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## Markham building 'booms'

MARKHAM — The building boom shows no sign of a slow-down in Markham. In fact, every month, when new figures are introduced, it prompts comment from members of Council.

The August report showed a total value of new construction at \$11,670,750 as compared to \$6,957,950 in July.

Fred Fudge, Markham's Building Director has forecast an influx of \$80 million in residential, commercial and industrial build-up by the end of 1973.

A break-down of the August report showed the construction of condominium apartments to be highest on the list at \$6,750,000.

The total figure for 1972 was \$60 million, Mr. Fudge said.

## Three-horse pileup

MARKHAM — Collisions are uncommon in horse races — at least uncommon at Markham Fair.

However, a spectacular pile-up occurred Saturday, at the far end of the track and out of view of most spectators.

While reports vary, one witness said three sulkies were involved, including drivers David Fuller, Aurora; Laurence Gisel, Windsor; and Retta Harrington of Peterboro.

Although an ambulance was summoned, none of the drivers was badly hurt. Two of the rigs were smashed.

One horse is said to have stumbled and fell, and two following, piled over top. One entry crossed the finish line without a driver. The others were led back by their owners.

The winner of the heat was John McClure of Norval.

## Tops class

MARKHAM — Seventeen year old Shirley Morgason, R.R. 2, Markham, collected a total of 24 points from eleven entries, to win the Eighteen and Under Class in baking and sewing at Markham Fair.

Shirley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Morgason and a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

She was presented with the K. J. Beamish Construction Trophy Saturday by J. M. Ross of Thornhill. Olive Shadlock headed up the committee.

Winners in previous years have been Wendy Lock, 1968; Jeannie Hamill, 1969; Dorell Britton, 1970; Marion Britton, 1971; and Judy Taylor, 1972.



Martha Mulholland, 19, (centre), of R.R. 1, Unionville, is the new 'Queen of Markham Fair'. She was crowned by President Ellis Britton at a ceremony, Friday night. Her attendants are Jane

Yusko, 18 (left), also of R.R. 1, Unionville, and Sylvia DeJong, 17, of Alandale Avenue, Markham.

Jim Thomas

## 'Queen' of Markham Fair

### Choose Seneca College student

MARKHAM — Blonde 19 year old Martha Mulholland, R.R. 1, Unionville, is the new 'queen' of Markham Fair — the first since 1955.

The pretty S.D.S.S. grad and Seneca College student, was selected from ten entries and crowned by President Ellis Britton, Friday night. The judges were Mrs. Alan Wall, Newmarket; Don Daynard, Unionville; and Jim Thomas, Stouffville.

The first and second runners-up were Jane Yusko, 18, also of R.R. 1, Unionville, and Sylvia DeJong, 17, Alandale Avenue, Markham. Gerri Seeley of Unionville headed up the committee.

The 'queen' will participate in the Canadian National Exhibition's 'Sweetheart of the Fairs' contest next fall. She and her attendants rode in the mile-long parade, Sunday, and were formally introduced to audiences at the track by director Bill Walker.

Martha Mulholland is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Mulholland and has one brother, David, 15. She's an enthusiastic equestrienne, with four horses all her own. She was urged to enter the competition by her boyfriend.

Following graduation from Seneca, she hopes to acquire a manager's position in department sales.

Jane Yusko, a student in Grade 13 at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Yusko, Almira, Hereford Farms. She is the vice-president of the Great Lake's Pinto Horse Association and president of the Markham 4-H Beef Club. Following graduation, she plans to enter university and study business administration.

Sylvia DeJong is a Grade 12 student at Markham Dist. High

School, moving to Markham with her parents 1½ years ago. When not employed at the Markham A and P, she spends her time sewing, cooking and cheering on her favorite hockey team. She's also an accomplished pianist. Sylvia is taking a secretarial course at M.D.H.S. and plans to make use of this training following graduation. Next summer, however, she's off on a trip to Europe.

## Ontario Humane Society

### Bans greased pig contest

MARKHAM — Competition involving boys and greased pigs (or goats), had to be scratched from Markham Fair's Friday night program, when officials of the Ontario Humane Society threatened to lay charges.

