

### Region's plowmen honored

VICTORIA SQUARE — "These awards are a tribute to farmers and our way of life, from people who depend on us for their daily bread," Walter Beath, chairman of the Regional Municipality of Durham, told York Region's Plowmen's Associations at their annual banquet and awards presentations, Friday.

"Agriculture is the only industry necessary to the survival of the human race," he continued, "and plowing is recognized as the basis of this industry."

Mr. Beath "encouraged and supported" these competitions, because they provide the general population with good examples of the farmer at work.

He said the group had shown "interest and enthusiasm," and demonstrated the "sportsmanship and skill" of their time-honored profession.

"We here tonight and all others who are dependent on you, salute you as some of agriculture's best public relations officers."

The secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Plowing Council, Bob Timbers, offered congratulations "to all plowmen from York who were winners, particularly



Herb Jarvis, winner of the East York Plowman's area and Ontario reserve champion, is presented with his trophies at the Plowmen's Association banquet. He is surrounded by his wife, Laurena, and one of his daughters, Linda.

Lloyd Grove and Herb Jarvis, the Ontario champions. I wish you well in the future," he said.

The North York director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, Art Mitchell, and

Don Pearson, the East York-King and Vaughan director, added their personal best wishes to the Ontario title-holders. Mr. Pearson noted the accomplishment was not unusual among the York

associations. "We have eight or more champions sitting in this room."

"My congratulations and I hope you do well in the nationals," he said, "keep up the good work."

### Bonnie and Roberta Larmer

## Escape from hotel blaze

MARKHAM — "I went to the window, and told my mother-in-law, 'we're jumping — that's what we have to do to get out,'" recalled Bonnie Larmer.

Bonnie and her 64 year old

mother-in-law, Roberta Larmer, were two of the 90 Canadians caught in Sunday's early-morning fire at the Holiday Inn near Rochester.

To escape the blaze that claimed at least ten lives, the

women smashed a window and leaped from their second-floor hotel room.

Mrs. Larmer and her mother-in-law remember being awakened by a friend, banging on the door, yelling, "Get out! It's fire!" They recall no other alarm.

On opening the door, smoke poured into the room. Unable to reach a nearby stair, the women returned to their room. That's when Mrs. Larmer decided to jump.

Leaping out of the window, one after the other, they landed miraculously in a clump of shrubbery. However, Mrs. Larmer Sr. was less fortunate. She landed on her back.

Roberta Larmer is in serious condition in Rochester's Park Ridge Hospital, while Bonnie is reported as "satisfactory". Her husband, Ron, is the owner of Rennie Transport, Ltd., Stouffville. He travelled to Rochester early this week to see his wife and mother.

## 4-H awards night

STOUFFVILLE — Members of 4-H Clubs across York Region were recognized at a special Awards Night in Newmarket, Friday.

The event, sponsored by the York County Jr. Farmers, was emceed by Paul McDougall, an assistant agricultural representative who co-ordinates the region's 4-H program.

Among the recipients of trophies were — Karen Risebrough, for outstanding achievement in crop and dairy farming, and Heather Grant, for work with beef cattle.

Other members to receive prizes were, Randy

Grant, winner of the Grand Champion Livestock Judging competition in York, and Grant Davidson, a special citation for eighteen completed 4-H projects during his involvement in the association.

Heather Grant, winner of the Queen's Guineas at the Royal Winter Fair with her champion shorthorn calf, was honored at the ceremony.

The local 4-H leaders are — Fred Brown and Paul Hulshof, Dairy Club; Bill Warnock and Trevor Watson, Beef Club; Alex Davidson, Crops Club; and David Rumble and John Rumble, Tractor Club.

## Form new club

STOUFFVILLE — Two residents, Stu Turner (640-6318) and Wayne Shirk (640-5326), are anxious to organize a snowmobile club in Stouffville.

The men agreed to assume this task after attending a public meeting, Nov. 23, arranged by the Cross-Country Riders, a club based out of Vandorf.

During discussions, Peggy Brown, a representative of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobilers, explained the advantages of an association.

