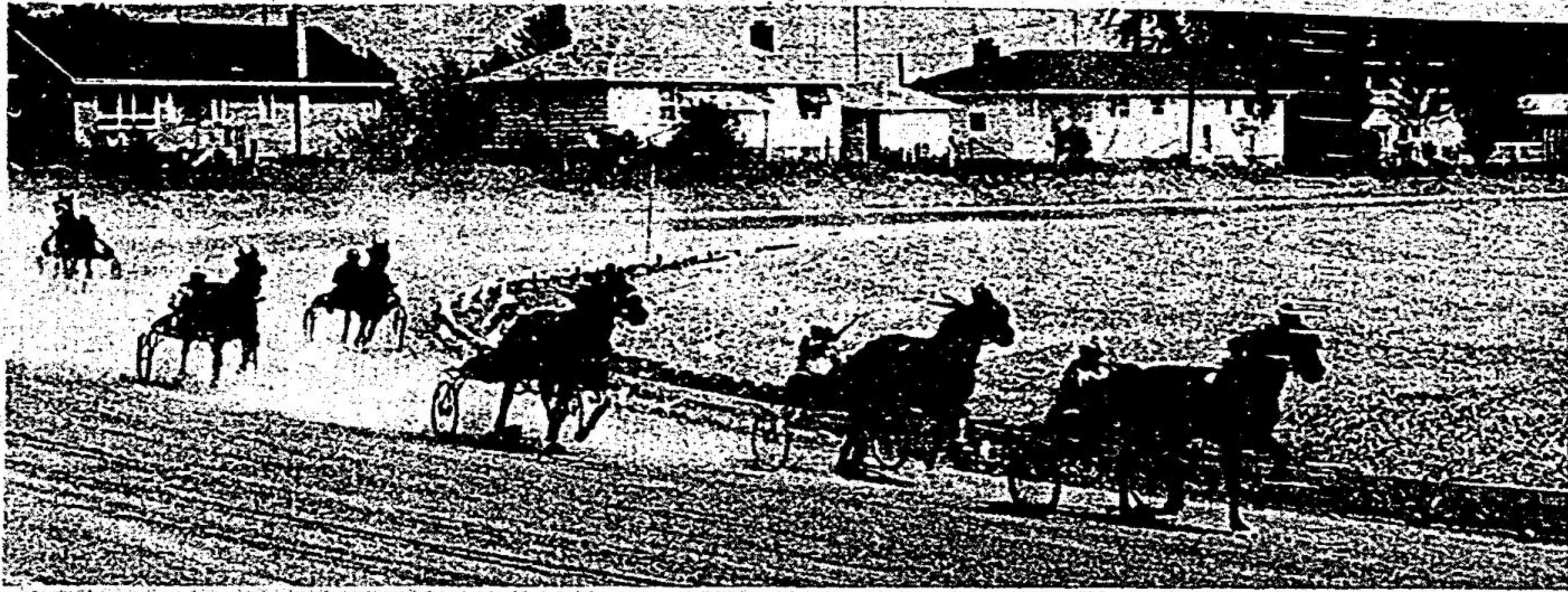


# Horses will duel for much larger purses



Horse racing will be one of the Saturday features at this year's Markham Fair. A full card is expected with the largest purse on record. Heading up the race committee is Jack Spang, of Stouffville.

MARKHAM — They're at the post. They're off and pacing. Yes harness racing fans once again you can unlimber your wallets and bet on the horses at the Markham Fair Grounds Saturday October 5 with the call to the post for the first race being at 1.30 p.m.

Jack Spang, who is co-ordinating the Fair Board Committee on horse racing, says that while all the entries had not been submitted, he expected to have a full card with eight horses running in all nine races.

In order to facilitate more bettors this year the committee decided to erect 10 pari-mutuel windows. They are also moving the location of the windows some 14 feet back from the location of last year in order to allow more space for the people to line up.

"We're really trying to update our facilities and make them more suitable for the public," said Mr. Spang. "When we move to the Fair's new site we hope to have racing on both Saturday and Sunday during the course of the fair. Right now there's just too much going on."

The feature race this year will be the Ray Brillinger trotting-pacing stakes with \$300 purse being offered. The races did quite well financially last year so in addition to the feature race other purses have also been increased.

"I think harness racing really makes the Fair," added Mr. Spang. "People really like to come out and spend a little money. After all it wouldn't be a fair without harness racing."

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Winner of the 1974 Frisbee Catching Championship held at the Canadian National Exhibition this year, the frisky Labrador Retriever will be appearing at the Fair twice daily on Thursday and Friday only, October 3rd and 4th.  
According to July Prentice, Chairwoman of the Entertainment Programme, this popular family pet has been in great demand to do television commercials and owner, John Rae of Unionville, has had to engage the services of a Business Manager to look after Gunner's schedules and finances.  
Show times of the display will be posed at the Main Gate of the fair grounds.

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