

District Students Sweep York County Oratorical Honors



First prize student Mary Arnott, 12, Grade 7, Woodland Public School, Markham Township Area 1. —Staff Photo.



Second prize winner Michael McCarthy, 13, a Grade 8 student at St. Mark's Separate School, Stouffville. —Staff Photo.



Third prize entry, Susan Neely, 13, a Grade 8 student at Franklin Public School, Markham Village. —Staff Photo.

St. Mark's Entry Second

NEWMARKET — The Markham-Stouffville area was well represented in the winners' circle at the York County Oratorical Competition held at Newmarket, March 9. In fact, the three students from these districts swept the field in placing first, second and third. It marked the first time in the history of the County Speaking Contest that this had occurred.

Classed as number one was 12 year old Mary Arnott, a Grade 7 pupil from Woodland Public School in Markham Township Area 1. Her subject was 'A Trip Across Canada'. She was the last of the fourteen participants to address the assembly.

Second place went to 13 year old Michael McCarthy of Lemonville, a Grade 8 student at St. Mark's Separate School in Stouffville. His subject was 'Television Commercials'.

The third place prize-winner was 12 year old Susan Neely, a Grade 8 student at Franklin School, Markham Village. Her topic was 'Treasure Home'. Honorable mention went to Josie McCarthy of King Township Senior Public School. Judges were —Mrs. Patricia Hughes, Toronto Teachers' College and Mrs. Edna Izzard, former English teacher on the staff of Richmond Hill High School. They were introduced by Public School Inspector, Maynard Hallman.

Each of the award-winners received individual trophies while all entries were presented with pens and centennial pins.

Centennial Sunrise Service

STOUFFVILLE — A centennial sunrise service, sponsored by the Young People's Organizations of all Stouffville churches, will be held in the Memorial Park on Easter Sunday, March 26. Following the worship, coffee and doughnuts will be served at Christ-Anglican Church. Persons, both young people and adults, interested in joining the choir for this special occasion are invited to attend a practice at the Christian Memorial Church, Stouffville, Sunday evening at 9 p.m.

The July 2, centennial service, also planned for the Stouffville Park, has been re-scheduled for 2:30 p.m. rather than in the morning as first planned. All churches have been invited to participate.

ENTRIES DESIRED
With the April 1st line fast approaching, few girls in the Stouffville area have shown interest in entering the Centennial Beauty Pageant, planned for April 22 in the auditorium of the high school. The committee, headed by Jean Barclay, feels that the talent requirement is responsible for the hesitancy on the part of girls to enter. This will be enlarged to include arts and crafts, hobbies and performances, either singly or as a group.

Program chairman, Lorne Bowdway has suggested that coin collection boxes be placed in Stouffville stores in an effort to gain support for an adopted child under the Christian Children's Fund of Canada. The committee has voted \$10 for the child's support during the first month. Mrs. Gordon Barkey, Stouffville, RR 2, is in charge of this project.

Insurance Mixup

BUTTONVILLE — A case involving insurance on a station wagon proved confusing even to the court, Friday, when Mrs. Margo Colpitts, formerly of Victoria Square, appeared to answer a charge filed by Markham Township police.

P.C. William Sheridan said that on Jan. 13, he stopped Louis Cancelli and questioned the driver. He found that the vehicle, supposedly owned by Mrs. Colpitts was not insured. Mrs. Colpitts said she had transferred the car to Mr. Cancelli and he was supposed to have transferred the insurance from his truck to the station wagon. She cannot drive or own a vehicle since her licence has been suspended.

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MORE LIGHTS
Although the committee expressed appreciation of the centennial lighting display, donated to the town by the Stouffville P.U.C., chairman R. F. Farr suggested that more strings of lights could be erected to fill in several vacant spaces along the Main Street. He promised to present a recommendation at the next meeting of the Commission.

