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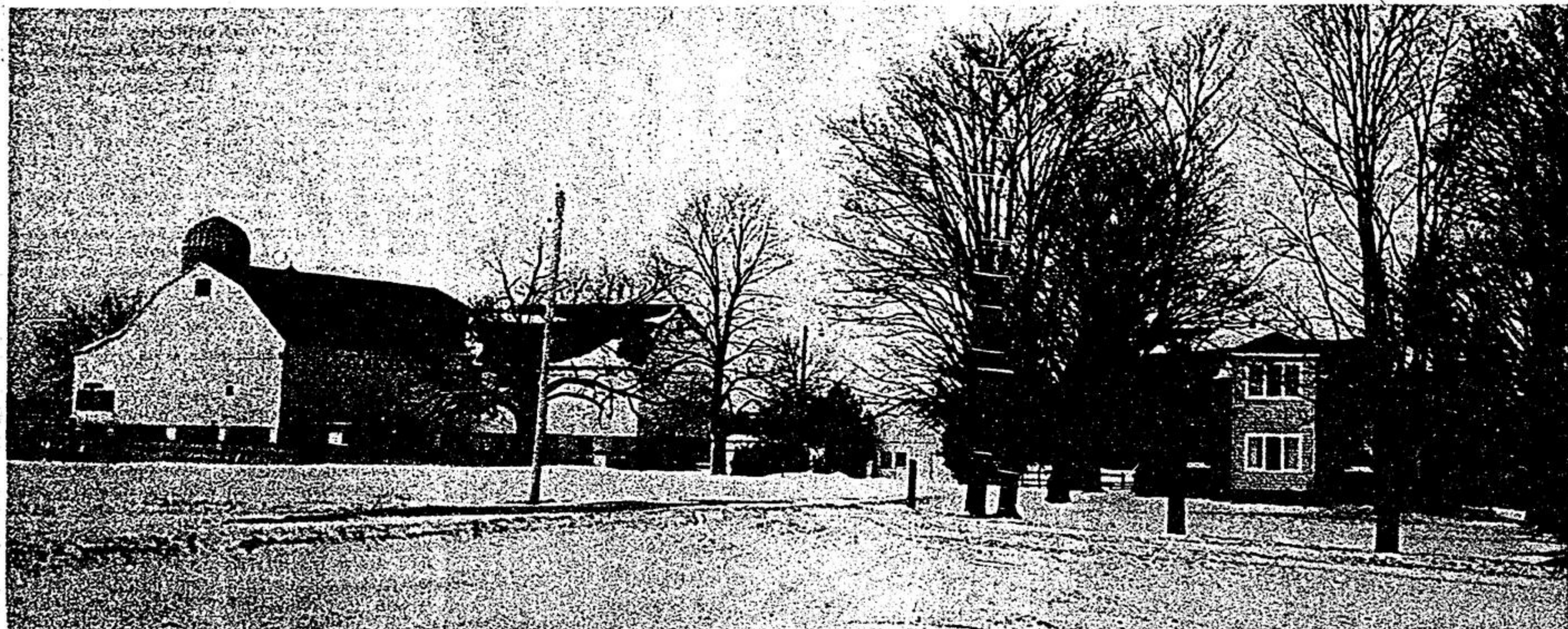
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Adult Skating
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Town Fair Board chooses country site residents welcome a 'new neighbor'



The Stanley Watson farm, 18th Avenue, between conc. 7 and Hwy. 48, is the new 'home' of Markham Fair. Purchase of 110 acres at this location, was announced by the fair's secretary-manager, Gerald Mann last week. Mr. Watson will remove this

summer's crop and arrange an auction sale, likely in the spring of '75. History of the farm goes back to 1842 when John Williamson, originally from England, purchased the property after moving from Elgin Mills. —Jim Thomas

Purchase may change paving priorities

MARKHAM — The 'home' of Markham Fair will soon pull up stakes and switch to a new neighborhood. The selected 110 acre site is the Stanley B. Watson farm on 18th Avenue, between the 7th concession and Hwy. 48.

While the board of Directors are obviously satisfied, how do residents on 'fringe' lands feel? Can they co-exist with a 'neighbor' who, for four days each year will host up to 40,000 visitors?

"Yes", most replied, when questioned this week.

