

Something for people of all ages

By Alleen Johnson
Markham Fair's contest committee has left no stone unturned in its schedule of events. Committee members have something planned for virtually every age group residing in Markham.

The Town's most beautiful babies will be chosen from categories

ranging from three months to one year. The contestants' big brothers and sisters can vie for prizes in Yo Yo and Hula Hoop contests.

Contest Committee Chairman Gerri Seeley is especially proud of the variety offered in the Fair for 1976, and rendered some thoughts on the proceedings.

"We have revived an old contest, the button hole event. Many years ago it was a traditional part of the festivities. We thought this, the last year at the old site, an ideal time to bring an old event forward.

"A rocking chair marathon should prove to be great fun. Maybe one of the entrants, might

remember the button hole contest because we aren't sure when it was last held.

"School children have all the usual categories open to them plus a spelling bee, which brought 32 entries last year. The schools really co-operate. Last year's total entries amounted to 3,000. Every item is judged.

"Mom and Dad can try their hand at the egg throwing contest and we will happily note their proud smiles as they compete in the chip-off-the-old-block contest. It will consist of any combination of father and son, or daughter and mother and son or daughter and the judges will decide which offspring is the nearest look-alike to the parent.

"Dad's who have a good pitching arm, can try a Scandinavian event which consists of holding the top of a rubber boot and tossing it as far as possible.

"I'm involved in another committee which is planning special closing events for the old Fairgrounds. It's going to be sad, but really it's only the grounds that we are closing.

"Our move to the new spacious site means a better Fair for years to come," Mrs. Sealey said. "The theme this year is 'The Fair with a Future,' and we mean it," she said proudly.

Fair will remain the same despite move

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Markham Fair's 121st anniversary marks the last year at the present location and those who love the event may have to be forgiven if they shed a tear or two.

Fair Secretary-Manager Gerald Mann said, "Most elements of the Fair remain the same. It wouldn't be Markham Fair if we changed it too much.

"This year as always we will have our permanent features such as Old MacDonald's Farm, displays of horticulture, handicrafts, baking and all the usual items in the way of general exhibits.

"Elsie the Borden

Cow will be on display in her 'boudoir' along with her twin calves. The OPP Golden Helmets precision motorcycle team will perform on Friday and Miss Markham Fair will be chosen on the same day."

"Eighteen young ladies will appear in a musical ride from Friday to Sunday," Mr. Mann said. He indicated that new entertainment events should create a lot of fun.

One contest is called A Chip off the Old Block - featuring father and son look-alikes. The affable Fair Manager grinned when asked what happens if a girl is her father's double. Fair organizers aren't taking any chances, any combination, father and daughter, or even son and

mother are eligible to compete.

The revival of the baby contest last year proved so successful that it has likely become an "annual event."

The Service Clubs such as Rotary, Kinsmen, Lions and Kiwanis will be back to complement the food supply and of course the dunking machine is usually featured.

"No matter what changes take place at the Fair it's nice to know that visitors take the trouble to show their appreciation by thanking individuals during the four days.

"It's a good feeling to pick up the phone and have someone from the city saying, 'Thanks,'" Gerald Mann said.



Meet the champ — the best baby at Markham Fair '75. The baby contest, revived last year, attracted many entries and much interest. It will be continued this year. The little guys and gals will promenade in public on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 1 p.m.
—Jim Thomas

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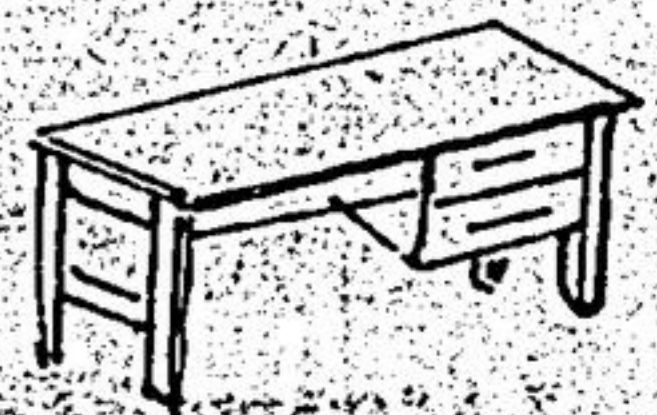
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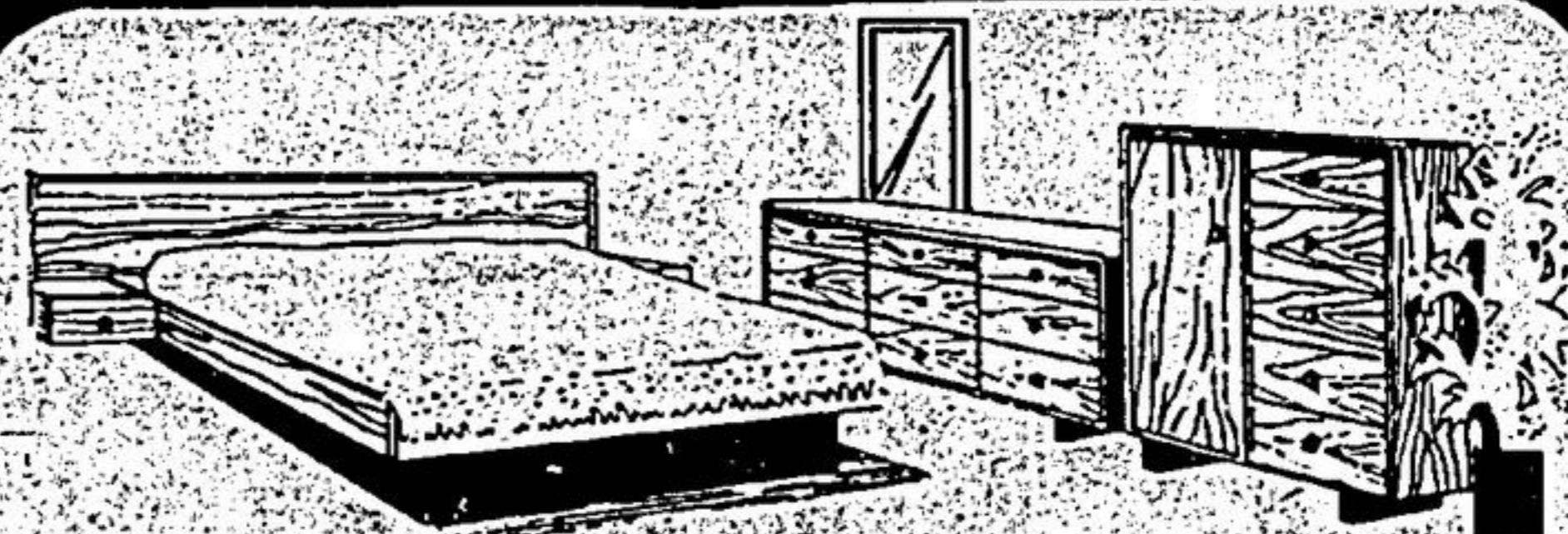
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