

Drunk driver draws maximum sentence

WHITBY — A County Court Judge handed down a maximum prison sentence on a charge of dangerous driving because he was aware, a lynch mob was after the accused, according to the convicted man's Defence Attorney. "I hear there's quite a lynch mob up there (Uxbridge)," said defence attorney Gary McNeely, shortly after Clive DeNyke was sentenced to two years less a day on a charge of dangerous driving.

"The judge was aware of that and personally

that's why I think he (DeNyke) got such a big sentence," the attorney said.

Mr. McNeely, who had suggested a sentence of between six and nine months, admitted the judgement was at least twice as severe as he'd anticipated.

Moments before hearing sentence, Mr. DeNyke expressed his sorrow about the accident that killed an Uxbridge nurse.

"I appreciate it, I have full comprehension. I fully understand what has taken place," Mr.

DeNyke told the court. "I would not wish anyone to feel the pain I'm feeling, nor would I wish anyone to experience the pain of the victim."

Judge F.E. Dunlap said he wasn't going to chastise Mr. DeNyke, although he made it clear it was his duty to reflect the seriousness of the offence through his sentence.

Mr. DeNyke, of Pickering, received a term of two years less a day on a reduced charge of dangerous driving (which was originally

criminal negligence causing death).

He's prohibited from driving for three years effective the day of his release, at which time he'll be placed on three years probation. He was also ordered not to partake in alcoholic beverages of any kind to excess.

It was recommended that Mr. DeNyke serve his two-year sentence at Brampton's Ontario Correctional Institute where he'll be able to receive treatment.

A second charge of dangerous driving (re-

duced from criminal negligence causing bodily harm) brought two years less a day concurrent, while a count of driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08 drew a concurrent six-month term. A fourth charge of impaired driving was dropped.

The conviction stems from an accident early on the morning of July 1, 1983, following a June 30 dance held on Brock Street, Uxbridge. Lois Graham, an Uxbridge nurse, was killed at the

scene when struck by a vehicle driven by Mr. DeNyke.

Durham Regional Police evidence show that Mr. DeNyke registered 170 and 180 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood in breathalyzer tests about an hour after the accident.

"Really, Mr. DeNyke, you've got a problem with drinking," Judge Dunlap said in court Thursday. He then asked the 41-year-old father of two if he was aware of such a

problem. "That's a hard one to handle," Mr. DeNyke responded, noting that he doesn't keep liquor around the house.

Mr. McNeely described Mr. DeNyke as man of "good character" who has a good work history, but just happens to have a bad driving record.

However, Crown Attorney Doug Brown argued that a letter of reference from Mr. DeNyke's employer was no real "evidence of character."