Like Mrs. Harry Lewis, only a stones-throw to the west. "The kids think it's great to have the Fair so close, and we're happy too". She agreed that increased traffic could pose a problem but attributed this to progress, "something we'll have to accept."

Mrs. Henry Miller, a 7th concession resident, said she and her husband had no objections. "I don't think it will affect us," she said.

"It had to go somewhere," concluded G. W. Thomas.

Mrs. John T. Reesor said her only concern was for traffic congestion at the intersection of Hwy. 48 and 18th Avenue. "During the summer, it's busy enough now".

Harry Brown, the Fair's 2nd vice-president and a member of the property committee, agreed that traffic in the area would increase but only during the four days the fair is on. He predicted the 7th concession (McCowan Road) would become a major north-south artery within three years and, along with Hwy. 48, would adequately serve the site.

Markham Mayor Anthony Roman said the development of this property could mean a change in the municipality's paving priorities. He said

members would want to take a close look at 18th Avenue. "As far as I'm concerned, gravel roads are a thing of the past in Town." He agreed that the narrow bridge on 18th Avenue might have to be replaced, depending on where the exits and entrances to the property were located. The 7th, he said, now had a permanent hard-top extending from Steeles to 16th Avenue. From the 16th north, the paved surface is only temporary, he noted.

The Mayor said the property was not served by water or sewers and the likelihood of such installation in the immediate future was remote. Mr. Roman said he had not been consulted by the Board on the proposed purchase, and had no knowledge that any member of his Council had been either. "I feel it was a question of economics", he concluded.

The property has a farm history that dates back to 1842. John Williamson came over from England in 1837 and took possession five years later. His son, also named John, carried on and later handed it down to Garnet Williamson who sold it in 1919. The stream that cuts through the east side once operated a grist mill, 125 years ago. The corner of Peach's Sideroad and Hwy. 48 was once known as Milnesville, with a post office and general store. The original pioneer was Peter Milne.

Stan Watson, the present owner, purchased the property from Walter Brignall in 1952. It contains 150 acres. Sons Stuart and Trevor help work the farm, specializing in quality Holstein cattle and pigs. Since the Fair Board doesn't take possession until February, '75, the Watsons will remove the crop this fall. An auction sale of cattle and implements is planned next spring.

Nab robbery suspect

MARKHAM — Barrie police arrested Mark Patrick Skinner, Monday, following a Sunday night armed robbery of the Shop 'N Bag store in Wootton Way Plaza.

Loses licence

MARKHAM — A 25 year old Scarboro man, who earned his living by operating a dump truck, has lost his licence for three years.

The ruling followed a conviction, Friday, in Richmond Hill Court, that found Stephan Ruscitti guilty of criminal negligence in the death of Richmond Hill councillor, Charles Stewart.

Mr. Stewart, 35, died after his car was hit at the intersection of 16th Avenue and the 5th concession of Markham, last November.

Not C.F.G.M.

MARKHAM — Six radio transmission towers will be erected near Kennedy Road at Hagerman, with approval of Markham Town Council.

The station, to serve the Region of York, was identified with C.F.G.M. in Richmond Hill, according to a Tribune story of Feb. 7.

There is no connection between the two, a C.F.G.M. spokesman said this week.

The confusion occurred when Ken Foss, an announcer with C.F.G.M., appeared on behalf of the applicant, D.M.L. Broadcasting.

At about 10:30 p.m. a man entered the store and while pointing a sawed off pump action shotgun at manager Leonard Joel demanded he hand over the contents of the till and two bags of money under the counter.

After taking the money, he forced Mr. Joel and a lady clerk to lie on the floor and then left the premises.

He entered a car driven by

an as yet unidentified accomplice and headed west on Hwy. 7.

The robbery, which netted close to \$2,700, was accomplished in less than a minute and was described as, "very professional".

Mr. Skinner, a 17 year old former Toronto resident of no fixed address was arrested after York Regional Police issued a description of the car.

Record collection goes on sale

MARKHAM — Everything from Johann Christian Bach to Knuckles O'Toole.

That's the kind of record collection Linda McGeorge has assembled over the past 20 years.

And they're for sale, at least most of them, at her home on 27 Ramona Boulevard in Markham.

