

Fifteen year old Marnie Ashton, a member of the Junior Dance Baton-Twirling Team, sponsored by the Bendale Lions Club, was the recipient of a gold medallion when she and twelve other girls

placed first in a world championship at Mrs. Larry Ashton, Gormley.

Notre Dame University in Mishewaka, Indiana. Marnie is the daughter of Mr. and Jim Holt

## A Fair milestone

Markham Fair is 1954. celebrating its 125th

record of progress and achievement. Much of the research for historic background through the Markham favor of the contractor, than 100 years of fairs Museum and its curator, The Society was forced to held at that location. John Lunau. John at- pay the full amount. This tended his first Markham building was torn down in (McCowan Road and 18th

Fair fifty years ago. He the early 1960's. The Avenue), contains over was the Board's historian One of the first recorded Markham Fairs was held in Size's Hotel at Unionville. The year was

1856. A tent was brought in from Toronto for which the organizers received much praise from the press for their insight an ingenuity. In 1859, however, the tent did not arrive and the Fair was held in a store. This prompted the directors to make plans for a permanent building site.

In 1860, Markham Fair was held on the grounds adjoining the Wellington Hotel near the corner of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 48. In 1865, Wm. Armstrong granted five acres to the Fair Society and thirty-seven years later. 191/2 acres were added. In 1949, ten more acres were purchased.

Agricultural Hall was built and used until 1915 when it was moved to become a show building for cattle. In 1954, it was destroyed by fire. The structure was surrounded by an eight foot high fence to keep out those who hadn't paid the regular admission. The fencing was continued in 1888 when the north and east sides of the grounds were enclosed. That year, a horse barn containing 24 stalls was built. It was demolished in 1955. A grandstand was erected and a race track oval

constructed in 1888. Another Agricultural Hall was built in 1894. It was called the Crystal Palace. The lower level was used to display fruit and vegetables and the upper section for ladies crafts and other exhibits. This building was burned to the ground in 1916.

New pig pens were a feature in 1905 and in 1910, the then former Post Office was purchased for \$60 and used as an office these structures were for the secretary until either destroyed by fire or

A horse barn was stand was built in 1952 and in 1955, a new cattle barn and race horn barn completed. In the same under roof, the directors year, special anniversary will no doubt be very gates were installed. All concerned "if the tent

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demolished after the Fair A new hall was was moved to its present anniversary. And from erected following the site. The gates, however, the past to the present, blaze in 1916. Contract were moved, together visual results point to a price of the brick building with two plaques, and set was \$8,500. However, on the entrance to the completion, the cost present grounds. On the totalled \$15,000 for which east side of the Compayment was refused. A munity Centre is a on this year's Fair has court case followed and commemorative cairn. been made possible resulted in a verdict in recognizing the more

> The present site 100 acres. The property is the farm of the late Stan Watson. The layout of buildings follows the erected in 1947; a judges' same pattern as what had been established at the

thousands of square feet

Summitview, St. Mark's and blouse. and Orchard Park in Nine year Stouffville, leaves one with the impression "everything goes".

In the lower grades dresses are However, the seniors are very much a part of the "jean scene" as if preparing themselves for a move to an altogether new environment in Grades 8 and 9. But even the "jean

in back-to-school apparel

A visual check of boys

this fall?

scene';' is changing. Few are the faded kind and not all are blue. Leslie Mitchinson, for example, a girl in Grade 7, looked lovely in red. Tracey Duke, also in Grade 7, said jeans are indeed popular and most are neat in appearance.

Six year old Daniele McConnell, a pupil in Grade 1, told The Tribune that her mother prefers dresses to jeans so that's what she wears. Crystal Chillman, Grade 2 changes her styles in keeping with the weather. dresses if its hot and jeans if its cold.

