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Police charge Uxbridge man

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A 23-year-old Uxbridge Twp. man was charged with a variety of offences including impaired driving early Saturday.

A Beaver Road resident was stopped in that area by two Durham Regional Police officers at about 12:30 a.m., according to a police report. The man

attempted to hide under his vehicle in an unsuccessful attempt to allude police.

After submitting to a breathalyzer test, he was charged with driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08, as well as breach of recognizance and driving while under suspension.

The man blew twice the legal limit in two consecu-

tive tests, police report.

He had also broken curfew, one of the conditions imposed when he was previously released on his own recognizance. He has been charged by Ontario Provincial Police for sex offences, including rape, police said.

Investigate incident

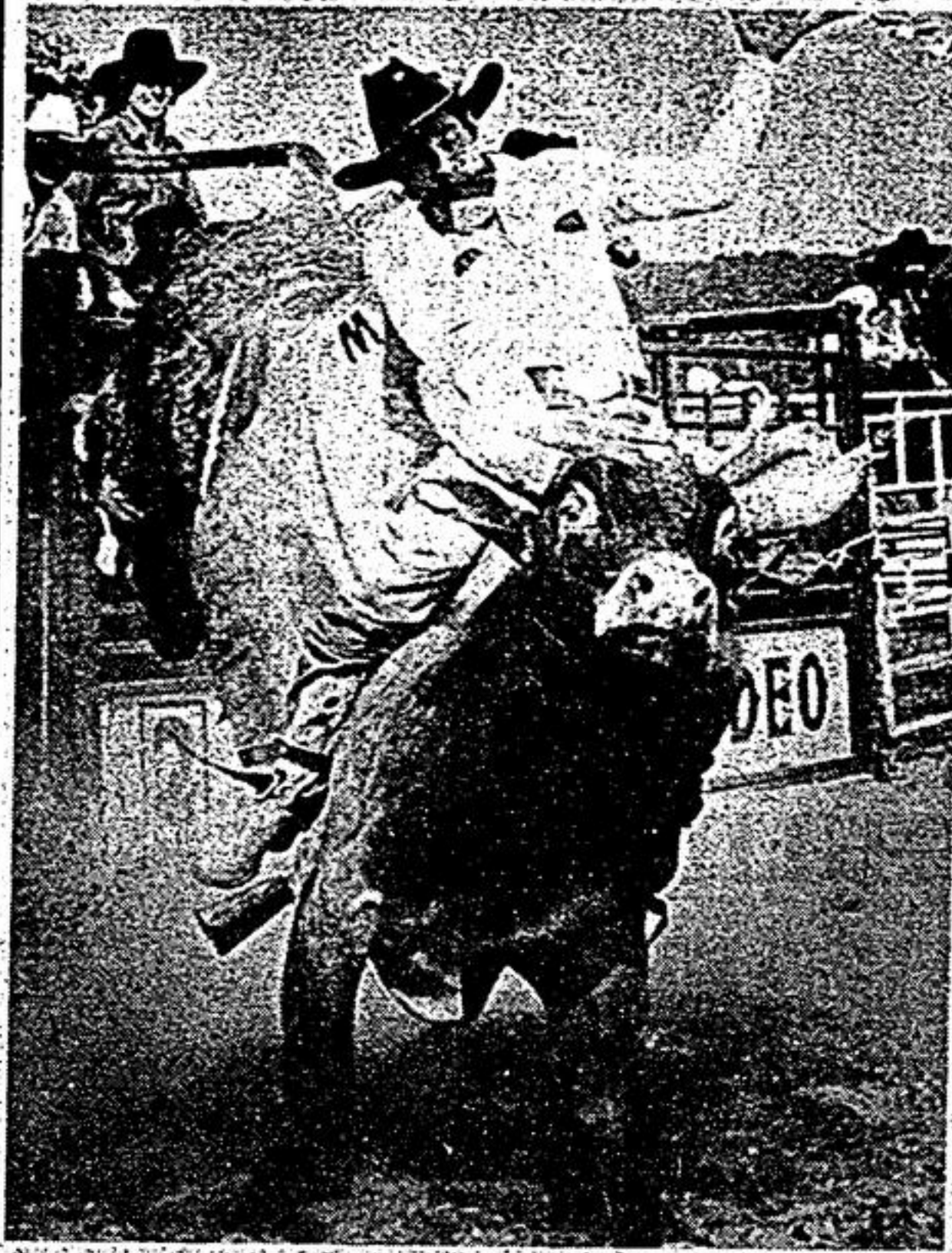
Durham Regional Police are investigating the alleged use of a dangerous weapon after a weekend incident in downtown Uxbridge.

