

Gormley's Noah

**Huge house boat
a problem to move**

GORMLEY — Ever since Bill Burton of Gormley started constructing a boat in his backyard last year he has been listening to people referring to him as Noah.

His wife recalls phoning the York Regional offices to find out about getting a permit to move the boat and being greeted with, "Is this Mrs. Noah calling?"

On seeing the 60 foot hull of the as yet uncompleted boat the first thing that comes to mind is Noah and the Ark. The ship, which is to be a houseboat, is constructed of three-sixteenth of an inch thick steel plate and has a 16-foot beam.

Mr. Burton estimates it will weigh in the neighbourhood of 25 tons when completed next year.

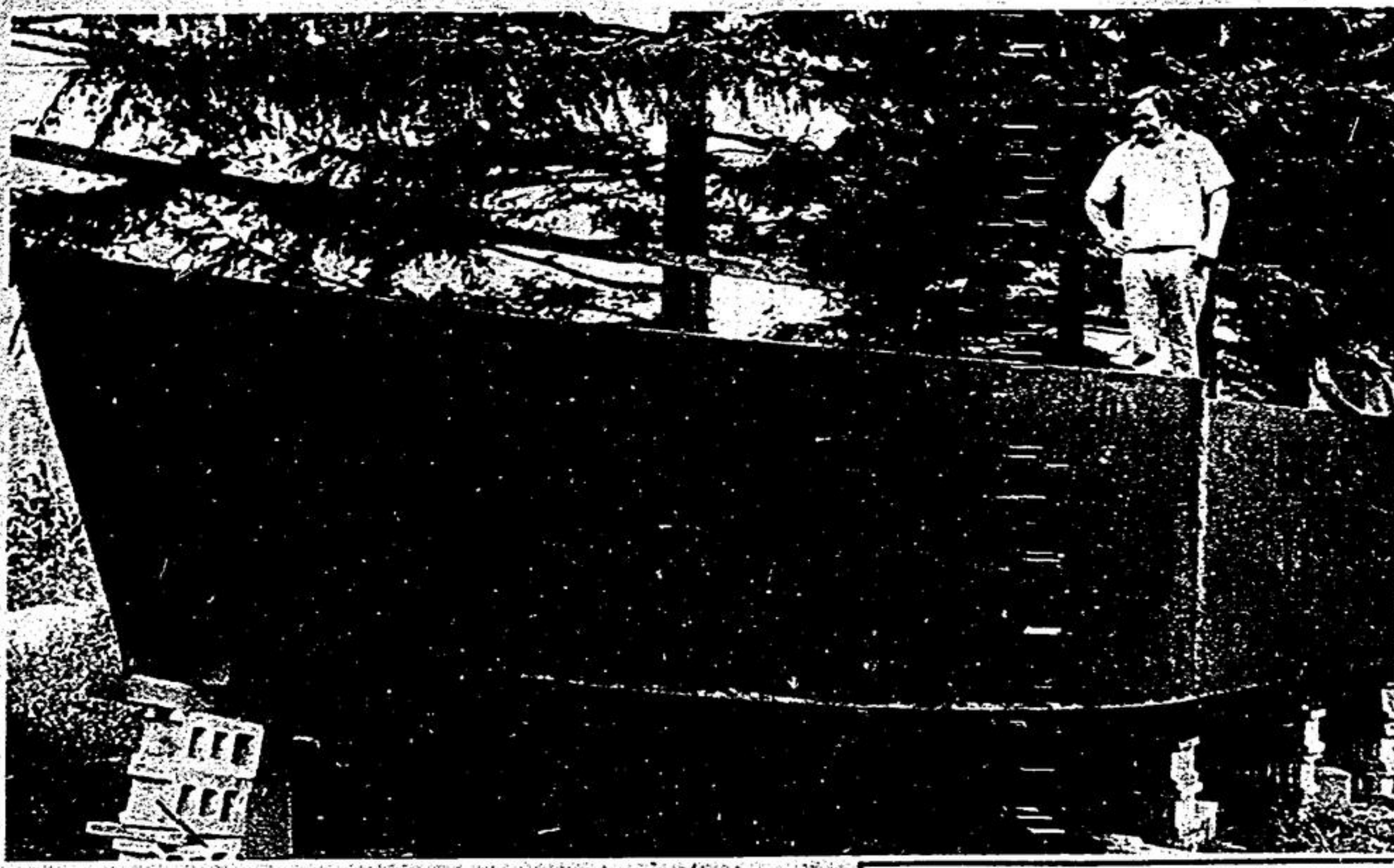
When asked how he intends on moving it when it is finished he replies, "That's a good question." He says it will have to be put on a float and moved by tractor trailer and will require a police escort.

