



Christine Money, and the horse Caravelle, are seen here wearing typical 16th or 17th century Spanish costumes. The horse, owned by Mary Bowden, Claremont, and rider placed first in the Half Arabian Spanish Conquistador Costume competition. A total of 67 competitors, many of them local, congregated at Al's Tack Shop Saturday for the full day Spanish All Arabian Horse Show.

—John Montgomery.

# Stouffville nearly runs dry due to watering by-law disobedience

STOUFFVILLE—The town reservoir came perilously close to running dry Monday.

According to Mayor Gordon Ratcliff the water level had been dropping for the past week and then "a tremendous volume was used on Monday when no watering is allowed at all."

The water level dropped a total of 12 feet, leaving only

about two feet of water in the bottom. Usually the water level has a chance to come back on Mondays but apparently a great number of people were ignoring the town's by-law which prohibits watering of lawns on Mondays, restricts east end residents to watering Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and allows west end people to water on Mondays, Wednesdays and Sundays.

A sound truck was sent around town warning people not to water their lawns at all for the next few days until the water level goes up.

"There would be lots of water if people abided by the three day a week stipulation," commented the mayor.

The village has been using about a million and a half gallons of water per day while the normal summer maximum

is usually around one million gallons.

After the sound truck was sent around warning people Monday the water level began to climb overnight.

"A good rain and the problem will be over," said Mr. Ratcliff.

Some surveillance is expected of those disobeying the edict in the use of lawn hoses, if the situation does not improve.

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## Opponents carry on

# Airport start announced

PICKERING — Pickering airport construction is to begin this month, Ministry of Transport officials said last week. About 1,800 acres of the initial site is to be cleared of buildings and grading is to begin on the runway.

But the announcement doesn't especially upset Save Stouffville Committee chairman James Nevins. "We were expecting the announcement," he said. "It had to come. It doesn't change anything that we've been doing."

One phase of the battle may centre around farmer Ernie Carruthers, who last week refused to turn his house keys over to federal officials. "We're waiting for a legal battle over that," says Mr. Nevins.

Mr. Carruthers' property is in the area where the initial construction is to begin.

The MOT announcement said other work on the airport is to include drainage provisions, improvements of local roads and grading of taxi strips and terminal tarmac.

However, Pickering council voted to seek a court injunction halting airport construction until access roads are completed.

The reaction of People or Planes co-ordinator Margaret Godfrey to the MOT announcement was "disgust as usual." She accused the government of using "all sorts of scare tactics now, trying to get rid of as many people as they can."

The People or Planes organization, meanwhile demonstrated their intention to make good on their own bizzare tactics. Last Saturday, they launched their first barrage balloon, claiming more are on the way.

Another anti-airport organization, the Metro Toronto Airport Review Committee is still "plugging away, spending lots of money on lawyers," Mr. Nevins, a MTARC member said.

He added that they're "still awaiting some position from the provincial government." Their sources within the legislature say an anti-airport stand on the part of the PC government is in the wind, he said.

For the construction, if and when it goes forward, Ontario Hydro and Bell Telephone facilities are to be moved and the CPR rail line which crosses the airport site is to be moved, swinging west from Locust Hill towards Brougham, bypassing the site. The move has been adamantly opposed by Ontario Environment Minister William Newman.

According to MOT spokesmen, if plans go ahead, an additional 1,900 acres are to come under construction on Jan. 1, 1976. Transport Minister Jean Marchand says provision has been made to preserve historical buildings on the site and that \$190,000 has been made available to the National Museum of Canada for any archeological discoveries.

Speculation has been made that Premier William Davis may make opposition to the proposed airport a major plank in his re-election platform. Contents of a letter to Mr. Davis from Mr. Marchand outlining plans for the airport site have not been released.

## Durham committee

### Seeks airport delay

PICKERING — Durham Regional management committee approved in principle a resolution for delaying the Pickering airport last week "until the project's infrastructure has been resolved and any road access has been constructed." The resolution had been requested by the Town of Pickering.

A lengthy debate was held over both the principle and a suggestion that an injunction be sought in federal court preventing the federal government from entering, re-arranging or constructing anything on the airport site.

