

Plowmen upset experts

The experts said it couldn't happen — but it did.

Two tractor plowmen, both using 3-furrow units, qualified to represent Ontario when they placed first and second at the International Match near Wingham last week.

Lloyd Grove of Baillieboro, Ont., and formerly of R.R. 1, Stouffville, topped the class with a first, two seconds and a third. Herb Jarvis, Sheppard Avenue East, Agincourt, was the runner-up with a first, two thirds and a fourth.

They'll compete for the Canadian Title in New Brunswick next fall. "Fantastic" was the way Lloyd Grove described the outcome of the event, saying entries with two-furrow plows were always considered to have a definite edge.

"The result set everybody on their ear," he said, "we weren't expected to win". At the awards banquet, Friday, he received an engraved trophy; a set of silverware; an engraved plaque; a gold wristwatch and a

Strike sour note

Two area musicians rap police-courts

STOUFFVILLE — Two Stouffville area musicians, victimized by thieves, following a dance at Glendale Beach, Musselman's Lake, sounded a "sour note" when they appeared before members of York Region's Police Commission, Sept. 27, at Newmarket.

Virginia Arbuckle and her husband criticized the court system in York and claimed they'd been treated to a "snow job" by police.

The Commission was told that a stationwagon, containing musical equipment, was left outside the dance hall only a short time. Later, the owners discovered the vehicle missing.

The culprits in this escapade, damaged two violins when they used them to smash in a glass door panel.

Mrs. Arbuckle said the Police Department was notified but no investigation was started until eight days later. She told the Board that neither she nor her husband was notified that the instruments had been recovered nor were they given an opportunity to speak to the court regarding damages. She estimated the loss at \$1,500.

Restitution, she said, was in the amount of \$300.

The complainant stated that in order to find out the amount of damage done to their car, she had to call police in the Region of Durham where the vehicle had been impounded.

She was most upset, however, over the fact police had relied solely on statements made by the accused rather

than allowing her to testify.

Commission chairman, Judge Wm. Lyon attempted to explain that because the offenses were of a criminal nature, they were committed against the State rather than the individual. He said Civil Court was the place to recoup losses.

In explaining the incident further, the chairman said the car-owners had left the keys in the ignition and the motor running, a fact, member Gladys Rolling called "a bit negligent".

Judge Lyon said the Board was sympathetic to the couple's problem. "I know victims sometimes think they don't get a fair shake," he said.

Chief lands a whopper

YORK REGION — When Police Chief Bruce Crawford goes searching "for a big one", he doesn't give up easily.

His persistence paid off recently, during a holiday trip to Prince Edward Island. He landed a 1,065 pound tuna.

Using a 120 pound test line, the fish and the Chief waged a running battle for 2 hours and 20 minutes before the victim finally gave in. Its value was placed at \$2,130.

However, should Chief Crawford want to sample his prize, he'll have to do it out of a can. On his return to shore, he turned the fish over to the captain.

Driver-girlfriend killed in accident

UXBRIDGE — A tragic accident, Sunday, near Siloam, took the life of a promising 16 year old and resulted in the death of his girlfriend, Monday night.

Francis (Frank) Keyzers, son of Wm. Keyzers, co-publisher of the Uxbridge Times-Journal, died a short time after being flown by helicopter to Sunnybrook

Medical Centre. Stephanie Redwood, also 16 of R.R. 3, Stouffville, passed away in Toronto General Hospital.

Frank Keyzers was well-known in town and respected by everyone. He operated the big press at the newspaper's printing plant.

Surviving besides his parents is a sister, Dorothy.

Growing potatoes

All in the family

MARKHAM — The Simpson family and the growing of big potatoes, have been synonymous for years.

It was apparent at Markham Fair that another generation has that same skill.

Larry Simpson of Ballantrae was the grand champion in the Big Potato Contest sponsored by The Tribune and organized by Ivan Norton of Goodwood. Larry's spud tipped the scales at 3 lbs., 5 oz. Second was Dave Clarry of Markham

(2 lbs., 12½ oz.); and Dan Mills, Sharon, (2 lbs., 9 oz.)

