



A plaque, honoring the past-presidents of the Uxbridge-Scott Fair Board, was unveiled at a special ceremony in the Women's Building, Aug. 27. Participants included (left to right) - Town Mayor Gary Herrema, Fair Past-President Bill Harrison, Fair Princess

Vicki Taylor (1980), Fair Queen, Elisabeth Nesbitt (1977), Fair Queen Andrea Tuck (1979) and Fair President, 1979-80, Keith Davidson.

Ed Schroeter

## Former Fair presidents honored at ceremony

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge-Scott Fair President Keith Davidson said he wanted "to do something a little different" during his 1980 year in office.

He has originated the idea of a Past Presidents' Plaque, unveiled Aug. 27 in the Women's Building by Township Mayor Gary Herrema, Fair past-president Bill Harrison, the 1980 Fair princess, Vicki Taylor and Fair queens, Andrea Tuck (1979) and Elisabeth Nesbitt (1977).

President Davidson said that last year, Uxbridge Fair had been voted best in its class. This honor, he said, was due

mainly to those who had served in the past plus many of the fair's directors and associates. He dedicated the plaque to the people "who gave of their time and effort to the community". He thanked everyone for their support.

Morley Bagshaw, son of past-president Lorne Bagshaw (1944-45) and president himself in 1963 and '64, said the Fair was important since it provided a true picture of agriculture. He recalled how the Fair was once held on a rotation basis on sites in Udora and Zephyr in the former Twp. of Scott. While many people are reluctant to change, he said, I'm proud to be part of the amalgamation. "The

Fair is a better place and future presidents will continue to build on its heritage".

Rod Freeman, president in 1975-76 added a touch of humor to the proceedings when he recalled the highlight of his year was the theft of a pig. The 100 pound porker, already barbecued, was stolen from the Women's Building in the middle of the night.

Dr. Freeman described the

Fair as a main focal point in the community. "It's an outstanding way of retaining our identity," he said.

Sharon Beard, the Fair's first lady president (1977), said the Fair was an opportunity to present the country's viewpoint to the city. She predicted many challenges ahead but said the Fair would continue to grow and prosper with the help of many hard-working people.

## Hope for 7,000 at Uxbridge Fair

UXBRIDGE — If the weather is right, an attendance of 7,000 is expected for the 116th annual Uxbridge Fair that opens at 5 p.m., Friday and continues through Sunday.

"Last year, we had 3,000 people on Sunday alone," said President Keith Davidson. He's hopeful that 1980 edition can better this mark.

Uxbridge is regarded as the best 'C' class fair in Ontario, the president said.

Some of the highlights are a horse-pulling competition at 8 p.m., Friday; an English horse show, 4-H calf club competition, dairy show and art show on Saturday. Saturday will also

feature greyhound racing at 2 p.m. and a demolition derby at eight.

On Sunday, the heavy horse and cattle shows start at 1 p.m. The sheep competition begins at 11 a.m. There's a mutt show at 1:30 and a tug-of-war at two. The midway will be the largest in the Fair's history, the president said.

Keith Davidson joined the Fair Board only three years ago and is now in his second year as president. He praised the co-operation of the executive and directors. He'll officiate at the Fair's opening, Friday night.

## Won't seek re-election

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Ed Van Nieuwenhove, Uxbridge Township's representative on the Durham Board of Education, will not seek re-election this fall.

He is stepping down for "personal reasons", claiming he needs to spend more time with his family. The 33 year old Uxbridge resident is vice-principal at Cedarbrae Collegiate in Scarborough.

This year, Uxbridge will select two trustees instead of one. They will hold office during 1981 and 1982.

Mr. Van Nieuwenhove says he's satisfied with the progress that's been made during his four years in office and voices no regrets with the decision to close the two-room rural school at Webb.

## Memorial

GREEN RIVER — A cairn, erected as a memorial to the Green River Baptist Church, will be unveiled at a ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2 p.m.

The historic event will be held at Brunswick Cemetery, north of Hwy. 7 in Green River.

