilted; not pieced. For the past couple of years, she has made 16 annually.

"The Canadian Rose pattern is one of the most popular but there are hundreds of different patterns to work with and I always like to attempt something different", she said.

The quilting frame is set up in her basement on which the pieced quilt is stretched. She works

during the day but there is usually little time pressure to get the project completed.

Right now, she has eight different types on the go and at different stages of completion.

"I get orders from Maple, Willowdale, and Toronto besides requests from Richmond Hill people and I have more orders than I can handle at the moment", she said.

"But it is more a hobby for me than a business, I work at my own speed".

"I used to make a quilt every winter when I lived on the .arm, just south of Maple but found I had more time to devote to quilting when I moved to Richmond Hill 14 years ago. I often make up my own patterns. I saw a beautiful tulip pattern down at Black Creek Pioneer Village which I decided to copy for my granddaughter's wedding. I was pleased with the way it turned out".

Asked if quilting was a hard thing to learn, Mrs. Keffer replied that it is an art just like anything else.

She said she thinks there is a reviving interest in it which could be part of the "nostalgia" craze.

But the precision craftsmanship and the beauty of the finished quilt is worth all the time and effort devoted to her hobby and she does enjoy doing it.

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## Police charge men attacked two girls

Two women were assaulted in the parking lot of the Richmond Inn last week, and York Regional Police have charged two men.

Police said the two accused were at the Inn

and left the premises briefly.

While outside, they grabbed a 23-year-old female. She was able to break loose and complain to the management.

A second female was

grabbed and dragged from the sidewalk to the parking lot where she was assaulted.

York Regional Police arrived on the scene in time to witness the struggle.

After one officer was assaulted, the two men fled, but were apprehended two blocks away.

When one of the men was stopped, he retaliated by biting, kicking and punching a police officer.

The two men were scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Charged with assault and possession of marijuana are Larry Denis Gagnier, 18, and Barry James Pybus, 21, both of Mississauga.

## Markham to give \$2,000 to Cobalt

The Town of Markham is giving \$2,000 to the Cobalt disaster relief fund.

Cobalt is trying to raise about \$600,000 to help rebuild about one third of the northern Ontario town destroyed by fire last spring.

The Ontario government has promised a grant of \$4 for every \$1 raised elsewhere.

The mayor of Cobalt appealed directly to other municipalities for help.

Markham councillor Tom Gove said he understood two other municipalities in the area are considering grants of \$50.

"If we are going to do that, I would suggest that we save the postage," he said.

He said that if one third of the money was given by municipalities across Ontario, Markham's share would be \$1,800.