Weights of other entries were — Janette Clarry, Markham (2 lbs., 5 oz.); Brian Rose, Stouffville (2 lbs., 4½ oz.); Cheryl Simpson, Stouffville (2 lbs., 4½ oz.); Brian MacAloney, Stouffville (2 lbs., 3½ oz.); Kevin Clarry, Markham, (2 lbs., 1½ oz.); Dorothy Gilbert, Gormley, (1 lb., 14½ oz.); Shelby Munders, Markham (1 lb., 13 oz.); and Bernard Reesor, Stouffville (1 lb., 2½ oz.).

Resolve to oust council

UXBRIDGE — The Uxbridge gravel industry, in particular, a proposed 400 acre pit, will be the subject of a panel discussion, Oct. 11 in Uxbridge Secondary School. Time of the meeting is 8 p.m.

At the conclusion, a resolution will be tabled, calling for the removal of the township council on a charge of failing to act in good faith. The public is invited.

UXBRIDGE — Regional councillor Cary Harrema was called on by Thomas Wells, Provincial Minister of Inter-governmental Affairs to conduct an investigation into alleged charges of impropriety by certain council members.

Councillor Harrema submitted the request at a highly-charged meeting, Sept. 28, involving the John B. Regan gravel pit proposal.

He said he hoped such an

inquiry would "clear up rumors I hear on the streets that I was prejudiced and pressured. I don't believe in hiding anything," he said.

The request for an investigation appeared to be aimed specifically at councillor Alan Wells and Ward 1 resident, Eric Mundinger. It was councillor Wells who, at an earlier discussion, stated that "certain gravel company owners had exerted pressures on certain

council members". Mr. Mundinger also commented that "he hoped rumors of payoffs to councillors were not true".

It was at that meeting that council, by a 4-3 vote, approved in principle to re-zone 400 acres of agricultural land for aggregate use. The property is said to be owned by Mr. Regan.

Councillor Wells defended his stand. "I don't believe there was a payoff but I do believe there has been pressure," he

stated. As an example, he cited the request by Mr. Regan that final bylaw approval be given prior to the Oct. 13 election restriction date. "If that's not pressure, I don't know what is," he countered.

Under municipal regulations, the Township cannot enact any further bylaws because of upcoming elections in November.

Councillor John Paxton, in whose ward the pit would be located, called for a halt to negotiations "until the people have had their say". His motion to this effect was defeated with councillors Norm Lyons, Mac Meyers, Sandy Ewen and Gary Harrema opposed; Mayor Davies and councillors Wells and Paxton in favor.

Several angry ratepayers threatened law suits and court injunctions over the affair. One of these, John Ricketts, said his property had been devaluated \$20,000 because of the close proximity of the proposed pit. Ratepayers' chairman, Barry Gray submitted a petition saying his group would be seeking "such legal action as may be appropriate or possibly by way of court injunction or otherwise" to stop the gravel pit proposal.

Girl wins antique car

STOUFFVILLE — Shawn Heather Morrison was one of the lucky ones attending Markham Fair, Saturday.

She won a replica of an antique car in a draw, Sunday, sponsored by the Lions Club of Scarborough.

Shawn, age 8½, is a student at Summitview Public School and the daughter of John and Sherry Morrison, South Street, Stouffville.

While her father held three tickets on the prize, the winning one, Shawn purchased on her own. The car is powered by a 3½ h.p. motor.

Mrs. Morrison said her daughter was so excited on learning her good fortune, "she didn't sleep a wink all night". She was playing hockey at the Arena when the call came through.

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Why all the fuss? Eleven month old Andrea Koopmans seems to be asking as Markham Fair's grand champion baby is congratulated by Cathy Case, the 1978 Fair Queen. Her mother,

Dorothy (shown here) and father, Simon, reside at 12A Wilson Street, Markham. —Jim Thomas



Years from now, Vania, Gibbons will appreciate this ribbon even more. Vania, 14½ months, was the reserve grand champion in Markham Fair's Baby Show, Saturday. She and

her mother, Mrs. Don Gibbons (left) reside at 38 John Dexter Place, Markham. They are congratulated by Alma Walker, Fair President for 1978. —Jim Thomas

Markham Fair Records broken

MARKHAM — Four record days.

