



Twin foals - a rarity

Only four days old, twin colts pose for their first official photograph on the property of Howard Lee, Kennedy Road, R.R. 1, Unionville. The father of the pair is a registered Quarter

Horse. According to Stouffville veterinarian, Dr. A.T. O'Connor, twin foals are quite rare. —Jim Thomas.

Blames Town

Bungled sewer project

MARKHAM — Alleged 'bungling' on the part of the Town of Markham has caused Joe Assinck, of Assinck Brothers Limited, considerable embarrassment in dealing with contractors, because of the "mud and mess created from my property being dug up for a simple sewer connection."

Mr. Assinck made the statement to The Tribune, Monday, and described the chain of events since late last fall.

In November, the company applied to the Town for sewers "and up until December, I received nothing but a run-around." At the beginning of 1973, Markham decided to allow the company to hook up to the municipality's sewers along Hwy. 48 "and for the privilege of the connection it would cost \$8,300."

After fighting the Town over the cost situation, he said the company won its argument that it should only have to pay half, with the remaining amount to be paid by the business interest on the west side of the highway. Mr. Assinck said his company installed a sewer line from the property limit to its building. "But after receiving the required elevation from the engineering department and the Town connected my line to the man-hole, Markham concluded that the sewer and water line were lying at the same level and couldn't make a proper sewer connection."

According to Mr. Assinck, Markham raised the man-hole and dug up 50 feet of the company's newly installed line.

"The bungling that's going on in that engineering department is incredible," charged the complainant.

But the co-owner's remarks didn't end there.

"Last week there were between 13 and 16 men standing around trying to determine the elevation of the man-hole and it took one and a half days to install it."

"I have had to put up with the mud, mess and the Town's stupidity," steamed Mr. Assinck, "and it's ridiculous."

He did say that the line has been connected, "but it's a half-assed job."

Close road for festival

UNIONVILLE — Part of Kennedy Road will be closed to vehicular traffic Saturday, to make way for the fourth annual Unionville Festival.

The Unionville Conservation and Development Association requested the Region to close Main Street between Hw. 7 and the bridge at the north end of the village within the hours of 12 noon and 6 p.m.

Council approved the request.

"I would like to know what other industries in Markham have had to suffer before they get anything done."

"You have to talk to that engineering department like little gods," charged Mr. Assinck.

At a council meeting last week, Councillor Ron Moran brought up a report on the situation. However, he was interrupted during his presentation, by Mayor Tony Roman. "Objections such as this should be directed to staff

and the matter should not be discussed when engineering members are not present," commented the Mayor.

Mr. Assinck said the Town agreed to pay the installation costs, "but it's the bungling that I'm concerned about and what clients of mine would want to trod through that mess to reach the building."

"I was told that it took 100 man hours by Markham for this sewer connection, when it should only have taken one day if the job had been done right in the first place," he concluded.

Athletes compete - provincial honors

MARKHAM — This Saturday, secondary school athletes from across Ontario will compete at two separate sites for top track and field honors.

For boys, the provincial meet is at Etobicoke. The competition for girls, is at Guelph.

This year, the spotlight of attention is focussed on two young ladies, 16 year old Eleanor Mahal, Cachet Parkway, R. R. 1, Unionville, a Junior, and 15 year old Donna Summerland, Sherwood Forest Drive, Markham, a Midget.

Eleanor, who trains three and four times a week at Varsity, under the watchful eye of Fred Foote, claims her specialty is running. She's entered Saturday in the 100 and 200 meters, and the long jump. She's also the 'anchor' on the school's junior relay team.

Eleanor is a student in Grade 10.

"Track interest is really growing, particularly in Toronto," she said, "and it's catching on in Markham too."

Restore Seafire plane

BUTTONVILLE — Quietly, without fanfare, an original Seafire is being restored in a hangar at Buttonville Airport, 16th Avenue, Markham.

When completed, possibly next summer, it will represent the only serviceable aircraft of its kind in the world. A sister Seafire is on display in Calgary, but will never be flown.

Working on this latest project are members of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Foundation. One of the participants is Deryck Hickox of Agincourt.

