

Cedar Valley fire

Family homeless

CEDAR VALLEY — Ralph Elms of Vivian Road, Cedar Valley, can recall little of what happened, Sept. 18.

He remembers eating lunch on the grounds of St. Andrew's College, Aurora, when the call came through. His house was on fire.

"My little old truck, it doesn't look like much, but I had it doing 70 miles per hour," he said, in recounting the drive to the scene of the blaze. Despite his haste, there was little he could do. His part of the two-family residence was completely destroyed. But no one was injured.

The alarm sounded at 12:30 p.m., George Green, Chief of the Mount Albert brigade told The Tribune. Units responded immediately, he said, but the interior of the home was already burning out of control. Aided by departments from Newmarket and Queensville, they managed to stop the flames from spreading to living quarters next door.

While the loss is extensive, Mr. Elms is less concerned with items that can be replaced. It's the personal effects that worry him most, like photographs of the children. "To us, they're

worth a fortune," he said. They'd lived there almost 34 years.

While no one was injured in the fire itself, the owner suffered smoke inhalation, rummaging through the rubble looking for things to salvage. His wife, Joyce, a school board employee, was stricken with a kidney infection brought on by fatigue and a drenching received, standing out in the pouring rain. She's currently a patient in hospital at Lindsay.

Strangely enough, the only things saved were a New Testament and a container holding \$130 in Ballantrae Ventures funds. Their youngest son, Tom, is the treasurer.

"The people have been fantastic," Ralph Elms said, describing the donations of clothing and other essentials received. His son Malcolm's business partner gave them \$200. "I'd never seen him before," he exclaimed.

Although downhearted over the sudden turn of events, he's not giving up. "There's nothing to do but get over it and get back on my feet," he said. He's returned to work again and presently staying at the home of a son, Jack, in Aurora.

Full program for '78 Markham Fair

MARKHAM — Markham Fair starts to-day.

The event, extending through Sunday, is expected to draw in excess of 100,000 people. The president is Alma Walker.

A continuous program has been planned. A few of the highlights follow: THURSDAY - Ontario Provincial Police Golden Helmets, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Sheep Dog Display, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 4 p.m.; Ding Dong Show, 7 p.m.; Quarter Horse Racing, 7:30

p.m.; "Gunner" and John Rae, 9:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. FRIDAY - Ontario Provincial Police Golden Helmets, 10 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.; Heavy Horse Show, 10 a.m.; Jr. Horse Show, 10:30 a.m.; Official Opening of the Horse Building, 12:30 p.m.; Pet Show, 5 p.m.; Western Horse Show, 6:30 p.m.; Farm Tractor Pull, 7:15 p.m.; Markham High School Band, 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.; Markham Melody-Makers, 9 p.m. SATURDAY - Baby Show, 10 a.m.; Official Opening of Fair, 12 noon; Standard Bred Horse Racing, 1:30 p.m.; "Chip Off The Old Block" Contest, 1:30 p.m.; Steer Auction, 4 p.m.; Official Opening of Old MacDonald's Farm Building, 5:30 p.m.; Horse-Drawing Competition, 7 p.m.; Fiddling Contest, 7:30 p.m.; Quarter Horse Racing, 7:30 p.m.; Markham Citizens Concert Band, 12 noon and 4:15 p.m.; Almar Musical Ride, 10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; Nail-Hammering Contest, 3:30 p.m. SUNDAY - Spelling Bee, 1 p.m.; Greyhound Racing, 1:30 p.m.; Markham Men of Harmony, 1:30 p.m.; Apple Sale, 5 p.m.

Driver charged

STOUFFVILLE — On Sept. 12, a 29 year old Stouffville motorist had a miraculous escape from serious injury when her car veered off Kennedy Road, north of 19th Avenue and struck a telephone pole. The impact sliced the car in half but Melda Francis of 245 North Street was only shaken up.

Police investigations have since led to a charge of changing lanes unsafely, laid against Douglas Alfred Bull of 65 Stuart Street, Stouffville.

