

Junior riders win laurels at Whitchurch C. C. show



Western Equitation and Pleasure Champion, Pat Gerow, Green River.



English Pleasure Champion, Debbie Smith, 12, Green River.



Western Equitation Champion, David Londry, 15.



Good Grooming Champion, Mona Raes, 13; Bethesda

Local riders took many of the awards at the Whitchurch Centennial Centre Equestrian Horse Show held at Ballantrae on Sunday. Over 21 entries with keen competition made this the first Junior show for the club a great success. For full results see page 8. —Harry Hooper

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Spot dragsters with aircraft

Two charged with dangerous driving

MARKHAM TWP. — Wednesday at Buttonville Twp. Offices police chiefs from Markham Twp., Whitchurch Twp., Uxbridge Twp. and Pickering met to discuss the "drag racing problem."

Every day complaints roll in to their departments of dragsters using highways in the various townships. The various police departments have done their utmost to catch the offenders but very few charges have been laid.

In an interview with Chief Harvey Cox, Markham Twp., The Tribune learned they discussed the problem fully and came up with an idea of using an aircraft to try and spot races in progress.

At 9:30 p.m. Friday evening Buttonville Police office became an operations room. Members from the various municipalities received a briefing for the night's operations. Maps showing the various trouble spots were handed out to police officers by Chief Cox. Plans were for the aircraft to take off from Buttonville Airport containing Sgt. David Dukes, Markham Twp. police. He would be equipped with a ground to air radio and cruising in each municipality would be an officer equipped with a similar radio.

The plane flew over the various areas and about 1 a.m. a drag race was spotted on Steele's Avenue near Hwy. 48. Chief Reg Parker, Uxbridge Twp., cruising in the area, was radioed where the race was in progress and he deployed cruisers under his control to close in.

Two drivers who were racing were caught and later taken to Buttonville and charged with dangerous driving. Many people watching the race had their names taken by the police officers.

Chief Cox told The Tribune that perhaps using an aircraft will be the means to combat drag racing. "Of course it's costly, besides the aircraft which was sponsored by CHF1 radio station, we had 12-14 police officers on duty and nine cruisers. Many of the officers had to work overtime and this is where it becomes costly" said the chief.

This was the first time police in the area have used aircraft and have been able to reach the scene quickly enough. Previously, drag racers had been too well organized, with spotters using two-way radios to warn of police closing in.

Ask for crossing gates

MARKHAM TOWN — Town Council passed a resolution that a request be sent to the C.N.R. for the installation of crossing gates at the C.N.R. level crossing conc. 7 north of Hwy. 7 as recommended by a recent coroner's jury.

The location in question was the scene of a truck-train crash, June 13 that took the life of David Edward Barker, 46, R.R. 2, Uxbridge.

Council also recommended that a copy of the resolution be sent to Markham Twp. Council asking for their support.

Vandalism

STOUFFVILLE — Public indignation is rising as vandalism in town continues to increase.

On Tuesday night the public swimming pool was entered and fire extinguisher chemical was dumped into the pool making it necessary to close down Wednesday.

The new snack bar in the park was also broken into.

The Tribune has been victimized four times recently as news boxes were stolen. Tuesday night 11 boxes were also stolen from Telegram and Star papers.

Sifton building case postponed to Aug. 18

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A charge regarding unlawful building on the 3rd concession, laid against Michael Sifton by the Twp. by-law enforcement officer, Marshall Miller, has been postponed until August 18. The case had been scheduled to be heard this week.

Mr. Miller told the press that two building permits had been issued to the Siftons but neither applied to the original construction.

Mr. Sifton, wealthy publisher and horse owner, has erected a \$100,000 barn on the 3rd. The barn, complete with living quarters, has been a controversial issue with council since it was discovered in February.

At one time it appeared council might prosecute for an illegal violation of the township land-use by-law prohibiting living quarters in barns and garages. On legal advice the matter was dropped.

Since then the debate has centered on whether to prosecute immediately or to grant a building permit.



Lorne Avery, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Noel Avery, and formerly of R.R. 2, Stouffville, has been awarded a Ph.D. degree from the Dept. of Astro-Geophysics at the recent University of Colorado graduation exercises. Lorne graduated from Stouffville Dist. High School in 1959 and received a B.A.Sc. in Engineering Physics from the University of Toronto in 1963. He attended the University of Colorado from 1963 to 1969. He and his wife, Joan, and their two daughters, Lois and Virginia are presently residing in Boulder, Colorado where Lorne holds a post-doctoral appointment with the National Centre for Atmospheric Research.

New name for park

PICKERING TWP. — Pickering Township Council has expressed pleasure that Brougham park is to be re-named Donald Beer Memorial Park in memory of the late Councillor Beer, who contributed so much to recreation in the township, and to the park itself.

