

Wolves slaughter sheep in dump site vicinity

BAKER'S HILL — Brush wolves, or coyotes, have slaughtered 30 sheep in the vicinity of the York Sanitation dump, since June.

All but one of the sheep, which are valued in excess of \$1,200, belonged to Joe DiAdamo, who owns the farm south of the dump site.

James Ross, who lives on the west side of Highway 48, reported a ram killed.

The Ministry of Natural Resources at Maple had a trapper, Don Leslie, in the area for a week but he has so far been unsuccessful.

According to Wildlife Management Officer Gerry Haarmeyer, the trapper has been on holiday but will return next week.

Mr. Haarmeyer said it is their intention to "trap and dispose of the wolves."

He said wolves are one of the hardest animals to trap as they are extremely wary of human scent and he described them as "cagey characters."

The sheep have been killed two or three at a time in some cases.

James Rae, livestock evaluator for the town, spotted one of the wolves on the DiAdamo property and Mr. DiAdamo is reported to have seen two wolves together.

Wolf kills are distinct from dog kills in that wolves will go for the throat or tear out the stomach and dogs will rip out pieces here and there. Dogs will also terrorize an entire flock while wolves just kill enough to eat.

The town pays the farmer an average of \$50 apiece for the sheep killed and then the town is reimbursed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The number of wolf complaints in Maple district (York, Peel and the western portion of Durham) are actually down considerably this year. Last year there were 50 complaints and there have been only a dozen this year.

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'Perfect' weather brings record Fair crowds

MARKHAM — Beautiful sunny weather over the weekend brought record crowds to the Markham Fair. Total at-

tendance is estimated at over 95,000, according to fair officials. The 1974 figure was 80,000

and that was a record according to Secretary Manager Gerald Mann.

He said that "perfect weather" Saturday and Sunday made all the difference. The numbers of exhibitors was up over the 1974 figures as well.

A total of 108 exhibitors took part in the Domestic Science section. Some of them had entries in all the sections. In the poultry class, there are 300 sections.

Total number of entry cards numbered 5,000. In 1974, the total was under 4,000. There were excellent flower displays

and even the heavy horse section drew 23 entries. Twelve herds of hereford cattle were entered; while 76 Jersey cattle were entered in that section.

One of the new features, the baby contest attracted 42 contestants, when only 20 were expected, Mr. Mann said. Entries had to be cutoff a week before the fair.

The parade was, "the best we ever had" and Mr. Mann gives credit to the organizers — Barb Thompson and Bill Snowball.

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Manhunt called off

Escapée surrenders, further charges laid

Michael David Richards, the subject of a massive manhunt in the Ballantrae area last week, Monday surrendered to York Regional Police at Richmond Hill.

According to Deputy Chief Robert Hood the man gave himself up as a result of negotiations between a detective-sergeant and the escapee's lawyer.

Richards, a 27 year old Vivian resident, originally charged with sexually assaulting a male, now faces additional charges of escaping custody, pointing a firearm and auto theft.

The manhunt was set off after Richards, who was being held in custody at Newmarket, complained he was sick, was taken to hospital in Richmond Hill, and escaped by ramming a policeman with a wheelchair.

