

**"Instinct for Survival"**  
**Opens Fri., Feb. 1**  
**at Towne Cinema**

# The Tribune MARKHAM

**Sacred Song Service**  
**Heise Hill Church**  
**Sun., Feb. 3 - 7:30 p.m.**

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE-MARKHAM-UXBRIDGE, THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 1974

## Rescue drowning driver

**UNIONVILLE** — Two Unionville men were injured, one seriously, Sunday, when their car veered out of control on Hwy. 7, east of Bayview, careened down a 17 foot embankment and landed in a creek.

Still unconscious when admitted to Toronto General Hospital was the driver, 20 year old Gary Powell. Carman Stiver, 21, a passenger in the vehicle, suffered a dislocated hip and lacerations. He is in York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill.

Constable John Martin, O.P.P., Oak Ridges, said another motorist, James Doble of Maple, saw the auto plummet down the steep slope and out of sight. Aided by his wife, Lucille, they lifted the drowning driver out of the water and commenced artificial respiration which they maintained until the ambulance arrived.

The Powell boy was taken first to York Central Hospital, but transferred to Toronto General when the seriousness of his condition was learned.

## Wielded gun

**UNIONVILLE** — A 29 year old Unionville man has been charged with threatening and dangerous use of a firearm, following an incident outside a private residence at 190 Main Street.

Police allege that John Ernest Blundell of Pavilion Street, entered the home and threatened the owner with a knife and a gun, Richard Bowden, with a gun.

Although ordered out of the house, Blundell returned a few minutes later, still brandishing a gun. The occupants locked themselves inside and called for help.

The suspect was arrested a short distance away and lodged in the Don Jail.