According to her, club efforts simplify the acquisition of private trails; secure government funding for the maintenance of trails; provide an effective lobby against restrictive government legislation and promote snowmobile safety through co-operation with police.

Gloria Francis, a Stouffville resident and Cross-Country Rider member, has volunteered to assist the fledgling Stouffville organization.

In an interview, she said few

Stouffville snowmobilers are directly involved with the Vandorf club. A local association, she believes, will help control the many irresponsible snow machine operators in the area. Their actions, she said, give rise to unfair generalizations about snowmobilers.

Due to a lack of club participation, she said no cross-country trails have been developed close to town. This has forced people to transport their machines some distance away.

In 1971, in response to complaints, Whitchurch-Stouffville enacted a bylaw forbidding the operation of snowmobiles on sidewalks, certain roads and town parks. A curfew was also imposed. A copy of the legislation is available at the Municipal Office.

The next public meeting is Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m., in the lower auditorium of the Silver Jubilee Club, Main and Market Streets, Stouffville.

# Create hockey Hall of Fame

MARKHAM — Markham has its own "Hockey Hall of Fame". And no one is prouder of this project than John Lunau, its originator.

The display is set up just inside the Centennial Centre on McCowan Road. Pictures of players go as far back as 1905.

John Lunau, trainer with the old Markham 'Millionaires' and later the N.H.L. 'Oldtimers', has been collecting photos and stories for the past 35 years. Most were accommodated at the Museum where John serves as curator.

Earlier this year he was approached by Larry Pullen of the Markham Parks and Recreation Department. He borrowed the pictures and had them 'blown up', some six feet in height. The reproductions are marvellous.

"It brought a tear to my eye when I saw it," said John, "they did a tremendous job". One of the pictures is of John

Lunau himself. Other personalities featured include Max Reesor, an O.H.A. player, coach and referee, 38 years; speed skaters, Stuart Campbell and Ozzie Martin; goaltending great, Frank 'Buster' Lunau (1925); figure skating stars, Debbie Wilkes and Guy Revell; arena managers, Robt. 'Bub' Lawrie, Ben Gayman and Chuck McCarthy and many more.

Team photos include the Markham Hockey Club of 1905-Wm. Maxwell, Charlie Pringle, Ed Wilson, George Wilson (manager); Geo. Sullivan, Howard Gee, Tom Halstead, Harry Robinson, Emmerson Maxwell and Rolly Wilson. There's a picture of the Cedar Grove team of 1923-24 including Robt. Milroy (president); Walter Atkinson, Austin Reesor, Dr. R.M. Stewart (honorary president); Russell Robinson, Murray Milroy, Arthur Offen (coach); Wyatt Stephenson, Delos Crosby, Les Dimma, Howard Underwood and Fred Todds.

A photo of Markham's Jr. O.H.A. team of 1928-29 included: John Robb, Lynn Williamson, Frank Latter (manager); Noel Burrows, Dr. R.M. Stewart, Logan Stewart, Ed Wadley, Jack Prentice, Howard Crosby, Frank Lunau, Stan Pringle and Bob Macdonald.

In 1946-47, a Markham club advanced to the Ontario Finals. This picture includes: Keith Brown (stick boy); Ernie Lawrie (coach); Gordon Brown (secretary-treasurer); George Scott, Austie Baker, Fred Scott, Bill Hood (publicity); Harold Boyington (vice-president); Waverly Wilson (president); Carl Sellers, Bob Lawrie, Jack Watson, Charlie Nesbitt, Bob Bangay, Nick Bangay, Jack Harper and Wayne Lawrie (mascot).

Hundreds of people have already seen the exhibit, Centre Manager Karry Gilmor told The Tribune. A portion of the display is located at the building's second level.

## Race for chairman

YORK REGION — On Thurs., Dec. 14, York Regional Council will select its chairman for 1979-80.

Who's the main challenger? The inner circle gives Mayor Bob Forhan the best chance of unseating the present office-holder, Garfield Wright. However, predictions like this have been made before.

