

Senior citizens from Markham in Markham last week. Passengers here are Mr. and Mrs. George Grose. The pilot is Gerry Beatty. They enjoyed the 'thrill of a lifetime' when they were treated to helicopter rides at Buttonville Airport. — Sheila McLeod.



Nurse Alice Hiscock watches a 'lift-off', that takes two residents of Markham on a flight over sections of Markham and Unionville. The venture was filmed by the C.B.C. for showing later on the Elwood Glover Show. — Sheila McLeod.

## Markham sr. citizens enjoy filmed helicopter flights

MARKHAM — George and Mabel Grose are two 'flighty' octogenarians from Markham Senior Citizens' residence. Last week, Mr. Grose, 87, and his 86-year-old wife, soared up from Buttonville Airport in a 'whirlybird' for a short spin over the Markham-Unionville area. It is the second time the couple have taken to the air in a helicopter. Last fall, they participated in the first airborne outing, sponsored by Markham for its residents. There is a photograph of that particular event at the Ontario Science Centre.

This time, the C.B.C. were on hand to record the adventure which was shared by Mr. and Mrs. Grose, Mrs. Joyce Ritchie, Mrs. Ida Richardson, Mrs. Olive Taylor, Miss Lera Petch and Mrs. Winnifred Hyde.

The helicopter expedition, like all outings arranged for residents, was financed through Markham's craft program.

The C.B.C. cameramen also filmed segments of residents' craft and baking activities at the Home for the Monday afternoon TV program 'New Directions', hosted by Elwood Glover.

## Landmark house offered to Museum

MARKHAM — The Armour Real Estate office at 70 Main Street North, is thought to be the oldest brick structure of its kind in Markham.

It is to be moved shortly, to make way for a new plaza, and the owner, Douglas Meharg, has offered it to the district Historical Society. The building must be re-located on the Museum site within 23 days. Museum curator, John Lunau, while appreciative of the offer, feels it will be difficult to meet the 3-week deadline. He said several requirements would have to be met first.

History records the structure was first owned by the Beebe family and later by Mrs. Peter Milne. The property to the south where the new Mall is being constructed, was the T. and G. Morgan Blacksmith Shop.

Following a change in ownership, the house was acquired by Hartland Palmer, a former Markham postmaster.

## Fair 'queen'

MARKHAM — The crowning of Miss Markham Fair, a highlight of the Friday evening program, will take place at 7 p.m. in front of the grandstand.

# Recreation complex to cost \$2.6 million

## School bus collides with road grader

MARKHAM — Students en route home by bus from Franklin School, Markham, were given a 'rough ride' Thursday afternoon, when the vehicle was struck broadside by a road grader.

The collision occurred on 16th Avenue, west of Hwy. 48. No one was injured.

Witnesses said the bus driver sounded the horn when he saw the grader backing out of a private lane, but the operator failed to hear it. The bus ended up part-way in the south ditch but fortunately did not overturn. Damage was estimated at \$1,000.

## Fair time!

MARKHAM — It's Markham Fair time again that season of the year when city dweller and country cousin meet on common ground.

The Class A exhibition opens Thursday (today) and continues through Sunday.

There are special events scheduled for each of the four days. These are listed in an advertisement on Page 19 of this issue.

A colorful Main Street parade, Sunday, will leave from Ramona Boulevard at 12:30 p.m.

## Construction start expected by November

MARKHAM — Markham Town Council is obviously striving to insure it does not cut itself short financially when work begins on a proposed community centre at Thornhill, as was the case with the new Centennial Arena.

At a meeting, Tuesday, Mayor Tony Roman urged members to increase the project's construction budget by a 'couple of hundred thousand' over the \$2½ million approved by committee.

Earlier this year, the Town authorized a \$900,000 expenditure for the Centre's 15-acre site at Bayview Avenue and John Street.

'With the possibility of adverse weather conditions and strikes, we should approve more money now, otherwise we could be short,' explained the Mayor.

