

Horseshoe pitching back

By Mary Bretherton

The great old game of Horseshoe Pitching has a place at the Markham Fair too. On Saturday, October 4th, the familiar CLANK of shoes curling around the stakes will be heard as a Matched Doubles tournament takes place. Gil Fitzsimonds of the 7th Conc. who has looked after the event for the past two years will again be conducting this fall.

In Matched Doubles, the player who has the highest ringer percentage takes on the lowest percentage player as a partner, lady or man. "This evens things up," said Gil, "and no one has any particular advantage or disadvantage."

No mean player himself, Gil has taken part in organized competition for the past thirteen years, travelling to tournaments across the country. In 1969 he won the Canadian Legion Ontario Championship, hosted by the Waterloo Rod and Gun Club.

Most players taking part in the Markham Fair tournament come from

this area, but there's an open invitation given to anyone from anywhere to join them in the fun.

Play starts at 10 a.m. and straight money is the prize — \$150 being donated by the Markham Fair and the balance coming from the \$3.00

entrance fees required of each player.

The game of Horseshoe Pitching originated when soldiers in the Roman army, around the time of Julius Caesar, first began to shoe their horses. It made its way to England along with the Roman Invasion

and eventually travelled to Colonial America and Canada with English colonists.

During the American Revolution it was widely played by soldiers in the American armies and since has spread in popularity all over North America.



A Fair prize-winner

Markham Fair boasts one of the finest fruit and vegetable exhibits in the Province. This year's display should be equally good. Five year old Sandra Newman of Tenth Line South, Stouffville, holds a prize-winning marrow. The year was 1972. Sandra's a big girl of eight now.

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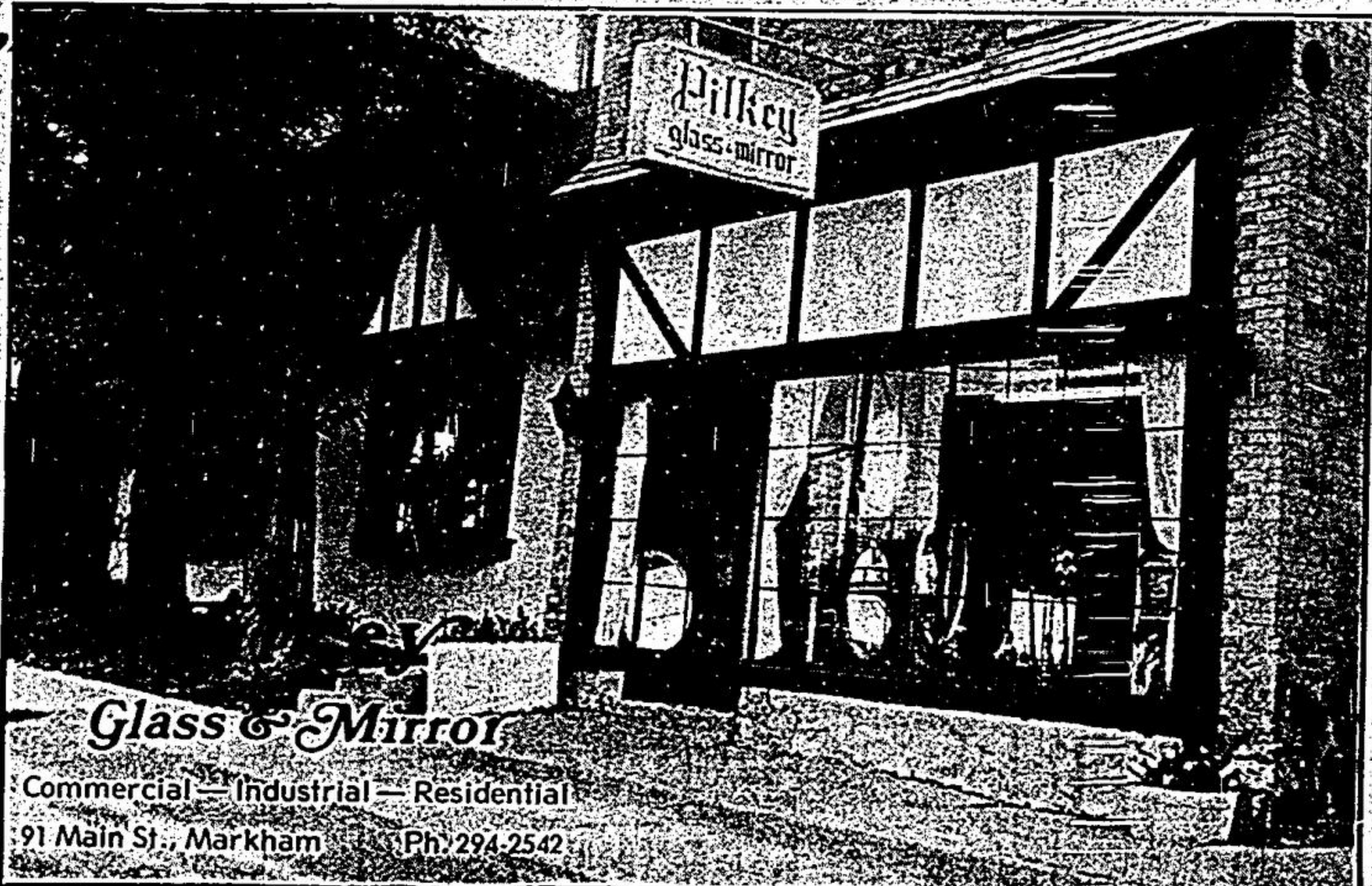
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