If Mayor Gordon Ratcliff of Whitchurch-Stouffville had a choice, he'd favor Markham's Tony Roman for the post. "He'd make an excellent chairman," he said during an interview, Friday.

As for the incumbent,

Mayor Ratcliff expressed little enthusiasm. "He hasn't provided strong leadership," he said, adding that there's nothing personal between himself and Wright.

"I just feel we need someone stronger," he stated.

The mayor looks on the position as more of a public relations job and in this regard, he feels the chairman should visit each municipal council at least once during his two-year term.

As for regional government itself, Gord Ratcliff feels that in many instances, it's been made "the whipping post for

everything that's gone wrong and often unfairly".

Mayor Ratcliff supports the two-tier system but is opposed to increasing the size of regional council or giving the region additional control. "It's powerful enough," he said.

## Barn damaged

CEDAR GROVE — A fire of unknown origin caused an estimated \$11,000 damage to contents of a barn and greenhouse, Sunday, at the home of Charles Booth, 14th Avenue, west of the 10th Concession.

Markham Chief Myrl Smith said Mr. Booth got up at 3:55 a.m. to check the furnace and saw flames coming from a building only a short distance away.

Twenty-two firemen were able to contain the blaze and save the house even though four burning oil tanks were only 25 feet from it.

The barn and part of the greenhouse were destroyed.

## 'Crash' corner

LOCUST HILL — The intersection at Hwy. No. 7 and the Tenth Line continues to take its toll.

On Sunday at this location, \$3,500 in property damages was caused in two collisions. One person was injured.

The first, at 1:05 p.m., involved vehicles driven by Warren Brown, 66, of RR 2, Claremont and Craig Brooks, 17,

of Scarborough. Muriel Brown was admitted to Scarborough Centenary Hospital and later released. Brooks was charged with failing to yield.

Less than thirty minutes later, another crash occurred, this one involving Paul Schering, 17, of Toronto and Murray Nash, 27, of Pickering. Nash was charged with following too close.

## T. V. stars here

STOUFFVILLE — The CFTO Bassett Hounds are coming to town.

The Channel 9 hockey team, featuring such TV personalities as Dave Davall and Fergie Oliver, will meet the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville on Sat., Dec. 16 at 8 p.m., in the Stouffville Arena.

Mayor-elect Eldred King will officiate at the puck-dropping ceremonies. Members of the Figure Skating Club will display their skills between periods.

Admission is \$1 per person with all proceeds going to the Cystic Fibrosis Association.

## Go-Kart shutdown denied

GOODWOOD — It was 12 years ago that Gunter Lauterbach purchased a piece of property on the second concession of Uxbridge Twp., north of Hwy. 47. On it he built a lovely home, doing much of the work himself.

Goodwood Kartways was already operating at a site to the north-west, but not to the extent it is now. The noise at times, is almost unbearable, he claims, hence his involvement in a recent court action.

Despite the fact 16 charges were laid under the Environmental Protection Act, the case was dismissed in a recent judgement handed down by Judge John Burk in Oshawa Provincial Court.

The complainants may appeal.

Mr. Lauterbach, in discussing the problem, told The Tribune that it is not the residents' desire to close the operation down but only to lessen the noise. He attributes the trouble to Toronto people who bring their "souped-up" racing machines to the Park mainly on weekends. Many are equipped with dual engines, emitting a noise "like chain-saws".

"We're seeking controls, that's all," he said, "we don't want to put the man out of business". He fears the operation may even be expanded.



### Participants in parade

The early hour and cold temperatures didn't deter imaginary birds and animals from joining the Santa Claus Parade in Markham, Saturday, much to the delight of children along the route. Farmer Jack (Burrows) of RR 1, Unioville, had a float in the procession that included Darlene Lewis (right) and Carolyn Pritchard.

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### Students relive history

Margerie Griffiths, a grade eight student at Ballantrae Public School, learns fighting a war in 19th century Canada was no easy task. She shoulders the heavy musket with the help of Sergeant Jim Bolton, of the Old Fort York Guard. He was at the school's Pioneer Day to explain 19th century warfare.

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