

Fair must be itself-Walker



Rogers Gardham (left), President of Markham Fair in 1977, presented Bill Walker, Fair President in '82 with three framed Pat Wheeler cartoons and an action photo taken by The Tribune.

bune, when the Markham and East York Agricultural Society held its annual meeting, Jan. 12.

—Jim Thomas.

'First---a dream'

MARKHAM — "A dream and a lot of debt" That's how Markham Fair Past-President Rogers Gardham described the vision that belonged to board members of the mid-70's, a vision, he said that was to result in the biggest show in the Society's 127 year history.

Mr Gardham, the Fair's finance chairman, spoke at the annual meeting, Wednesday night.

In his remarks, he paid special tribute to the memory of the late Howard Cosburn who, he said, had helped fashion that dream into a reality.

It was Mr Cosburn,

he said, who had always stressed strong management and strict budgeting practices, a policy that had helped the Fair through bad years as well as good.

Gardham referred to the comment "more luck than good management", then turned it around, saying: "Through good management, one can have good luck".

He noted that 1982 would go down as the nation's worst year in half a century, and yet,

Friend, Steering Their Way To Markham Fair, 1982".

In accepting the gift, Harvey explained how son Paul represented the sixth generation of Brown's to farm in the former Twp. of Markham. He also told of the procedures necessary in locating the steer at a point on 18th Avenue, Markham, so the farm buildings would show up in the background! This included leading the animal across busy Hwy. 48.

A third presentation was to Helen Lambert of Windridge Drive, Markham—a 15-year pin and certificate.

Mrs Lambert was to have been recognized at the President's Ball following the Fair, but could not attend due to a fall that fractured her arm. She is a chief organizer of the Fair's flower show, an exhibit that President Walker described as a "tremendous".

The cartoons were published in The Tribune and the Markham Economist and Sun.

Mr Gardham also presented Past-President Harvey Brown with a framed color photo of Paul Brown, Harvey's son, holding a prized Hereford bull. The picture, taken by Sjoerd Witteveen of the Economist and Sun, was entitled "Paul Brown And

