

Man claims hit officer by mistake

MARKHAM — Three times and out.

That's what happened to 36 year old Alban Eldemire of R.R. 3, Stouffville, in a Markham tavern and later in Court.

The accused explained to Judge Claire Morrison how he attempted to intervene in a fight involving his stepson and a 'bunch of other guys.' For that, he received two black eyes.

Later, when police arrived, he was pointed out as one of the 'troublemakers.'

That's when he knocked the officer's hat off.

Judge Morrison was sympathetic. He granted the accused an 'absolute discharge.' The case was heard, May 3.

To lay cornerstone

MARKHAM — The cornerstone, in the 3½ million Thornhill Community Centre, will be placed in position, Saturday, at 12 p.m.

The complex, located on a 14 acre site at John Street and Bayview Avenue, is being built by Perwin Construction Company of Willowdale.

When completed it will include two arenas, a library, a day-care centre, a health club and community hall.

Complex wall collapsed by wind

MARKHAM — Progress on the new 3½ million dollar Community Centre complex at Thornhill suffered a temporary setback last week when a wall, 70 feet long and 22 feet high, was blown down by high winds.

The collapse occurred despite the use of braces to prevent such a thing.

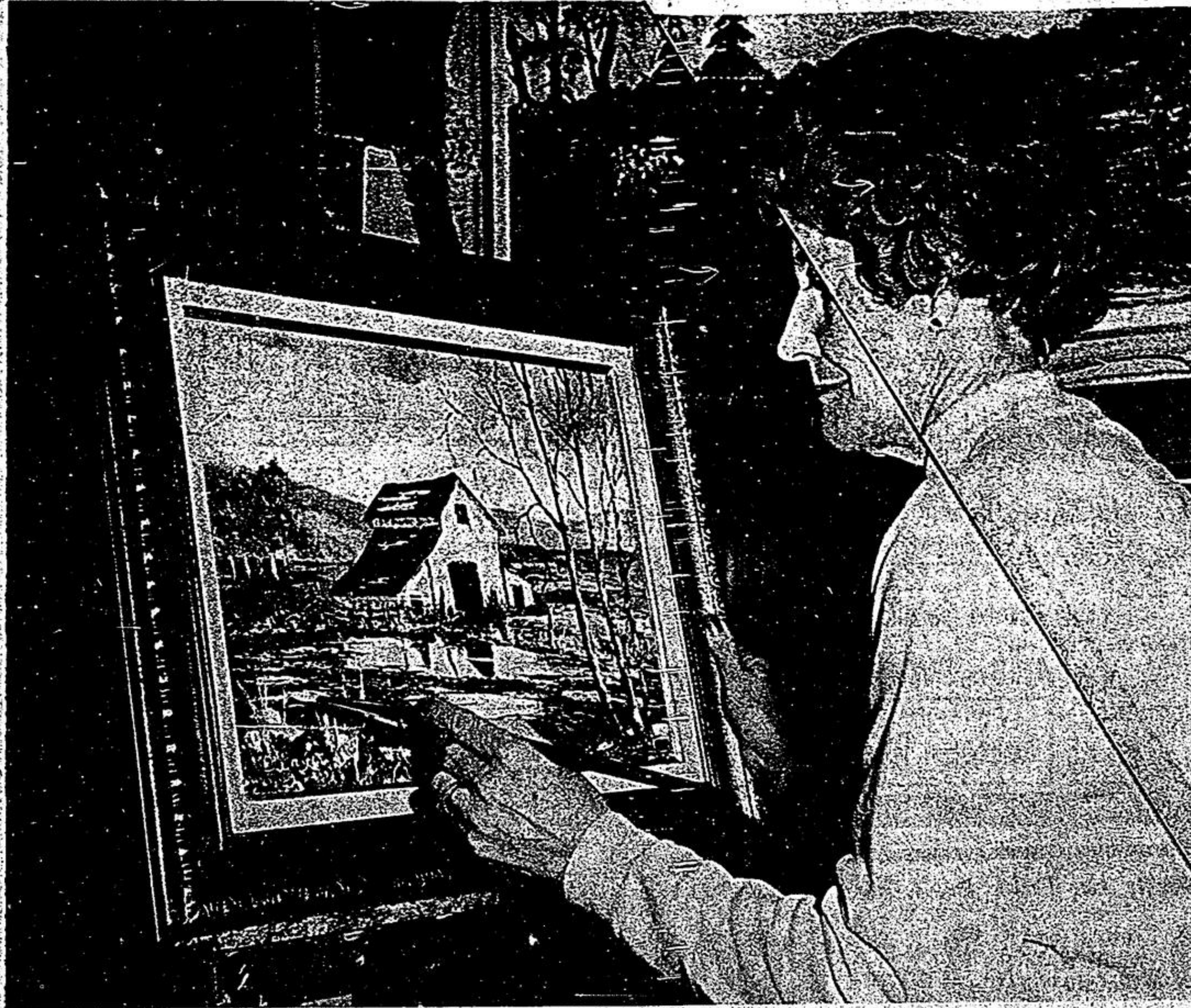
A spokesman for the builder said any loss time because of the problem, would be made up. "It won't affect the progress of the job," he said.