A man apparently used an axe to threaten other persons, police said. No charges have been laid.

Police also report some vehicular accidents plus cases of impaired driving and break and enter in the Uxbridge area over the holiday weekend.

A two-year-old Brock Twp. girl was pronounced dead Monday morning after a weekend accident in her family pool. Diana Curtis was first rushed to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital then to a city hospital for trauma treatment. She died at about 11 a.m. Monday.

Ride 'em cowboys



Bull riding thrills rodeo fans

Cowboys display some unique riding styles during a rodeo held at Pleasure Valley outdoor recreation centre Sunday. Bull riding was especially popular with the hundreds of spectators on hand for the 'Rough Stock

Rodeo' presentation. Ed Walls of Toronto won this event with a score of 69 atop a bull named Herbie. Sunny skies helped attract another large crowd for a second show holiday Monday.

Begin testing hamlet wells

CLAREMONT — Drilling of test wells in two locations were to begin today (Aug. 8), with at least two more to follow in the near future.

The test wells - the first to be at Claremont Public School and the Royal Canadian Legion - will help determine the hamlet's best alternative water supply.

Project data will be used by the Ministry of Environment to evaluate the potential for either private replacement wells or a communal system.

Northern Well Drilling Li-

imited of Unionville has the contract.

A water study prepared last summer indicated that a high percentage of Claremont's wells and septic tank systems were unsatisfactory.

The drilling work, estimated at a cost of \$88,000, is expected to be complete by mid-fall, at which time ministry officials will sit down with other involved agencies and study the findings. A decision could be ready by the early part of 1985.

Rider hits stride at Olympics



Kelly Plitz

CLAREMONT — Kelly Plitz came up with some outstanding performances last week at the Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Calif.

The 26-year-old Claremont rider placed 25th against the world's top competitors in the individual three-day event final.

She also paced the Canadian eventing team to a 10th place overall finish, behind such world powers as the United States (first place), Britain, West Germany, France and Australia.

While Canada trailed after the dressage portion of the three-discipline event, Kelly and her teammates Edie Traves, Martha Griggs and Liz Ashton made up ground in the endurance and jumping categories.

Kelly, the daughter of Doug and Carol Plitz, R.R. 2, Claremont, has established herself as one of Canada's bright hopes for the future.

Although she's been riding most of her life, she's still considered a young competitor in international

equestrian circles. "Riders seem to be in their prime in their mid to late thirties," she said before her trip to L.A. "In this sport you have a long career. It's rare to all of a sudden get the gold medal."

The north Pickering resident, who rides an 11-year-old horse called 'Dialdream', has realistic goals.

She wants to gradually move up in world rankings as she gains experience and confidence.

"Right now, I know who I'm competing against.

Making the top 20 is realistic. In years to come, though, I'd like to make the top three," she said.

Kelly hopes that she'll be able to ride 'Dialdream' at the 1988 Olympic Games.

"In the future I'd like to keep this mare at the top. If she's still sound she could compete in Korea," she commented.

The horse and rider are no strangers to international competition, having travelled to the 1982 world championships in West Germany.

Chairman race on hold

DURHAM REGION — A regional chairmanship race will likely not develop until after the federal election, according to a former candidate for that post.