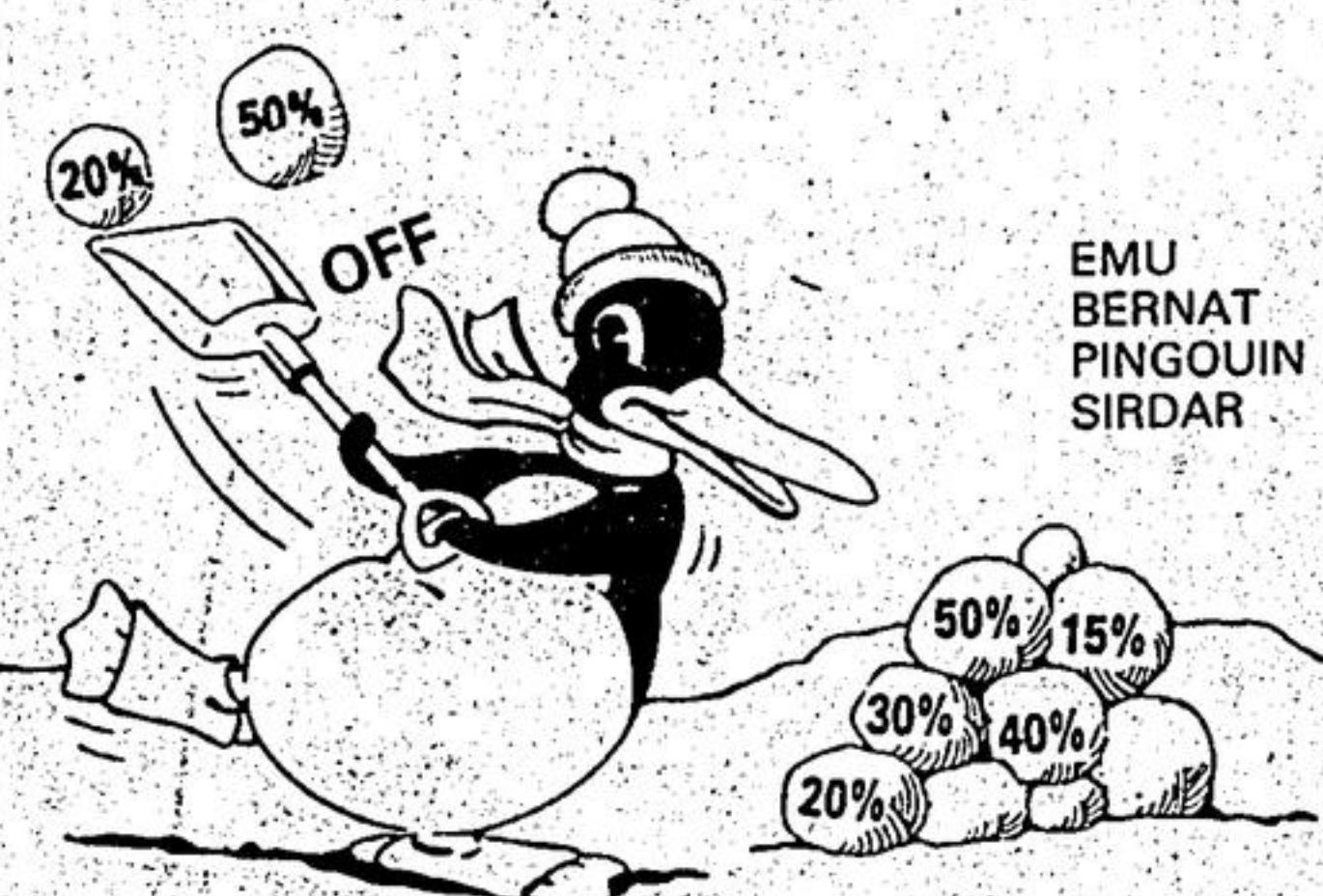
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Be ourselves or we are nothing".

Bill Walker, the 1982 President of Markham Fair left his audience with this challenge when he addressed the annual meeting of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, Wednesday night.

The Fair, he said, is different things to different people. To some, it's an historical society; to others, it's a community service organization and to still others, it's a theme park. In reality,

however, it's none of these, he said, neither is it a C.N.E. or a Royal.

"We must learn increasingly to be ourselves; if not, we are nothing," he stressed.

Mr. Walker said his desire in '82 was to bridge the gap between the urban and the rural residents and, to this end, he felt much success had been achieved.

"We must remember there are people sitting in the stands who don't understand what farm life is all about."

Carrie Purcell, Karen Riseborough, Robin Scott and Dave Snowball.

out—it must be explained," he said.

Walker pointed to Old McDonald's Farm as a prime example. "It was more than a petting zoo," he said, "it was a teaching area".

The president mentioned specifically the work of Terry O'Connor and Jennie Mann. The Foodland (Ontario) display, he said, proved very successful. He described the entertainment tent as "a smash hit".

In his travels, Walker said he'd heard nothing but complimentary remarks concerning the Fair from all areas of the province. He thanked the directors and the committee chairmen for their help. "My gratitude to you is unending," he concluded.

President

MARKHAM — Barry Little, R.R. 1, Markham, is the 1983 President of Markham Fair.

He was the directors' unanimous choice at an election that followed the Society's annual meeting, Jan. 12. The 1st Vice-President is Bryan Armstrong, R.R. 3, Mount Albert. The 2nd Vice-President is Harold Snowball of Markham.

The Fair's Secretary-Manager is Gerald Mann, also of Markham.

Senior directors (Three Years) are Mary Cosburn, Ken Good, Norm Jarvis, Dave Morrison, Glenn Mowder and Dr. Terry O'Connor.

Diane Ward, R.R. 4, Stouffville, was elected a director for 1983.

Junior directors (One Year) are Linda Lewis, Steve Mowder,

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