

Two fires blamed on children

MARKHAM — Children playing with matches has been blamed for two fires, one in a barn and another in a rented house.

The first occurred in a two-storey home owned by Michael Larkin, R. R. 1, Markham and occupied by Mrs. Berta Cuning. Damage was estimated at \$3,200 to building and contents.

On Monday, a blaze was extinguished on the property of Fred Silver, R. R. 1, Stouffville. The loss in this one was set at only \$200, due mainly to the quick response of the Markham brigade. "We arrived just in time," said Chief Meryl Smith.

New archives for museum

MARKHAM — Work on the new archives room is progressing very well, according to Markham District Historical Museum curator John Lunau, and it should be completed by the beginning of 1974.

The Town of Markham included funds in its 1973 budget estimates for the museum addition.

The 400 square foot vault, being constructed by Ben Bajari of Box Grove, will house the original chronicles of the old Town of Markham, Buttonville and Unionville, "and I'm hoping to get records of Markham Village and the township," commented the curator.

But the museum's growth will not be restricted if the Town is successful in negotiating a five-acre parcel of land, presently owned by Ux Valley Farms Ltd., directly behind the existing building. The entire 19 acres, at the rear of the museum was the former Fred Williamson property.

Drug charge

MARKHAM — Two Stouffville area youths appeared in Richmond Hill Provincial Court this week, charged with possession of marijuana.

Clarence Snow, 19, and Albert Snow, 22, both of R. R. 3, Stouffville, were arrested, Sept. 14, after a routine check of their car by police, uncovered a quantity of the drug under a rear floor mat.

The investigation was conducted on Hwy. 7 in Markham.

Blood donor clinic, Oct. 10

MARKHAM — A Red Cross blood donor clinic has been arranged for Wed., Oct. 10, in Markham.

The location is Grace Anglican Church, 19 Parkway Avenue.

The time schedule follows: High school students — 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.; other donors — 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening clinic — 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The committee chairman is Mrs. Murray Sewell, 14 Talisman Crescent.

Lower density

UNIONVILLE — A townhouse development on Carlton Road, presented by Alliance Building Corporation, has received approval of Markham Planning Committee.

However, the number of units has been reduced from 33 to 26.

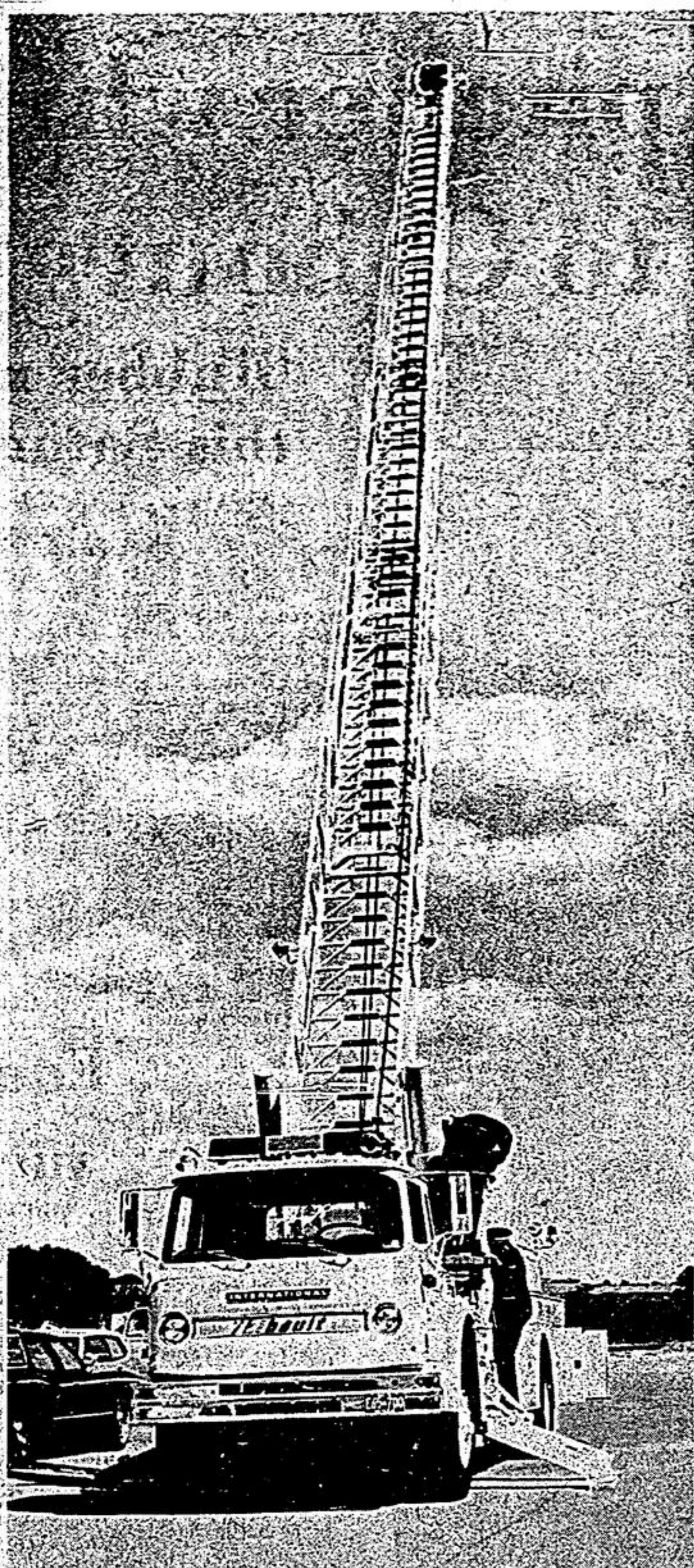
Chairman Bob Adams expressed agreement. He suggested that if the same careful consideration had been given every Plan in the past, the Town would have benefitted. "By acting in less haste, we gave notice we weren't going to be bullied," he said.