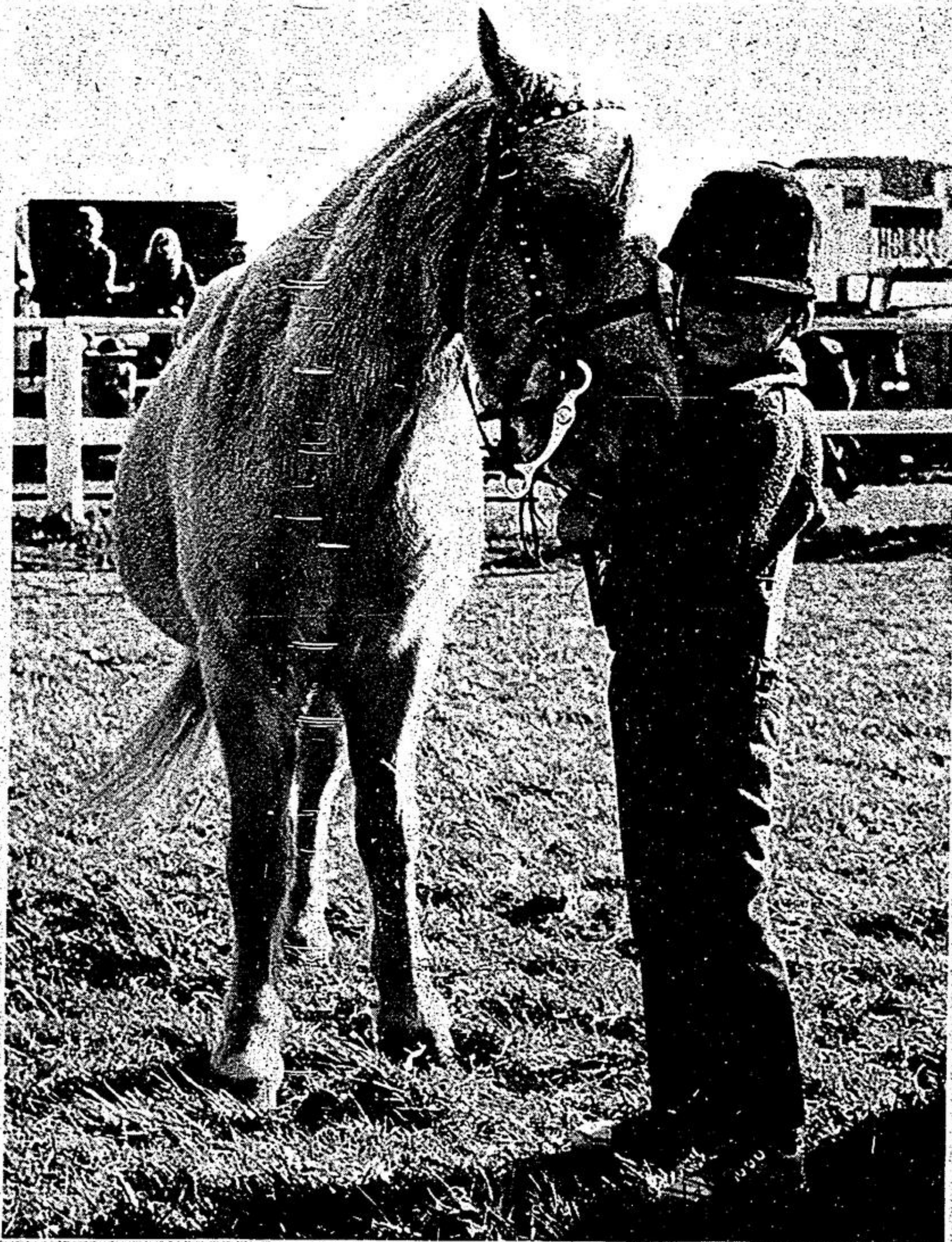
He escaped about 7:30 p.m. Monday and was spotted in the Ballantrae area the next day. The officer who saw him reported Richards was armed with a shotgun and had pointed the weapon at him.

An estimated 60 policemen, including Ontario Provincial Police, tracking dogs and two helicopters converged on the area and conducted a 12 hour search which ended unsuccessfully.

It is reported Richards made his way to King, where he was given shelter by a friend, before stealing a truck and driving it to Toronto where it was abandoned.

Richards is being held in custody for a show cause hearing scheduled for Friday.

It is alleged Richards homosexually assaulted a juvenile hitch-hiker he had driven to Oak Ridges on Sept. 7.



Trevor Prenevost, 4, of Agincourt receives an affectionate nudge from his pony. Trevor, however doesn't seem too happy about it. He was

one of the prize-winners in the junior showmanship classes at the Markham Fair. Debbie Byrnes, R.R. 2, Markham, was named Queen of the fair.