The two O.H.S. inspectors

arrived on the track just as the animals were about to be released. Their order, agreed to, following heated controversy, was roundly booed by disappointed spectators. The calf scramble was also cancelled. The 'raid' came as no real

surprise. The committee had anticipated the Society's presence after a warning was issued last year.

Harvey Brown, a Fair director, was incensed. He likened the Society's actions in '72 to 'Gestapo tactics'. He charged that one pig had been seized, slaughtered and sold. "They should have been charged with theft," he said.

Mr. Brown said that following last year's trouble, the Society had promised to meet with the committee and work out some solution. He said members were never approached.

The director said he wanted to know just where the Humane Society stands on the issue and that was one reason why the committee went ahead with its plans.

When an inspector was asked to announce the cancellation publicly, he refused. He did agree, however, to arrange a meeting with the Board to settle the issue.

"That," concluded Mr. Brown, "is the Society's first indication of goodwill."

## Steer donated to Union Villa

MARKHAM — The Grand Champion steer at Markham Fair, purchased by Knob Hill Farms Limited, has been donated to Union Villa, Unionville.

Owned by Harold Thompson of Guelph, it weighed in at 865 pounds. It sold for \$865.00.

— Jim Thomas

## Markham Fair

# Establishes record gate attendance

## Receipts over \$36,000

MARKHAM — More than 80,000 people passed through the turnstiles at Markham Fair, Sept. 27-30, rolling up record gross receipts of over \$36,800.

This year's success story may never be equalled — at least not at the present site. The property has been sold and the directors are now looking for a new location.

President Ellis Britton and Manager Gerald Mann were pleased with all aspects of the show. "After 23 years on the board, it's great to have four days like this," said Mr. Britton. Then, casting a sly glance in the direction of his wife Dorothy, he commented: "Of course, keeping company with a 'queen' helped a little too". His reference was to the crowning of pretty 19 year old Martha Mulholland, winner of the Miss Markham Fair Contest.

Gerald Mann said admission receipts were up \$1,500 over the Fair's previous high in 1971.

In commenting on the many attractions, he noted the enthusiastic response from exhibitors and spectators to the Twi-light Holstein Show, Thursday. He said the General Exhibits Building and the Arena contained more than 4,000 individual entries. He commented on the excellence of school displays, with R. H. Crosby of Markham wrestling the top award from Claremont after many years of dominance.

As for the much-publicized Greyhound races, he said attraction drew a large crowd but "obviously, some of the dogs didn't know what it was all about". There were several false starts.

He praised the efforts of York Regional Police. "Whenever they were needed, they were there". He said the

firemen did "a wonderful job" as ticket-takers inside the gates.

Mr. Mann admitted that parking again presented a problem, with many walking close to a mile to reach the grounds. "I'm sure by now, everyone is convinced the present site is inadequate," he said.

He observed, however, that no one seemed to mind the distance they had to walk or the lineups at the booths. "When you get that many people going through the gates, and so few complaints, it makes a person feel pretty good".

The annual Markham Fair awards banquet is set for Friday, Nov. 30, in the arena auditorium.

## Apple Butter Festival

CEDAR GROVE — The community of Cedar Grove has its own version of Markham Fair.

It's the annual Apple Butter Festival, this weekend, Saturday and Monday (not Sunday), at Woodland Park, Steeles Avenue and Conc. 10.

While quantities of 'butter' are stocked up in advance to meet demands of early customers, the product will be 'brewed' both days in huge copper pots over open fires.

The Claremont Citizens' Band, as much a part of activities as the event itself, will entertain patrons with old-time toe-tapping tunes.



## Apple pie champ

Eleven year old John Wideman is a real winner when it comes to baking apple pies. His entry in the 18 year old and under class at Markham Fair, won the judge's approval and a red ribbon. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wideman, Claremont.

— Jim Thomas



## Parade spectators laud beautiful six-horse team

Donament Farms of R. R. 2, Markham had their 6-horse team in the Markham Fair parade, Sunday. The jet-black Percherons are owned by Merrill Johnson and Don Tribbling. The entry has

won awards in competition across Canada and the United States.

— Jim Thomas