



Winning top awards is not a new experience for Ayrshire cattle belonging to William G. Reid of Ashburn. At Uxbridge Fair, Saturday, this four year old won the 'Best Udder' class. Receiving the Hackner-Meek Award from 2nd vice-president Les Meyers (right) is herdsman Jim Thomas.



This beautiful quilt, completed by Mrs. Helen Clark of Uxbridge, won a red ribbon and an admiring audience at Uxbridge Fair last weekend. Selected as grand champion, it's to be included in the Canada Packer's competition at Lindsay Fair this fall. Jim Thomas

## Pickering Museum

# History in Action

GREENWOOD — There'll be "History in Action" in more ways than one this weekend at Greenwood.

For it marks the return to action of the former Pickering Museum at Brougham after an absence of three years when it was all but rendered obsolete by the federal government's expropriation of its land for an airport.

Since that time, 13 buildings and 35,000 artifacts have been removed to the new site where it will all come to life again Saturday and Sunday.

It was a gigantic operation, according to Pickering recreation director, Tom Quinn. "Just think of moving your house, times 150."

He said every means possible were used to relocate the buildings and contents, "except, airplanes."

Quinn said there were still numerous artifacts stored at the old site, which will eventually be moved to Greenwood.

The museum is more than just a museum. It is, in fact, a village, in which antique cars, steam engines, crafts, cutlery, dinnerware, quilts, gowns and other reminders of a less hectic age, are on display.

The village, and museum occupy 27 acres - compared to six at the Brougham site - just off Highway 7 in Greenwood. There's a huge parking lot, just outside, director Quinn said;

after that, it's a brisk hike over the Duffin Creek bridge, where the rest of the modern world disappears and the old village takes over.

History in Action weekend begins with a parade through

Greenwood, Saturday morning, starting at 9:30 a.m. complete with bands and antique cars. It also co-incides with "Greenwood Day," which features games, exhibits, a beer tent and a dance at night.

## Ghost thresher comes to life

MARKHAM — Now it can be told.

Little over a year ago, Bob Hagerman, his wife and family returned home from their cottage to discover an all-steel Goodson threshing machine parked on his front lawn at Ridgevale Drive, Box Grove.

He didn't know where it had come from and neither did his neighbors.

Not being one to look a gift horse in the mouth, Bob put his ingenuity to work and in a matter of weeks had the big machine looking like it had just rolled off the assembly line. Then he donated it to the Markham Museum.

But how did it get to the Hagerman property and where did it come from?

Tom Huehn of Cedar

Grove is the party responsible. He spotted the thresher in a field near Whitevale and knowing full well that Premier Bill Davis would have no use for a contraption of that kind, hooked a tractor onto the front and hauled it to the farm of a friend. There, he hid it behind the barn for a couple of weeks, then 'parked' it at Bob Hagerman's place, knowing he'd appreciate the value of such a rare antique.

"Sure, I took it over in the dead of night, but how no one heard it, I'll never know. The noise was unreal," Tom told The Tribune.

Anyway, the fifty year old relic, in its new surroundings, was viewed by hundreds, Sept. 6, when the Markham Historical Society held its annual Heritage Day.

## Paxton drops out

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Changes are assured in the make-up of Uxbridge Township Council after this year.

Latest to announce the intended withdrawal from municipal politics is John Paxton, the member from Ward 1. He'll conclude his second term at the end of December.

Councillor Paxton was regarded by many as a kind of biblical David, taking on some of the 'giants' in the gravel industry and, on occasions, the provincial government too.

Like his predecessor, Clark Muirhead, he fought vigorously against the opening of new pits in the township and pushed for tighter controls over aggregate operations.

## Mayoralty candidate

PICKERING — Veteran Pickering Town Councillor John Kitchen has announced he'll be a candidate for mayor in the Nov. 10 municipal election.

Councillor Kitchen, a member since 1967, revealed his intentions at a news conference, Monday morning. The only other committed councillor seeking the Town's top post is Doug Dickerson. He threw his hat in the ring last spring.

The incumbent, Mayor Jack Anderson, hasn't yet said if he'll let his name stand again.

Before all the dust has settled, there could still be another face in the crowd. Councillor Ken Matheson is expected to enter the race but to date has made no statement.

## To open new hydro offices

PICKERING — Pickering Hydro will officially open its new offices at 1735 Bayly Street on Thursday (to-day).

Commission Chairman Murray Wilson will cut the ribbon during ceremonies at 3 p.m., assisted by General Manager John Wiersma; Town Mayor Jack Anderson and Ed Inouye of Ontario Hydro's Markham Area.

Hugh Macaulay, Chairman of Ontario Hydro will address the gathering. George Ashe, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mayor Anderson will also speak briefly.

The Pickering Commission, headed by Murray Wilson includes - Don Kitchen, Vice-Chairman and members David Burrows, Donald Given and Bob Gregory.