## OMB approves gravel pit

# Councillors show outrage

UXBRIDGE — A decision by the Ontario Municipal Board to uphold an appeal that will allow a 500-acre area in Uxbridge to be redesignated from restricted agricultural to quarry industrial, has been received with shock and outrage by members of Uxbridge Twp. Council.

"What they (OMB) are saying, is that gravel precludes development in the southern part of this municipality," said Councillor John Paxton, after Mayor Gary Herrema announced the Board's decision. He also expressed amazement that the township planner had, according to the report, testified that "gravel should come out at some time." He described the power given to the Ministry of Natural Resources as "tyrannical."

In expressing his "disappointment," Mayor Herrema said council would have to meet with John Regan, the owner of the land, whose original application was turned down by council, and negotiate an

agreement, with the help of the resources ministry.

Said Councillor Alan Wells: They (the government) are saying, 'You have the problem and they have the final say.'

Councillor Mac Meyers said it would eventually "cost a pile of money and the taxpayer has to bear it."

Councillor Maustyn McKnight said the decision "has opened the door for gravel in the Township of Uxbridge. It shows how small we are when dealing with a government agency."

The Regan lands, which will now be able to produce "sand, gravel and other aggregate materials," are broken up into 100 and 400-acre lots in the south-west section of the township.

In handing down its decision, the Board noted that the township "has had great difficulty in dealing with zoning controls for gravel extraction because of severe pressures from pit operators ... and the residents of the Township."

However, it said evidence

showed that both Regan properties contained gravel of unusually high quality. The board compared their mix, 50 per cent sand and 50 per cent stone to the average mix of 20 per cent stone and 80 per cent sand.

In commenting on the argument of the township that the gravel operation would be "a major intrusion into some existing land use," the Board said that, "Surely it is better to intrude into woodlands than into farmlands or built-up areas."

The Board said that controls, volumes and other details would be "left for consideration at the time of the application for licence."

Council will now consider three ways of dealing with the Board's verdict, as outlined by Councillor Paxton: Negotiate a deal between Regan and the council; direct council's concern to the OMB; or appeal to the provincial cabinet, through the Lieutenant-Governor.

## Enrollment on decline at most area schools

DURHAM REGION — There's a slight decrease in enrollment in area public schools this year. However, staff personnel remain basically the same, with only Greenwood showing much change.

Although figures weren't available for the same time last year, Claremont Public School, with 267 shows an increase of 10 students over the end of June.

Greenwood's Valleyview School, which reported 252 on opening day, was down 17 from June.

Goodwood reported an increase of three students from last year's 270, but six up from June's final figures of 267. The total includes the students from the former Webb school.

Uxbridge Secondary School was both up and down. Opening

day figures this year were 910, compared with 917 at the same time last year. Enrollment at the summer recess in June, was 886.

Greenwood had the greatest turn over in staff, with five new members. They are: Mrs. Gudrun Helmenstein, special education, replacing Mrs. Donna McLean, now at Ajax; Glen Ward, grade 7 and music, replacing Bob Lawson, Oshawa; Mrs. Donna Currie, 5 and 6, replacing Mrs. Linda Elliott, who is having a baby; Mrs. Nancy Howie, librarian, replacing Mrs. Beulah Dunca, retired; Rick deJonge, grade 8, replacing Jim Olson, Oshawa.

At Claremont, John Mika, grade 7 and French, replaces Mrs. Lynn Lee; Bonny Norton, kindergarten, formerly of Valleyview, succeeds Betty Pegg, now retired.

## Charged in theft

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A 20 year old Goodwood area man has been charged with theft over \$200 and possession over \$200 following the recovery of a 12 foot aluminum boat owned by Stephanie Thompson of Musselman's Lake and reported missing June 10.

Mark Steven Ferguson,

Conc. 4, Uxbridge, was taken into custody after a warrant was issued by Durham Regional Police and later transferred to No. 19 Division of York-Regional Police.

It is alleged that the boat had been sold and resold during the intervening months of June and July.

