



Fire raged through a barn Saturday on the Markham-Pickering Town Line. The damage was estimated at \$60,000 by Claremont Fire Chief Jack Ward. Markham and Claremont firefighters attended. The property is owned by the federal government and was being rented by Raymond

Cowan. A malfunction in the furnace is believed to have started the blaze. A wood working shop in the stable part of the barn was also destroyed. The barn was part of the Norman Reesor farm expropriated for the Pickering airport. — Don Bernard.

Three youths face break-in charges

MARKHAM — Three Markham youths have been charged with the break-in of Markham Esso Centre on Main St. N. The women's washroom had been

entered and a key hidden there was used to enter the office where over \$500 in cash and credit cards were taken.

Edward Albert Norton

Born in Uxbridge died in Asburn

ASHBURN — A former resident of the Uxbridge Township and Claremont areas, Edward Albert Norton, passed away Jan. 8. He was in his 75th year.

Mr. Norton was born in Uxbridge Township Aug. 30, 1901, the son of the late Mose and Mary Norton. Mr. Norton farmed most of his life until his retirement.

He had lived in Ashburn about 25 years before his death. Mr. Norton never married, and was a member of the United Church.

He survived by one sister, Maude Feasby of R.R. 1 Goodwood and was predeceased by a brother Dan. Other relatives include — nephews, Harold Norton, Ux-

bridge; Ivan Norton, Goodwood; Stan Feasby, Port Perry; and a niece Laura Hendy of Goodwood.

Funeral was Sunday from Low and Low Funeral Home in Uxbridge with interment in Uxbridge Cemetery. Rev. Scott officiated.

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Three homes burn on expropriated land

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Houses, buildings for sale

PICKERING — As announced late last year, federal properties expropriated for airport purposes are being cleaned up for residential and agricultural use. Public Works Canada is inviting public tenders for the sale and removal of 18 dwellings and approximately 57 other buildings which have been deemed by the municipality and the Federal Government to be unsafe and unfit for occupancy or other use.

Farm Report

Inflation effort hurting farmers

A. A. WALL
Farm credit will be seriously affected by the anti-inflation program. The federal government money for Farm Credit Corporation loans has been cut back, and there is a backlog of loans approved in the fall of 1975, waiting until new money is available. It's another squeeze situation — less money available but bigger loans needed. With capital costs going up so fast, the average size of Farm Credit loan in Ontario in 1975 was \$69,500, up 51 percent from 1974.

So, farm credit loans will be extremely tight this year. These mortgage loans will be restricted to those who need help the most, and at the same time have a very sound, commercial farming proposal to consider. Where there is any reasonable doubt about success, loans will be practically impossible. Many people, outside the farming industry, believe that there are huge amounts of government money available to encourage people into farming. It's an entirely false belief. In fact, agencies like ARDA have spent a fair amount of money, relocating people on marginal farms out of agriculture. There are incentive programs now for people going farming, and there haven't been any for a long time. Government loans might be in that category, but really they have been used far more to enlarge, up-date, and improve, than for new establishments. The real effect of government programs in agriculture has been to strengthen the existing industry with some degree of income stability, to ensure a steady food supply at reasonable prices.

Several inquiries have come in lately on ergot in barley. It was more serious than usual this year in Western Ontario, but I don't think there was much in York. Swine feeders particularly, should check anyway, because badly infected grain is quite poisonous. Ergot infected kernels are easily identified and if there are more than 10 per quart, it should not be fed.

Beef producers are all invited to the annual beef meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, at the East Gwillimbury Hall. There is a full days program on many topics in the beef business.

department for salvage and demolition.

This action is necessary to rid the site of derelict and unsafe structures. It is being undertaken with the concurrence of the Municipality and is in line with a resolution passed by the Council of the Town of Pickering.

For inspection details, including conditions of sale, invitation and offer forms, apply to Public Works Canada, Highway 7, Brougham, Telephone (416) 294-2631 or 683-7522.

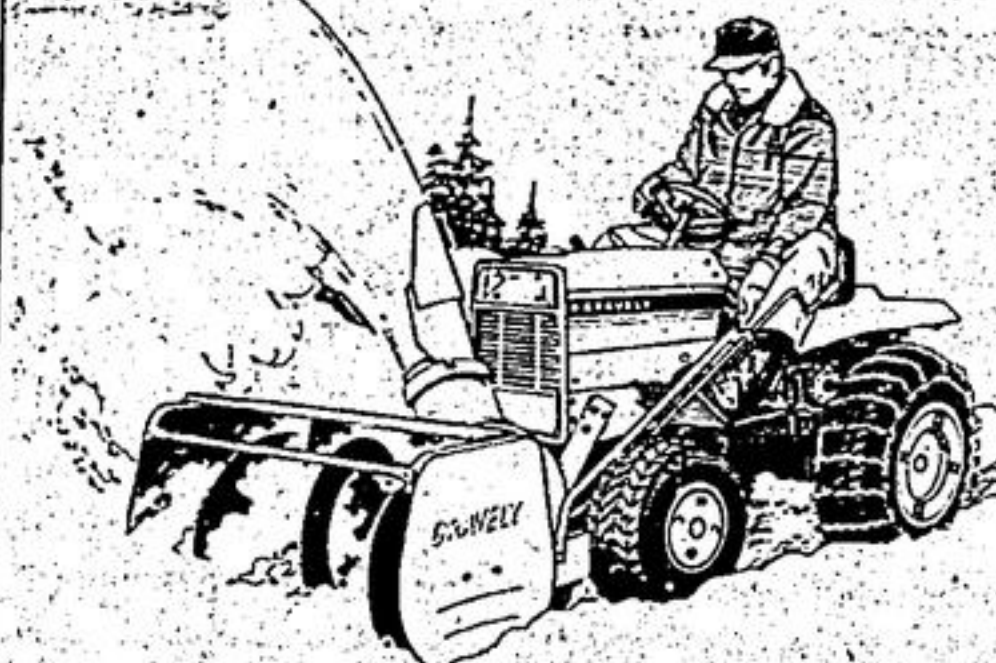
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