Fire caused \$30,000 damage to residence

CLAREMONT — A fire of unknown origin caused an estimated \$30,000 damage to the residence of H. L. MacCaulay, Sunday morning.

The home, unoccupied at the time, is located east of Claremont and north of the ninth concession.

Smoke rising from the windows and roof of the



Firemen 'up in the air'

A \$68,000 aerial ladder truck has been delivered to the Town of Markham Fire Department. The modern new vehicle was unveiled before members of Council by Chief Meryl Smith, Sept. 11. The purchase was prompted by the ever-increasing number of apartments in Markham, both medium and hi-rise. — Michael Gerhardt.

Exhibits at fair may set record

MARKHAM — Exhibits at the 118th annual Markham Fair, (Sept. 27-30), could set an all-time record.

This is the latest word from Manager Gerald Mann. "They're pouring in," he said.

Interest in this year's Fair has reached a new high, mainly due, it is thought, to additional spectator attractions. One of these is the crowning of Miss Markham Fair, a feature of the Friday evening program in front of the grandstand. There are nine entries, all from the area of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The winner will go on to the Miss C.N.E. Sweetheart of the Fairs' contest in August of '74.

There are two features Sunday that folks will not want to miss. One is the Greyhound Races at 2 p.m. The other is a horseshoe pitching contest.

Programs listing all events are available at The Tribune Office, Main Street, Stouffville, or at the Fair manager's office in the Markham Arena.

Individual attractions include: Thurs., Sept. 27 — Pinto Horse Show at 6 p.m. and the Holstein Twi-light Show at 7 p.m.; Fri., Sept. 28 — Heavy Horse Show at 10:30 p.m. Guernsey Show, 11 a.m.; Ayrshire Show and Jersey Show at 12 noon. In the evening, many events are planned for the track area in front of the grandstand, including a chicken scramble, greased pig competition, a calf scramble and a teen dance. Sat., Sept. 29 — Arabian Horse Show at 9:30 a.m.; Markham 4-H Beef Show at 10:30 a.m. Light Horse Show at 11 a.m., with the Hereford and Shorthorn Show at the same time. There's harness racing beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the Commercial Steer Show at 3 p.m. The steer auction follows at 3:30.

The grounds open on Sunday at 1 p.m. A guest for the afternoon will be John Moles, General Manager of the Royal Winter Fair.

The 1973 president of Markham Fair is Ellis Britton of Claremont.

structure alerted neighbors who turned in the alarm. The blaze was concentrated in a 3-bedroom wing and the two-car garage.

The contents included many valuable antiques and the loss in this alone was estimated at \$12,000. Mr. MacCaulay is believed to live in Don Mills, but visits the property regularly, both summer and winter.

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WHITCHURCH—STOUFFVILLE—MARKHAM—UXBRIDGE, THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 1973

Town Councillor Concerned over police resignations

MARKHAM — Since the creation of a regional police department in York, many of the original officers from the old municipal system, have resigned.

