

# The 'baby place' much appreciated

Markham Fair offers many 'services' that are much appreciated by those who use them, but totally ignored by those who don't.

The Baby Place is one. Last year, 580 mothers (and grandmothers) took advantage of a trailer, located north of the General Exhibits Building, to feed and change their children (and grandchildren). This year, the number was expected to far exceed this figure. Jenny Mann headed up the project.

A staff of seven is required to handle The Baby Place, Lorraine Tabbornor of Markham told The Tribune. They work on two-hour shifts. It's all volunteer.

Previously, mothers found it necessary to use whatever conveniences were available, including benches, tables and washrooms. All diapers are donated.

"The trailer's too small, we need something larger," Mrs. Tabbornor said. On many occasions there was a lineup to get in.

"I love babies," said this mother of four and grandmother of four, "it's a super experience." The greatest joy, she said, is when a mother lets her hold a child. It brings back memories.

Mrs. Tabbornor suggests, however, the name of the trailer should be changed from "The Baby Place" to "Bottoms Up".

# Join honor roll



## Howard Cosburn Memorial Plaque

The name of Whitchurch-Highlands School will be engraved on the Howard Cosburn Memorial Plaque. Highlands' students had the most award-winning entries at Markham Fair this year. Receiving the award here from Jennifer Cosburn (right) is Whitchurch-Highlands' teacher Marie Lloyd.

# Show's best

Spinning wheels are usually old, (often antiques), and admired mainly by those who relate to that era.

At Markham Fair, there was a spinning wheel on display that was brand new. It was admired by viewers of all ages.

Its maker is Tom Forrester, of 46 Raymerville Drive, Markham, a town resident 2 1/2 years. It won Best of Show in the Craft Division.

"I wanted to provide my wife with something functional," Mr. Forrester told The Tribune. Both are members of the Markham Guild of Village Crafts.

The spinning wheel that attracted so much interest, was made 'from scratch' out of black walnut boards and took about 80 hours to complete. The intricate work is difficult for the layman to comprehend. Even Mr. Forrester admits "it was quite a challenge."

What makes it even more unique—it works. It's already provided Mrs. Forrester many hours of practical pleasure.

"Woodworking's my hobby," Mr. Forrester says. Prior to coming to Markham, he was employed on the staff of the Rochester Institute of Technology. He's now a training officer with Ontario Hydro.

# Top speller

By Jo-Ann Van Maurik  
Eleven-year-old John Shaw is champion speller of Markham Fair.

John, a Grade six student, attending Unionville Public School, correctly spelled the word "toupee."

Although John says his favorite subject is Spelling, he wants to pursue a career in Science.

Eleven-year-old Adrian Harris is the reserve champion.

Adrian, a Grade six student at Milliken Mills Public School, correctly spelled "dimension."

Prizes for the winners included a ribbon, a silver dollar and a goody bag. Don Russell, the judge and Robyn Scott, the chairperson, conducted the three-hour long contest.

It was an exciting afternoon for the 38 contestants and their parents.

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