Nine year old Andrea Fraser left no doubt about

said, were her choice. LAST TIMES TONIGHT: 8 P.M. XANADU

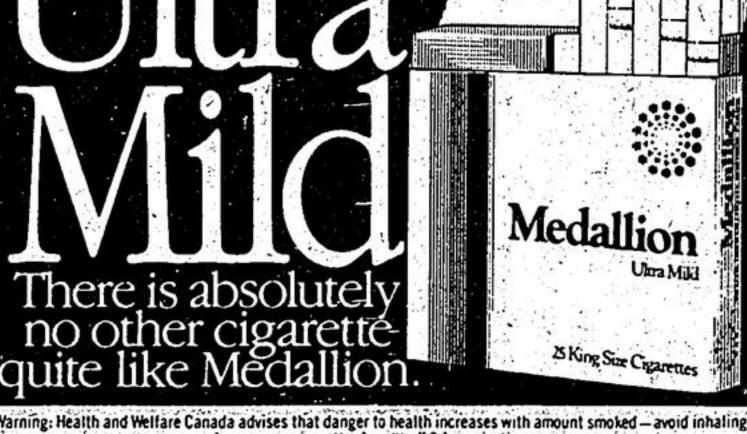
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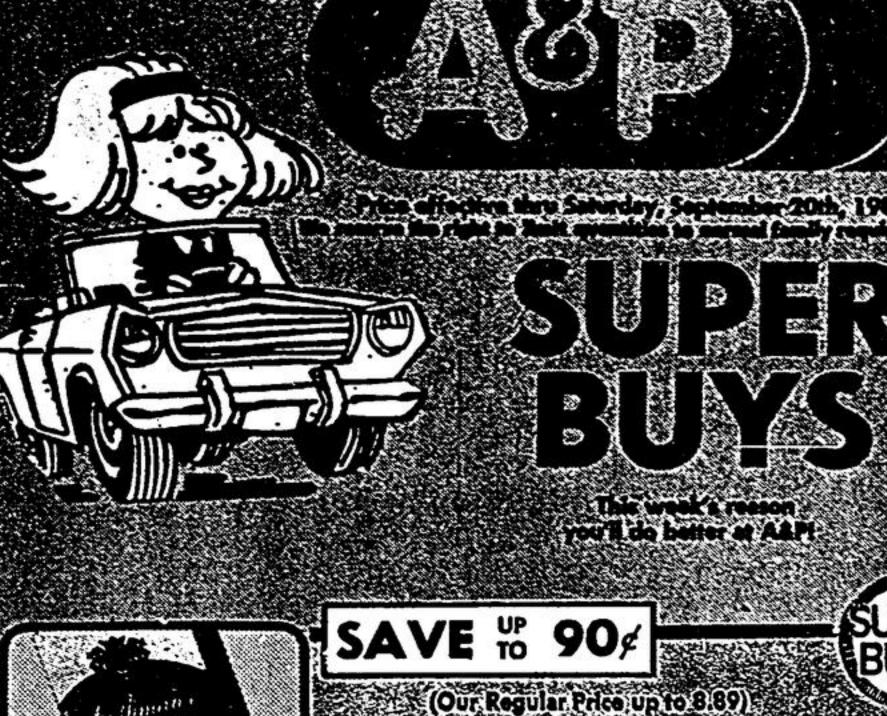
By Jim Thomas her preference. "Jeans What's the style- lock terrible," she said. conscious child's choice She admitted, however, that she represented the minority in her thinking. Andrea was pretty in a and girls attending matching blue skirt, vest

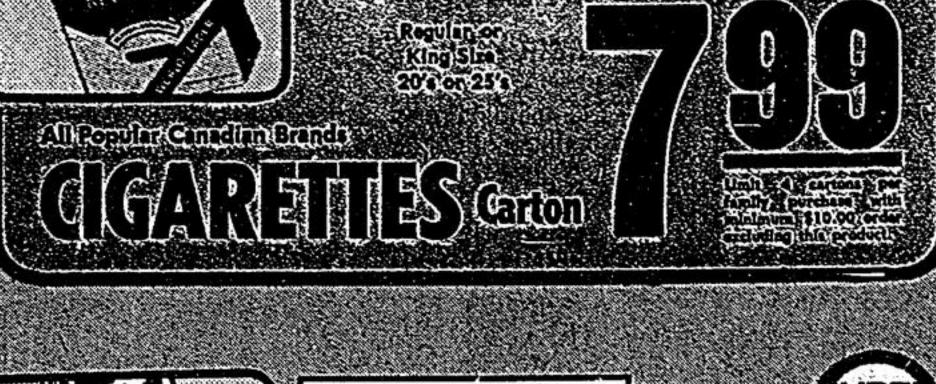
> Heather Legault said she'd be wearing both dresses and jeans. Like Crystal, she said it would depend to a great extent on the weather. Shorts, she said, were in fashion too if it was particularly warm. Denise McLellan,

> Grade 3, said she favored jeans; Darron Baston, Grade 4, said the same. Nine year old Stephanle Hutchinson chose the "middle of the road". She was trim in a halter top and shorts. Although not certain of school policy, she felt Mr. Boadway, the principal at Summitview School would frown on 'cut offs'.

Both Angela Middleton, 9 and Andrea Baston, 7, were attired in lovely dresses when stopped by The Tribune. They 'agreed, however, that they'd probably wear jeans "sometimes". Six year old Susan Baston turned a few eyes at Orchard Park with her red jumper. Dresses, she









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