



Judges for the Miss Ontario Firefighter of 1973 competition held in the arena of the Markham Fairgrounds had a puzzling task to choose the queen and two runners-up out of 10 beautiful contestants. But in the final analysis, the trophy, cash and crown was presented to 17-year-old Wendy Copeland of Mount Forest (centre). Beth Parise (left) of Whitby was first runner-up and Gail McGuekin of Mount Albert was second. Gordon Krantz of the Milton Fire Brigade performed the presentations. —Mike Gerhardt

Realtors claim fair grounds sold for only a fraction of value

MARKHAM — The Markham Fair grounds, scene of firefighters' fun and frolic over the weekend, continues to be a site of controversy, and the recent sale of the property to a developer for over two million dollars had added fuel to the fiery debate of town residents who wish it retained as open space.

Fred Cook, local realtor, told The Tribune it was incredible that an official appraiser had not been called in to assess the property's potential market value before a sale was negotiated.

The site, given a commercial zoning, would be worth nine million dollars at today's prices he said.

"Perhaps," he added, "the Fair Board felt the offer it accepted was good for open space land. However, no one in his right mind would buy such land except a developer who expects it to be rezoned, some benevolent gent who intends to hand it over to the community, or the municipality itself."

Mr. Cook was critical of the confined bidding on the property and the lack of information on the negotiations which precipitated the sale.

"After all, the Fair is a public company up to a point. There seems to have been a lot of hokey-pokey in the background we know nothing about," he asserted. "It smells like Watergate."

The Cook real estate office is on the north side of Hwy. 7 opposite the Fair grounds.

"If commercial development takes place, it can do nothing but benefit my premises," the realtor pointed out. "But thirty acres of open space land in the heart of town is an invaluable commodity and it's sacrilegious to take it out of community use."



No, the Scots didn't invade The Town of Heritage Road to Hwy. 7 and along to the Markham Markham but several pipe and drum bands did Fairgrounds. Onlookers were frequently participate in the 72nd Annual Ontario Firefighters' Association convention parade Monday at noon. Mike Gerhardt. The procession marched from the 7th Line and

Approve grant for park development

MARKHAM—The Honourable Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources, and Mr. D. M. Deacon, M.P.P. for York-Centre, announce the approval of a provincial grant of \$1,750.00 to the Town of Markham to carry out further development work in Milne Approved Park.

This park comprises some 12 acres of land fronting for about 2500 feet on the Milne Pond and Rouge River in the Town of Markham.

The municipality proposes to carry out further development work in the park during 1973 which will include the construction of a parking area, entrance development, drainage work, placing of topsoil, beach improvement, tree planting and other general development work.

This grant is made available under The Parks Assistance Act and the municipality will contribute an amount equal to the grant.

Some tax benefits in Cedarwood

MARKHAM — Owners whose properties are being expropriated by the province for the 25,000-acre Cedarwood Development, will be in a position to take advantage of the Capital Gains Tax and rollover provisions under Section 44 of the Income Tax Act.

This confirmation was given by the Ministry of National Revenue to a question raised by M.P. Norm Cafik in the House last month.

The Ministry, however, outlined two possible problems.

According to literature issued by the province, some owners in the Cedarwood site may be able to remain on their properties for two years after the sale, at which time they will be required to leave or may be able to reacquire the same property. If they leave and have not acquired replacement property before the end of the taxation year following receipt of proceeds on expropriated holdings, they would not be entitled to the rollover provisions.

Those owners who are able to repurchase their former properties but are not within the time limit set under the Income Tax Act, would be subject to Capital Gains Tax even if they had never vacated their premises.

Airport price review

One farmer asks boost of \$200,000

PICKERING — Ottawa's special committee appointed recently to review land price offers for properties in the 18,000-acre airport site, tackled its first benchmark property and was asked to bump up the government's present offer by almost \$200,000.

The federal government's offer for one particular 100-acre farm was \$195,000, but a lawyer for the owner claimed the farm was worth \$395,000 according to current market values.

The value tagged to the farm, the first of 20 cases to be considered by the committee, was determined by the owner

and his lawyer founded on the original government appraisal and what they considered was the real estate value increase since the 12-month-old appraisal.

Additional information was obtained from research of the federal public works department.