Building Inspector Len Graves measures the loss in man-hours at about three days.

Vandals pour sand in tank of loader

MARKHAM — Continued vandalism in the Town of Markham, the story is repeated almost every week.

Latest incidents are reported by York Regional Police. At R.R. 2, Gormley, a front-end loader, owned by Michael Nigro, was extensively damaged. Sand was poured in the machine's gas tank and hydraulic cylinders; the engine



Skilled Markham artist places paintings on display

Bernice Lawton, 12 Paramount Road, is recognized as one of Markham's finest artists. She does most of her work at home, but on occasions goes farther afield for 'on location' sketches and paintings. A collection of these, 40 in number, will be placed on

public display this Friday evening in the lower auditorium of the Markham Centennial Library, from 7 to 10 p.m. They will also be on view for the remainder of the month during regular library hours. — Jim Thomas

Recommends 'get tough policy'

Two dogs per household

MARKHAM — If recommendations made to the Markham Works Committee by Canine Control Officer James Ryan are adopted, there will be stringent controls on dogs and their owners in the municipality.

Mr. Ryan has suggested that the number of dogs per household be restricted to two and the yearly licence fee for a male dog be raised from three dollars to four dollars and the fee for a female dog be upped from five dollars to \$10. The fee for an additional male dog would be raised from six dollars to eight dollars and another female dog would cost \$15 rather than the \$10 now charged.

Dogs would have to be licenced at the age of three

months instead of five.

Previously, the owner of a pet did not have to have a licence if there is a current year licence from another municipality. Mr. Ryan would like to have this provision dropped as 'ninety per cent of dog owners coming to live in Markham fail to notify the licence department at the Municipality of registration, or their change of address, making it impossible for my office to trace them.'

He has asked that dogs be classed as running at large when away from their owners' property.

Under the present bylaw the dog must be on a high way or other public place.

Mr. Ryan has suggested that the fee for recovering a dog from the pound be doubled from five dollars to \$10. Also a charge of two dollars per day for every day the dog is kept past three days. Presently, the dog must be kept for five days before this pound fee is charged.

He has recommended he be allowed to sell or destroy any dog after it has been kept 72 hours. The present bylaw requires the dog be kept 120 hours.

Regional Councillor Harry Crisp objected, "The bylaw was changed to 120 hours purposely a couple of years ago so people would have time to find their dog." He complained that someone could go away for a weekend and come back and find their pet destroyed if this provision is implemented.

The final change presented for consideration was that the fine for contravening the bylaw be doubled from a \$50 maximum to \$100.

The report was received by committee and referred to the clerk's office for further study.

Ward 6 'newsletter' Ask edict to 'muzzle' councillor

MARKHAM — A better line of communication exists between Ron Moran and the electorate, than between Mr. Moran and some members of his own Council.

This became obvious last week when the Ward 6 councillor charged that a Court of Revision date, to further discuss the controversial Hwy. 48 watermain, had been purposely set for a time when he would be out of Town.

He levelled the complaint in a newsletter to his constituents. He called it "more than just a coincidence." He said he informed the Mayor, the Clerk and members of Council he would be in Winnipeg at that time. He charged too, that he had not been informed of the Court and had learned of it only after a ratepayer called to enquire.

Clerk Joe Pickard agreed he had been forewarned of Mr. Moran's absence, but the matter had slipped his mind.

Council members objected a statement in the Moran newsletter, that suggested residents could attend the hearing and register complaints concerning the frontage levy. Several in an appearance for this purpose, only to learn that errors were under consideration of nothing else.

"This is most unfair to Council," argued Bob Adams, "it gives the impression that only Ron (Moran) is concerned with your welfare."

Mayor Tony Roman termed it "a political ploy." However, Denise Jackson, a resident near Hwy. 48, defended the councillor. "He's not trying

to slam Council," she said, "he's only trying to help us."

