



The York South 4H group had their achievement day last Saturday in Victoria Square. Two local girls received provincial honours for their work in the club. The two are: Sally Courage (left) and Michelle Morley (right), both from Stouffville. Between the two girls is Mrs. Bruce Davidson, leader of the Stouffville 1 group. Sally and Michelle had to successfully take 12 4H courses over a period of six years to get the honour.

**Neglected animals**

**Arabian horse farm owner convicted**

NEWMARKET — The owner of a King Township Arabian Horse Stud Farm was last week convicted on charges of neglecting animals in his care.

William Sheets, whose trial on charges laid by the Ontario Humane Society has spanned over a period of one year, was fined \$500 by Provincial Judge Peter Wilch last week in a Toronto Court room.

The court was told that Sheets had given his lawyer an undertaking to sell the farm and the livestock still within his care.

Sheets appeared for trial last February in Newmarket Provincial Court, proceedings were transferred back and forth between Toronto City Hall Court and the Newmarket Court to enable a lengthy parade of witnesses to testify.

The court was told by Chief Inspector Donald Hepworth of deplorable conditions in which animals were found when society inspectors went to the King Township farm.

Two veterinarians also gave testimony as to the poor condition of several horses, which were removed from the farm to the O.H.S. Shelter at Belleville, Ontario.

In handing down a conviction to Sheets, Provincial Judge Peter Wilch told the King

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Township man "the days when horses were used as chattels are gone," he said that there was a great deal of difference in philosophies between the Ontario Humane Society's way of horse care and that of the one described by Sheets father who testified on his son's behalf.

**Long-time resident passes**

Leslie Gordon Rowe passed away suddenly at York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Wednesday, April 19, 1978.

Mr. Rowe was born in Milliken and lived his whole life in York County, farming for 14 years on the 7th concession. He later ran a 200 acre farm at Preston Lake and another in Whitchurch Township.

In 1956 he retired to Stouffville and spent the rest of his life in the town, doing odd jobs to keep busy.

He celebrated his 90th birthday last December at the Parkview Home and attributed his longevity to keeping busy.

He was the husband of the late Eliza Bennett and the father of Mrs. Elisabeth Munshaw of Lefroy and brother of Frank, of Kirkfield.

**May 1-7**

## Family week in York Region

The week of May 1-7 has been designated "Family Week" in the Region of York. Many programs are planned throughout the area around the theme "Helping Families Help Themselves."

beginning at 7:30 p.m. A bicycle rodeo is to be held May 6, sponsored by the Markham Family Life Centre and Information Markham.

Regionally, an open house is to be held in Newmarket Family Court from 7-9 p.m., May 1, with Day Care Centres in Richmond Hill, Thornlea, and Richvale also being open to the public May 4.

There are a wide assortment of discussion topics, a film festival, nature walks, an ecumenical service and displays in Markham Place, Hillcrest Mall and Upper Canada Mall to bring as much information concerning family life to as many people as possible.

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Some of the groups and agencies actively involved during the week are the York Regional Health Unit, the Family Life Centres in Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Markham, Newmarket and Georgina; the One Parent Family Association; Block Parents and many others in the region.

Locally, a panel discussion for parents and teens will be held May 1 at the Stouffville District High School

**Car theft charges**

A Stouffville man has been charged with theft and possession of two vehicles valued at over \$200.

On September 11 Wm. Duckworth, R.R. 1, Gormley complained that a 1967 Chevrolet 1/2-ton pick-up truck and a 1965 Buick convertible were removed from lot 33, concession 3, R.R. 2, Gormley.

On April 6 the truck was located on a farm in Durham Region and the convertible was found at the accused man's place of business.

Donald E. Tarr, 35, Sideline no.30, R.R. 3, Stouffville has been charged.

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**Train strikes woman**

A Stouffville woman was taken to St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto with major injuries early Friday, after her car skidded into the path of a commuter train south of Stouffville.

York Regional Police, 28 Division, said Mrs. Gwendolyn Kirby, 59, of Lot 31, Conc. 9, Stouffville, R.R. 1, was northbound on the 9th concession near 19th Avenue, at 7:20 a.m. April 21, and did not see the southbound train until the last minute.

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