Council will contribute \$132 towards a plaque, which will rest on a stone cairn to be erected by the Brougham Citizen's League. "I think it is the least we can do for the services Don rendered to Brougham, to the vicinity, and to the whole Township," said Councillor Victor Rudik.

Garbage burns

GORMLEY — Firemen from Stouffville were called to the Gormley Mushroom farm, to extinguish a fire in a load of garbage inside a truck owned by Ralph Spademan of Markham.

The truck was being repaired at the time and had to be towed away from nearby buildings. The hydraulic gear would not function and the firemen had to use crowbars and a block and tackle to open doors on the truck to get at the blaze. It took over an hour to extinguish it thoroughly.

The blaze, apparently started from an arc welder being used on the truck, damaged the packing apparatus slightly, but not the cab of the truck.



Highland Fling

Susan Studak, 7, from Windsor, was one of the many children who competed in the dancing at the Second Markham Highland Games held in the Fair Grounds on Saturday. Hundreds gathered early in the morning to watch the display. —Harry Hooper

Find decomposed body

GREENWOOD — Workmen from the Ont. Dept. of Highways discovered the badly decomposed body of a man in long grass on the road allowance of Hwy 7 adjacent to the property of Roy Hill, just east of the Swiss Chalet Park on July 18.

The body was identified as that of Larry John McCrossan, 23, Brampton. It had been there approximately one week.

O.P.P. Whitby Detach., investigating the case, say that the man took his own life with self-administered poison. There were no signs of foul play.

Rescued by helicopter

GORMLEY — Colin H. Baker, 17, of Orillia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Baker of Gormley and Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Barkey, R.R. 2, Markham, was rescued from a 900 foot cliff above the Pacific ocean in Humburg State Park, Oregon, by a Coast Guard helicopter.

He had climbed the cliff, and nearing the top,

slipped, tumbling 50 feet down the cliff to a ledge. He lay there, clad only in a light tee shirt and shorts for six hours until he was found. Rescue took another three and a half hours, with a plane dropping flares so that he could be seen by crews from the Coast Guard.

One man killed in Don Mills Road pile-up

GORMLEY — A Toronto man was killed and five others were injured in a head-on crash on Don Mills Rd. north of Gormley Sunday.

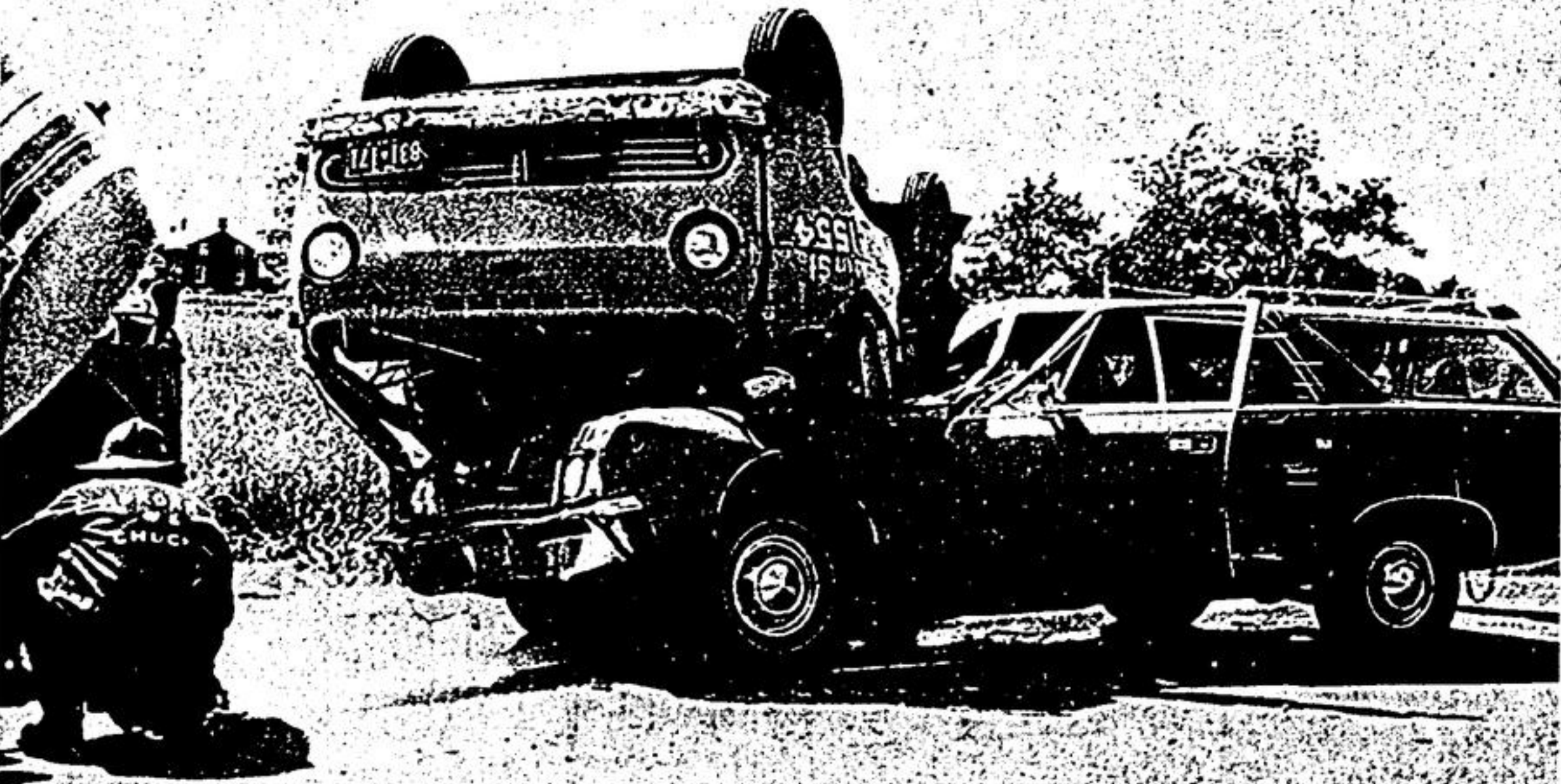
Dead is Thomas Sarris, 20, of Toronto, a passenger in a light panel truck driven by Georgios Ziskos 21.

