

# Markham fair board members expect few changes next year

MARKHAM — The annual Markham fair board meeting had an over-riding theme to it: "It's hope the weather is better in 1978."

The meeting, held last week, saw very little change in senior or junior directors, although the fair does have its first woman president.

The past president, Harvey Brown, said the past year has been very challenging, with the new location of the fairground and the extra work such a move entails.

"During the past two years we have changed the location of the fairgrounds, and I think we've done a good job. We've retained the small country fair, but have expanded it at the same time. I think we spread our fertilizer well."

"We expected a lot more people, but that was washed away with the weather. I only hope we are more fortunate in 1978."

The biggest news from the meeting was, as always, the new president. This year it goes to Alma Walker, regional councillor for Markham, and the first woman in the fair's 122 year history.

## Former reeve passes away

George Richardson, prominent Whitechurch farmer and former reeve of the township, passed away Saturday, Jan. 21, at York County Hospital. Deceased was a lifelong resident of Vandorf, farming on the 4th concession (Don Mills Rd.) just north of the village. He was most active in all

community activities in the Vandorf area as well as being a member of many municipal organizations and boards.

Mr. Richardson was awarded a Silver Jubilee Medal last year. Besides his wife, the former Marjorie Graham, he is survived

by one daughter Bette (Mrs. Bob Staley) and a son Bill Richardson of Vandorf; there also survives one sister Ina (Mrs. Grant Mayor) of Barrie.

The funeral service was conducted on Wednesday afternoon from the Thompson Funeral Home, Aurora.

## Snow conditions

# Roads and buses discussed

UXBRIDGE — Snow seemed to be the foremost topic discussed at Uxbridge council last week.

Besides the problem of snow removal in Goodwood, which is reported elsewhere, the question of road clearing and snow-bound buses also came up.

Councillor John Paxton, Goodwood representative, commented he had recently encountered gigantic snow drifts along Goodwood roads, and actually got stuck in one of them.

"As far as I can tell the Goodwood roads haven't had a regular

snow clearing program, and I want to know if there is in fact one."

Mayor Gord Davie, said the problem of drifts has happened before and the matter will be brought up at the next road committee.

Mr. Paxton then brought up the problem of school buses not running in Goodwood on days when the buses could easily traverse the roads.

Wondering whose fault it was in keeping the buses off, regional councillor Gary Herrema said it has nothing to do with the township employees, but of the board of education.

Councillor Norm Lyons agreed, saying "It's the board's problem, they decide if the buses go out or not. I stand behind the road committee, they keep the roads clean."

Councillor Alan Wells suggested a better liaison between the township and the board of education,

where they could compare notes and come to an agreement on road conditions. "If the roads are good and the buses don't run, we should know why."

## Lena Dunkeld Passed

Lena Elsie Dunkeld died Sunday, Jan. 22, at her home on Park Dr. No., Stouffville.

Mrs. Dunkeld, who passed away in her 72nd year, is survived by her husband, Murray Dunkeld, her father Frank Wagg; children, Clifford, Donald, Evelyn (Mrs. Murray Jones) and Shirley (Mrs. Grant Jones).

She was pre-deceased by one daughter, Nelda (Mrs. Jim Loree).

Funeral service was held yesterday, Wednesday, from Altona Missionary Church, Spring interment Stouffville Cemetery.

## Sam McKuen very popular

Tuesday morning, January 24, saw Sam McKuen pass quietly away at the Stouffville Nursing Home.

Mr. McKuen, 95, was a long time resident of the Stouffville area and was very well known and very popular.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Miller and his three daughters Edna Yake of Stouffville, Ruth

Caldwell of Markham, and Lois Shepherd of Hamilton. Other surviving relatives include eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The services and committal for Mr. McKuen will be from the Markham Missionary Church, with interment at Dickson's Hill Cemetery, Thursday, January 26, at 2 p.m.

# Sheffields sweep Buffalo meet

A clean sweep was the story for the Sheffield children at an open North American judo meet held in Buffalo on January 8.

Steven Sheffield placed first in the 15 to 16 year old lightweight division, while Karen got top honours also in the 15 and 16 lightweight class. Kathy made the sweep complete with her first in the 17 and 18 year old heavyweight class.

The Sheffield's next meet was last Saturday at the Ontario Senior judo championships in Thornhill. The meet was the second qualifier for the Ontario team.

In this meet, Cathy and Karen placed first in the 52 and 61 kilos class, respectively. Their top finishes almost assures

them of a spot on the team, as there is just one more meet to be held.

Steven, however did not do as well, finishing well down the list.

## Atom B's club Uxbridge

In a fast, exciting game the Stouffville Atom B squad clubbed Uxbridge 6-1.

Jeff Conway netted, two goals, one an unassisted effort and the other assisted by Warren Mucci and David Fockler.

Brian Lewis also had a two goal evening, with Kent Dunkeld, Paul Macewen and Martin Wells assisting.

The other Stouffville goals came from Paul

Macewen, unassisted, and Danny Underwood, assisted by Martin Wells. Trevor Clarke popped in the lone Uxbridge goal.

Congratulations to Warren Mucci who won the Showdown for the nine year old group. He will now travel on to the regionals.

## Library wants tickets

The Whitechurch-Stouffville Public Library wants your old Wintario tickets. For the next three months the library will be collecting any non-winning tickets in order to purchase Canadian books and magazines.

Half Back, a new programme of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation will offer the public a 50 cents rebate on Wintario tickets towards the purchase of Canadian materials. During the Half Back program, up to four old Wintario tickets will be

eligible for redemption at a value of 50 cents each to buy Canadian authorized books valued at a minimum of three dollars.

"Anyone not wishing to personally take advantage of the Half Back programme could help out the library by donating their used tickets," explained Chief Librarian Terrence Verity. "We buy a great many Canadian books, and this programme could help us bring our collection up to standards."

## Region rejects subdivisions

Two proposed subdivisions for Whitechurch-Stouffville were rejected by the York Region planning department at their last regular meeting.

One of the subdivisions was planned for the easterly end of Watson Drive and Loretta Crescent, south of Main St. It would have comprised approximately 10.1 acres.

The planning

department called the plan premature because sewage treatment capacity was not available for the area.

The second proposed subdivision was located on the west side of the 5th conc., south of the Vandorf Side Road. This plan called for

the construction of 10 lots of estate type residential homes, which would house approximately 38 persons.

In their recommendation the department cited the fact the proposal does not conform with the Official Plan.

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