



Great season for junior plowboy

Sixteen year old Steven Dunkeld of RR 1, Zephyr and formerly of Atha, enjoyed excellent success in branch plowing competitions this fall, winning five firsts in five matches including North York, East York-King and Vaughan, South Simcoe, Region of Durham (Junior) and Region of Durham (Rama-Mara). At the North York,

East York-King and Vaughan banquet, Friday, Steven received the F. Stan Tyndall Memorial Award, a piece of luggage. Next year, he plans to plow at the International. His father, Don Dunkeld advanced to the world match twice; 1965 in Norway and 1976 in Sweden. —Jim Thomas.

No battle necessary

Parents win school issue

DURHAM REGION — It was a clear-cut victory for the parents when they turned out to do battle with Durham Board of Education at its regular meeting, Monday night.

In fact, the battle, it seems, was decided beforehand, and never really started.

Just the same the parents got in their licks.

They had arrived originally (it was standing room only), to oppose a proposed motion by trustee Linda Carder, that would see kindergarten children attending classes every other day for a full day, rather than half a day, five days a week, as they do at present.

Carder told the board that her proposal would save money on busing. Costs in that area had

exceeded the budget, and the money would be better spent for educational purposes in kindergarten classes, she said.

As it turned out, however, the parents didn't have to object too strenuously. Board chairman, Art Winter, told them trustee Carder's motion had not received a seconder, so would not be presented. However, he said the board would be interested in hearing what the parents had to say.

And many of them had their say. Most of their arguments were similar to what the board had been dealing with from outraged parents, since the motion had first been raised.

In a letter to the board at that time, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Walker, Sunderland, said:

"This is completely unacceptable. A five-year-old child should not be subjected to this kind of torture."

They said a child wouldn't obtain much knowledge from spending the day away from home, leaving at 7:45 a.m. and returning at 4:15 p.m.

Most parents at the meeting spoke along the same lines, stressing the "physical, academic and emotional strain" of an eight-hour day on a five-year-old.

"No one felt the children would benefit by the program," said Elizabeth McArthur of Altona. She termed the turnout "phenomenal". "It shows just what people can do when they all rally together," she concluded.

Start site work Starch Co. plant

UXBRIDGE — St. Lawrence Starch Company Limited announces this week that a contract has been awarded for the construction of a grain receiving and storage facility in Uxbridge Township near Lincolntonville.

Almost eighty acres of land have been purchased and site preparation has already been started by Thomas and Dorssers Silo Limited, for the one million bushel storage and processing plant. It is anticipated that the equipment will be completely operational by the fall of 1981.

St. Lawrence Starch Company Limited is a totally independent Canadian firm, in operation at Port Credit since 1889. It's been a tradition that only Ontario corn is used in the manufacture of its products and today, it is the largest industrial purchaser of corn in this province.

In addition to its consumer product lines of Bee Hive Golden Corn Syrup, Durham Corn Starch, Ivory Laundry Starch and St. Lawrence Corn Oil, it is a major supplier of corn starch and glucose to the Canadian industry in food processing, paper, beverage and confectionery sectors.

To ensure continuity of high

quality corn in sufficient quantities, St. Lawrence Starch will purchase direct from farmers in Uxbridge Township and surrounding areas. The new grain terminal will help alleviate the ever increasing delays that farmers face at harvest time and will provide shelling facilities for those wishing to store corn in cribs.

Court ruling wins cheers

PICKERING — A ruling by the Ontario Court of Appeal that the ombudsman can continue investigating complaints from expropriated property-owners in the Seaton area of North Pickering, has been hailed as "big victory" by former residents.

"Very delighted" is the way Heather Dinsmore described the verdict. "This is one of the biggest pluses we've had in years. The court has given us the right to be heard". Had the decision gone against them, they would have been finished, she said.

A number of owners claim they received inadequate compensation for their property and were misled by provincial representatives when their land was expropriated in 1972.

They've been fighting for more money since that time.

The Ontario Housing Ministry representative argued the dispossessed owners could have filed their complaints with the Ontario Royal Commission. Instead, Heather Dinsmore and 26 others, refused to go that route, claiming they were being treated as complainants in a fraud case.

Approve plant

UXBRIDGE — Durham Region Planning Committee has recommended approval of an asphalt plant north-west of Goodwood, despite opposition from the local ratepayers association.

Opponents of the project claim traffic will be increased in

the area and trucks will pose a hazard to children walking to and from school.

Site of the proposed plant includes 165 acres. Following its completion, Repac Construction and Maintenance Limited hopes to produce close to 200,000 tons of asphalt per year.

Apartment over garage wins hesitant approval

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge planning and development committee almost broke one of its own laws last week, but had a change of heart at the last minute.

As a result, Wayne Morgan will have to wait awhile before he finds out whether he and his wife and four children are going to be able to build a bigger place in which to live.

Morgan, owner of a garage and service station at Bascom and Brock Streets, appeared before the committee to see if he could get a permit to build a dwelling unit above the east end of the building. The four-bedroom apartment would comprise 1,700 square feet.

Said Mayor Gary Herrema: "I was hoping you'd sell to someone and we'd get better use in the downtown area. "I'm not objecting," he said, "I'm not happy with it, but it does provide you with what you need and could provide some protection for you."