The resolution read that the infrastructure and access roads should be constructed only after consultation with all municipalities affected.

Several management committee members had reservations about the resolution while they were sympathetic to Pickering's cause.

# MOT noise study to be fair — expert

By TED WILCOX

STOUFFVILLE — Old adversaries from the Gibson Airport Inquiry Commission hearings were in agreement last week as they set up the terms of reference for the "ambient noise" study to be conducted in the area.

The study, under the direction of the Ministry of Transport, is to determine and document the present "noise climates" in the residential portions of Stouffville, Markham and Claremont.

"We couldn't even have a good fight," said Andrew Harris, who will serve in an advisory capacity in the study. Mr. Harris earlier had presented information, accepted by the Gibson commission, that indicated noise would have a greater impact on Stouffville than MOT studies had shown.

Mr. Harris told The Tribune he had personally redrafted the terms of reference for the new study.

Some members of People or Planes were uncertain about the proposed study. POP member Lorne Almack of Claremont said he disliked the composition of the committee, which is made up of the same noise experts who testified for the MOT at the Gibson hearings. "I don't think that committee can run an impartial study," he said.

However, Mr. Harris said that two factors would make all the difference in the proposed study as opposed to previous studies prepared for the MOT. First, the new study will measure sound continuously for 24 hours, instead of in segments. Second, while the previous MOT soundings had all been taken beside roads, the new one will take in a variety of sites.

Conducting the study will be Valcoustics Limited of Toronto, the same consultants who had prepared studies for the government for the Gibson hearings.

Mr. Almack of POP also disliked the distribution of times that the soundings would be taken, feeling they were over-weighted for the noisier weekdays. However, Mr. Harris said

that the distribution was "the way most ambient surveys are done."

Another objection by Mr. Almack was the lack of proposed soundings in rural as well as urban areas. However, a more representative survey, using certain rural-residential areas in Markham such as the Dickson Hill area probably will be added to the study as a result of suggestions by Markham representatives at the committee's meeting on Monday.

A total of 13 sites in Markham, 10 in Stouffville and three in Claremont will be tested in the survey. Microphones will pick up the amount of noise now present. The study is to determine "the facts", not to interpret what they mean for residents, committee chairman Ron Coulas of the MOT explained at the Monday meeting.

Whitchurch - Stouffville Councillor June Button ex-

pressed concern at the meeting, saying the study should eventually determine the impact on the residents. Councillor Eldred King said that since the study's purpose was just to determine the current noise level they should "get on with it."

The role that Mr. Harris will play in the noise study, he told The Tribune, was to help draft the terms of reference, to review sites being chosen, to come back to observe measurements and to "review how the data is presented." Mr. Harris had been one of the few experts whose testimony was accepted in favor of government witnesses at the Gibson hearings.

Present at the meeting on Monday was Save Stouffville Committee member Brad Buckles as well as representatives from Valcoustics Corporation, Tracor Corporation, the Ministry of Transport, and

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## Flood planning board

# Estate residential plans

STOUFFVILLE — Since Planning Board set a precedent by giving their blessing to some estate residential subdivisions they have been flooded with requests for that type of development.

Last week's Planning Board meeting was no exception as two new proposals were introduced. The first application heard was from Alwine Manthau for 31 lots on 75 acres located at lot 24, fronting on the 7th conc. The second proposal, for 12 two acre parcels, is located on the property of Alfio Tommasini, on the south east corner of Bethesda and Don Mills Rds.

Speaking for Mrs. Manthau, attorney William Parsons told the board the land is "basically blow sand and not too valuable for agriculture."

Mr. Parsons said they would not be developing the property themselves but were retaining land adjacent so they had a

substantial interest in making sure it was handled properly.

The property is now being used for children's camps and has a tree farm to the south.

Mr. Parsons said they had not approached the neighbours and he said their "basic objection is why can't they divide theirs into five" acre lots.

Mr. King asked if they would consider enlarging some of the lots to ensure that all the lots would be treed.

Mrs. Manthau replied the plan they had brought in was only a very preliminary sketch.

A motion was passed that the board members would

inspect the site and ask for a technical report. The same decision was made with regard to the other proposal.