Markham councillor Bud Bonner is concerned about this, so much so, he's called for a full investigation by an 'outside' committee, to find a solution to the problem.

"We're rapidly running out of experience" councillor Bonner charged and 27 Division (Buttonville) isn't the only one affected.

Mr. Bonner wants to know the motive behind what he terms the "rash of resignations". He said the majority were not leaving to accept higher salaried positions "or to get out of the shift work game". He observed that at least three former constables were now with the Markham Fire Department. "There has to be

another reason," he continued. He said morale within the regional force was low, and attributed this to officers who feel there are nothing more than 'traffic boys'. "Only the detectives are used to solve crime," he charged.

The councillor claimed that on one particular night, there were only three uniformed men on patrol in 27 Division. He said headquarters was so hard-pressed, they had to despatch officers to the area who had never been officially sworn in.

Mr. Bonner produced a list of constables who had resigned from the Buttonville Division since the regional force was established. In terms of experience, he said it was equal to 80 years.

Chief Bruce Crawford, knowing of councillor Bonner's concern, arranged for a meeting between the two at Newmarket. The discussion, in private, was held Tuesday night.

Planners reject airport expansion

MARKHAM — The federal government may press on with its proposed International Airport in Pickering, but the airport at Buttonville will not be permitted to expand its operations within that community.

Protesting residents and members of Richmond Hill Council, filled the Markham chambers, Tuesday, to hear Planning Committee reject an application by Toronto Airways Limited for a runway extension.

In presenting the motion, councillor Ron Moran said more people would suffer from approval of the project than would benefit. He admitted, however, that the company boasted a first class operation and he sympathized with their problem. He noted that there were certain

provisions imposed by the Town that the firm did not wish to accept.

Councillor Carole Bell said the Town's hamlet bylaw had been designed to maintain such areas as agricultural and residential. "We would be setting a double standard" she argued.

Committee chairman Bob Adams said three public hearings had been arranged in an effort to obtain a variance of opinions on the proposal. He noted that while expansion may be important to the company's future operation, the feelings of the majority had to take priority.

The vote, rejecting the application, was carried unanimously.



Seasoned 'tooter'

History in Action Day was held on the grounds of the Pickering Twp. Museum at Brougham on the weekend. Nothing at the site was more 'historical' in nature than the Claremont Citizens Band. One of the 'tooters' was Howard Hagerman of Locust Hill. — Jim Thomas.

Mayor to serve on L.I.P. committee

MARKHAM — Mayor Tony Roman will serve as a member of the Constituency Advisory Group, organized in conjunction with the federal government's Local Initiative Program, in an effort to have it respond "more closely" to community needs.

The request, from M. P. Barney Danson (York-North), was accepted with some reluctance, however, with the Mayor indicating there were other more important issues to occupy Council's time.

Councillor Bob Adams disagreed. "The government is trying to accomplish something here. We should appoint the best member of council or staff," he said.

Mayor Roman, in taking on the chore, indicated he would select others to attend committee work sessions, in an effort to get everyone involved.

Ottawa has approved an \$83

million program in an effort to ease winter unemployment. In York-North, the committee will involve ten persons, including Mr. Danson. Other participants are — two from the municipalities of Markham and Richmond Hill Councils; three from the community at large; two from voluntary and social agencies; an L.I.P. official from the Dept. of Manpower and Immigration; and two former successful operators of L.I.P. projects.

"These groups will review project applications at the community level after they have been examined by the appropriate provincial and federal government departments," Mr. Danson's letter read, "the groups will then recommend to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration those projects considered to be of greatest value to the community."