The 1978 Markham Fair is now history, but the results in terms of attendance and exhibits will be talked about for months, maybe years.

For the Board, it marked the first real test of public acceptance of the new site. The facility came through with flying colors.

While the expanded acreage proved a benefit in coping with cars, it created no problem in viewing displays. The excellent layout of the buildings has everything accessible; only a few steps away.

As with fairs past, organization was a factor in its success. With a few exceptions, events started and ended on time. Program variation was also excellent — something for everyone.

President Alma Walker, pleased with public acceptance of the site, was at a loss to pinpoint any one highlight. "The whole fair was a highlight," she said. She said she liked the idea of keeping the 'circus' atmosphere separated from the

agricultural end, so that one didn't conflict with the other.

One problem occurred Saturday that threatened to cancel the afternoon race card. Several drivers complained the track was too 'loose' on the turn before the home stretch and were about to pull out. They changed their minds following a hastily-called meeting.

Eighteen year old wins trophy

STOUFFVILLE — Two 1sts; seven 2nds; one 3rd and four 4ths added up to 35 points and the championship for Susan Thomas of Stouffville in the Eighteen and Under Class at Markham Fair.

She submitted 17 entries and won fourteen ribbons.

On Sunday, Susan was presented with the K.J. Beamish Co. Ltd. Trophy. Jim Ross, the firm's vice-president, took part in the ceremony.

Previous recipients of this award have been — Wendy Lock (1968); Jeannie Hamill (1969); Dorell Britton (1970); Marion Britton (1971); Judy Taylor (1972); Shirley Morgason (1973); Joanne Morgason (1974); Cathy Morgason (1975); Wanda Hendy (1976) and Jackie Wilson (1977).

Sectional winners this year were — Kathryn Rumney, Gormley; Sheila Saban, Markham; Heather Hoover, R.R. 2, Markham; Angie Bajari, R.R. 1, Markham; Kathryn Sim, Markham; Bernadine Walker, Uxbridge; Susan Thomas, Stouffville; Dawn Thorpe, Markham; Tammy Bajari, R.R. 1, Markham; Kelly Little, R.R. 1, Markham; Ronnie Lewis, R.R. 3, Stouffville; Christine Wannop, Markham; Jennifer Fair, R.R. 2, Markham and Stephen Ford, Markham.

Young at 94

STOUFFVILLE — Several hundred senior citizens "signed in" at a special historical booth at Markham Fair.

Who was the most senior in years?

A check of the record book late Saturday afternoon showed Norah Macklem of Parkview Home, Stouffville, heading the list at 94, with Mary Rose, Parkway Avenue, Markham, the runner-up at 92.

Mabel Wellman of R.R. 2, Gormley registered at 91 with several at 90 including J.W. Perry Haddock of Dublin Place Apartments, Markham.

Eleven month old girl

Champion baby

MARKHAM — An 11 month old girl is the Grand Champion baby at this year's Markham Fair.

Andrea Koopmans, daughter of Simon and Dorothy Koopmans, 12A Wilson Street, Markham, was one of eight finalists in a contest, Saturday, that attracted wide interest. She

was crowned by the Queen of Markham Fair, Cathy Case.

The Reserve Champion was 14 month old Vania Gibbons, daughter of Don and Bertha Gibbons, 38 John Dexter Place, Markham. Both Andrea and Vania were winners in their respective age categories along with Diana Vander Henne, Stouffville; Ryan Paddon, Toronto; Carol Huntington,

Uxbridge; Joshua Ireton, Newmarket; Owen Norris, Markham; Ian Christie, Kitchener and triplets, Steven, Cheryl and Robbie Cline of Agincourt.

Judges were — Mrs. Dean Hughes, R.R. 1, Unionville; Nick Poullis of Marshall, Macklin and Monaghan, Toronto and Irene Carriere, Willowdale.