# Balloon fest Pleasure park

CLAREMONT — The bounds will be taking after the hares, Sept. 12, 13 and 14 at Pleasure Valley, and all those concerned are up in the air about it.

Or, at least they will be, if all goes well. For, that's when Pleasure Valley will be holding the first of what it hopes will be an annual Can-Am Balloon Festival, with its hot-air contestants coming from all over Canada, the United States and even, England.

The balloons, straight out of Jules Verne's classic novel, "Around the World in Eighty Days," or closer to home, a certain beer commercial on

television, are complete with wicker baskets, propane gas and crew, and will be featured in a series of events all weekend.

Among these will be the hare-and-hound competition mentioned earlier, in which one balloon is released into the air first as a hare, and the rest follow as hounds. From then on, the hare tries to elude the following armada of gas and wind-manoeuvred vehicles. There's also a leaf-picking contest, where it takes a long arm and a low balloon to get a bagful.

The Festival, sponsored by Pleasure Valley and various merchants, will feature 15 to 20 of the seven-storey balloons. One of the pilots is Rod Sherrard of Claremont.

There will be one night flight, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m., with the other launching times 6:45 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. both days.

"After sunrise and before sunset, when the air is calmest are the best times for going up," said Karen Rosenthal, one of the organizers.

The pilots are at the mercy of the wind, agreed Gary Convery of Pleasure Valley. They go where it blows. Landing is accomplished by releasing the gas slowly and then drifting to the ground.

The balloons carry from one to three people, and have a crew of six or less.

"Flying balloons is a super experience," says Convery; "and they're very colorful."

It's also a great spectator sport, says Mrs. Rosenthal, who, along with her husband, Julian, has one of the \$15,000 balloons.

In the meantime, all concerned are keeping their fingers crossed and hoping the weatherman will co-operate.

## Fair said 'success'

UXBRIDGE — Despite a drop in attendance, Uxbridge Fair president, Keith Davidson, has described last week's event as "a success."

Not an overwhelming success, according to Davidson — "with the exception of the demolition derby" — but enough to make him feel the Fair's modest change in direction, was the right one.

The latter, he said, has been from horses to agriculture. While the horses were still a big part of the fair (the heavy horse pull was one of the more popular events) he was "trying to get the Fair turned around to agriculture."

He said there had been a 10 per cent increase in exhibits, and good representation from 4-H Clubs. There had also been "tremendous" interest in beef, dairy and sheep displays.

There wasn't a dance this year, the president said. "We felt we could only spread ourselves so thin. If we had a pavilion, we could have done it."

Davidson said he wanted to thank the many people who worked so hard. "I had a tremendous crew. The president is the hub but without spokes, he's nothing." I had lots of spokes," he concluded.

## Ladies enlist - no uniforms

YORK REGION: When Chief Bruce Crawford sought out personnel to serve on his new auxiliary police force, he had no idea almost half the applicants would be women.

## Standby unit

YORK REGION — Members of the auxiliary force should be used only in emergency situations, Paul Coghill, President of the Police Association has informed the Board.

The executive was informed in advance of a plan whereby thirty auxiliary officers would be trained and placed on standby.

The president said the association wanted assurance that no members of the auxiliary unit would be assigned duties that should go to regular officers.

And this presented him with a problem — uniforms to fit.

The men, he told a meeting of the Police Commission, last week, could wear hand-me-downs from the department's present stock but no such female attire's available. Because of this, he said, it might be necessary to delay acceptance of the gals until after a new budget is approved in January.

However, member Lou Wainright of Richmond Hill felt the ladies could begin their training program immediately and then take their rightful place when the uniforms do arrive.

Chief Crawford said he hoped to have the force ready for action by mid-November, just in time for Santa Claus Parades across the region.

Of the 30 men who applied, 22 were found suitable, Chief Crawford revealed. Not one of the twelve female applicants was rejected.

Commission Chairman Gladys Rolling described the response as "tremendous."

# Church memorial

GREEN RIVER — If the joy of the occasion was tinged with bitterness, it didn't show. Rather, the event resembled a reunion, the coming together of old friends and former neighbors on the site of historic Brunswick Hill Cemetery.

The occasion was the unveiling of a cairn, dedicated to the memory of those who served within the congregation of Green River Baptist Church, now closed. Vera (Mrs. Winton) White, 91, took part in the ceremony assisted by Kathleen Gostick, head of the memorial committee.

Only once during the hour-long service did resentment over the plight of the community show through. And that came during the reading of the church's history when mention was made of the "fiasco" in-

volving the proposed Pickering Airport.

Along the same line, Town councillor Gerry Fisher described the gathering as "the end of an era."