Councillor Bud Bonner suggested \$2,000 and

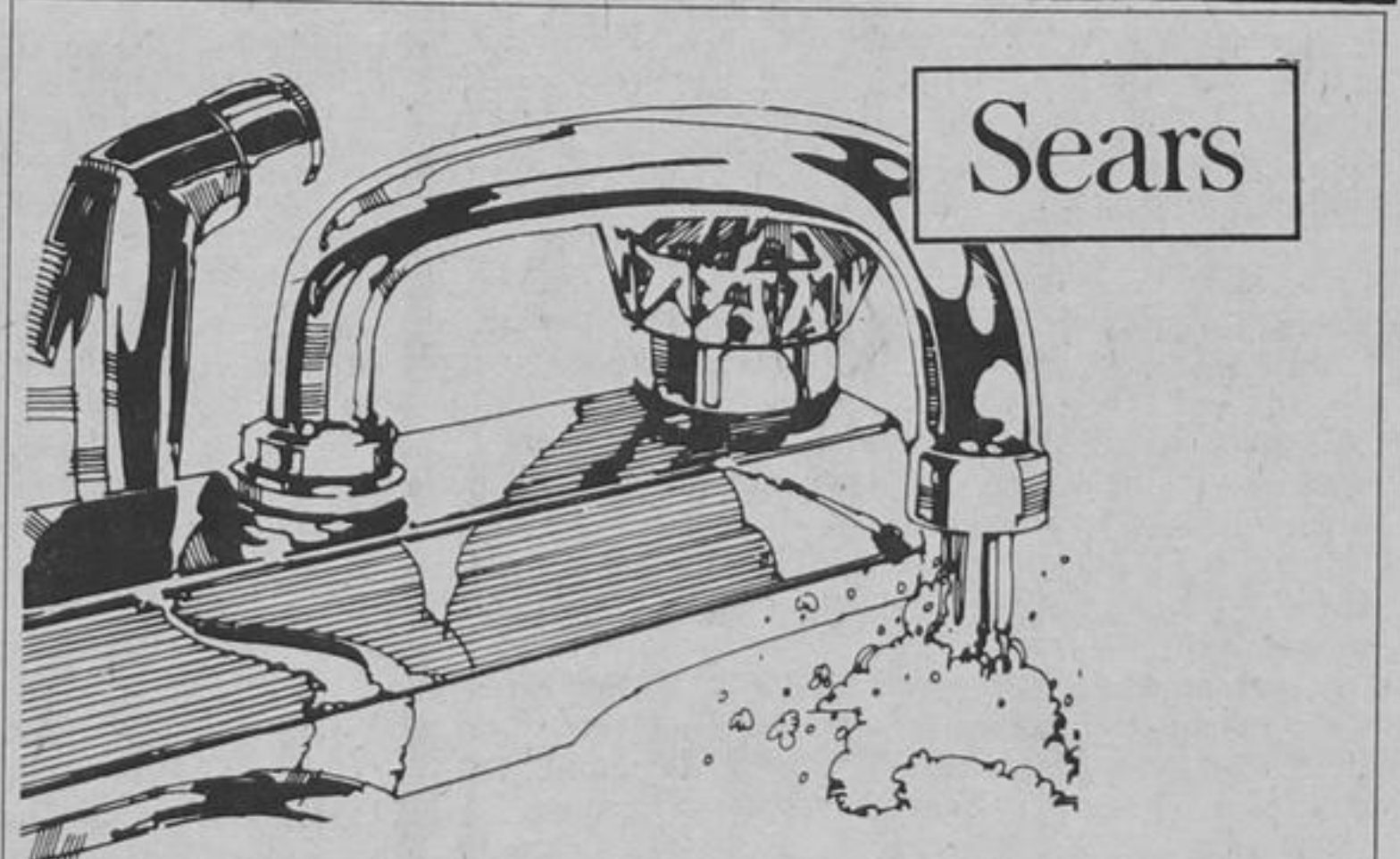
council agreed unanimously, but with one reservation.

Councillor Elson Miles said that some young people from his church went north after the fire to help clean up.

While they were working, local young people just stood around and watched.

Monday night, Richmond Hill Council agreed to contribute \$500 to the Cobalt Disaster Fund.

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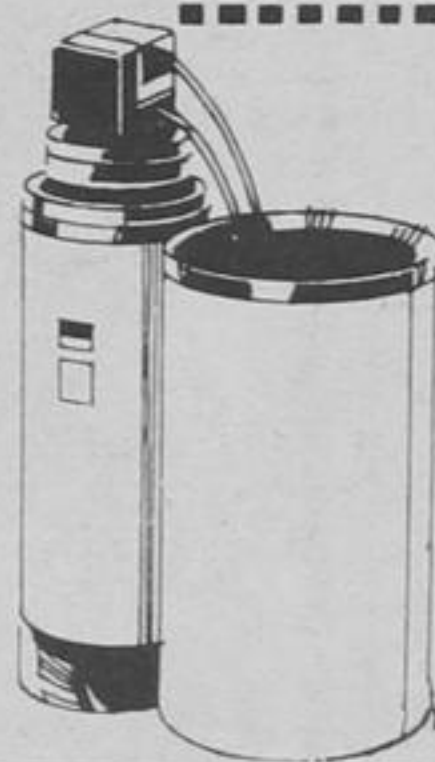


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