

## Stouffville Stockyards

# A Saturday market place for thousands

Farmer — city dweller rub elbows

By Bob Hastings  
STOUFFVILLE — To local residents it's simply the Stouffville Sales Barns, but to the masses who migrate from Metro each Saturday, it's many things. It's part general store; part carnival; part shopping plaza and part menagerie. It's a consumer carousel and a seller's stage. But most of all, it's a meeting place. A meeting place which welcomes people of all ages, social position and nationality. A beautiful blend of democracy and free enterprise. The farmer, the suburbanite and the city dweller rub elbows in search of bargains. A pair of sandals is as much at home as a pair of farm boots. Wild Bermuda shorts are as acceptable as grey overalls.

The variety of goods is equally diverse. Yes, they even sell kitchen sinks. How about a two week old pheasant? An antique desk, a second hand wrench, or maybe a dozen duck eggs? As well as a wide range of merchandise, the method of buying and selling is also varied. It could be by auction, by negotiation or by the customary routine. The auction rings are where the action is. Pigs, goats, sheep, ponies—you name it, if it's got four legs it's probably a candidate for the auction block. In the past five years, goats have become the popular animal in the ring, especially among the Italian-Canadians who



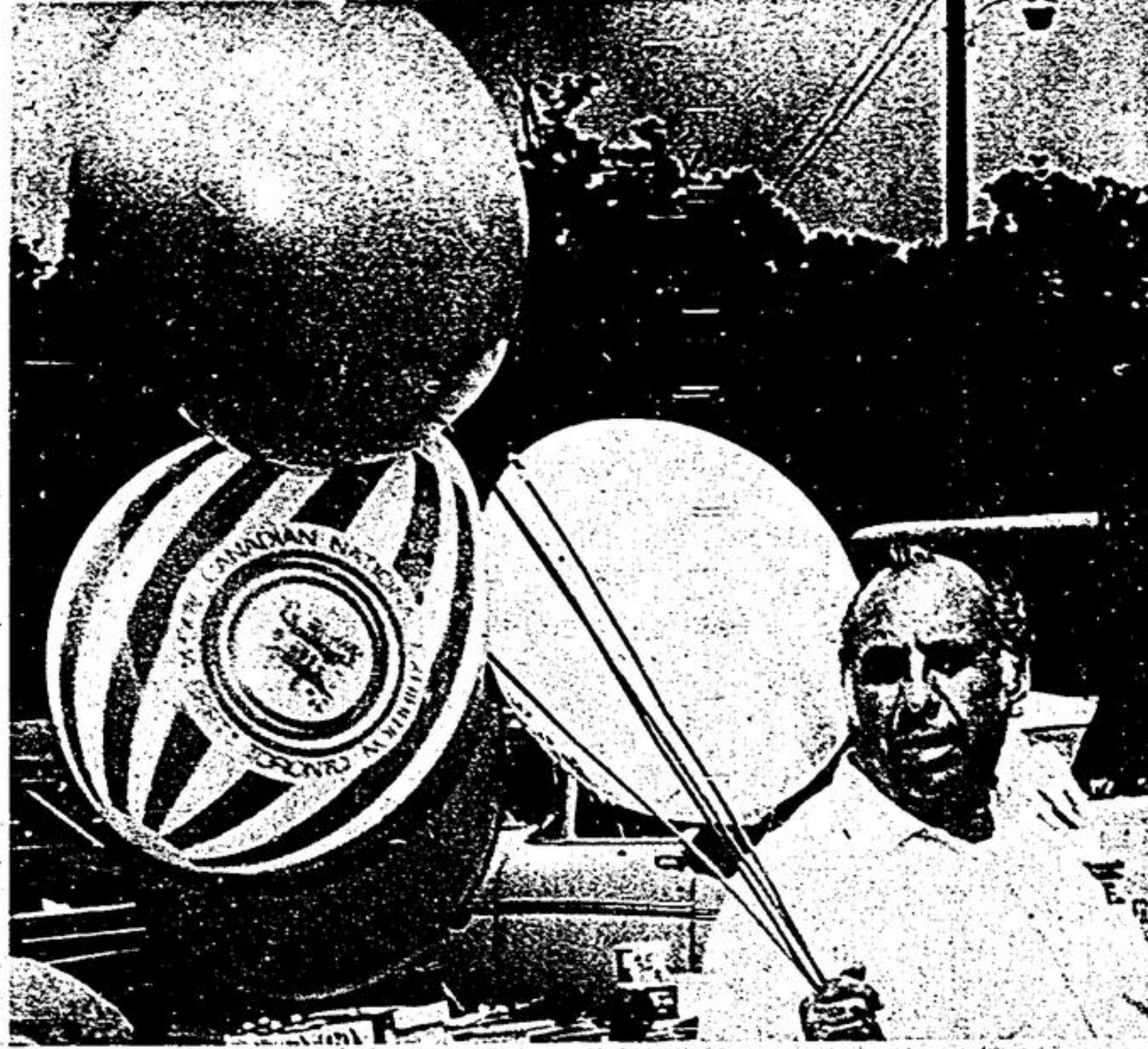
While it's called the Stouffville Stockyards, to curious children, it's more like a zoo. Here, one little lad peers into a boxful of baby chicks. —Jas. Thomas.

regard this meat in the same way most of us relish beef and pork. Billies and nannies are imported from as far away as Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas to meet the large demand. Frank Papali, handsome, pleasant Italian fellow buys his goats at the stockyards and then consigns them to the Stouffville Barns for sale. On a very good day, he could sell up to one hundred and fifty top quality goats for as much as twenty-five dollars each. To Frank this is a means to supplement the income from his regular job. Over in the "flea circus" there is just about

everything—except fleas, of course. There, the concessionaires rent space by the day, month or in a few cases, by the year. Mike Gafer, the veteran of the group, has sold in the barns regularly for the past nineteen years. Of his eighty-two years, sixty-three have been spent in Canada—a country of which he is very proud. A friend of everyone, Mike is almost as busy greeting them as he is in moving

textiles, shoes and clothing from his large display area. He buys his goods throughout the province and sells them in Aylmer and Stouffville.

