

## Markham Fair attended by nearly 100,000 last week



A contest once undertaken by blacksmiths in the area was revived at the Markham Fair last week, as young men endeavored to heave a large round rock the furthest. Here making his throw is Keith Hoover of R. R. 2, Markham. Winner of the contest was John Larkin of Markham, while the next three spots were captured by Gary Reed, Doug Marsh and Barry Malcolm, respectively.



The couple with the lightest touch, or the hardest egg, at the Markham Fair's egg throwing contest was Bill and Debbie Burton of Markham. Here, Bill demonstrates one of his catches. The object was to throw an egg the farthest to one's partner without breaking it.



The Tribune's pick to win in the 13 month old category of the baby contest was rambunctious Heather Ann Owens of Carlton Rd., Unionville. Unfortunately the judges didn't agree and we suspect that every mother there, except the mothers of the winning babies, would agree with The Tribune that the judges were all wrong. Making a valiant effort to hold onto her squirming child is Sharron Owens. Over all winner was Dean Spang, the five month old son of Rick and Dianne Spang of Burkholder St.

MARKHAM — This year's Markham Fair was a "grand send off for the old fair grounds," according to fair president Harvey Brown.

Nearly 100,000 people attended the four-day event this year, the last one to be held on grounds at Highways 7 and 48, the site of the town's fair for the past 122 years.

The fair next year will occur on a new 104 acre location at 7th line and 18th Ave., Markham, where a 2,000 seat race track, and five new exhibition buildings are to be provided.

As for the 31-acre site of the old fairgrounds, it has been purchased by a development corporation and is to be used for a housing development. That development has been the object of an unsuccessful fight to save the fairgrounds by a resident's group in Markham.

One of the prime reasons for moving the fair is the massive traffic jam created in downtown Markham as a result of the fair. The new fairgrounds are to have ample parking facilities.

The fair this year featured several new contests for all age groups, including one for

the eldest — a rocking chair contest. Winner was Georgina Grose of Franklin St., Markham. While all contestants lasted the entire hour and a half, Mrs. Grose impressed the judges with her form and won on points.

Leslie Hyde, 81, of Markham Lodge, was second, and commented on his loss that "we've had the fun anyway." He kept a stiff British upper lip throughout. Third was Helen Stephenson, also of Markham.

The Tribune's own Big Potato contest at the fair was won by Mary-Anne Rose of Mount Albert, who brought in a 2 lb. 15 1/4 oz. tuber. Third prize went to Mel Baker of Stouffville.

More fair results will be run in next week's Tribune.

The fair was marred by one accident this year, as Derek Erwin, 11, of Station Street, Unionville was struck by a mobile starting gate mounted on the back of a truck. He had been with the Army Cadets assisting with parking at the fair.

Derek suffered internal injuries and broken ribs and was listed in fair condition at Scarborough Centenary Hospital.

Other trustees are pushing for a continuation of last week's closed session to air all the problems facing the board.

Aurora trustee Norm Weller has a motion slated for next Monday's meeting criticizing staff.

Mrs. Carrick was equally enthusiastic about her volunteer coordinator, Glennia Yoshida, without whose help the program would have been impossible.

Mrs. Yoshida recruits volunteers and keeps track of the scheduling of helpers, not only for Danny Carrick, but another hurt child, Jason Beckett, as well.

Anyone wishing to volunteer one morning or afternoon a week to help cure Jason or Danny is invited to call Mrs. Yoshida at 294-6714.

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As usual, amusement rides were a big hit with the kiddies at the Markham Fair. These two youngsters were appropriately attired for their ride on the merry-go-round ponies.



Best-dressed dog in the children's pet contest was Maggie, a bulldog that was transformed into a ballerina, complete with red tights. Owner Tessa Scazighino looks a lot happier about the whole thing than Maggie.



The rocking chair contest at this year's fair was a grueling contest in the hot sun but all three contestants, in what can only be described as an amazing feat of endurance, stuck it through to the bitter end. Georgina Grose, (right) on the basis of her form, was declared the winner. Leslie Hyde, 81, of Markham, came in second and Helen Stephenson, also of Markham, followed with a close third. Mr. Hyde kept a stiff British upper lip and when questioned toward the end of the hour and a half event his only comment to The Tribune was "Never say die."



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