Ziskos and another passenger, Thomas Gafos, also of Toronto, suffered internal injuries when thrown from the truck.

James Goldin, 47, and two passengers in his southbound station wagon, Mrs. June Murray, 43, and Steven Murray, 16, all of Scarborough, suffered injuries.

The force of the impact caused the truck to flip over on its roof, landing on top of the station wagon and pinning Sarris in the wreckage.

Firemen had to use a tow truck and crew bars to free his body. He was pronounced dead on arrival at York County Hospital, Newmarket.



Firemen from Aurora hose down gasoline spilled on the roadway in this spectacular two-car head-on crash north of Gormley.

Charges are pending against Ziskos. P.C. Geoppe of the Whitchurch Twp. Police is conducting the investigation.

Higher county assessment here

STOUFFVILLE — In 1970 the village of Stouffville will pay a larger percentage of York County's expenditure than in 1969. It was revealed in the 1970 county equalized assessment.

For the county purposes next year the village assessment has been set at \$5,795,367, but its assessment for municipal purposes is only \$5,517,074. In 1969 Stouffville's equalized assessment was \$5,420,000 and for municipal purposes \$5,150,000.

Some other York County municipalities' equalized assessments are (with assessment for municipal purposes in brackets): Town of Markham \$14,768,625 (\$15,499,440), Markham Township \$43,686,113 (\$35,389,241), Whitchurch \$11,688,911 (\$11,637,259). Total assessment in the county is \$244,444,659.

Drought continues Markham Twp.

MARKHAM TWP. — The township's water department feels that despite their many requests to the residents to conserve water by not watering their lawns, many are not co-operating.

The halt to lawn watering was put in effect last week after the department received many complaints of taps running dry.

The Water Supt., Chas. Rose stated that if the hot spell continues and the residents do not co-operate, they will be forced to cut off supplies during the night.

Pickering appeals county assessment

PICKERING TWP. — Notice will be given by Pickering Twp. of intent to appeal the 1969 county equalization factor to be levied on taxes in 1970.

Council will request a hearing regarding this appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Provincial factor was raised from 95 to 141, and this it seems to councillors will be felt right down the line in Ontario County.

Ontario County, they feel, should give a lower percentage than the 29 factor.

Receive John Williams said that it seemed odd that all the municipalities that had been re-assessed had received revised equalization factors for basic shelter grants.

The county, in his opinion, has taken action this year which there is no basis for. Williams said that he questioned a man from the O.M.B. at a county council meeting about whether or not county assessor Gordon Hep-

ditch had acted wisely in this connection. The answer, he said, was a blunt no.

"Mr. Hepditch told us what wonderful benefits we would get from re-assessment," said the reeve, "but we have the county school board that it will be used for the county levy, and the basic shelter grant."

The Ajax factor has gone up to 113, and said Councillor John Kruger, Ajax is in the same position to appeal.

Appeal before O.M.B.

STOUFFVILLE — An appeal will be heard before the Ontario Municipal Board on Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. lodged by Mr. Fred Milne, Main St., Stouffville, against the granting by the Committee of Adjustment to Mr. Edward Armstrong for permission to convert his large home to three apartments. The homes are located between Charles and William Streets.