Ambient noise study continues despite airport cancellation

STOUFFVILLE — Although all other work regarding the now defunct Pickering airport is being held in abeyance, the ambient noise study for Stouffville, Markham and Clarendon is still going on.

Dr. A. D. Lightstone, of Valcoustics Ltd., the company commissioned to carry out the noise study, told The Tribune he has heard nothing about cancelling the study.

He said all projects concerned with planning or construction of the airport have been stopped but that the noise study does not fall into this category.

According to Dr. Lightstone, the information will be valuable reference material, even if the airport is never built, as it could be used by planners to assess the impact of any type of development.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said

he believes the study should be completed as it will further verify that the airport should never be constructed.

The testing has been ongoing in Markham and Stouffville for the past week or so and as of last Friday there was only one site in Markham left to be monitored. There are five days, out of a total of 11 days testing, to be completed in Stouffville.

The work is now over half finished with about a week to a week and a half of monitoring, depending on the weather, to be completed.

Dr. Lightstone said the study would provide a "reference set of data as to the existing situation" and that never before has there been the opportunity to study the "before situation" when an airport was constructed.

Dog death results from shooting spree

MARKHAM — Residents of Senator Reesor Dr. in Markham were terrorized when an unidentified man went on a shooting spree around 3 a.m. last Friday.

Victor Woodroff told police he let his dog out as it was barking very loud and a moment later he heard shots. He rushed out, discovered the animal shot but still alive and saw a man running away.

The dog subsequently died from bullet wounds.

John Bell, another resident on the street, reported hearing six shots. One bullet was fired through a second story window of his house.

His next door neighbor, Ralph Johnson, discovered a bullet hole in his car and another through his garage door.

Estimated damage amounted to approximately \$300, and the weapon used is believed to have been a .22 calibre rifle.

First step taken to limit speed on lake

STOUFFVILLE — Council last week took a first step toward solving the problem of speed boats on Musselman's Lake.

Councillor Becky Wedley introduced a notice of motion that the town request the province to restrict the speed limit on the lake to five miles per hour.

Mrs. Wedley first tried to have it passed as a resolution with an addendum that it be circulated to concerned parties but there were several objections to this.

Town Clerk Ralph Corner pointed out it wouldn't make much sense to notify people of something you have already done and several members of

council urged that they take a strong stand.

"We have to make a decision," Councillor Cathy Joice said, adding, "If we are not going to pass it without consulting the people on the lake I can't see sending it to the ministry."

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff called for a complete ban on motorboats, arguing that enforcement of a speed limit would be impossible. "That will just cause a pack of trouble trying to enforce a speed limit," he later told The Tribune.

"At least give it a try at five miles per hour for one year," urged Mrs. Wedley, "and if that doesn't work we'll have to do something stronger."

Tax arrears problem in expropriated area

PICKERING — Council wants to proceed with moving the Brougham Museum to Greenwood despite the halt in Pickering airport construction. That was the view expressed in a recent meeting between council and federal MP Norm Cafik as well as Ministry of Transport officials.

Furthermore, council probably will request to have a subsidy to pay for fire protection in Brougham since a lot of the volunteers have moved away.

Regarding the museum relocation, Mayor George Ashe said that the uncertainties that still exist "would make it untenable" in its present location. Council has lareday purchased the new site in Greenwood.

Council also wants expropriated roads in the airport area to be returned to the municipality. Otherwise, they would insist the federal government provide adequate maintenance and policing, Mayor Ashe said.

Another problem discussed with federal representatives was the difficulty of collecting taxes from airport tenants. "We're practically running a collection agency," the mayor said.

About \$100,000 in taxes is in arrears, by one estimate. Council intends to push for a grant-in-lieu system instead.

Also, Councillor Jack Anderson said some discussion was held concerning the way that the upkeep of some airport properties is "falling below par." One proposal presented was that the largest part of 10-acre lots be put into agricultural use.

The proposal would have it that 10-acre lots would be reduced in size and the additional land tied in with "abutting farms," Mr. Anderson said. The "Average person" doesn't have the machinery to care for lots that size, he said.