The Town's architect, hired to plan the Centre, advised Council to increase the budget over the original application to \$2.6 million, because costs have escalated since May.

'I feel that if we don't go with the higher figure, we'll be getting into the same problem we experienced with the Centennial Arena, when we found it necessary to spend more money than we bargained for,' agreed councillor Bob Adams.

Councillor Adams is the project's chairman.

Mayor Roman noted that even an increased allocation of \$100,000 might be insufficient.

'The architect is an-

icipating that the Town will receive the maximum in grants from the federal and provincial governments through the winter works program, but I don't want to be told later, we are short on funds,' warned Mr. Roman.

The \$2.6 million was described by councillor Ron Moran as 'an awful lot of money'.

He felt any trimming to meet financial limits should be done at the start.

The complex, the architect explained, will include a public library, a community centre, an auditorium, two arenas, a day-care centre, two squash courts plus access routes and

washroom facilities for persons confined to wheelchairs. Construction is expected to begin within a month.

## Soon-official

MARKHAM — Markham's new Reesor Park Public School on Wootton Way North, the centre of controversy earlier this year because of its open-concept design, will be officially opened, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Hon. Thomas Wells, Minister of Education, has been asked to officiate.

Plans for the event were discussed by the Board, Monday.

Trustee Don Sim, an opponent of the non-structured system, got in his final 'dig' while commenting on refreshments for the event. 'Let's make sure we feature open-faced sandwiches,' he said.

## Buys wife's handiwork at pioneer auction

MARKHAM — For two winters, Aaron Grove, R. R. 2, Markham, looked on while his wife worked patiently over a quilt, set up in the living room of their home.

He knew better than anyone, the time and the skill put into the project. He hated to see it go.

So, on Saturday, when the quilt was put up for bids at the Pioneer Village Mennonite

Festival, he was determined to pay the price.

He did—an even \$200.

The quilt will be given as a gift to their daughter, Mary (Mrs. Harley Snyder) R.N., now in her second year of a 3-year term in Dacca, Bangladesh.

Profits from the day, estimated at over \$9,000 less expenses, will go to underprivileged countries around the world.

# A driver dies on Hwy. 48

MARKHAM — Auto collisions on Hwy. 48, have taken yet another life.

The most recent fatal crash occurred Friday night, between 14th Avenue and Steeles, killing 21 year old Robert Harding, of Scarboro.

Allan Wagar, 18, also of Scarboro, remains in serious condition in hospital. A third driver, Andres Edur, 17, of Toronto, escaped with minor injuries.

Police said Wagar was attempting to pass several northbound cars and struck the southbound Harding auto. The death car was then hit from the rear by Mr. Edur's vehicle.

Firemen from Markham were called to assist in the release of the victim.

O.P.P. constable Bill McAlister, Oak Ridges detachment, is in charge of the investigation. Total damage is estimated at \$3,400.



Twenty-one year old Robert Harding of 1973 Astra, on Hwy. 48, between 14th Avenue and Scarboro died en route to hospital, Friday night, Steeles. after being freed from the wreckage of this car, a