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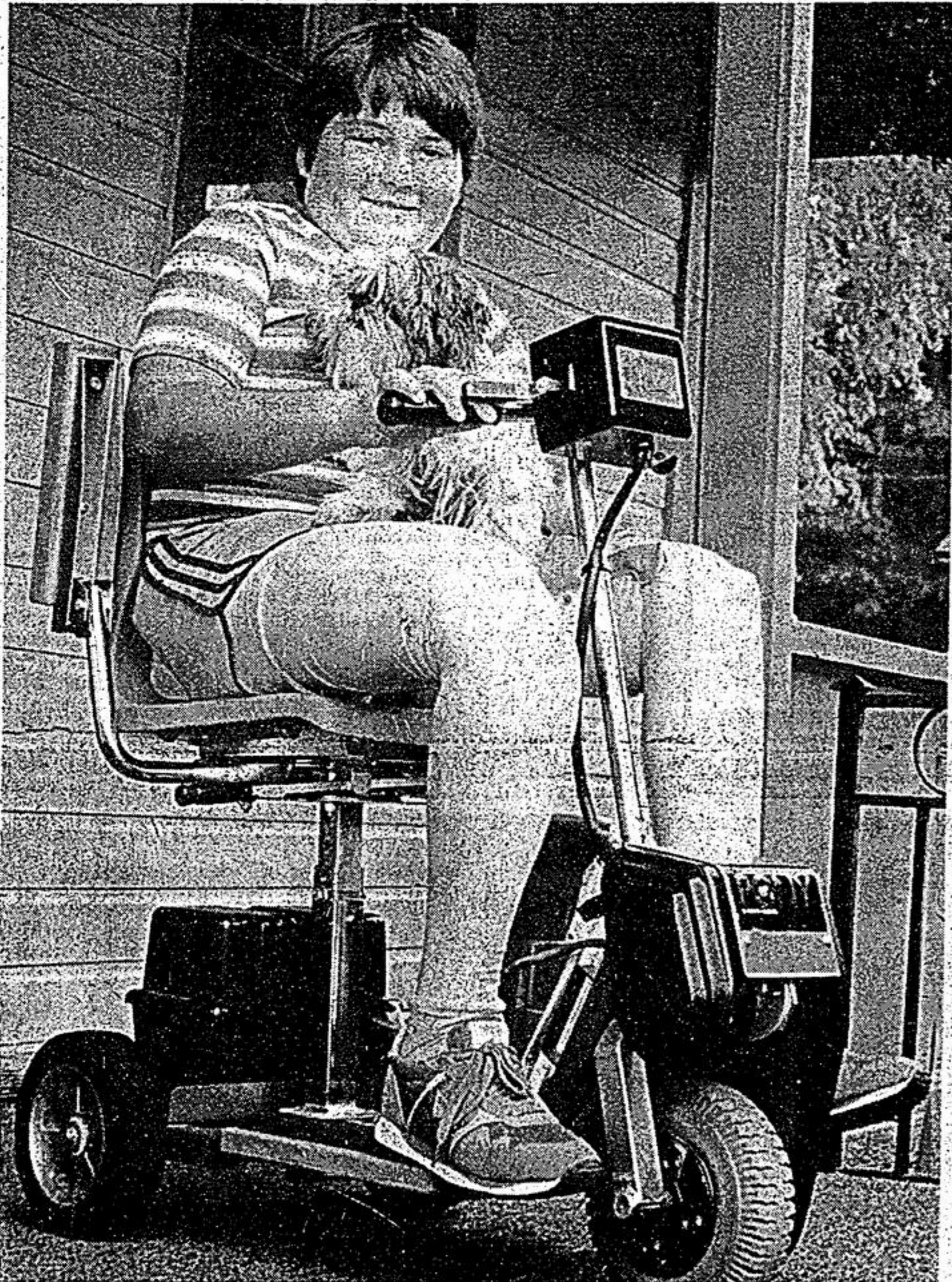
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Jeff Card is joined by family pet 'Fluffy' as he sits in a motorized scooter donated by War Amputations of Canada. The Claremont youngster has received considerable help from the organization - which aids child amputees through its CHAMP program - since he lost both legs in a farm accident back in the Spring of 1983. He was recently fitted with a new set of artificial limbs at the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre.

—Chris Shanahan

Jeff Card of Claremont Youth displays courage after tragic farm accident

CLAREMONT — Jeff Card's been described by a lot of people as a 'real champ' - and it's easy to see why.

Despite a disability that would demoralize most, the bright Claremont youngster has kept right on going.

It's been well over a year since Jeff had both his legs severed in a farm accident near his Claremont home.

Now, he's involved in the activities most 10-year-olds enjoy. He recently achieved his Red Cross Maroon swimming and also partakes in hunting and fishing.

Jeff's parents Richard and Patty are loud in their praise of the support provided by War Amputations of Canada, particularly through their Child AMPutees (CHAMP) program.

"They were there right from the beginning," Mrs. Card said. "The support they've given us has been terrific."

The association, first established in 1920 by amputees disabled in the First World War, now provides assistance to all Canadian amputees through the key tag return service.

War amp officials sincerely believe in the motto "it's not what's lost, but what's left," and this has provided a big moral boost, according to Mrs. Card.

Special gifts to Jeff have included a motorized 'Pony' scooter and a trip to last

year's Grey Cup Game in Vancouver, B.C.

CHAMP provides costs including travel to clinics

that aren't met by the government and are provided. And another program well known to Jeff and the Card

family is Playsafe, which provides educational information on a variety of safety topics.

Lake residents denied winter maintenance

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A group of Wagner Lake residents will have to go somewhere other than the township for winter road maintenance.

Over 30 Lake residents signed a petition requesting

the township consider removing snow from the Conc. 7 access to Wagner Lake during the winter months.

Elvira Varga, representing the petitioning cottagers at a council meeting Thursday, expressed concern that there's no winter access for emergency vehicles such as police, fire and ambulance.

However, Mrs. Varga was informed that the township has no intention of removing snow from unapproved

roads such as the one at Wagner Lake.

The request was rejected as it is not an approved road and is zoned seasonal residential and environmental protection.

Councillor Sandy Ewen suggested the residents get together and line up their own contractor to do the work.

"It really is primarily a cottage area," Mayor Bill Ballinger noted.