Although an official Coat of Arms for Stouffville has not been designed, both Dr. D. J. Petric and Orchard Park Principal, Keith Sutherland voiced support of the idea. Mr. Sutherland suggested that when completed, it should be registered with the College of Heralds and accepted as Stouffville's official crest.



Hospital Promoters Discuss Building Plans

An important meeting between promoters of a 200 bed retarded children's hospital in Stouffville and members of Planning Board and the Industrial Commission concluded on an optimistic note Thursday night. Shown here, leaving committee rooms are (left to right) — promoter Fred LaFontaine, Industrial Commission member, Walton Todd, Planning Board Chairman Reg. MacKay and builder John Bernard Kennedy. —Staff Photo.

Markham Hydro Staff

Six Accident-Free Years Completed

MARKHAM — Not one lost-time accident in more than six years of continuous work is the outstanding safety record that the entire staff of Ontario Hydro's Markham Area has established.

The staff of 80 persons including 22 linemen, 11 foresters, 17 station and site maintenance and 30 inside commercial staff members have worked more than 2,100 consecutive days without any injuries that would cause them to take time off. This represents a total of approximately 890,000 manhours of work that is accident free.

11,400 CUSTOMERS

Markham Area covers a territory of some 275 square miles and includes rural and suburban sectors with a total of 11,400 customers. The power load in Markham Area amounts to 25,300 kilowatts and the staff has 415 miles of distribution lines, also approximately 315 miles of transmission, sub-transmission and communication lines, as well as seven key transformer stations to maintain. Four linemen and 21 station and site maintenance men are located at Hydro's Scarborough Transformer Station and Cherrywood Switching Station, two of the principal stations serving Metropolitan Toronto and district.

PAY TRIBUTE

A tribute was paid to Markham Area staff members by Adam S. Smith, Hydro's Central Region Manager, who commented on the unique record. Mr. Smith said: "The splendid safety record of Markham Area staff indicates a determination on the part of everyone to work safely at all times as a matter of habit, also to consider and guard against whatever hazards may be present in the job being done at the time. It also indicates an appreciation on the part of each staff member concerning the value of thinking safely and about planning every job with safety in mind."

OFTEN HAZARDOUS

Because of the sometimes hazardous nature of the work, the record of 2,100 accident-free days accomplished by Markham Area staff is quite significant. Linemen and foresters are called out in all kinds of weather and especially during severe ice storms and wind or electrical storms to make certain that electric power service is maintained to customers. This requires great care when conditions are extremely bad. Foremen as well as line and forestry crew members must be especially alert at such times when extreme weather conditions increase the dangers of accidents.

The Soviet pavilion at Expo 67 has a floor area equal to six football fields. Its most prominent feature is a soaring rectangular roof which reaches a height of 138 feet.