The boat will have two twin inboard outboard 250 h.p. motors, two private staterooms, a large bedroom with bunks, two bathrooms and a kitchen. The superstructure will be made of aluminum siding and will be winterized.

Mr. Burton estimates the boat will sleep 12 people, "comfortably," and will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 by the time it is finished. He doesn't have to bear the total expense though as he has a partner, Ed Marchant of Thornhill.

They plan on sailing the boat on Lake Simcoe, the Trent Canal and the Great Lakes. One definite project they have is to take the boat to the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

This is not Mr. Burton's first project as he previously built a 30 foot houseboat.



Bill Burton has something in common with Noah of Biblical fame. He is building a 60 foot house boat in his Gormley backyard. The 25-ton craft will sleep 12 when it is completed and will sail on Lake Simcoe, the Trent Canal system and the Great Lakes. —John Montgomery.

ADVERTISE WEEKLY

**Editor's Mail
Oldtimer sets record straight**

Dear Sir: Some of your readers will recall our having resided near to, and having operated the Dickson's Hill Feed Mill more or less continuously, from 1916 until 1954, when Hurricane Hazel destroyed much of the property.

When we moved to Dickson Hill in 1916 the spelling of the name Dickson had been reduced to a plain DIXON, and remained so until about 1925.

It was about at that time that our neighbor miller, Mr. A. D. Bruce called on us to tell us that he was disturbed by the then current spelling, of the name Dickson, and would we use our influence, to endeavor to have the same corrected. He, too, outlined the past history of both of our mills.

The story, then as now, was that a Mr. Dickson, who seemed to have a particular weakness for developing pioneer sites established the Bruce Brother's Mill about the year 1840, sold it to them, and proceeded to acquire the 6 1/2 acre property on lot 30 and facing Concession eight, and included all of the hill lying on the east side of concession road. Rumor has it that he built the 3 1/2 storey flour and feed mill, the dam and the residence, now owned by the Sherwoods, in the same year. That year was 1842.

Coming back to the spelling of the name...of course we were happy to cooperate and proceeded to change our advertising, office supplies etc. in honor of the illustrious fellow tradesman who had brought these early endeavors into being - and this is where we first came face-to-face with the selfsame problem presented in last week's Tribune.

This is how we solved it, and how we feel that it should be solved today. Mr. Dickson was the one and only owner of the hill and since it was named after him it surely appears mandatory that apostrophe's is mandatory. Had there been a colony - not so.

W. A. Jones
Kitchener

Ballantrae Youth Club

Fall activities begin

BALLANTRAE — After a summer vacation, the Ballantrae Youth Club opens its doors this coming Friday night for the start of the fall and winter activities.

Steven King, president of the club said that the club will open its doors at 7:30 p.m. with committees organizing the usual ping pong tournaments, chess games and a dance.

New memberships will be accepted from area residents 13-17 years of age and 12 year olds in Grade 7. The ladies auxiliary under the leadership of Becky Wedley sponsor and chaperone the club. More chaperones are needed. For information call 640-2444.

The aim of the club, which opened in April, is

to have a Friday night club where the youth of the community can get together to take part in various activities. Wedley, liquor and drugs are strictly forbidden and those attempting to bring them into the club meetings will be asked to leave.

According to Mrs.

**He arrived
25 years ago**

MARKHAM — In 1949 when Kirk Fleisher moved to Markham, he found the people so friendly he decided to stay.

Mr. Fleisher is the owner of Toromark Furniture. At the beginning though, he started in a rented room, canvassing the Markham area by telephone, soliciting re-upholstering jobs.

He rented a room in the old hotel owned by Prentice Showrooms. Soon he was joined by Betty Assink and the business moved across the road to the old 5 cent

\$1 Store which is now Pilkey Glass.

Nine years ago when the Sherwood Plaza was built, Mr. Fleisher established the furniture store in its present location and last year added a second store in the Markham Plaza.

He is involved in the community in various ways, sponsoring teams in hockey, handball, soccer and football and is a member of the Markham Rotary Club. According to Mr. Fleisher he has endeavored over the years to give customers the best in service and quality at the best possible prices.