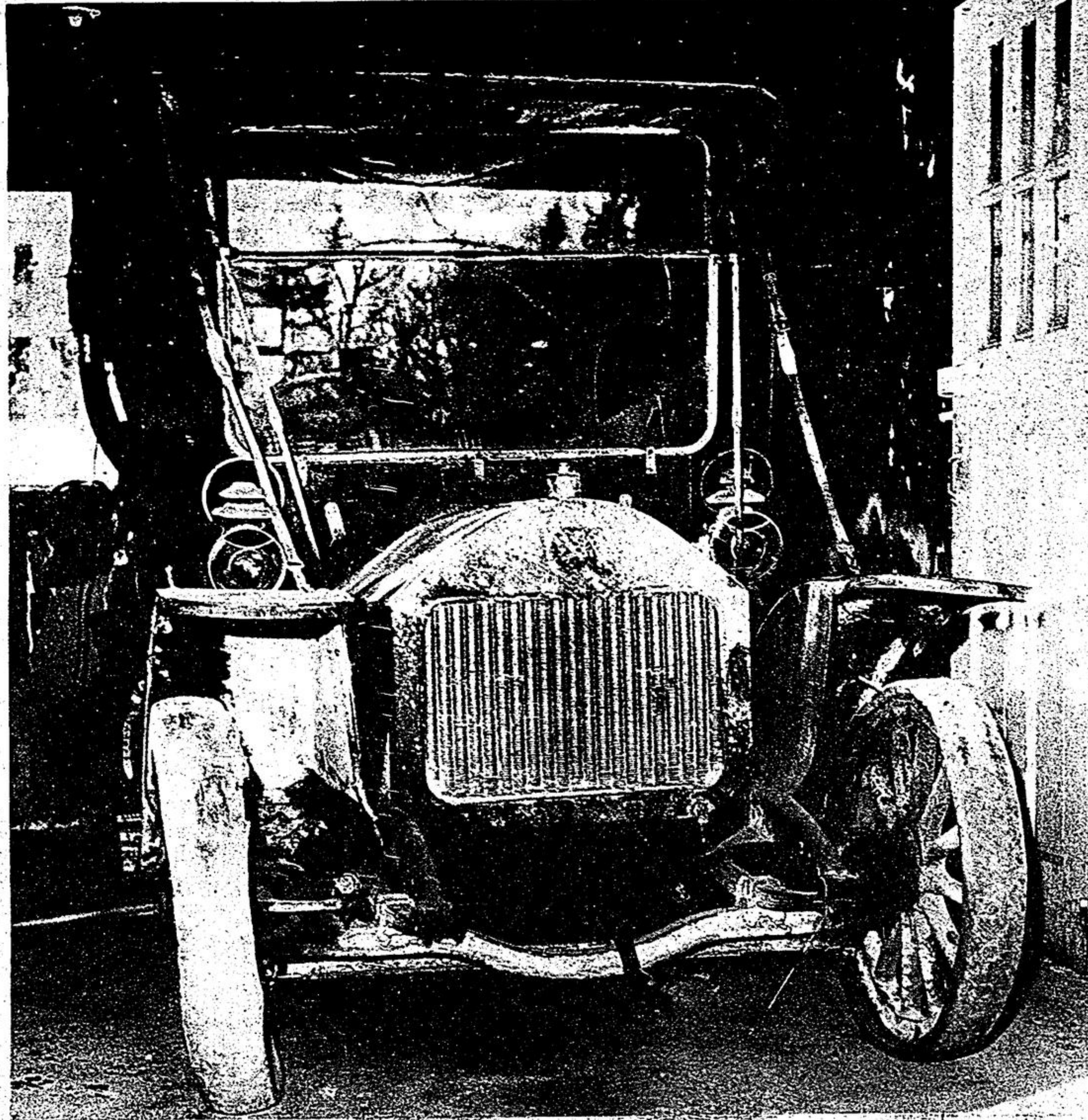
## Priceless antique auto

**MARKHAM** — Attics, garages and basements often contain all sorts of priceless items.

However, none could be more unique, more unusual, than an antique car at the residence of Russell Wideman, Hwy. 48, north of Markham.

It's a Darracq, of 1908 vintage, and built in France. They were used by the French military as staff cars during World War 1.

This particular model was purchased by A. and H.



Garages are built for cars. But none in Markham contains a model of this make and vintage. It's a 1908 Darracq, built in France and used by French military during World War 1. It is stored at the

residence of Russell Wideman, Hwy. 48, north of town, and will be restored to its original condition by Walter and Elizabeth Austin of Unionville. —Jim Thomas.

Wideman of Markham in 1912. It is believed to be the second car in the former village at that time.

The vehicle, with original equipment down to the hard rubber tires, is in remarkable condition. The licence plate is dated 1918. Mr. Wideman retains the original transfer.

A 4-cylinder motor powers the Darracq. It steers from the right side with a hand brake and gearshift on the running board. It has two acetylene gas lamps

for lights, a water-cooled brass radiator, large wooden wheel rims and spokes; leather upholstery—a convertible top, leaf springs and a horn.

Only two cars of its kind are known to exist in Canada. One is a 1924 and the other a 1926.

For the past several years, it has been kept in storage at Burlington. The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Austin of Unionville, hope to have it completely restored. Mrs. Austin (Elizabeth), is Mr. and Mrs. Wideman's daughter.

## Title for typist

**MARKHAM** — Sixty-eight words a minute. Clicking the keys at this rapid rate won 16 year old Dawn Darnell the Junior Championship in the York County Typing Contest at King City Secondary School, Jan. 25.

Dawn is a Grade 11 student at Markham Dist. High School and resides at 28 Christmas Court.

Her speed could not be equalled in either the junior or senior sections.

In team competition, Dawn combined with Sylvia DeJong, to win the junior title. They had an average of 61 words per minute.

In senior team classification, Gayle Wagg and Shelley Elson of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School were champions. Gayle also scored a second as a senior in singles.

## Elementary teachers Protest retirement account cut

**YORK CTY.** — More than 50 elementary school teachers attended a meeting of York County Board of Education, Monday, to protest a recent trustee decision to dock teachers one day's salary from a retirement gratuity for their part in an organized 'walkout', Dec. 18.

Susan Shepe, Federation branch president told trustees that elementary school teachers strongly object to a Board's motion passed Dec. 20 authorizing the deduction of one day's credit from the Retirement Gratuity account of each teacher, absent from class, Dec. 18.

Mrs. Shepe said teachers didn't object to losing one day's salary but did take exception to any loss from their retirement fund.

"We must question the wisdom of the Board's decision, and in light of statements made by members on the strained state of teacher-board relations, we feel certain the ruling will be reconsidered," she said.

She noted too that docking teachers' salary for the one day "is a fair and equitable treatment that teachers could reasonably expect."

"This is also fostering a climate of distrust which Chairman Merna Colbourne tried to alleviate in her New Year's address to the Board. Possibly the decision was made in haste without consideration of teachers, but it increased the rift between the board and teachers."

However, Markham trustee Don Sim was the first member to defend the Board's policy, saying much information has been received from taxpayers and parents whose children attended classes Dec. 18. "This was a deliberate breach of contract by teachers," charged Mr. Sim.

He also recommended that teachers should have been 'more heavily' penalized Action by the Board, according to parents, was too lenient, he said.

Trustee Doreen Quirk explained that some teachers may have been 'legitimately' ill, however, others who took the day off left schools and students 'in the lurch'.

Although the Board refused to take action, Monday, Chairman Colbourne assured teachers they would be notified of any decision.

## 'Skate-a-Thon'

## Raises \$13,000

**UNIONVILLE** — An estimated 475 persons, mainly young people, raised close to \$13,000, in an organized Skate-a-Thon, at Crosby Memorial Arena, Saturday.

The venture, part of a campaign to raise \$250,000, far exceeded all expectations. Publicity Chairman Pat Bryan told The Tribune, "We were thinking in terms of \$6,000, and maybe \$7,000, but not \$13,000," he said.

