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Markham boy wins world barley title

MARKHAM — An entry's indeed the best when it's the best in the world.
Don Smith, son of Lorne and Carole Smith, McCowan Road, R.R. 2, Markham, attained this level of excellence last week when he won the World Barley Championship at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Mingo barley topped all 4-H entries in earlier judging, then went on to win the World Title, the first time in Fair (barley) history (this has been accomplished). The 17-year-old Grade 12 Markham Dist. High School student was presented with the Brewers' Association of Canada Challenge Trophy at a ceremony Tuesday. He also received an engraved silver tray and a cheque for \$200.

A barley entry submitted by Don's older brother David, placed second in 4-H competition. Don has been a Markham 4-H member seven years. Field Crop leaders are Alex Davidson, R.R. 1, Stouffville and Trevor Watson, R.R. 2, Markham.



Mildred Stanley, 19th Avenue, Markham, was the recipient of several academic awards, Friday night, when Stouffville Dist. Secondary School held its annual Commencement Exercises.

Here she receives her Honors' Graduation Diploma from Principal Michael Muir.

—Jim Thomas

Recount

STOUFFVILLE — Gordon Ness, solicitor for candidate Ged Stonehouse, has informed clerk-administrator Pat Muir and Ward 6 councillor Jim Sanders of his client's decision to request a recount, following the Nov. 8 election.

Mr. Stonehouse lost out to Councillor Sanders by two votes.

Mr. Ness has scheduled an appearance before a judge, Thursday, (to-morrow). A decision may be rendered immediately or within 30 days. The Tribune was told.

If the recount should result in a tie, the winner will be selected "by lot", with an independent person picking a name in the presence of witnesses, Mrs Muir said.

Margie Griffiths — Open trust fund Donation of \$1,000

STOUFFVILLE — Margie Griffiths was not a participant in the platform promenade at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School's Commencement Exercises, Friday. However, her presence was felt in the hearts of every teacher, every student at that special event, as feeling expressed intensely by Neville

Hodgson in an address to the audience.

Margie remains in hospital, the victim of a tragic auto accident last December that left her partially paralyzed. Her hoped-for recovery has been the subject of continuous prayers in churches and homes around the community.

Mr. Hodgson announced, Friday, a committee decision to establish a \$1,000 trust fund in Margie's name; the proceeds raised through the 1982 Variety Show last spring.

Presentation of the cheque was made to Ann Griffiths, Margie's mother, by Show director Sharon Dykstra.

Mr. Hodgson spoke of what Margie means to the staff and students at Stouffville High.

"For this young lady of sparkling intelligence, rare talent and uncanny vitality, there's been no school band, no track and field, no participation in team sports and no variety show," he said, "and there seemed so little any of us could do about it."

"This evening," he continued, "we are doing something about it. In Margie's own spirit of participation, determination and optimism, we of Variety Show '82, along with you the community who supported it, wish to direct \$1,000 of the proceeds into a trust fund for Margie, to support her, and all those who labor so diligently with her and for her in her slow, sometimes frustrating struggle towards recovery."

Mrs. Griffiths, in accepting the cheque, thanked the Show's executive and participants for their generosity and the community for its support.



Kleanley Young, Ninth Line South, Stouffville, delivered the valedictory address, Friday evening. She also received several awards

along with her Honors' Graduation Diploma presented here by staff guidance teacher Bruce Johnston.

—Jim Thomas

Stopped by O.P.P.

Road engineer "erratic driver"

YORK REGION — York Region's Commissioner of Roads, originally charged with driving while impaired, was convicted in Newmarket Provincial Court, last week, with refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

Hodgson admitted sharing a bottle of wine at dinner but attributed his behavior behind the wheel to a gastric disorder that, under stress, caused chest pains.

The younger Hodgson said he complained to the officer of not feeling well but the constable stated that at no time did the driver describe a medical disability or ask for medical aid.

Robert (Bob) Hodgson, in the company of Regional Chairman Bob Forhan, was stopped by an O.P.P. officer on Hwy. 404, on his return from a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation at Queen's Park. The constable described Hodgson's

Wm. Hodgson, area M.P.P., supported his son's argument. He told of the accused's reaction to stress. "He's the guy who has to say no to the politicians," he said.