"We are called here today, to commemorate a great church, said chairman Ray Miller, "a church that has touched all our lives". Other participants included - Rev. and Mrs. W.W. Fleischer, Ruth Hutchings, Violet Lane, M.P.P. Wm. Newman, John Irwin and Dr. Roy Lawson. The message was delivered by Dr. Ronald Watts, representing the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

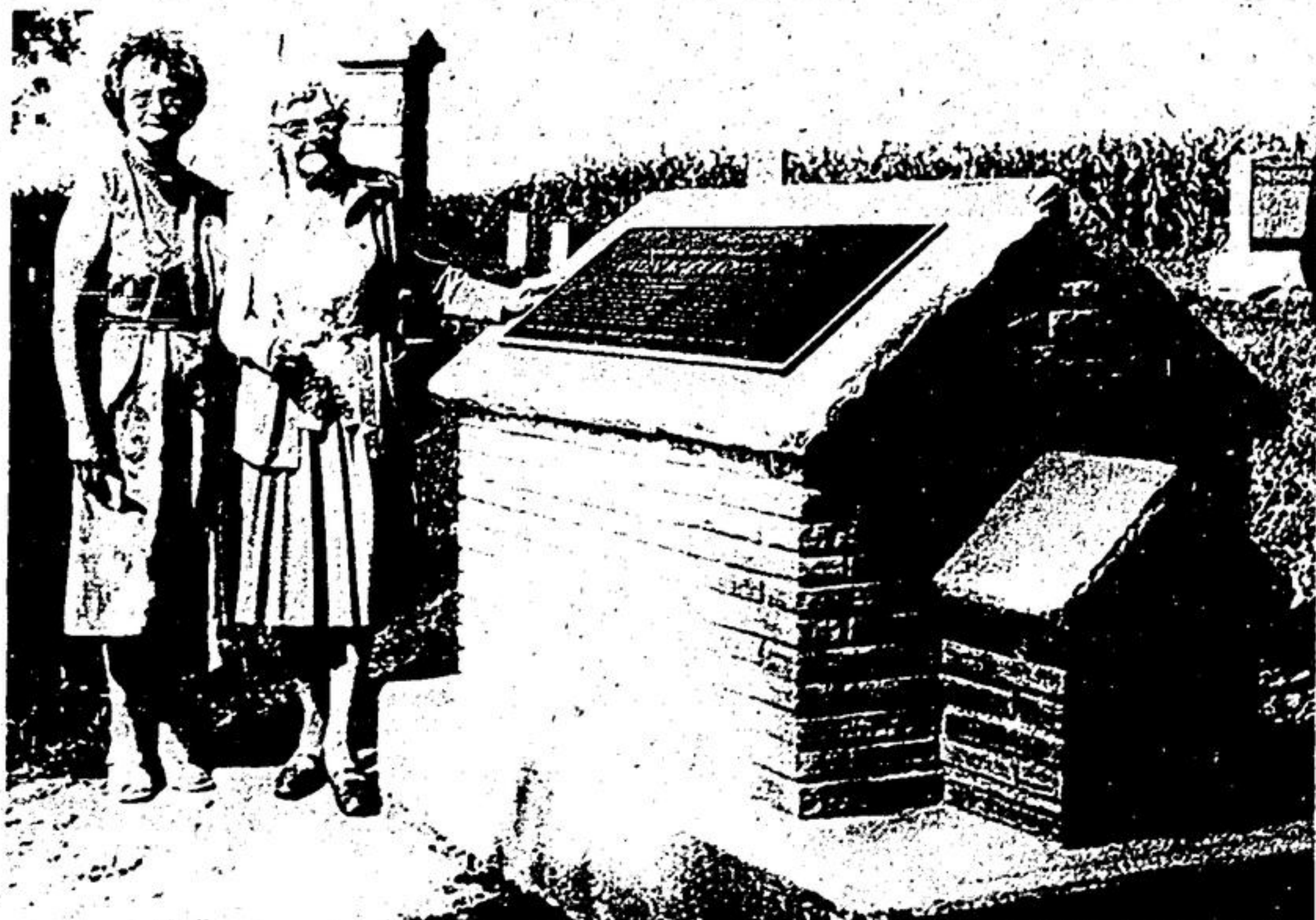
It was back in May, 1848 that a Baptist Church was first established at what is still referred to as Brunswick Hill. Forty years later, it was dismantled and moved closer to

the centre of the community. In June, 1979, after the Government had expropriated the property, the sanctuary was officially closed.

"It's been hard to take," Dr. Watts stated in his sermon remarks, "but most of you have made the adjustment."

It was Vera White, however, who summed up the feelings of everyone in attendance. When she said: "Don't hold resentments in your hearts. Be tolerant and think of all the good things that have been done towards you."

The cairn, created in the likeness of the church, was constructed by Bruce Vandenberg, RR 1, Unionville. In addition to Kathleen Gostick, other members of the Memorial Committee included - Ruth Hutchings, David Pugh, and Benson Draper.



Vera White (right), a former Green River resident, officiated at the unveiling of a cairn, Sunday, on the site of the community's first Baptist Church, erected in 1848 at what is known as Brunswick Hill Cemetery. With Mrs. White is

Kathleen Gostick, chairman of the Memorial Committee. Green River Church, later moved to a new location a short distance west, was closed in 1979. Jim Thomas