He said some of the 5 year olds completed up to 50 laps. "They even amazed their parents," he said.

The response and enthusiasm surprised many adults. "Some say kids are soft

to-day," continued Mr. Bryan, "they sure didn't show it, Saturday". He said most 8 year olds and up completed the 60 lap maximum. So also did Mayor Tony Roman and M.P., Don Deacon.

The most exhausted individuals on the ice, mused Mr. Bryan, were Don Hammond and Fred Cox. They served as clowns, much to the enjoyment of the children.

The project chairman was Warren Melville. His assistant was John Volpe.

The purpose of the campaign is to enlarge and improve the interior of the Arena.

## School Band in Festival

**MARKHAM** — Can the senior band of Markham Dist. High School repeat its success of '73 in this year's Kiwanis Music Festival?

Conductor Harold Hiorns and his talented young musicians are hopeful, as they step up the pace of their practice sessions in preparation for the February event.

It was the band's rendition of Colonel Bogey that won Markham a first place finish last year. They were winners also in 1966 and 1968.

Student manager, Harvey Beckwith credits the band's accomplishments to the leadership provided by Mr. Hiorns. The instructor, on the other hand, is just as complimentary of his players. They include: Debbie Williams, Gord Crutchley, Linda Jackson, Yvette Dalrymple, Frances Smith, Katie Federer, Elizabeth Scott, Heather Ramage, Rory Cattanach, David Whitmore, Murray McDonald, Ken Austin, Cathy Parr, Brenda Walker, Carol Gray, Heather Thomas, Christine Andros, Jamie Horner, Harvey Beckwith, Paul Burchall, Ken Prentice, Paul Kimball, Kim Turi, Beccy Shantz, Mary Crichton, John Greig, Carole Hoover, Cathy Case, Val Shields, Bob Richards, Bob Holden, Christine Brunning, Kim Willson-Rymer, John Wright, Karen Kimball, Suzanne Ramsay, John Tapscott, Cheryl Hughes, Linda Parrott, Jim Pike, Danny Witham, Patti Keane, Rick Bates, Frazer Dimma, John Zechner, Melanie Davis, Lorie Patton and Geoff Davis.

## Markham Fair '73

## Receipts set record

**MARKHAM** — The most successful show in the 118 year history of Markham Fair.

That was the consensus of opinion, following release of the financial statement for 1973, at the annual meeting, Jan. 23.

Total receipts, including a \$20,000 deposit on the sale of the property, soared to a record \$108,111.44. Gate admissions alone, totalled \$36,811.20.

Other big money-makers included the sale of steers, (\$11,721.34); the midway (\$11,154.66); commercial fees (\$7,718.00); and grants, (\$11,597.50).

Total expenditures were — \$80,760.60.

President Ellis Britton of Clarendon said that while the position had been time-consuming, he looked on it as an education and a challenge. He praised the work of the

secretary-manager, Gerald Mann. Mr. Britton recalled the controversy related to the sale of the grounds. He said a new site had been selected and needed only the approval of the Board to make it official.

The 'Queen of Markham Fair' event and the greyhound races were added features that, the president said, attracted much interest. He suggested, however, that an effort should be made to improve the Thursday program. He praised the work of the junior directors. "We're lucky to have these young people coming along," he said.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Britton by Roger Gardham.

The president for 1974 is R.H. (Bob) Thompson of Markham. The 1st vice-president is Ivan Norton, R.R. 1, Goodwood.

Newly-elected directors (3-year term), are — Jack Spang, Howard Cosburn, Dennis Seeley, Carman Roadway, Hugo Gosetto, and Fred Crawford. Vacancies created through the resignations of Wm. Walker and Geo. Hooper, (1-year terms), were filled by Len Cooper and Mac Cosburn. Junior directors are — Barbara Thompson, Keith Hoover, Brian Armstrong, Alfred Smith, Don Risebrough and Murray Wagg.

Markham's fair dates this year are — October 3, 4, 5 and 6.

## Site-soon

**MARKHAM** — The site for the new 'home of Markham Fair, will be made public soon — likely next week, manager Gerald Mann told The Tribune, following the annual meeting, Jan. 23.

The property, said to be just under 100 acres, is within the Markham Town boundaries.

Harvey Brown, chairman of the Site Selection Committee said, when questioned on the matter, that the purchase required approval of the '74 Board of Directors, before any announcement could be made. "It's still in private discussion," he concluded.

The decision, the manager said later, would be outlined in an official press release.



R.H. (Bob) Thompson is the 1974 president of Markham Fair. The annual meeting and election of directors was held Jan. 23. The fair dates this year are Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6. —Jim Thomas.



## President

Robert A. Shea, R. R. 1, has been elected president of the Oshawa and District Real Estate Board for 1974. The Board represents 560 realtor members in the City of Oshawa and new Region of Durham. Mr. Shea is president of Thos. N. Shea Ltd., with 20 branches from Kingsford through to Barrie.