Mr. Anderson added that would not apply to original owners of 10-acre lots.

The meeting by council with federal officials was first arranged three weeks ago, according to Mayor Ashe, "and it took six months to get it set up."

Resolutions on matters discussed were to be brought forward at the next executive committee meeting for action.

Three arrested in armed robbery

BALLANTRAE — Three people have been arrested and charged in connection with the recent armed robbery of an elderly Ballantrae couple.

A juvenile is alleged to have actually held up 64 year old Sara Stegall and her 84 year old husband, Norman, for \$1,700.

Also charged are: Dirk Freisleben, 20, of lot 25, conc. 4, Uxbridge, and Suzanne Pellett, 21, of no fixed address.

Police allege Miss Pellett, drove to the scene of the robbery with the other two and that Mr. Freisleben hid in the bushes outside the door while the crime was committed.

The robber placed a nylon stocking over head, knocked on the door, and when it was answered by Mrs. Stegall, forced his way into the home.

The youth threatened the elderly couple with a .22 calibre revolver, slapped Mrs. Stegall across the face and pushed her husband to the floor when he attempted to aid her.

The thief threatened to kill the couple if they contacted police and before leaving he removed the mouthpiece from their telephone.

The incident was not reported to the police until two days later when a neighbor of the couple learned about it.

Attempted rape after girl abducted

STOUFFVILLE — John Charles Vernon, 20, of Lot 6, conc. 8, has been charged with

\$2,000 needed for playground

BALLANTRAE — A fund-raising program, to raise \$2,000 for a suspension bridge as part of a planned adventure playground, was kicked off Monday night.

Ballantrae Home and School Association started selling shares in the playground parents night Monday.

Approximately 75 of the one dollar shares were sold the first night.

The suspension bridge is only one part of an extensive adventure playground planned for the Ballantrae Public School.

abduction, attempted rape and possession of marijuana.

According to York Regional Police a 14 year old school girl was walking home along the Bethesda sideroad one morning after missing the school bus when a man drove up and forced her into his car at knifepoint.

The girl was blindfolded and driven to a secluded area where the man attempted to rape her. She was later let out of the car about a mile from her home.

Vernon was arrested two days later "as a result of investigation."

Police say they found Vernon to be in possession of a quantity of marijuana at the time of his arrest.

Colossal traffic jam clogs Main St. traffic

STOUFFVILLE — One of the worst traffic jams in Stouffville's history saw Main St. clogged from the 10th Line all the way to Ringwood corners, Saturday.

The Markham Fair and the Stouffville Sales Barn combined with perfect fall weather to create the back-up. Cars streamed east through town to

the Sales Barn from morning through the afternoon.

At one point, cars were backed up all the way to Highway 48. A write-up in a Toronto daily newspaper on the sales barn Friday is the probable cause of the unusually heavy traffic.

The situation was further aggravated when the stoplight on Main St. became stuck on red, causing a further back-up.

Tenders called for depot building

STOUFFVILLE — In all likelihood the Stouffville Recycling Committee will have a permanent location on the public works property before this winter.

Council last week called for tenders on a 24 foot by 80 foot prefabricated structure. Only 24 feet by 50 feet would be allocated for recycling and the additional space would be used for works department storage.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said he hopes the building will be only an interim measure and that in a few years he hopes to see all garbage that is picked up door to door recycled.

"The ultimate end is to see that all garbage is recycled," he told The Tribune.

All bins will be stored inside contrary to the original idea

which was to have some outside storage.

As a result of a letter of complaint from Wilf Morley, a member of the Community Centre Board, the board will be contacted before the decision is finalized.

Mr. Morley urged that the depot either not be located adjacent to the park or that the

board be consulted regarding the location.

Mr. Morley wrote, "I feel that our park facilities are second to none — however — I have seen a sewage treatment plant and a works department building located either adjacent to or on park property."

"I believe it was the committee's intention to proceed this fall," commented the mayor.