The Seafire is an exact copy of the famous Spitfire, with wing modifications to permit aircraft carrier operation.

She noted, however, that the general public is still more attracted to team sports, like hockey and football. "Most people have no idea the amount of time and effort a track athlete puts into training."

Donna Summerland trains under coach Walter Kostic of Scarborough, spending up to 12 hours each week.

Like Eleanor, she's the 'anchor' on the Midget relay team, but her specialty is the long-jump, with an official mark of — and get this, 19 ft., 9 inches. In the All-Ontario, she'll also enter the 100 meter dash and the 80 meter hurdles.

Donna, a Markham town resident four years, is a student in Grade 9.

Jim Rehill, Physical Education Director at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, in commenting on their abilities at the Georgian Bay Meet said: "They are truly something to watch. There's nobody in their class who can touch them."

Both Eleanor and Donna have their sights set on the Olympics.

This particular model was piloted by Canadians in the Fleet Air Arm, and based in England. It saw action aboard the carriers 'Warrior' and 'Magnificent'. The craft, or what was left of it, was purchased in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. "It had been pretty badly beaten up," said Deryck. The engine, a Rolls-Royce Griffen, will be shipped up to Buttonville from Halifax.

The Seafire is one of six World War planes to be restored or in the process of restoration by the Club. Others are: a Mark VI Ferry Firefly (restored); a Chipmunk (restored); a Harvard; Mark IV; a Tiger Moth and a Lysander.

Wants fairer deal for gas station operators

YORK-CENTRE — Don Deacon has introduced two private member's bills at Queen's Park, both relating to the marketing of motor vehicle fuel.

"Every year, up to one-third of all Ontario independent gas line retailers are forced out of business by the heavy-handed tactics of the major oil companies," he asserted in his presentation.

Mr. Deacon claimed that Ontario's gasoline retailers are chained to their pumps through the marketing practices of the major oil companies and the power they wield with restrictive leases.

"The most nagging

problems the so-called 'independents' have are the wide differences in the wholesale prices of gasoline. Major suppliers sell to their brand-name dealers at prices much higher than they sell to their wholly owned discount stations. Most oil companies have one or more discount operations in competition with their brand-name stations.

"Due to adverse publicity, the oil companies have been under pressure the past several weeks and prices are beginning to fall into line. Yet there is still a 10-cent spread per gallon in the Metro area. The oil company has become," concluded Mr.

Deacon, "its own branded dealer's biggest competitor."

It's possible, he indicated, for a wholly owned discount operation to siphon off half the gallonage of the brand-name dealer in the same trading area.

Oil companies, he continued, have too much control over their dealers with restrictive leases on a 'take it or leave it basis' and less than one per cent of all Ontario leases are negotiated.

"The oil companies control market prices by setting up relatively few, but strategically placed, the company-operated stations," the York Centre member said. "About 40 years ago 98

percent of all Ontario service stations were company operated. However, the oil companies found they couldn't make a reasonable profit so they leased the stations to people who wanted to get into their own businesses and were willing to take responsibility and risk.

"As it turned out," he related, "these small businessmen have been treated like employees."

"I urge you to enact a law to provide for Fair Practices in the Sale of Motor Vehicle Fuel and set down a Bill of Rights for gasoline retailers," he concluded.

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Growth 'pressures' plague Town

MARKHAM—The failure of past Markham Planning Boards and Councils to foresee the growth that was to come, has placed present municipal leaders and department officials under tremendous pressure,

Speculate on home prices

MARKHAM—Inflation is rampant in real estate within the Town of Markham, so much so, that 'investors' are purchasing homes on speculation and re-selling them a few weeks later at a sizeable profit.

This fact was revealed by councillor Bob Adams, speaking at a meeting of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club, May 17.

Councillor Adams said serviced residential lots were bringing \$20,000 and up, with one property going as high as \$40,000.

Raw land, zoned industrial, is priced at \$50,000 an acre, he said.

"We're moving too fast, he said, "nobody was geared up to handle this kind of growth. The council is under tremendous pressure."