— Jim Thomas

## Absentee lawyers anger Crown

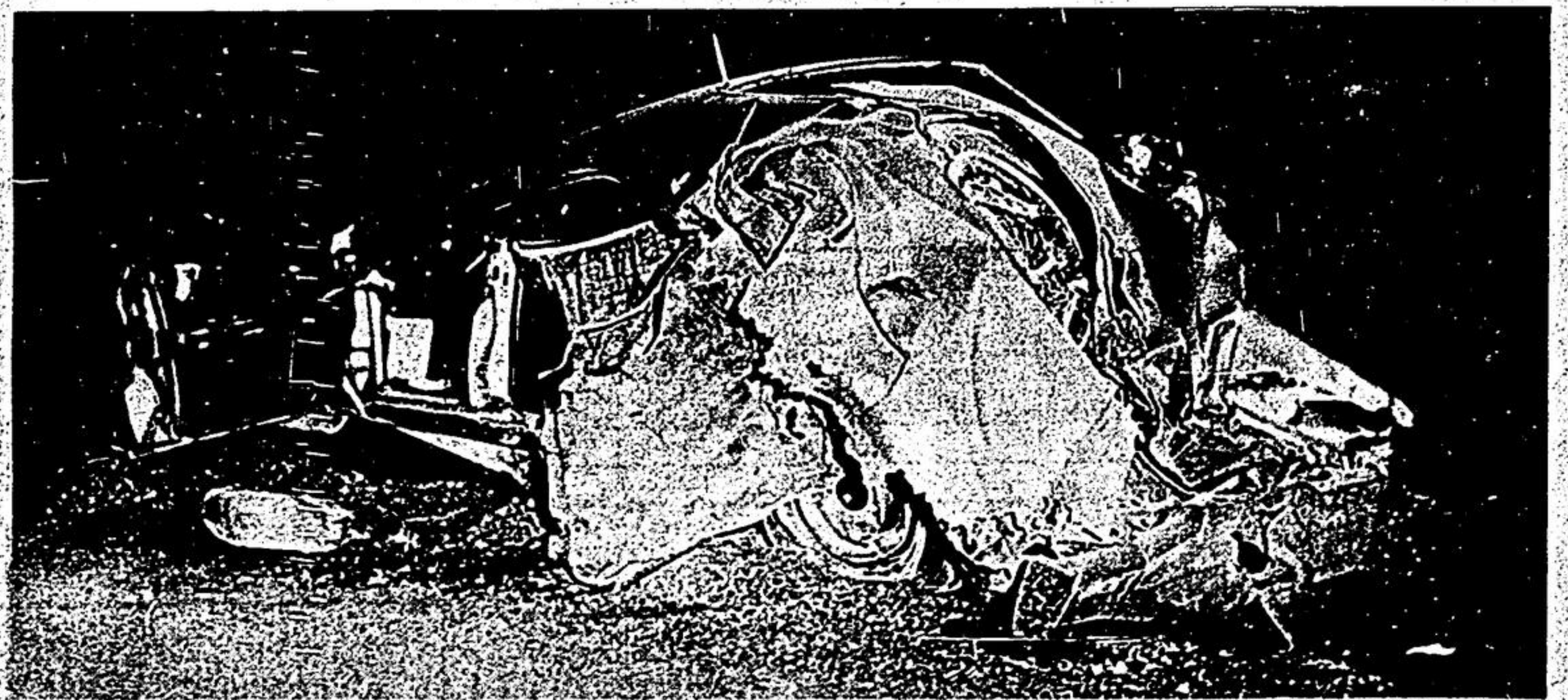
YORK CTY. — Absentee solicitors, connected with cases scheduled to proceed before the courts, came under scathing criticism from Crown Attorney John Applegath, in Richmond Hill, Friday.

The charges against Sidney and Maurice Groves included break and enter, theft, and possession of stolen goods, but when the accused were called, their lawyer wasn't present.

The Crown Attorney termed the problem 'shocking behavior'. 'Some lawyers don't seem to care if taxpayers get soaked left and right, all the time'.

He charged that police officers (several from Metro), and witnesses had been summoned to appear at considerable expense. He said thousands of dollars are continually being wasted when solicitors fail to appear. In this instance, he observed, no logical reason was given. 'Other cases,' he chided, 'that could be anything'.

Judge C. J. Cannon regretted the inconvenience, but said other than lawyers were guilty of such conduct. He set a date of Sept. 28 for the case to proceed 'whether counsel is present or not'.



This 1973 Chevrolet no longer resembles a car. It was one of three vehicles involved in a fatal crash, Friday night on Hwy. 48.

The driver, Allan Wagar, 18, of Scarboro, was seriously injured.

— Jim Thomas