Linda has many 78's, considered by some as collector's items. She also has 45's and albums — about 300 in all, including Bing Crosby's 'White Christmas'.

"I've always loved music," Linda explained, "I purchased my first record at age 9 and have been buying them ever since. Now I have too many. I'm crowded for space".

At \$1 for albums and .50 cents for singles, Linda admits she's probably letting them go too cheap. "I really didn't know what to charge," she said. One man purchased 200.

Linda's collection contains many Elvis Presley discs, including several 78's. "I grew up with the Elvis craze," she recalls. Her interests in music tend more towards vocal than instrumental.

Will she continue her record hobby? Likely, Linda says, but with more choice.

Markham Rotary Club

Set \$25,000 goal for wheelchairs

MARKHAM — The Markham Rotary Club was chartered in 1962. The president at that time was Paul Horton.

In the years that have followed, the organization has contributed much to the community.

The latest announced project is the purchase of 25 electric wheelchairs for Participation House, a residence for adult cerebral palsied, Ninth and Church Streets in Markham.

A campaign to accomplish this is already underway. The Club's goal is \$25,000.

On Monday evening, Rotary President, Don Luttrell presented Mrs. Kathe Newman, executive director of Participation House, with a first installment cheque for \$5,000. With the co-operation of the entire community, members are confident the remainder can be earned.

One fund-raising venture is the annual Hockey Tournament and something new — a Three-Ring Circus in the Markham Centennial Centre.

With sufficient support, the Club's theme; "Let's Put Participation House on Wheels", will become a reality.



Linda McGeorge, 27 Ramona Blvd., Markham, in her collection. She's selling most of them this week because "she's run out of room".

'Confusion Corner'

Suggest solution

MARKHAM — The Works Committee of Council has recommended a program that, if approved, could solve the problems at 'confusion corner' on the Main Street of Markham.

The proposed Joseph and Church Street realignment is designed to resolve the complex traffic movement on Main and ease the conflicting turning situation at Robinson Street.

Robinson Street, the plan proposes, would be extended east across Main, through an area north of the new Bank of Nova Scotia building. George and Washington Streets would be connected and intersect with the Robinson extension.

Construction for the \$260,000 undertaking is expected to begin this year. The committee is anxious to have the work started as soon as possible to avoid additional costs.

When the project is completed, the west end of Church and Joseph Streets will be closed. This will leave one 4-way corner at the intersection of Main and Robinson, eliminating the welter of traffic lights now in the area.

An off-street parking facility is also slated for the block, with provisions for future expansion.

Driver dies in hospital

UNIONVILLE — A 20 year old Unionville man, injured Jan. 27, in a single-car collision on Hwy. 7, has died in Toronto General Hospital.

Gary Powell of Trumpourx Court, was the driver of a vehicle that veered out of control and landed in a creek, east of Bayview Avenue.

The victim was pulled from the water by James Doble of Maple and given artificial respiration. He was admitted first to York Central Hospital and later transferred to Toronto General where he died, Feb. 7.

Injured in the same crash was a passenger in the auto, Carman Stiver, 21, of Wembly Avenue, Unionville.



Respected lady

Mrs. A. P. Graham, a Markham resident since 1907, will celebrate her 91st birthday, Feb. 28. Mrs. Graham resides at 268 Main Street North.

Markham students Want teachers back

YORK CTY. — York Region's Grade 13 students the ones hurt most in the current teacher-board dispute, are themselves taking action to "bring the teachers back."

Forty young people from Markham Dist. High School, attended a Board meeting, Monday. One of the spokesmen was Pamm Keeley of Grade 13.

She told The Tribune that the students would organize a public forum, if talks this week fail to produce a settlement.

A meeting, Tuesday, to try and end the crisis was called by provincial mediator Terry Mancini.

Miss Keeley expressed concern that a news blackout existed in negotiations, "We are

upset," she said, "because we don't know what's going on."

Students at Woodbridge High School have organized a public forum for tonight (Feb. 14) to include teachers, parents trustees and students in an attempt to bring the facts to light.

Miss Keeley emphasized that if no settlement is reached this week there, "will be a public forum definitely," at MDHS. She added that teachers, parents, students and trustees all want a "people-board" but that would take both co-operation and communication.

"The important thing, is to get the teachers back and get them back now," she said firmly.