



Meadowlawn Farms owner Barry Little takes head of milk production for the Indian Dairy Corporation, M.P.G. Kurup on a tour of his dairy farm. Indian government officials were in Canada

purchasing jersey cattle for breeding stock as part of their program to step up milk production there. Out of view another cow was quietly munching on Mr. Kurup's coat. Ed Schroeter

Trustee urges field trip review

CLAREMONT — In light of the Ministry of Education's restraints, the policy of high-cost field trips must be reviewed, according to Durham Board of Education trustee Linda Carder.

She feels schools can only afford "one major trip a year" for their students.

With money getting "tighter and tighter," the expensive trips must be limited, unless parents are willing to contribute more

out of their pockets, Mrs. Carder declared.

She says it isn't fair to garner the funds from the municipal levy, because the personal burden of municipal taxes is too great already.

Currently, the money for these trips is taken from a per student allotment given to each school. The funds are to be spent on the purchase of sports equipment, school supplies, or excursions at the discretion of the principal.

However, Mrs. Carder observes there are less expensive alternatives to these outings.

According to her, it will cost almost nothing for a visit to Durham Forest to study the flora and fauna and at the same time make use of the snowshoeing equipment.

Mrs. Carder isn't in favor of cancelling these programs altogether. "Trips really have a value in education."

Teachers can build their curriculum around the excursions, assigning relevant projects and build their course around the trip.

She added schools have a responsibility to provide children with more than just an academic grounding. She feels schools must provide children with a good general education, which she calls "life skills."

"If we don't prepare them for life, we're not turning out well-rounded, employable young people," she explained.

After some input from parents concerned about the organization of past trips, she concluded they should be better planned. She suggests a standardized trip for each grade level.

Sell cattle to India

MARKHAM — Indian government representatives were in Canada, last week to purchase Jerseys for breeding stock, including a two year old female from the herd of Archie and Barry Little.

The country hopes to increase milk production in their herds through a systematic breeding program.

They're transporting 300 cows purchased in the United States and Canada home to India by plane.

The head of milk production for the Indian Dairy Corporation, M.P. Kurup, says the cows adapt quite well to the hotter climate.

Archie and Barry Little maintain a herd of 100 head at their Meadowlawn Farm, Steeles Avenue, primarily for milk production.

However, they've sold breeding stock to Barbados, The Dominican Republic, Alberta, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Archie Little explained that Meadowlawn is one of the oldest herds in the country, dating back to 1891. It was established by Archie's mother's family, Joseph and Peter Freeman.

Delay crackdown

UXBRIDGE — Dr. Jack Watt, director of Environmental Health Services for Durham Region, has instructed staff to delay a health standards crackdown on community suppers pending clarification from superiors.

Dr. Watt wants direction from the Durham Board of Health on how to proceed with the program. No one has ordered him to terminate it yet, he told The Tribune.

The action comes after a memorandum from Health

Minister Dennis Timbrell to all health boards urging the use of "discretion" in the application of health regulations at community functions.

The letter notes these regulations were never intended to interfere with such events.

Ward 1 Councillor John Paxton feels the memorandum is not sufficient to prevent the recurrence of problems.

He feels an amendment to the Health Act, exempting community facilities from health standards, is necessary.

Patience requested for new high school

UNIONVILLE — Patience. That's trustee Harry Bowes' advice to parents of young people, contemplating a high school in Unionville.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Board of Education member, chaired two meetings recently on this subject and has come, he says, to a fuller appreciation of the problem.

However, he points out that, because of major cutbacks by the Ministry on capital spending, there's little likelihood of a new secondary school for at least two, maybe three years.

Originally, the target date for completion of such a project was 1979. Since that was envisioned, drastic changes have

occurred, including a reduction in student enrolments.

"That's what the Ministry looks at," said Harry Bowes, "not just in one community but an entire area". Unionville, he feels, falls short of required student numbers by about 300.

While some parents are advocating the utilization of Wm. Bertzy School as a high school, Mr. Bowes feels this move wouldn't be approved by the province either. Right now, Wm. Bertzy is only at 58 per cent capacity, he said.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville trustee feels most parents aren't strongly opposed to busing but only where their children are to

be bused. They'd prefer them to stay at Markham, but that facility is now at 109 per cent utilization with an enrollment of 2,131. Thornlea is the same.

The likeliest locations are Richmond Hill High School (75 per cent capacity) or Bayview Secondary School (93 per cent capacity). Neither seem to appeal to the majority of parents, Mr. Bowes said.

Whatever the temporary solution, a new high school for Unionville has been pushed back on the priority list to 1981 and Harry Bowes sees little likelihood of any change in plans.

Markham girls

Win at competition

MARKHAM — Sixteen year old Melissa Holt, a Grade 11 student at Markham Dist. High School, has been awarded the Oscar P. Johnson Memorial Scholarship after scoring an 85 per cent in her vocal class at the Kiwanis Music Festival.