## The way it was

MARKHAM — "Come relive the past with us". That's the invitation extended by the Markham District Historical Society as the committee plans its 7th annual Heritage Festival, Saturday, on the grounds of the Markham Museum, Hwy. 48, north of 16th Avenue.

Activities begin at 11 a.m. and continue through until five. Admission is \$1 adults; children under twelve free.

Events will include butter-

churning, candle-making, sausage-making, shingle-making, threshing, quilting, spinning and weaving. There will be sales of homemade crafts, home-baking, jams, jellies and pickles.

There will be buggy and wagon rides for the children along with a spelling bee and a watermelon split.

At 3 p.m., an auction will be conducted on several handmade quilts, a pine chest, a dough box and other items.

## Jail term

MARKHAM — A 24 year old Markham man, convicted Aug. 7 on a charge of assault causing bodily harm, was sent to jail for six months when he came back before Judge A.E. Charlton in Newmarket court last week.

Carl Quinton was arrested by York Regional Police, following the beating of Gordon Lake, a Markham service station manager.

Following his release, the accused will be placed on probation for a period of two years.

## Drop squeaker to Ontario champions

CLAREMONT — Claremont's Bantam 'D' team bowed out of the Ontario playoffs on the weekend, losing two of three games in a tournament at Sharbot Lake, 40 miles north of Kingston.

The local club, coached by Earl Rowe, battled Carrington Place right down to the wire before dropping a tight 5-4 decision. The winners then went on to take the Title. In other games, Claremont edged Elmvalle 5-4 and lost to Sharbot Lake 7-1.

Bobby Ryan returned to the Claremont mound after a six-week layoff with a broken hand. The young hurler pitched well and also wielded a big bat at the plate. Scott Harper was on the hill for Claremont's only win.

The victory over Elmvalle was a real thriller with Claremont staging a 3-run rally in the last inning. Scott Harper led the way with two. Shane Redshaw, Randy Lyon, Mark

Anderson and 'Kip' Butler crossed the plate with one each. Against Carrington Place, Claremont came back to tie it 4-4 in the 6th but the champions scored in the bottom of the inning to win 5-4. Claremont had a man on third in the 7th but couldn't bring him in.

"Wait til next year," commented manager Frank Hendy, "we should go all the way". Claremont hopes to host the finals in 1981. The team's assistant coach is Stan Rowe.

Over the season, the club had a .346 batting average. Frank Soule led with .439 followed by Scott Harper with .419 and Randy Lyon and Bob Ryan with an even .400 each.

The lineup includes - Shane Redshaw, Frank Soule, Randy Lyon, Mark Hendy, Scott Harper, Bob Ryan, Mark Anderson, Brian Postill, Steve Hall, Bryan Carruthers, Ron Rowe, 'Kip' Butler, Wayne Raulick, Kim MacEwen and Scott Powell.

## Development delay costly

MARKHAM — After seven years of waiting that has added an extra \$10,000 to each lot, Fairground Estates on the south side of Hwy. 7, east of Hwy. 48, has been given the "green light".

Tenders are being called for the servicing that, according to Douglas Meharg, a partner in the project, should be started by the middle of September. He's hopeful that model homes can be constructed by early November.

All sales will be handled

through Century 21 Armour Real Estate Inc., for summer of '81 occupancy. Mr. Meharg indicated that a number of people already living in Markham were anxious to acquire homes on ravine lots. In this regard, Century 21 Armour will market those residences for owners who wish to have a new home conditionally upon the purchaser's existing house selling. This, says Meharg, allows a family to move out of their present house into their new home with little or no inconvenience.



## Giant turbo tractor dwarfs kids' three-wheeler

Tractor-pulling competitions are increasing in popularity. A recent contest at Uxbridge, attracted several thousand spectators and something similar is planned for Markham Fair in October. The size of this 'giant' on display at Chas. Richards and Sons,

Stouffville is in contrast to the three-wheeler 'propelled' by Mary-Lynn Thomas assisted by Kenny Hickens, Rupert Avenue, Stouffville. This International 3588 Turbo tractor has an engine rating of 180 horsepower and carries a price tag of \$60,000. Jim Thomas