Motorcyclist dies in tragic accident

A tragic accident, Thursday evening, took the life of 18 year old Kenneth Brillinger, son of Arnold and Barbara Brillinger, Timmins, Ont., and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brillinger, Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dixon, Oshawa.

According to reports, the motorcycle driven by the deceased, was in collision with a pick-up truck on Hwy. 7, eight

miles west of Madoc. The victim was a resident of Harwood, north of Cobourg.

The funeral service, held Monday, was largely attended. Interment was made at Bancroft Cemetery.

Surviving besides his parents and grandparents is one brother, John and a sister, Anna, both at home.

Jim Sanders

Bids for council

STOUFFVILLE — Jim Sanders, chairman of the Whitechurch - Stouffville Library Board for the past six years, will be a candidate for Town Council in the Nov. 13 municipal elections.

He'll let his name stand in Ward 6, a post currently held by Eldred King. Mr. King, however, has announced his intention to seek the mayor's chair.

Jim Sanders, 29 O'Brien Avenue, says his main concern is the preservation of Whitechurch-Stouffville and while not opposed to progress, he says the Council must plan the Town's growth properly.

A teacher-librarian at Sir John A. Macdonald High School in Scarborough, he and his wife, Lovanna moved here twelve years ago. They have two daughters, Shauna, 11 and Leanna, eight. Jim and Lovanna have been extremely active in many areas of community

life including the United Church Couples Club; the Recycling Depot, the "Save Stouffville" organization and a group called POWR, opposed to continuation of the land-fill site north of Baker Hill.



JIM SANDERS

Seek hockey girls

STOUFFVILLE — Interest in girl's hockey, that at one time reached 110 players, has suddenly waned; to such an extent, organizers are concerned.

Prior to Sunday's registration, only 53 had signed. A minimum of 100 is needed for two workable leagues. The Tribune was told.

In an effort to interest more juniors in the sport, the

age classification has been dropped to eight years as of Jan. 1, 1978. The senior category is from 15 up.

Registration dates have been extended to include — Fri., Sept. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Sunday, Oct. 1 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Arena.

All games are played Sunday evenings.

Although obtaining ad-

ditional players is a priority, there's also a need for more involvement by the parents, including executive, coaching and managerial roles.

Treasurer Cliff Dunkeld said that while some girls had improved their hockey skills considerably over the years, the two groups were still basically "fun leagues". To keep it this way, it's been generally agreed that players will be paired on the ice according to ability.