Councillor Ron Johnson, however, was not so agreeable. "We're blatantly disregarding the by-law by approving it," he said. Fire restrictions ruled against it.

"The by-law doesn't read the way it should," Morgan argued. He said various stores sold articles, such as motor oil, that made them "service stations." Also, his apartment

would be away from the garage end.

"I'm not comfortable saying go ahead," said Johnson. On the other hand, he "wasn't happy" about interfering with his personal life.

Morgan said his building had fire walls, and the new part would be vapor proof; it would also be inspected regularly.

He said hardware stores, with their cans of paint and turpentine, carried substances more flammable than gas.

"Maybe we'll have to go to the committee of adjustment," Mayor Herrema said. "We can't go against the by-law, but we'd be prepared to support you with changes.... When would you like it?"

"As soon as possible," Morgan said. "The colder the weather, the slower men work."

"Unless they're cutting wood, and then it's the other way around," answered the mayor.

Chairman Maustyn McKnight said restaurants frying potatoes in pots of grease, probably offered more of a hazard, but were allowed second storey apartments.

Councillor Johnson said the application "wasn't the kind the committee of adjustment likes to hear," but he would support it.

The committee approved a recommendation to place the matter before the committee.

Will seek town help

UXBRIDGE — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will be asked to help maintain an access road into the St. Lawrence Starch Company's new storage plant near Lincolntonville.

The recommendation was made by the Uxbridge Planning and Development Committee on receipt of a letter from the Ministry of Housing, outlining various requirements for the building.

Mayor Gary Herrema described the \$2,000,000 facility as "one of the largest industries ever to select a site in the township".

Late 'Chuck' Leadbetter

Hundreds pay respects

MARKHAM — He did things quietly, usually behind the scenes, but his many acts of kindness were remembered.

Hundreds upon hundreds of people called at the Dixon-Garland Funeral Home, last week, to pay their respects to Charles 'Chuck' Leadbetter, whose sudden passing, Nov. 18, shocked and saddened this community.

It was the same for the service, Friday, with Grace Anglican Church filled to capacity. Many were forced to stand outside the sanctuary.

Chuck Leadbetter was not a 'joiner' when it came to club activities, yet his life touched a cross-section of the town, both on a personal basis and through associations.

Only those closest to him were aware of his involvement. Many an individual and many a family knew of his generosity. Born in Markham, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leadbetter, he was a fourth generation butcher in the family and a third generation to carry on this business in town. His father died in 1943.

Extremely skilled at his profession, he gave of his time to assist at Markham's Heritage Festival on the grounds of the Museum and at the Mennonite Festival on the site of Black Creek Pioneer Village.

He was extremely knowledgeable on local history and loved to talk about 'the good old days' when Markham was a village of less than 2,000. He enjoyed Markham Fair and often was a buyer of 4-H steers at the Saturday afternoon auction.

He was proud of his wife, the former Muriel Kerswill and his family that includes four sons, John, Paul, Tom and Mark. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Caroline Leadbetter; four sisters, Florence (Mrs. Russell Weeks), Markham; Mary (Mrs. Wm. McArthur), Brown's Corners; Shirley (Mrs. Robert Reesor), Woodville; Carol (Mrs. Donald Peterson), Montreal and one brother, Bill of Washago.

Rev. Thomas Greene of Grace Anglican Church was in charge of the service, Friday afternoon. Peggy Clark presided at the organ. Interment was made at Grace

Anglican Cemetery.

Pall bearers were - Tom Harvercourt, Jack Sharp, Ralph Spademan, Howard Jarick, Harold Snowball and Ross

Lawton. Honorary pall bearers were - John Lunau, John Alchurch, Ernie Arnold, John Crispi, Wilf Burkholder and Ralph Furneaux.

Holds family traditions

MARKHAM — Betty Reeve, Hawkridge Avenue, Markham, is maintaining a family tradition that goes back to the first Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in 1922.

And the show just concluded was one of her most successful yet.

In all, she exhibited six horses including five palominos and one chestnut yearling filly. She came home, Friday, with a host of ribbons and awards.

Sparkling Nuggett, a beautiful seven year old, raised from a foal, was named Grand Champion Stallion after placing first in a class for stallions foaled previous to Jan. 1, 1978. With this honor went an

engraved silver tray presented by The Canadian Palomino Horse Association.

Nuggett's Golden Hawk, named by Betty's husband, the late Chuck Reeve, was second in the colt class, foaled in 1978 or 1979. He was the Reserve Junior Champion Stallion.

Nuggett's Lickety Split was first for a filly, foaled in 1979 and Nuggett's Queen Victoria placed third for a filly foaled in 1978.

The chestnut yearling also won her class for saddle-bred fillies, the previous Thursday.

The Reserve Grand Champion Stallion was Star's Golden Special owned by Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Durant, RR 1, Unionville.



Receives Advanced Honors Certificate

Charlena Davis (left) of Uxbridge was the recipient of her Advanced Honors Certificate at the Ontario Centre 4-H Homemaking Achievement Day in Uxbridge Secondary School, Saturday. To qualify, Charlena had to complete eighteen projects. She's now a leader with the

Sandford II Homemaking Club and a second year Business Administration student at Durham College. The presentation was made by Beverley Brook, Home Economist, Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

—Jim Thomas.