Melissa, a first time participant in the competition, will receive her award, Sunday, at the St. Lawrence Centre, Toronto. She's a student of Peggie Clark.

Melissa said she first learned of her achievement on Saturday, the Festival's final

day. She described it as "a once in a lifetime experience".

She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holt, Southdale Drive, Markham.

Judy Pyle, also a vocal student of Peggie Clark, did exceptionally well too, scoring a first and a second. In addition, she obtained honors in her Grade 8 singing exams only last month.

Judy's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pyle, Drakefield Road, Markham. Both girls are members in the senior choir at St. Andrew's United Church.

Driver smashes car

STOUFFVILLE — A 33 year old Stouffville man felt he acted within his rights when he smashed a crowbar across the hood and headlights of an approaching car.

David Miller told Judge F.D. White in Newmarket Court that a party had been bothering both himself and his family.

On this one occasion, he said, the driver had followed him all the way to his house from the

Stouffville Plaza. En route, he told how his car was bumped and how the motorist had attempted to run him down.

Crown Attorney K.D. Murray said there was no denying the fact some on-going harassment had occurred. This was no excuse, he said, for the accused to take the law into his own hands.

Judge White agreed, levying a fine of \$500 or three months in jail.

Fails to remain

STOUFFVILLE — An alleged hit and run accident, Feb. 11 on the Stouffville-Gormley Road, west of the 7th concession, has resulted in a fail to remain charge filed by York Regional Police against a Willowdale man.

Laszlo Szlots, 20, of 25 Fisherville Road, will appear in court, March 6.

Doris Burton, RR 2, Claremont, told police her auto was parked on the north shoulder of the road when it was struck by a second vehicle. The driver, she said, kept on going.

Property damage was estimated at \$1,200 including \$1,000 to the Burton car.

Judge requests—

Report on tavern

MARKHAM — A provincial judge, presiding over court in Newmarket, has recommended the Ontario Liquor Licence Board check into the operation of the Sherwood Tavern located in a plaza on Hwy. 7 West in Markham.

Judge F.D. White ordered that a transcript of evidence, heard during a particular case, be sent immediately to the O.L.L.B. His decision followed an admission by a 20 year old waitress there, that she assaulted a female patron, opening a 15-stitch gash on her forehead and breaking off a portion of one tooth.

Marilyn Eades was fined \$300 or 13 days in jail.

Crown Attorney K.D. Murray told the court that the 18 year old victim had "done nothing to provoke the attack".

The solicitor for the accused said his client had been involved in heavy use of alcohol and had also "dabbled in drugs". The situation, he said, was now under control.

Miss Eades, he said, was trying to avenge a friend who she thought had been wronged. "Her intention was just to shake her (the victim) up a little," he explained.

Judge White expressed concern over the likelihood the accused had been served far too much liquor. "You were probably sloshed," he said.

He noted too, the number of charges continually coming before the courts from this same location. To get to the bottom of the problem, he ordered a transcript of the evidence sent to the Liquor Licence Board.

Museum acquires former police headquarters

VANDORF — Town Council has turned over the old Vandorf Police building to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and earmarked over \$15,000 in lot fee accounts for its immediate renovation.

The building, located adjacent to the future museum site in Vandorf, will serve as temporary headquarters until the original building at the former Bogartown School site can be moved, Councillors June Button and Jim Sanders said.

They explained the museum board will retain it in its custody for craft demonstrations and as a display area. It will also house a historical reference library

and facilities for the cataloguing and storage of artifacts.

Mayor Eldred King told the councillors, "I really believe this is only going to be a loan."

Councillors Button and Sanders explained the funds from the sale of the old Bogartown site to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for Hwy. 404 might be used to settle the debt.

Included in the \$15,000 figure is the cost of ripping out walls, installing a kitchenette, bathrooms, a furnace and fireplace, new plumbing and electrical work, strapping, wallboard, and painting of the basement.

Officer convicted

YORK REGION — The president of the York Regional Police Association has been convicted of giving secret police information to a credit company.

Staff Sgt. John Moorehead was "used", Judge Hugh O'Connell told the court at the conclusion of a case in Toronto last week. "With a great deal of reluctance" he ordered the officer to resign or be fired.

Evidence revealed that twice, last year, Staff Sgt. Moorehead had turned over confidential information to one, Douglas Sheldrake, a former probationary constable. Moorehead had a vested interest in the credit company for which the information was used.

"You became involved with former policemen and couldn't extricate yourself. They used you," Judge O'Connell said.