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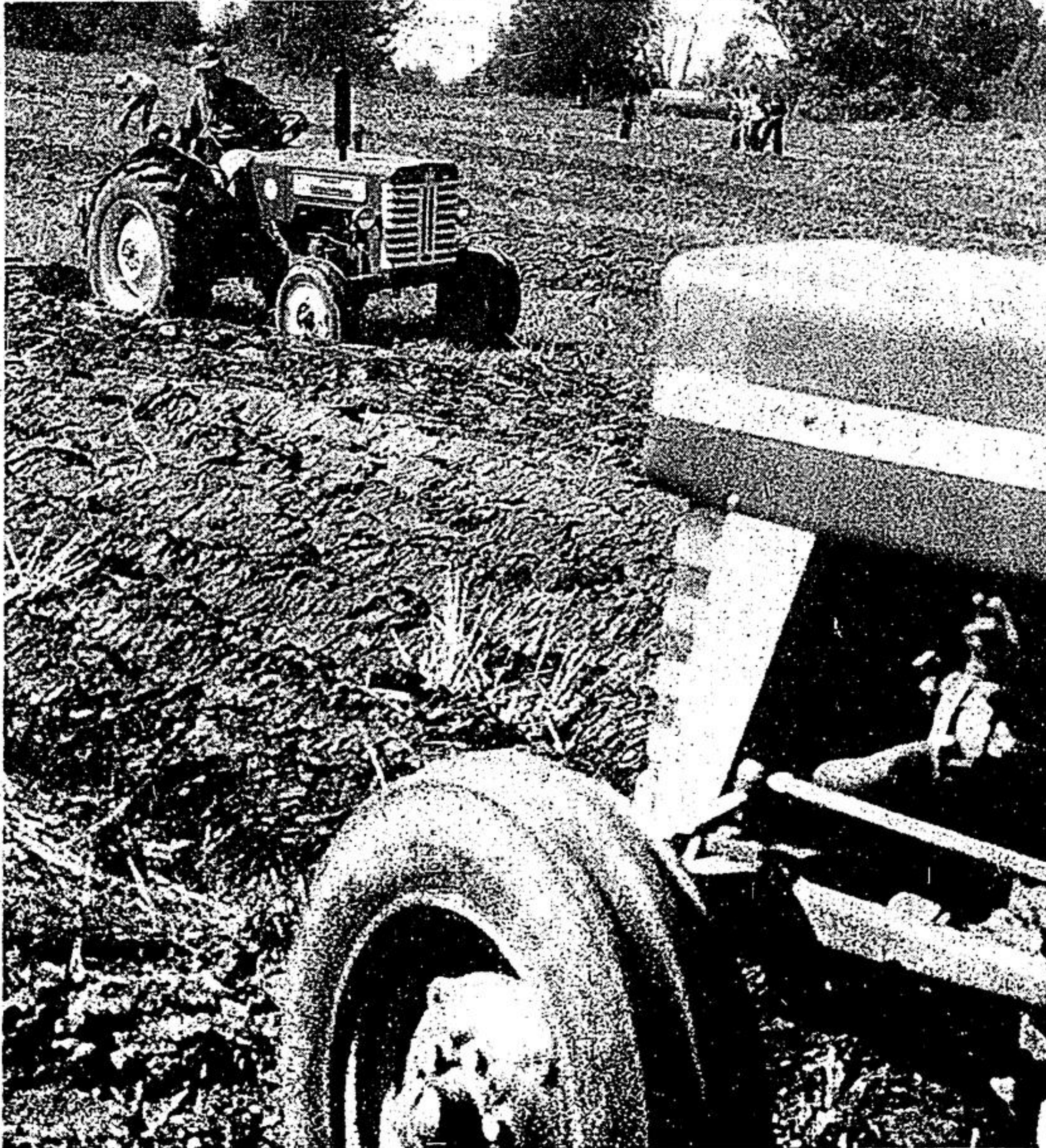
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Sixty-three lands were plowed, Saturday, at the annual North York Match, on the farm of Drury Greenwood, near Queensville. Two competitors, sharing a single tractor and plow, were Rod and

Jan King, R.R. 4, Stouffville. Eldred, their father, served as coach. The father and son "team" enjoyed excellent success with Jan winning the Stouffville Credit Union Trophy. Jim Thomas



A regular competitor at local matches is Bob Richards, Loretta Crescent, Stouffville. This week, he's attending the International near Wingham. The tractor in the foreground belongs to Ellis Britton of Claremont. Jim Thomas

North York Match

Plow 63 lands

YORK NORTH — Sixty-three lands were plowed, Saturday, when the North York Branch of the Ontario Plowman's Association held its "mini-International" on the farm of Drury Greenwood, two miles east of Queensville.

Shirt-sleeve weather added to the enjoyment of the event, headed up this year by president Floyd Forsyth of Stouffville. Judges were Les Smith of Blackwater and Ed Gray, Toronto.

Top competitors in each class follow: Class 1A — Tony Featherstone; Ivan Bell. Class

1B — Howard Timbers; Paul Timbers. Class 2 — Gord Bradford, Carl Timbers, Ted Smith. Class 3 — Barry Timbers, Brian Degeer, Kevin Wells. Class 4 — Herb Jarvis, Joyd Grove, Bob Campsall. Class 5 — Ken Wells, Eric Timbers, Lorne Britton. Class 6 — Steven Dunkeld, Tom Robinson, Jan King. Class 7 — Barry Timbers, Keith Robinson, Carl Timbers. Class 8 — Lorne Britton, Greg Timbers, Kevin Wells. Class 9 — Eric Timbers, Ken Wells, Kevin Grose.