The developers were warned the studies would be at their own expense and Mr. King cautioned, "Please don't ask for this to happen tomorrow."

The Tommasini property has a golf course to the south and east but there was some dispute as to whether another proposed subdivision abuts the property.

Planning Board were told Mr. Tommasini is a custom builder who usually builds homes in the \$150,000 price range.

of buoys in the middle of the lake as a guide for water-skiing. In her opinion this jeopardizes the safety of other skiers.

"We have to make a few rules," she concluded, "people are doing just as they like."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff explained they had gone through the matter a few years ago and that although it was a federal responsibility the federal government is trying "to put it off on the province but they won't accept it."

Mr. Ratcliff said he was against any skiing at all on the lake and Councillor June Button agreed. The Mayor described the situation as a "messy problem."

Mr. Wedley said the problem is not being caused by the people who live up there but by weekend visitors.

Mr. Ratcliff expressed doubt as to how effective the town's by-law is at controlling any abuses.

Chairman Eldred King cut off discussion before any decision was reached.

# Faulkner lands subdivided

FAULKNER AVE. — Two more Faulkner Ave. area residents have successfully petitioned planning Board to have their properties subdivided into five acre lots.

Carl Makela applied to have his 10 acre parcel of property split into two five acre lots and Daniel Klochkoff asked permission to make three five acre lots from one parcel.

Mr. Makela asked for approval on the grounds the land use in the area is residential anyway and because extra recreational area is provided by a reforested area across the road from his 7th conc. home.

Mr. Klochkoff said he had to sell his property so he could retire and that people who looked at the land wanted only

five acres as this was all they could afford.

Councillor Merlyn Baker suggested they zone the area along the 7th conc. for five acre lots and he objected to the Klochkoff subdivision but voted in favor of it because "now the precedent has been set I have to uphold the application."

Board chairman Eldred King told Mr. Baker he thought they would be going beyond their jurisdiction if they rezoned the entire area. He referred to it as "trespassing."

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# Musselman fair to be Saturday

MUSS LAKE — This is the big weekend for the annual Musselman's Lake Fair to be held at the Ballantrae Community Centre.

The fair, beginning at noon Saturday, will feature a baked goods sale and contest, craft displays, pony rides, quilt raffle, movies, sports, bands, a beer garden, and other entertainment.

The admission price can't be beaten as it is free. The fair will run through to 8 p.m. and at 8:30 a dance will commence. Tickets are four dollars and can be purchased at the fair grounds or by calling 640-3103 or 640-1267.

The baking contest is open to everybody and booth space is still available.



CLAREMONT — The driver of this shattered vehicle was killed when the company car he was driving was struck broadside by a CPR passenger train and was rammed about 500 yards down the track. Dead is Mohammed Shaffi, 30, of Toronto, a driver for Purolator Courier Service, whose vehicle he was driving at the time of the accident. The mishap occurred about 8 a.m. Friday morning when the southbound passenger train struck the driver's side of the car, which had been travelling east on Concession 9. Mr. Shaffi was pronounced dead at the scene and none of the 50 passengers or train crew were injured. Train passengers were forced to complete their journey by bus.

# P.S. negotiator blasts York schoolboard rep

YORK CTY. — A former member of the York Public School Board salary negotiating team was "unintentionally less than open" in his criticism of 1975 salary settlements, a Georgina trustee charged Monday.

Bill Laird made his comments while discussing the resignation of Vaughan Trustee Donald Cameron from the board negotiating team.

In a press release dated June 16, Mr. Cameron had announced he withdrew "in protest over the committee and board's refusal to allow senior administration to participate in negotiations and subsequently their refusal to hire a professional negotiator."

Mr. Laird charged the Vaughan trustee had missed several secondary school negotiating sessions prior to his resignation and had not taken part in a single elementary negotiation meeting.

He described the criticism as "irresponsible and not something to be relied upon."

Replying Mr. Cameron said he had attended seven out of the first eight sessions and had only missed meetings following preparation of a letter outlining his concern over the talks.

In approving the settlement with no backup material from staff, trustees had adopted a casual attitude to the operation of a \$60 million business he charged.