Councillor Harry Crisp referred to the mix-up as "absolutely ridiculous". He suggested the issue should be placed in the hands of the Town solicitor, "to stop Mr. Moran from making such statements."

Unfair assessment

MARKHAM — "I'm absolutely against the whole thing. I don't care if it's six inches or two inches, it's for Emerson Electric."

This comment by Carman Wesley, R. R. 2, Markham, seemed to sum up the feelings of most residents with respect to paying for a water service along Hwy. 48, between 16th and 17th Avenues.

A delegation of affected home-owners attended a Court of Revision hearing at Boltonville, Friday.

While the meeting was to deal solely with the accuracy of assessments, the majority contended they shouldn't be assessed at all.

A 22 per cent saving has been authorized by the Town, through a reduction (on paper) of the watermain's size from 10 inches to six. Council is now considering a private members bill to the Legislature, that would withdraw the levy completely.

"I, for one, am not satisfied," concurred councillor Bob Adams, "this matter is not closed yet."

"Too costly"

Reject road Plan

MARKHAM — Works Committee has rejected the alternate route for the Robinson Street realignment, proposed by former Markham councillor Ken Thomas.

The plan, chosen by the Town, requires the extension of Robinson Street east across Main, through an area north of the Bank of Nova Scotia, George and Washington Streets would be connected and intersect with the Robinson extension, Church Street will run one way — west and Joseph Street one way — east.

Mr. Thomas suggested

Robinson Street be extended east to Main and then loop in a north-easterly direction to form a four way intersection at the present corner of Church and George Streets.

In his report, Town Engineer D. Pen Mukherjee admitted, "In terms of traffic movement, this is definitely a better proposal. But he warned, "if Council prefer the alternative, the Town will not be in a position to proceed with the project this year because of subsidy allocation."

The main objection to the suggested route was that it would add considerably to the expense of the project. It would raise the estimated cost from \$282,000 to \$500,000.

Commented Mayor Tony Roman, "This may be a more deluxe solution but we just don't have the money in 1974 and we may not have it in 1975."

Mr. Thomas proposal promised to be more expensive as it required the relocating of the Gospel Chapel Church 75 feet to the east of its present location; the moving of two bungalows on the north side of Church Street; and the purchase of additional land.

Harmony day

MARKHAM — The auditorium rafters in Markham Dist. High School will resound to the strains of barbershop singing, Saturday, when the 'Melody Makers' host a Harmony Training Program for Area 3.

The all-day session will feature eight choruses and six quartettes from the district of Southern Ontario. Judging begins at 1 p.m.

Villa administrator on advisory council

UNIONVILLE — Rosemary Miller, administrator of Union Villa, has been appointed by the Provincial Government to a newly formed Advisory Council on Senior Citizens.

The creation of this committee was announced last week by Hon. Margaret Birch, Provincial Secretary of Social Development.

Mrs. Miller resides at 74 Lincoln Green Drive in Markham.

In making the announcement, Dr. Keith Kennedy, chairman of the Board of Directors, Unionville Home Society, stated, "We feel assured that Mrs. Miller will serve well in this capacity, just as she has already served in her present position."

Car skids rams tree

LOCUST HILL — A 27 year old driver was seriously injured early Tuesday morning, when his car skidded on a curve and slammed into a tree.

Hugh Barrie Thompson of Whitby was freed from the wrecked vehicle and rushed by ambulance to Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