Alfred Stong, counsel for Hodgson, said his client was under no obligation to tell police officers he was in pain when he refused the breath test. He said it was up to the court to decide if the excuse was reasonable or not.

"Blinded by lights"

Truck in lake girl rescued

MUSS LAKE — A 22-year-old Goodwood girl is lucky to be alive following a brush with death early Saturday morning.

"She was terrified," her mother, Shirley Middleton of Goodwood, told The Tribune. Except for Donald's fast action, Terri would have drowned, Mrs Middleton said.

Judge Climans stated that while the impaired charge had not been proved, he was registering a conviction on refusal to blow. "I can't quite frankly accept your explanation," he concluded.

The impact fractured a bone in her neck and she couldn't move. Fortunately, the driver, Donald Milley, 24, of Eagle Street, Newmarket, was able to pull her out through a window and carry her to shore. He then "broke into" a nearby cottage and asked the owner to call police and an ambulance. Both responded quickly.

Milley told police he was approaching the lake from the south when he met a car with lights on high beam. He was momentarily "blinded," he said, and that's when his truck left the road. The oncoming motorist never stopped.

Terri, a student enrolled in Graphic Art Design at Sheridan College, will undergo further x-rays and treatment before doctors decide on her release.

Product is proof-principal

STOUFFVILLE — Two weeks ago, The Tribune carried a story concerning the alleged inability of many students to read, write and spell properly at both the elementary and secondary levels of education. The accusations received mixed reaction from parents and teachers.

At Commencement Exercises, Friday night, Principal Michael Muir defended the program.

"Some say the system has failed, but I disagree," he said. Then, speaking directly to the graduates of '82, he said "you are the proof of this."

Principal Muir pointed to the fact education has changed greatly in the last 25 years. "Today, students are expected to think rather than just remember."

He likened the graduates to "ambassadors of S.D.S.S., an association that will follow you everywhere you go. He described the evening as "the end of one chapter, and the beginning of another."

New faces

STOUFFVILLE — The male-dominated 1981-82 Council will welcome two feminine faces into the fold at its inaugural meeting Dec. 7.

Newcomers Margot Marshall (Ward 1) and Fran Sainsbury (Ward 4) will be sworn into office along with Mayor Eldred King; Tom Wood (Ward 2); Jim Rae; (Ward 3); Will Morley (Ward 5) and Jim Sanders or Ged Stonehouse (Ward 6). A recount, requested in Ward 6, should be completed by then. Time of the meeting is 7:15 p.m. The public is invited.

Delayed-again

STOUFFVILLE — The town got a little more than it bargained for at the scheduled hearing before the Ontario Environmental Board, at Markham Centennial Centre, Tuesday morning.

As a result, it will now wait two weeks, instead of one, before resuming its part in the hearing launched by York Sanitation Co., Ltd.

The latter, operator of the Whitchurch-Stouffville landfill site on Highway 48, is appealing a ruling by the Ministry of the Environment last April, rejecting a proposed expansion of the site. A 14-month deadline was set at that time for closing it out.

Paul Mingay, solicitor for the town, told the hearing he had been negotiating on behalf of the town in the matter, and requested another week's adjournment, "so that further negotiations may continue."

Rob Timberg, appearing for the Concerned Citizens of Stouffville, said his clients had prepared for a maximum of three week's adjournment. Should it go beyond that (next week) they wouldn't agree.

However, after board chairman, Lois DeGroot, said the board wouldn't be available until another two weeks, Timberg, after conferring with his clients, agreed to the extra time.

Murray Chusid, representing

York Sanitation, Carol Olchowski, Ministry of the Environment, and two private citizens; R. Amsterdam, appearing for Keith Hutchinson, a resident of Highway 48; and Eric R. Button, solicitor for Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, all agreed to the two-week delay.

The hearing will now resume Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Markham Centennial Centre.

Top speaker

Judges that included Bob Cressman, Director of York Region Board of Education; Patti Grand, Vice-Chairwoman of the Board and Pat Hunter, President of the Women's Teachers Federation.

The popular Ballantrae area student was a regional finalist in 1981.

John will be formally introduced to the board of trustees at a meeting later this month.