Final trip

MARKHAM — A 1922 Sawyer-Massey steam engine will hit the 'open road' Thursday (today), but not under its own steam.

The prized engine, owned by the late Gordon Sellers, Widdifield Road, and purchased for \$3,300 by the Markham and District Historical Society, will be brought to Markham by G. M. Smith float service.

The steamer runs like a top, according to Museum curator, John Lunau. It will be driven on and off the float by Frank 'Ted' Sellers, and stored for the present on the property of Mrs. Scott Brown, 16th Avenue.

End jog

MARKHAM — The Regional Municipality of York will be responsible for the realignment of 19th Avenue west at the 5th concession, following council's adoption of an engineering committee's report.

The purpose of the construction is to straighten out the jog on 19th. But first the Town of Markham will have to purchase the necessary right-of-way.

The engineering department is presently designing conc. for reconstruction in 1974," the report stated.

Town councillor Bob Adams told a meeting of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club, May 17.

"We are now paying for this oversight," he said.

In an effort to 'catch up' and keep pace, the speaker outlined several programs that had been instituted so that build-up, particularly in residential areas, might proceed on a regulated and orderly basis. One of these is the Unionville Study, to cost an estimated \$25,000. Another concern, an in-depth look at all hamlets in the municipality. Public Hearings will be arranged when all information is available.

"We are doing things now, that should have been done years ago," he continued, "we are now paying for this oversight."

Councillor Adams said a prime goal of the 1973-74 Planning Committee and Council was "to get people involved." "We want to find out what the people want," he said. He stated, however, that in this area, it was often difficult "to get the message across." A reason for this, he observed, was related to the size of the area involved and the difficulty in welding separated communities into 'one town'. "We must endeavor to tie the Town together," he said. He pointed out that a toll-free telephone system, linking the former village of Markham to Thornhill would be a partial solution to the problem. He said too, that an organized transportation system would also help. "It's a long grind and the results are

often irritating," he admitted. With respect to Regional Government, the speaker described it as "big and unwieldy." He said he is alarmed at the cost, "but we're in it, whether we like it or not."

Teen queen "an honor"

MARKHAM — "It's an honor."

These words modestly summed up the feelings of pretty 18 year old Marion Sale, Rycroft Drive, Unionville.

Marion, a student in Grade 13, is the newly crowned 'queen' of Markham Dist. High School. She was selected, May 18, by a panel of four judges, that included Mayor Tony Roman; Principal, Kenneth McDonald; Vice-Principal Howard Christie and staff teacher, Mrs. Marion Kowalyk.

The semi-formal Prom was held at the Firefighter's Club, Esna Drive, Markham.

The queen's attendants were Janet Byrnes and Inta Strauss. Hilje Knot, the queen of '72 officiated at the crowning ceremony.

Marion moved with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sale, from London, Ont., to Varley Village, seven years ago. She has three brothers, Michael, 20; Steven, 15; and Scott, 7.

Marion is typical of most teens—busy. She's a member of the Unionville Figure Skating Club and an enthusiastic swimmer. At school, she's a member of the Day-6 Committee, a group that assists in the organizing of extra-curricular activities. She's been active in the Chocolate Bar Drive, the Christmas Card Campaign and all intra-mural sports. Her favorite is basketball. Academically, she chose Math, Home Ec., and English.

After school and during the summer vacation period, Marion is employed on the staff of Fabric and Drapery Mill Outlet, Hwy. 7 and Don Mills Road. However, her ultimate goal is to attain an R.N. Degree and specialize in speech pathology. This fall, she plans to enroll in a nurse's training course at Toronto East General Hospital.

Marion does not look on the hoped-for role of a student 'queen' as a win or lose 'competition'. "I know all the girls," she said, "and they're all really nice." She also considers it a kind of freeing thing, that begins and concludes in a single night. A more memorable occasion lies ahead—the evening she steps forward on stage to receive her Honor Graduation Diploma.



Eighteen year old Marion Sale, Varley Village, Unionville, is the 1973 queen of Markham Dist. High School. Following graduation, she plans to enroll in a nurse's training course, and later specialize in speech pathology.