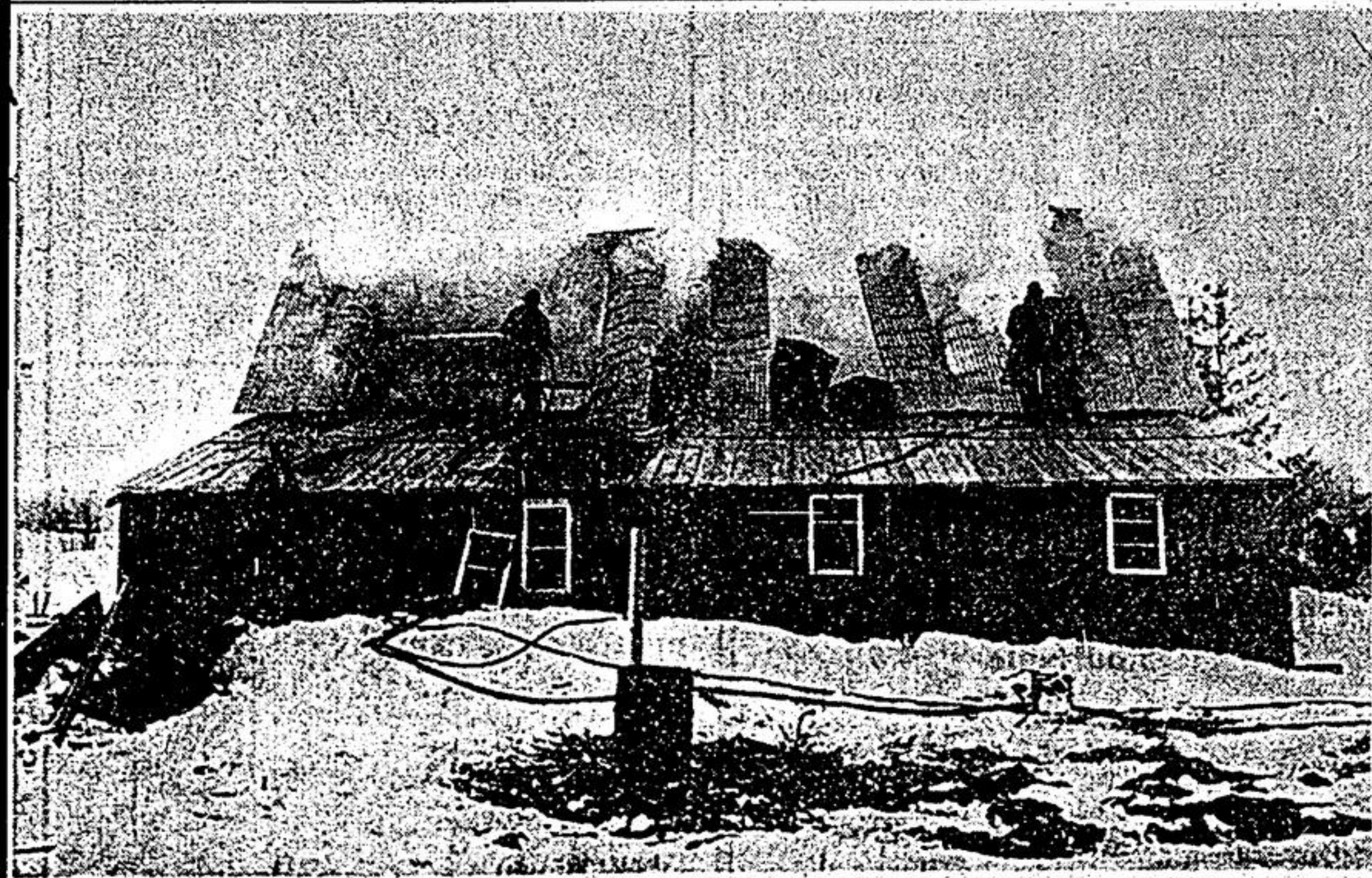
Five-Year Contract

MARKHAM — Markham Fair President, W. A. "Bill" Sutherland, verified a report, this week, that the Board had signed a five-year contract with Conklin Midway Company. A meeting of the executive was held at the Markham Arena, March 1. It was the third meeting conducted this year as plans move ahead toward a colorful centennial show, September 28-29 and 30. The next gathering is slated for Wednesday, April 5 at eight o'clock.

Items discussed included a more simplified prize list and an overlapping of Fair dates.

Prize list revisions have been placed in the hands of a committee that includes — Bill Sutherland, Walter Gould, Wally Reesor, Alex Davidson, Jerry Mann, Mrs. Merna Cosburn, Mrs. Hilda Campbell and Miss Olive Shadlock.

At the Fair's Convention held in Toronto, Maurice Hamill, a Markham Fair Past President, won a first place prize for colored slides taken of Fair activities and put up for competition.



Fire Levels Barn On 7th Concession, Markham Township

Children playing with matches have been blamed for a fire on the 7th concession, Markham Township, that destroyed a frame barn on the property of Louis Systma. Three cows and a pony belonging to Mr. Gary Brown, were saved. Firemen from Markham fought the blaze for nearly two hours. —Staff Photo.

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Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crossen, Church St. South, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Weeks, Paramount Avenue, Markham.

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