Riding candidates will debate issues

CLAREMONT — Hamlet residents will get a first-hand look at Ontario Riding candidates during a meeting Monday, Aug. 27.

Claremont United Church is sponsoring the election forum, which will include Progressive Conservative incumbent Scott Fennell, Liberal Gary Herrema and New Democratic Party candidate Geoff Rison. The seat - which comprises Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Uxbridge - will be decided in the Sept. 4 federal election.

The meeting, to be held in the United Church Hall, is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. with each candidate delivering a five minute statement.

The format will then allow participants the chance to debate with one another for a total of 15 minutes.

Afterwards, the meeting will be opened to questions from the floor for a full hour.

Coffee will be served and voters will have an opportunity to meet the candidates personally.

To host flower show

UXBRIDGE — Uxbridge Horticultural Society will present its annual flower show this Saturday, Aug. 18, from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The event, to be held at the Anglican Church Hall, Toronto Street South, will include a plant and white elephant sale table.

Plants, pots, vases, flowers and homebaking will be on sale throughout the show.

Convenors are Helen Wilson and Mildred Milne.

Admission, including tea, is \$1.

Liberals host luncheon

DURHAM REGION — Gary Herrema, the federal Liberal candidate for Ontario Riding, is inviting constituents to have lunch with the Prime Minister.

John Turner will be visiting Oshawa tomorrow (Aug. 16) for a special luncheon at the Polish Veterans Hall. It begins at 11:30 p.m.

Ontario Riding is one of

three sister ridings invited to participate.

Luncheon tickets are available from Mr. Herrema's campaign offices in Uxbridge (852-6113), Ajax or Whitby. Price of \$10 per person includes a full roast beef meal.

Mr. Herrema, an Uxbridge resident who is serving his second term as Durham Region chairman, said he is excited about the fact the Prime Minister Turner will spend some time in Ontario Riding during the election campaign.

The local candidate feels these visits will provide many local constituents with the opportunity to meet Mr. Turner personally.

Steam!

UXBRIDGE TWP. — The hiss of steam engines; the chuff and whir of the threshing machine; and the put-put of oil and gas engines will all be heard loud and clear.

The Uxbridge-Scott Historical Society will make sure of that when holding its 13th annual Steam Threshing Days Aug. 25 and 26.

The event runs from 1 to 5 p.m. both the Saturday and Sunday at the museum grounds, Quaker Hill.

Concert series sparks interest

UXBRIDGE — The announcement of Uxbridge Music Hall's 1984-85 concert series has drawn excellent early response.

Many past subscribers have wasted no time reserving their tickets for the three-show package lined up by the Music Hall entertainment committee.

The Tapestry Singers, a nationally recognized theatre company, launch the series with an Uxbridge performance Nov. 17, 1984. The group's song and

dance tribute to Ontario's Bicentennial entitled 'Dominion Chataqua' has been described as "a wonderful mixture of comedy, music and typically Canadian shenanigans."

The Canadian Children's

Opera Chorus, made up of singers aged eight to 16, are scheduled for Feb. 23, 1985, at which time they'll present a medley of selections from stage shows and specially commissioned works.

Country-folk entertainer

Sylvia Tyson and The Great Speckled Bird will offer a nice change of pace during their April 20 concert.

Tickets, which will first be offered to past subscribers, go on sale to the general public next month. The series package costs \$25.

Uxbridge athlete collects medals

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Mark Zillman earned five medals during the Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled in Toronto Aug. 9 to 12.

The 16-year-old R.R. 2, Uxbridge resident won silver medals in the 800 and 3,000 metre races and the team goal ball event. He

took bronze in 1,500 metre race and wrestling.

Mark has now qualified for the provincial team that will compete in the Canadian championships at Winnipeg, Man., beginning Aug. 23.

Categories are divided into wheelchair, amputee, blind and cerebral palsy.

Riders set to arrive

UXBRIDGE TWP. — Rolling through the region on a historic journey, trail riders will reach the Uxbridge area early Saturday, Aug. 18.