The first government appraisal placed the value of the 100-acre farm at \$275,000, however, federal officials felt this too high. They later dropped the value to \$195,000.

A meeting of the committee held last week failed to reach a decision.

Theft charged cars damaged

MARKHAM — An RR-3 Stouffville man has been arrested by York Regional Police and charged with theft under \$200.

While a YRP officer was patrolling Laidlaw Boulevard early Monday morning, he saw a pick-up truck drive in to the lot of Conlin Motors. After checking out the scene he spotted a man sorting out tires, but after questioning him the suspect claimed he had obtained the owner's permission to search among the tires, according to a York Regional Police report.

However, police said that after asking the owners about the claim, Conlin Motors and Riddells, Texaco, denied knowing anything about it.

Charged is 24-year-old Raymond Allister MacKay. Also, York Regional Police constables are inves-

tigating a vandalism and theft at Conlin Motors that occurred between July 27 and 30 with damages to three vehicles estimated at \$200. Two oil caps and a distributor cap, valued at \$185, were stolen from a Chevy Nova, all four cars were parked on the dealer's lot.

Man dead

MARKHAM — A Thornhill man was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital after he apparently plunged into the water from a diving board, striking his head on the pool's bottom at his home.

According to a York Regional Police report, Douglas Henry Goss of Baythorn Drive, submerged for five minutes before nearby friends pulled him out of the pool.

Coroner Dr. B. Granton attended the scene.



Many parents in Markham apparently won't let their youngsters splash and swim in the Markham Municipal Pool, Grenfell Crescent, because over-crowding on hot summer days has made it unsafe and insufficient lifeguards cannot patrol the countless swimmers, it was reported to The Tribune last week by Mrs. M. Orleck of Arrowflight Drive. A spokesman for the pool was not available for comment. The pool is operated by the Town of Markham Parks and Recreation Department. —Mike Gerhardt

Pickering landfill sites approved for Metro garbage

PICKERING — The Provincial Environmental Hearing Board has recommended approval of three landfill sites in the township. It is expected the city will bury a million tons of garbage in these

Although the offer to purchase is closed and the Fair will relocate, within a few years in another part of the municipality, concerned citizens Mr. Cook predicts, will continue to fight for the preservation of the present grounds for community use and to ensure that the spirit and heritage of the original location is not entirely dissipated by commerce.

"If there is sufficient public outcry," he concluded, "it can be done."

sites annually. The Board's report was based on a series of public hearings.

In making the announcement Environment Minister James Auld said that the Liverpool site is recommended for immediate use. Complete data is not yet available on the two other sites adjacent to the Brock Rd.

There is still some concern regarding the one site which is quite close to the proposed Pickering airport.

He said it was ascertained that the Liverpool site would provide sufficient ground for three to five years. It was estimated to hold 97,000 tons of garbage.

The province has agreed to let stand the agreement regarding revenue between Metro and the township. The Township will receive six cents

a ton for the use of the sites. This decision was reached in a discussion with Ontario Treasurer, the Hon. John White.

Under the agreement Pickering Township residents will continue to be able to dispose of garbage at a Scarborough dump. Once filled it is planned that the Pickering sites will be used as recreation areas by Toronto & Region Conservation Authority.

Two charged with police assault

MARKHAM—Two Markham youths have been arrested by York Regional Police and charged with causing a disturbance and assaulting police during the Ontario Firefighters Association convention at the fairgrounds.

Kim Radford, 19, of Robinson Street and 18-year-old David Clark Pierce of Wilson Street were asked to leave the fairgrounds after they allegedly caused a disturbance, Sunday. They left only to return later that night.

York Regional Police constables had to be called into the fairgrounds to break up another upheaval, allegedly involving the pair, but on the way to 27 Division Boulevard it is said that Kavluk and Pierce assaulted one YRP constable.

The two youths will appear in Richmond Hill Provincial Court tomorrow.

Clubs gone

MARKHAM—An enjoyable day of golfing came to an abrupt end for a Florida man, Saturday, when his golf bag, along with 18 clubs, were stolen at York Downs Golf and Country Club, 16th Avenue.

John Penrose, told York Regional Police that he left the bag and clubs on a rack outside the clubhouse, but when he returned, they were gone. The equipment was worth \$675.