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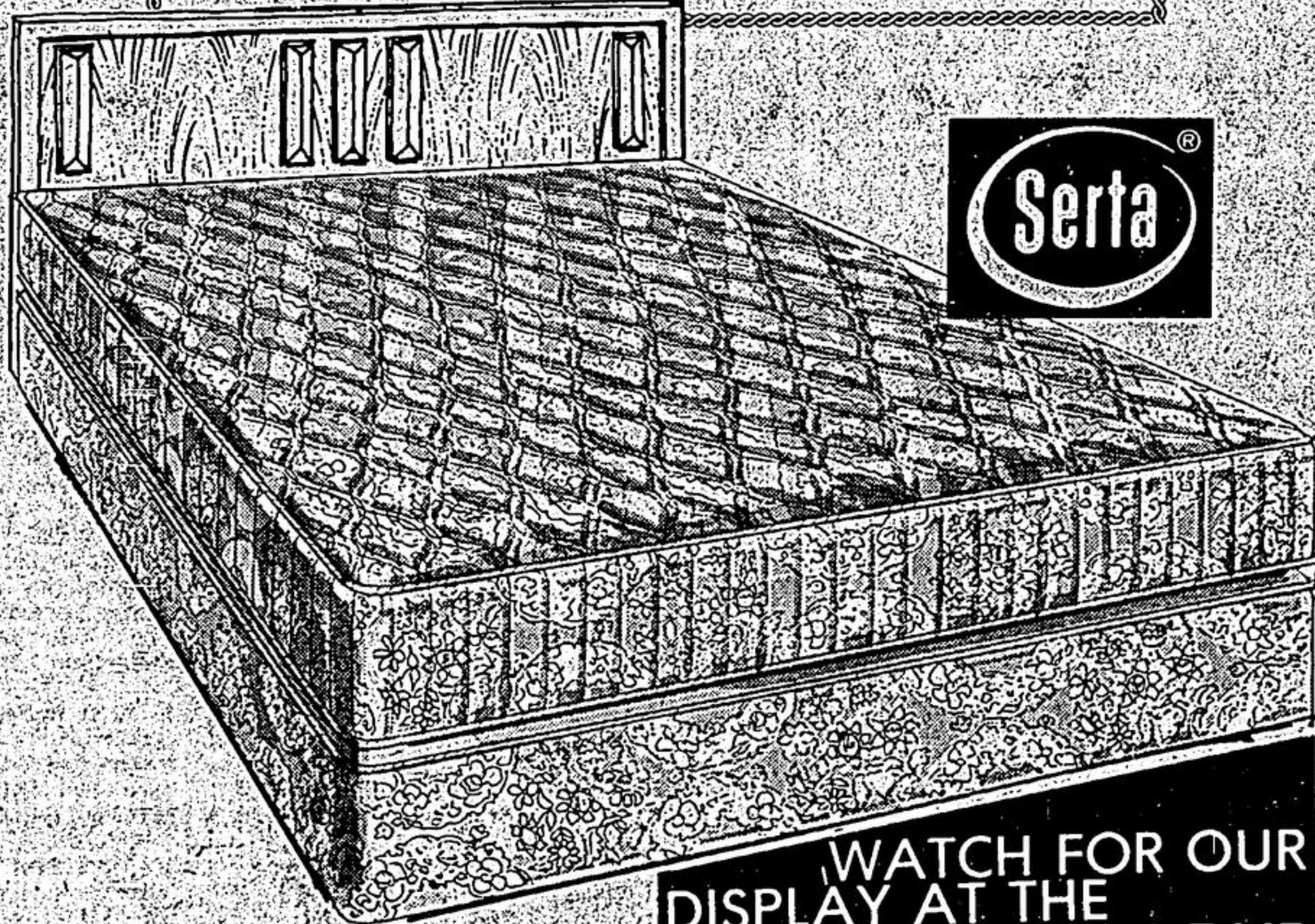
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within the Region attend

the Jokers Hill Horse Trials

at

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King Township

September 23 to September 29, 1974

Public invited to speak

YORK COUNTY — Members of the public may address questions to the York County Board of Education at the monthly chairman's committee meetings.

The board decided that not more than 10 minutes should be spent on any one question and the chairman may decide whether a question should be terminated.

Questioners are encouraged to put their questions in writing.

Chairman's committee meetings are held on the third Monday of the month.

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