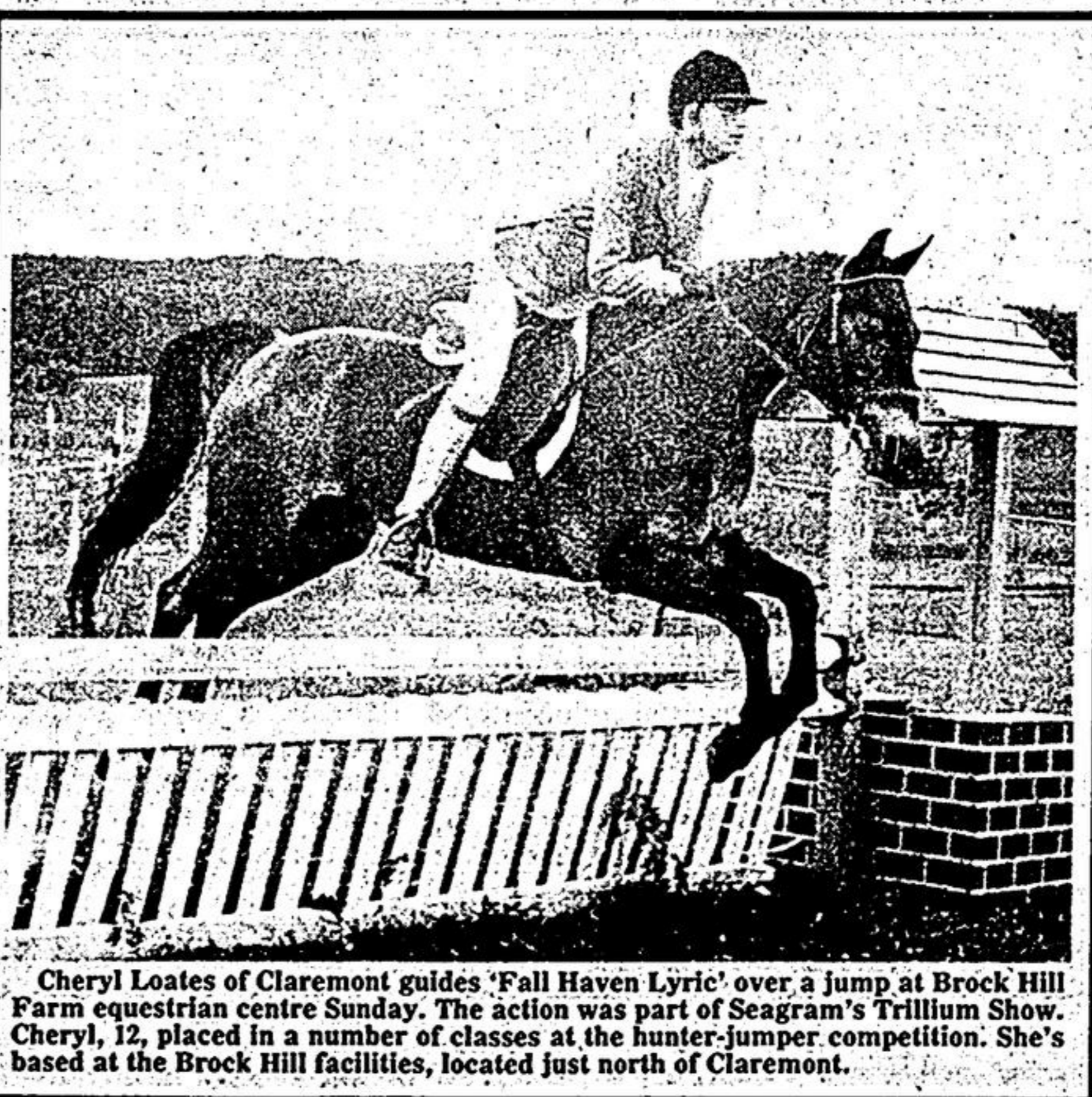
It's all part of a Journey into Yesterday, a Bicentennial project sponsored by the Ontario Trail Riders Association.

The riders will leave the Port Perry area at about 8:30 a.m. Saturday and join up at the Uxbridge forest (just south of Durham Road 21) at 1 p.m. The Journey will then

visit Friends Meeting House and Uxbridge-Scott Museum, where a scroll signing will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.

Organizers are hoping many local descendants of the early settlers will turn out and ink the original scroll.

'A Journey Into Yesterday' continues on to York Region Sunday, Aug. 19, near Ballantrae and Tuesday, Aug. 21, when a scroll signing will be staged at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vancor.



Cheryl Loates of Claremont guides 'Fall Haven Lyric' over a jump at Brock Hill Farm equestrian centre Sunday. The action was part of Seagram's Trillium Show. Cheryl, 12, placed in a number of classes at the hunter-jumper competition. She's based at the Brock Hill facilities, located just north of Claremont.

Fair Queen
Jodi Armstrong is representing Uxbridge Fair in the Miss C.N.E. Pageant in Toronto today (Aug. 15). The contest officially kicks off the Exhibition for another summer. Jodi, R.R. 2, Uxbridge, will compete against other Fair Queens from across the province.