A large farmers' market is still part of the operation which had its humble beginnings in the old curling area on Park Drive North in Stouffville with Walter Atkinson as the original owner. Now, Norm Faulkner and Frank Bennett are co-owners of



No, it's not a carnival, but the carnival atmosphere is everywhere - even to a gentleman selling balloons. On Saturday, an estimated 5,000 persons were on the grounds. —Jas. Thomas.

this much expanded complex. If barriers still remain

between the urban and rural people, they aren't apparent on Saturdays

when up to five thousand meet at the Stouffville Sales Barns.

IN THE MATTER OF Section 30 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1960, c. 296:

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Corporation of the Township of Pickering for approval of its restricted area By-law 3712/69 passed the 26th day of October, 1969.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Ontario Municipal Board has appointed Friday, the 24th day of July, 1970, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Municipal Offices of the Township of Pickering, 1710 Kingston Road, Pickering, Ontario (at Brock Road and Highway No. 2), for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.

This hearing is being held primarily to decide whether the above-mentioned by-law should or should not be approved. Requests for changes will only be considered by special leave granted by the Board and if sufficient advance notice has been given to the Clerk of the municipality to permit notice of such requests to neighbouring property owners. It should be noted also that any decision made at this hearing is subject to the right of any person interested to apply for an amendment under Section 30 (19) of The Planning Act.

The above hearing is with respect to the by-law published on the 8th and 15th days of January, 1970, amending the land use regulations of the Township of Pickering by further limiting and clarifying service stations and excluding gas bars; broadening the definition of livestock and prohibiting the keeping of livestock in any but agricultural areas of five acres or over; and requiring that any buildings to be erected shall front on an opened and maintained public street.

Dated at the Township of Pickering this eighth day of July, 1970.

Signed: Douglas J. Plitz  
Clerk, Township of Pickering  
1710 Kingston Road  
Pickering, Ontario.

### School damaged

MARKHAM - Damage is estimated at \$150 after a window was broken in a door at Roy Crosby Public School in Markham, July 3.

In addition, police told The Tribune, the door was badly scorched by firecrackers. The incident was investigated by P.C. Thomas Matheson.

## Councillor protests garage operation

STOUFFVILLE — A garage operation on the south-east corner of Tenth Line and Main, aroused one of the most heated and prolonged controversies in Stouffville Council this year. Councillor Tom Lonergan introduced the issue, July 2.

Councillor Lonergan argued that the use of the property had changed within recent weeks, thus requiring the owner to meet all the provisions of a C-2 Zone within the Restricted Area Bylaw. Mr. Lonergan said the site was not adequately paved and water flowed from the property onto a village street. He charged that any protection under 'prior' use had been nullified when previous gas pumps were removed and new ones installed.

He requested that the matter be turned over to the village solicitor for a legal opinion.

A motion, to this effect, was supported by councillor Ian Chapman.

Councillor Lonergan became irritated when reeve Ken Laushway questioned his reason for waiting so long before bringing the issue to council's attention. He was even further incensed when the reeve suggested he obtain legal advice on his own.

Mr. Lonergan admitted

that while he was indeed the chairman of the bylaws committee, it was not his duty to enforce them.

Clerk Ralph Corner noted that a change in gas companies had occurred at the location, but in his opinion, the use of the premises had not.

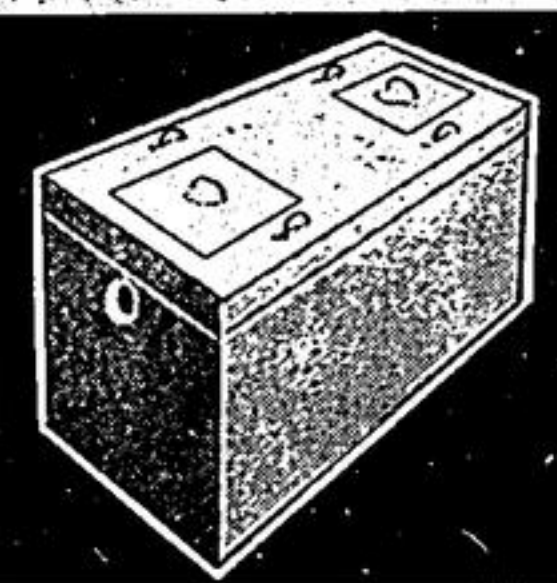
A vote on the resolution ended in deadlock with the reeve deciding against further council action.

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August 22	The Temptations	\$5.00 and \$4.00
August 23	Italian Festival	\$7.00, \$6.00, and \$5.00
August 24, 25	Johnny Cash	\$6.00, \$5.00, and \$4.00
August 26	Brenda Lee	\$5.00 and \$4.00
August 27	Red Skelton	\$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00
August 28, 29, 30, 31	Circus '70 International	\$4.00 Half price for children 12 and under
September 1	Ray Charles / Al Hirt	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 2	Bobby Goldsboro	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 3	Charley Pride	\$5.00 and \$4.00
September 4	5th Dimension	\$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00
September 5	Drum and Bugle Competition	\$4.00 and \$3.50
September 6	Military Band Tattoo	\$4.00 and \$3.50
September 7	Nationbuilders	\$2.00 and \$1.00

## Canadian National Exhibition

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