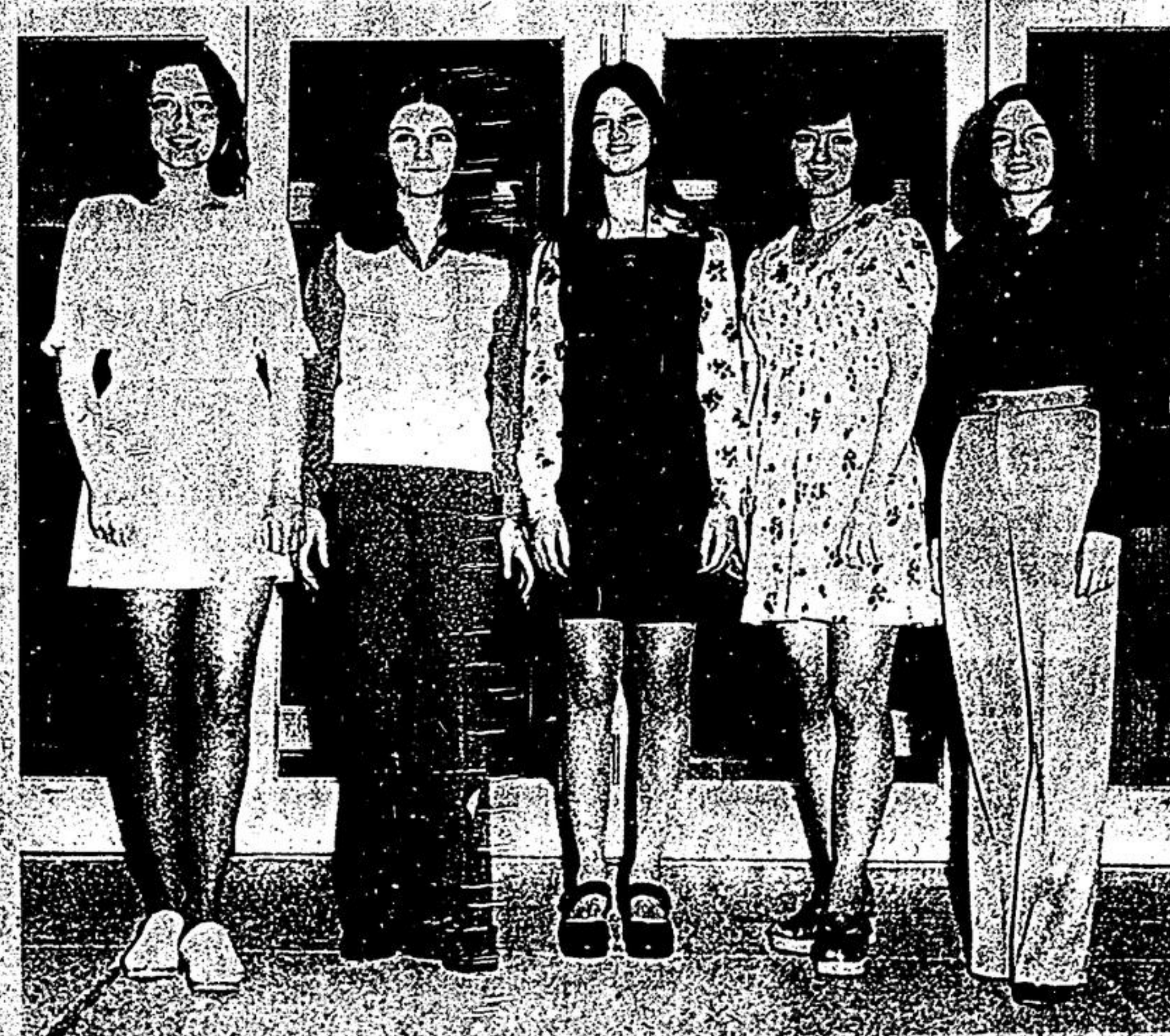
The crash occurred near the intersection of Hwy. 7 and the Markham-Pickering townline. Police said it was snowing at the time and the pavement was extremely slippery.

wires were torn off and the air was let out of the tires.

Tires slashed
The slashing of tires is becoming a common practice in Unionville. Police believe a knife was used to cut all four tires on a car owned by Arnold Murray. The auto was parked in front of his home in Fonthill Boulevard. Damage is estimated at \$150. In a separate incident, a tire was slashed on a car at the Unionville Arena. The vehicle belonged to Josef Weger of Worsley Court, Markham. The loss is estimated at \$50.

Wheels stolen

Thieves entered the property of Conlin Motors Ltd., Hwy. 7, Markham, and took not only the tires but all four wheels from a car parked there. The value has been placed at \$524. On Wellington Street, the rear door was forced open on a Host Rent-A-Car and \$300 taken. The money was removed from a cash register and two cash boxes. A routine check of a truck on Main Street by York Regional Police uncovered eleven highway signs in the rear. Charged with possession of stolen property are James Clydesdale, 19, of Milliken and Keith Houghton, 21, of Burlington.



Select student queen of Markham High

One of these lovely girls will be selected, Friday, to reign as student queen of Markham Dist. High School for 1974. The young ladies, all from Grade 13, are (left to right) — Sandi Thornton, 19, of Church Street; Mary McLean, 19, R.R. 2, Woodbine; Markham; Terry Wright, 18, R.R. 1, Markham; Cathy Michaud, 19, R.R. 1, Markham and Wendie Marshall, 18, Sir Kay Drive. This year's May Prom will be held at Seneca College on Finch Avenue near Woodbine. — Jim Thomas