John Aker, an Oshawa alderman who lost a close decision to Uxbridge resident Gary Herrema in the 1980 election, said chair-

hopefuls will want to make sure the seat is open before announcing their intentions.

Mr. Herrema, the present chairman of Durham Region, is the federal Liberal candidate in Ontario riding.

Mr. Aker said he personally doesn't believe the region will have to find a re-

placement after the Sept. 5 federal election.

The Oshawa alderman, known to be a Tory supporter, feels Mr. Herrema will have a tough time defeating Progressive Conservative incumbent Scott Fennell. Geoff Rison is representing the New Democratic Party.

A number of the region's mayors may run in the event Herrema wins and a chairman election is required.

Those mentioned as possible candidates include mayors Jack Anderson of Pickering, Allan Pilkey of Oshawa, Al McPhail of Brock and Bob Attersley of Whitby.

Steam Days

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The 13th annual Steam Threshing Days will be held Aug. 25 and 26 at the Uxbridge Scott Museum grounds, Quaker Hill.

Steam engines, threshing machines and saws will be featured at this year's program sponsored by Uxbridge Scott Historical Society. It runs from 11 to 5 p.m. on both the Saturday and Sunday.

Other exhibits will include a shingle mill, baker fan, drag saws, gas and oil engines, cider mill, pioneer arts and crafts, model buildings, and antique cars and trucks. There will also be musical entertainment, plus museum displays and demonstrations.

To host horse show

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Brock Hill Farm equestrian centre is hosting a hunter-jumper competition on Sunday, Aug. 12.

The Seagram Trillium show will have a total of 24 classes. Hunter events begin at 9 a.m., while jumper divisions get underway at noon.

There will be a champion and reserve named in each class. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded in all events and prizemoney will be offered in some disciplines.

Allan Clarkson of the Schomberg area will be hunter judge and Toronto's Annie Dupont will look after jumper. Steward is Richard Smith of Richmond Hill.

A total of three rings will be in use including a new jumper area.

Regular entries closed Aug. 6 but post entries will be accepted until and on show day.

Brock Hill Farm is located on Brock Road, just north of Claremont.

Proposal goes to hearing

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Objections over a proposed special care home for former mental patients has been referred to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing.

Patricia and Doug Weddel's plan to care for previously institutionalized people in their home, Part Lot 26, Con. 4, drew concern from neighboring residents, who're worried about the consequences of locating such an operation in the area.

Potential growth of the home was another concern, although Mrs. Weddel has assured members of the planning and development committee that she plans to have no more than seven residents. The Weddel family would also reside in the home.

Requirements would allow a maximum of 10 residents, otherwise the property would have to be rezoned to allow for a nursing home.

A restricted area bylaw has already been passed by Uxbridge Twp. Council, allowing a Home for Special Care.



Karts come under starter's orders

Racers roar away to a start during the 1984 Canadian Karting Championships held in Uxbridge Twp. over the weekend. Top competitors powered their speedy machines around the Goodwood Kartways course, including members of the local Durham Karting Club who used their home track to advantage.

—Chris Shanahan

Karters display skills

GOODWOOD — Some world-class drivers displayed their racing skills here Saturday and Sunday at the 1984 Canadian Karting Championships.

Goodwood Park Kartways played host to top competitors from Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario.

The elite field included Scarborough's Paul Tracy, fresh from a sixth place finish in the world junior championships in Laval, France.

Tracy, 15, defended his Canadian title in the prestigious Intercontinental A class during Sunday's final. He drove his Pepsi Challenger kart to victory ahead of second-place finisher David Nevin of Willowdale.

Robert Foteas of St. Romauld, Que., was another top performer, capturing the National class.

Tracy, a member of the local Durham Kart Club, was one of the favorites at last month's world junior meet in France. Despite a valiant effort he had to settle for the number six spot.

The young racer was up against 92 drivers representing 11 other countries.

He used his home track to advantage Sunday, enroute to the winner's circle. Many of his fellow drivers are also based at the Goodwood facilities.