Top singer

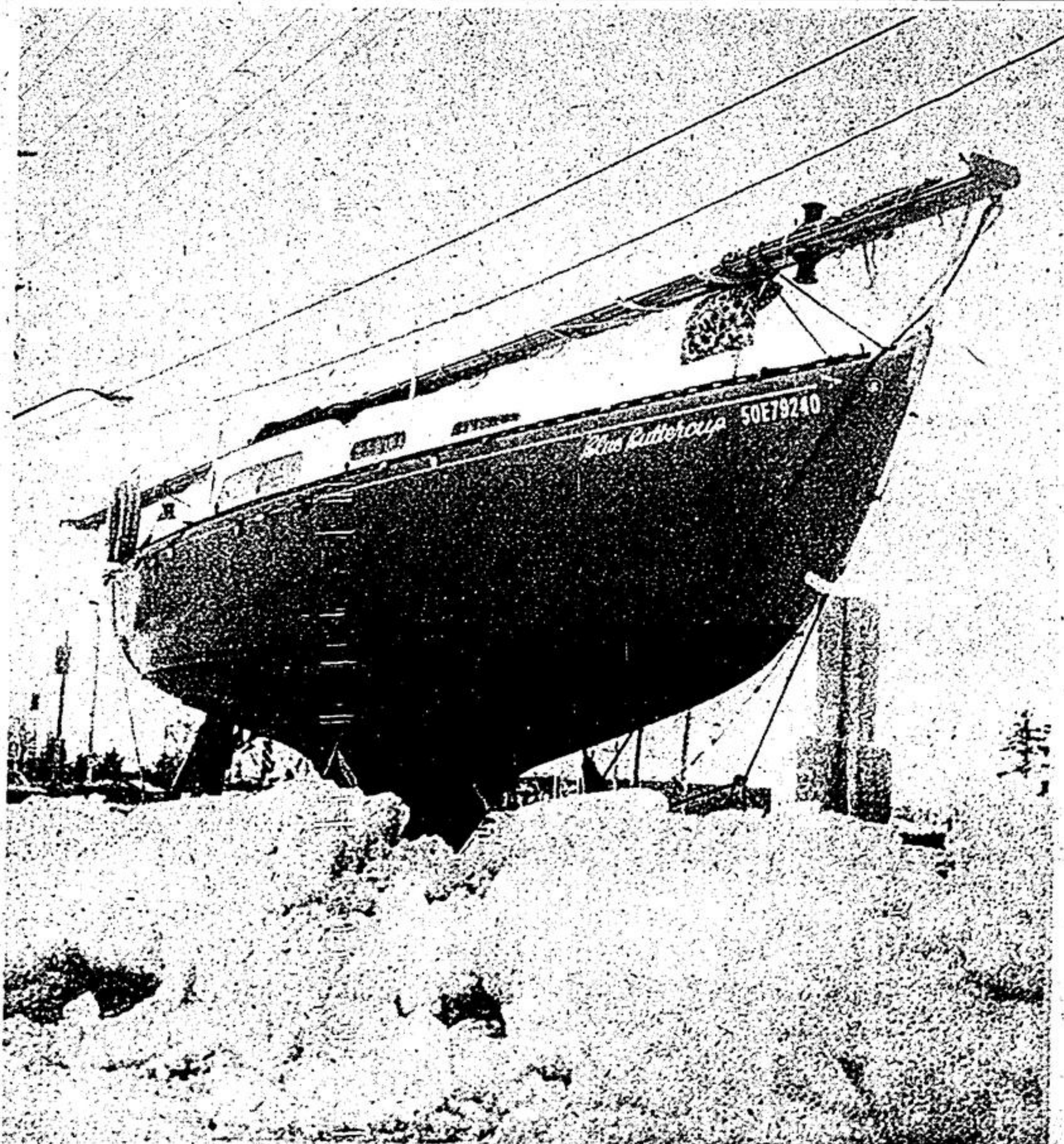
STOUFFVILLE — One of Canada's top singer-songwriters will be performing at Irene's Goodnight Coffee House on Feb. 24 at 8 p.m.

Stouffville resident Susan Cogan, who made the cover of the Canadian Magazine, performs extensively in the United States and across Canada.

Her musical roots extend into folk, jazz, pop and blues.

Susan is well-known for her work with the likes of Vally and Brent Titcomb and appearances on C.B.C. and Global television.

The coffee house is located on the east side of Hwy. 48, south of Dickson's Hill.



Vessel awaits arrival of spring

Spring can't be far off. The "Blue Buttercup" waits patiently in its resting spot on Hwy. 7 and

McCowan Road, ready to slip into clear blue water. —Jim Thomas

No problem

STOUFFVILLE — Is there a drug problem at Stouffville High?

Town trustee Harry Bowes doesn't think so, not with hard drugs anyway.

"Marijuana, sure, there's a lot of it around," he told The Tribune, but it's not the kind of thing Board members hear too much about.

For the most part, matters of this kind are handled by the administration within the school and trustees don't get involved, Mr. Bowes explained. If the offense is such that it comes before the courts, then the Board is likely to hear about it.

Past reports, he said, indicated drug use was on the decline. "Now, it's supposedly on the upswing again," he stated.



In appreciation

Alma Walker, Markham's "first lady" for more years than most folks can remember, will be honored at an "Appreciation Night". June 2. The public tribute will be held at the fairgrounds, 18th Avenue and McCowan Road. Heading up the committee is A.B. "Bud" Bonner, Gladiator Road.