Board committees to oversee Centre

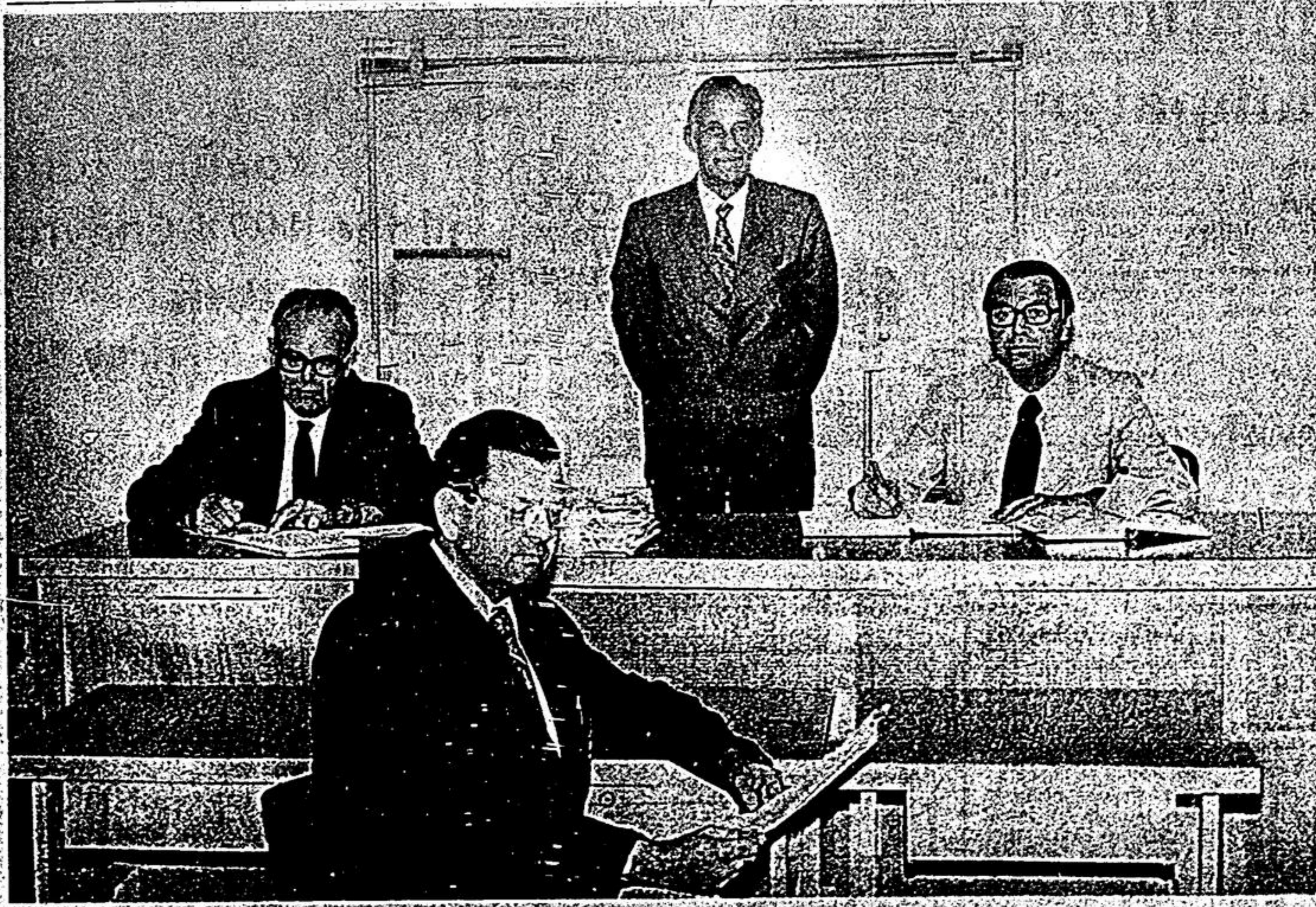
YORK CTY. — The entire Board of Trustees has been named to three committees, to oversee the development of the proposed new Administration Centre.

Board Chairman Marvin Hunter announced the appointments at a meeting, Sept. 10.

The users committee, comprising trustees Tommy Johnson, Margaret Coburn, John Raniowski, Douglas Allen, John McMurray, Don Sim and Doreen Quirk will develop a detailed prospectus, report back to the Board by April 27, and present a detailed plan by June 24.

The site committee, including trustees Merna Colbourne, Marlene Gillan, Norm Weller, Conrad Thompson, Don Cousens, Warren Baillie and chaired by Ross Joliffe, will be responsible for examining locations, assessing proposals and conducting liaison with municipalities in the Region. They will bring in a recommendation on a definite site by April 8.

The finance committee, with Jack MacKay, John Honsberger, Morley Kinnee, Bob Houghton and Craig Cribar will study alternate methods of financing the project and present their findings to the Board by Dec. 10 of this year.



Second division court concludes 123 years of service

Markham's Second Division Court adjourned for a last time, Sept. 13, concluding 123 years of service. At the final session, John Lunau (centre foreground) of Markham, a former bailiff, was

asked to sit in on proceedings. Clerk Charles Reeve (standing), will work out of the new office in Richmond Hill. The court reporter is D. J. Leete (left) and the Judge, E. R. Wren. — Michael Gerhardt.