The novelty class for non-farmers was won by Win

Timbers with Fred Timbers, second and Jim Clark, third. Winners of special awards were — Ken Wells, Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy; Jan King, Stouffville Credit Union Trophy; Winners of special awards were — Ken Wells, Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy; Jan King, Stouffville Credit Union Trophy; Ken Wells, Wm. Simpson Memorial Trophy; Bob Campsall, International Harvester Special and Carl Timbers, Guaranty Trust Co. Trophy. Winners of 1st and special prizes will be honored at an awards banquet later this fall.

Report ready

Town's entrance subject of Study

STOUFFVILLE — Town Council is concerned for the future of the west-end entrance to Stouffville. Proper development of lands fronting on Hwy. 47 is essential, members claim.

To accomplish this, Planning Consultants, Faulkner and Associates of Midland were asked to do an in-depth study of the area and make recom-

mendations. That report is now complete.

"We require an over-all Plan," Mayor Gordon Ratcliff told The Tribune, "otherwise we could end up with a hodge-podge — an addition to what we have now".

Properties of particular concern, the mayor said, included the highway corner at Ringwood; a proposed truck terminal west of Country Ready-Mix and land near the Fina Station. He declined to discuss the report in detail until all members had an opportunity to read it.

Horse killed

STOUFFVILLE — As late as Tuesday night, police had been unable to locate the owner of a horse, struck and killed, Monday, on Main Street, east of the Tenth Line.

A witness said the dead animal was one of two running loose on the highway.

Motorist Craig Moore, 21, of R.R. 1, Goodwood, said he pulled his car to the left in an attempt to avoid one of the horses, but struck the other killing it instantly.

Furrow Queen

CLAREMONT — A 23 year old Claremont girl is carrying the banner this week for the Region of Durham in the "Queen of the Furrow Contest" at the International Plowing Match near Wingham.

Marion Britton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton, will take her turn at the plow to-day, then address the judges on Friday. She and other entries from across Ontario will attend the awards banquet at Gorrie, Ont., Friday night.

Marion, an honors graduate from Pickering Dist. High School, is in her final year of a Chartered Accountant's Course at Waterloo Lutheran University. She has a part-time position in a C.A. office at the Toronto Dominion Centre.

Ninth Line noise disturbs homeowner

STOUFFVILLE — Drunkenness and drag-racing have become such problems on Ninth Line South, a resident there wants to build a second house, farther back from the road.

"The noise is so bad," Margaret Todaro told a Planning Committee meeting, "I can't get a decent night's rest." She filed a similar appeal one time before.

When it was suggested she consider selling her place, Mrs.

Todaro said she couldn't honestly do such a thing, knowing the new owner would face similar hardships.

While sympathetic, committee chairman Eldred King said approval of one would undoubtedly bring similar applications from others.

Councillor Jim Doble recommended the matter be referred to York Regional Police in the hope additional surveillance might be the solution.

Volkswagen plant in company plans

STOUFFVILLE — About five years ago, Volkswagen Canada Ltd., purchased twenty acres of land on the south side of Main Street, immediately west of McNeil Laboratories Limited.

Little has happened at the site since, but the proposed building project's still very much "alive" according to Town Mayor Gordon Ratcliff.

Whitchurch - Stouffville Planning Board has asked the

company to prepare a Plan of Subdivision for the property due to the fact more than one structure could be established there.

Mayor Ratcliff said the Town sewage plant lacked the capacity to handle a major complex at this time. He suggested, however, that an arrangement might be worked out whereby septic tanks could be installed for temporary use.

Brian Mercer

Pledge leader

STOUFFVILLE — A 17 year old Stouffville boy, a member of the Markham Aquatic Club and a participant last spring in Swim-a-Thon at Thornlea Pool, has been declared 7th highest fund-raiser in Ontario.

Brian Mercer, Manitoba Street, had 350 sponsors and earned \$1,200. The top entry in the province raised \$1,600. Brian completed 200 lengths of the 25 meter pool with pledges of \$6 per length. Thirty-two hundred people took part in the marathon, an event sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association. Brian's a Grade 12 student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

In recognition of his accomplishment, Brian recently received personal congratulations from Dave

Stirrup, the National Provincial Swim-a-Thon Chairman.



BRIAN MERCER