

Greyhound races featured at Fair



Three Greyhounds race for the finish line at Markham Fair '75. The fast-moving dogs will be back this year, with competition scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m. The animals have been known to obtain a top

speed of 40 miles per hour or cover a distance of 440 yards in ten seconds. No betting is permitted on Greyhound racing, a government regulation.

By Leea Hyman
On October 3 at 1:30 p.m., thirty dogs from Markham and area will compete in the fifth annual Greyhound Races at Markham Fair.

Greyhound racing has been growing in popularity in Canada in recent years. Markham itself holds the prestigious honor of being the first Fair of its kind to hold such competitions.

The dogs, ranging in

age from one to five years, have been practicing at the fairgrounds twice a month this summer. Top speeds of forty m.p.h., have been recorded with dogs running 440 yards in 10 seconds.

There will be six or seven races this year consisting of six to eight dogs each.

As greyhounds are hunters by nature, and are often used expressly

for this purpose, all dogs will be securely muzzled. This prevents the possibility of tearing the lure - in this case, a plastic milk bottle - or of becoming involved in fights with other dogs.

Because of governmental regulations, there will be no betting on these races. However, the Markham Fair is trying to promote Greyhound racing, and perhaps it will soon become a reality.

Juniors have own competition

By Debbie Shallhorn

To ensure that juniors wouldn't have to compete against seniors in Fair exhibits, the Markham Fair board set up the 18 and under class. Before this class was started, there was no middle grouping between school children and older exhibitors. It offers a broad selection of categories for entrants, so all talents can find an outlet. These include baking, sewing, knitting, crafts, flower arranging and a boys only chocolate layer cake baking competition.

According to Olive Shadlock of the Markham Fair, this particular competition has been quite a success. "the boys love to do this and they just come in beaming with their cakes. I hear from some of the others though, that the kitchens are often left in a mess."

Response so far has been really quite good, says Miss Shadlock, with the biggest school entry being Claremont. Individual and 4-H club entries are also highly encouraged by the Fair committee.

There is only one judge for this category, and judging for this year's Fair will take place on Wednesday Sept. 29; so the ribbons will be on the winning exhibits when the Fair opens on Sept. 30. The Beamish Company has donated a trophy for the high point winner, and the lucky competitor gets to keep the big trophy for one year; at the end of which time he or she receives a small replica of the championship award.

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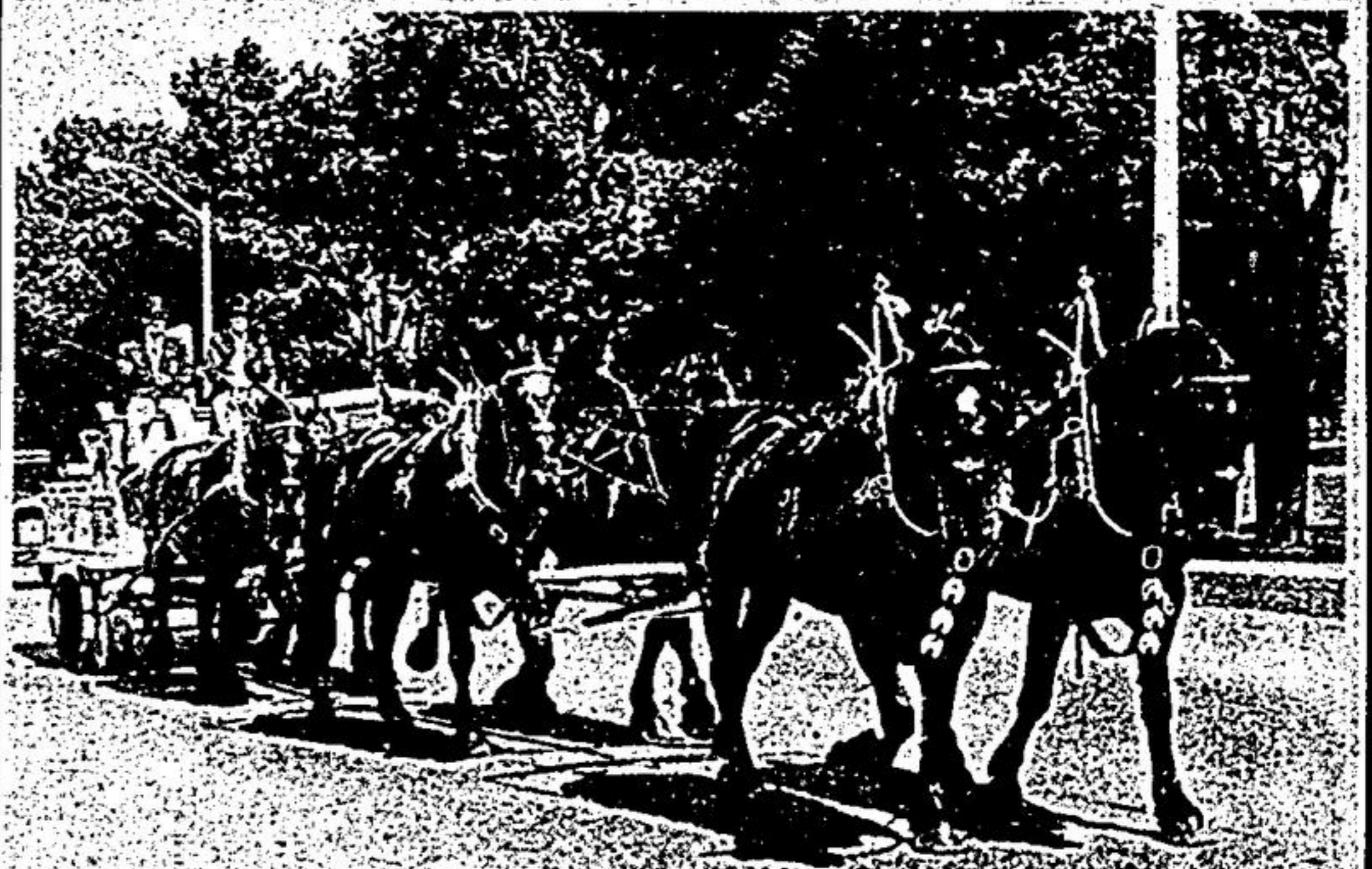
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