

Weekender

Hi—ho come to the Fair

Tommy Hunter star of show

Hi-ho come to the Fair! The 130th annual Markham Fair opens Oct. 2.

And what an opening! Tommy Hunter, the "King of Country Music," will bring his travelling road show to the grounds Wednesday night including the talented Al Cherny, one of the top fiddle players in North America.

Time of the event is 8 p.m. on the racetrack. Admission to the grounds is the only cost.

The Tommy Hunter Show will be preceded by a precision motorcycle riding performance featuring the Golden Helmets of the Ontario Provincial Police at 7 p.m., also on the racetrack. An All Terrain Vehicle Pull will be held in the Livestock Arena at 7:30.

The live appearance of Tommy Hunter and Company has the Town buzzing with excitement. Hunter says he's excited too. "Markham Fair is 130 years old. I wasn't sure I'd make it or if they'd ever ask."

Credit for landing the Canadian television phenomenon goes to the Fair President himself, Harold Snowball. Harold called on Hunter at his Mississauga home, then went about finding several well-known firms to underwrite the cost.

He did the same for the train that will transport drivers and passengers from the parking lot to the main Fair site. Wang Canada Limited is subsidizing this expense.

Markham Fair's "official" opening is Thursday, Oct. 3. The Hon. Jack Riddell, Minister of Agriculture and Food, will cut the red ribbon at an 8 p.m. ceremony in the Livestock Building. Mr Riddell will be joined on the platform by Harold and Marion Snowball, 1st vice-president Mary Cosburn, 2nd vice-president

Rick Wannop; M.P. Anthony Roman; M.P.P. Don Cousens; Fair Queen Marie Beckett; Markham Mayor Carole Bell; Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Tom Wood and others.

Other feature attractions follow.

THURS., OCT. 3 — Markham 4-H Dairy Club Judging (10 a.m.); O.P.P. Golden Helmets (1 p.m.); Ayrshire Show (1 p.m.); O.P.P. Golden Helmets (6 p.m.); Holstein Show (7 p.m.)

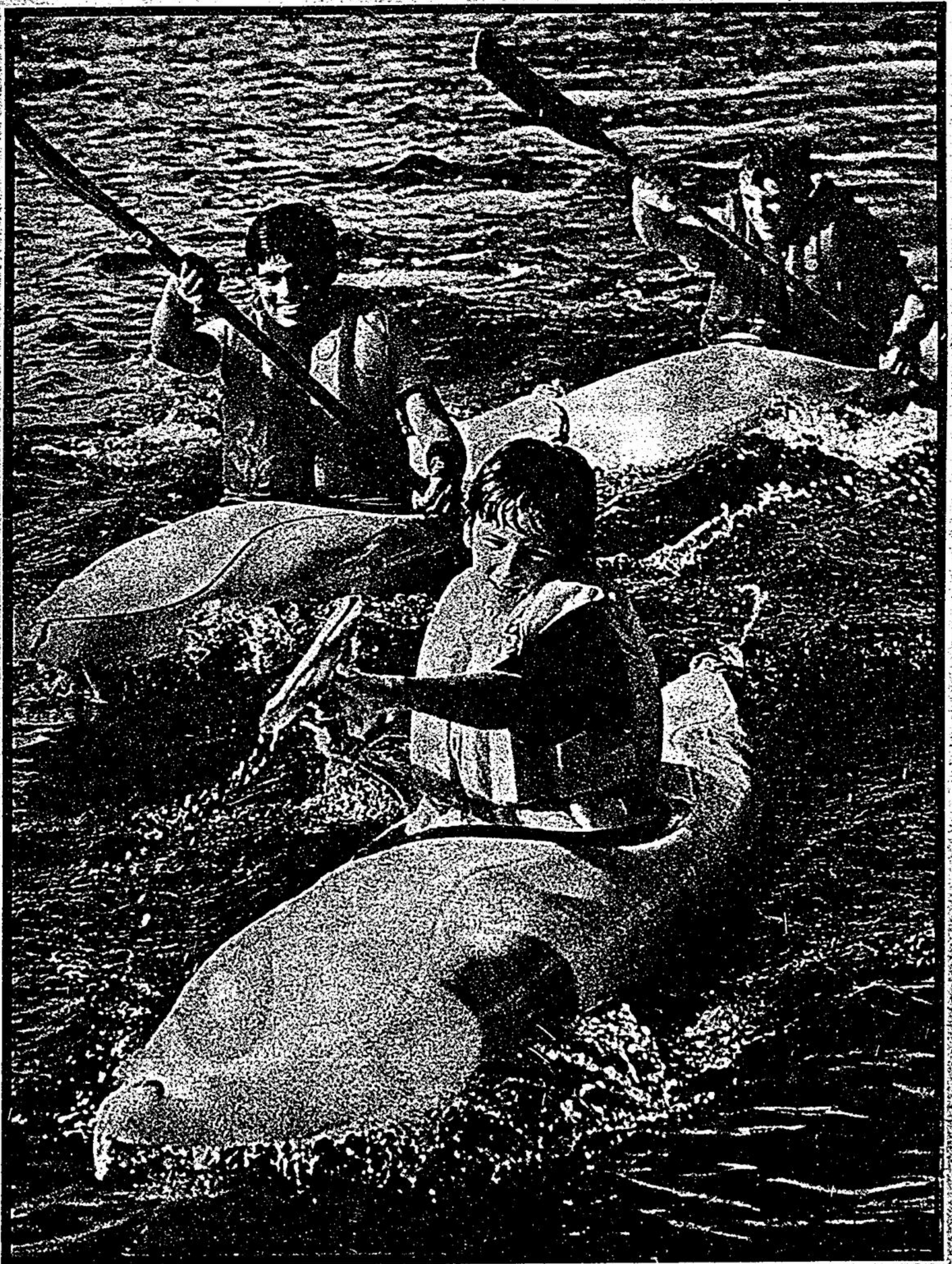
FRI., OCT. 4 — Markham 4-H Horse Club Show (9 a.m.); Heavy Horse Show (10 a.m.); School Children's Awards Presentation (1 p.m.); O.P.P. Golden Helmets (1 p.m.); Pet Show Registration (4:30 p.m.); Pet Show (5 p.m.); Tractor Pull (7 p.m.); Country & Western Show (8 p.m.)

SAT., OCT. 5 — Arabian Horse Show (9 a.m.); Baby Show (9 a.m.); York 4-H Beef Show (10:30 a.m.); Standard-Bred Racing (1:30 p.m.); Commercial Lamb and Steer Auction (4 p.m.); Greyhound Racing (5 p.m.); Challenge Race Between a Greyhound and a Quarter Horse (7 p.m.); Fiddling Contest (7 p.m.); Horse Pull (7 p.m.); Quarter Horse Racing (7:30 p.m.)

SUN., OCT. 6 — Parade Horse Show (10 a.m.); Pony Show (10 a.m.); Sheep Show (12 noon); Spelling Bee (1 p.m.); Angus Cattle Show (1 p.m.); Charolais Cattle Show (1 p.m.)

The buildings and grounds open at 6 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. Thursday to Saturday; 9 a.m. Sunday (grounds); 10 a.m. (buildings)

Admission is \$4 adults; \$3 senior citizens; \$1 children under 14. Wednesday, Friday, \$2 Saturday-Sunday, under 5 years, free; parking, two dollars.



Race to the finish

Markham District High School Grade 11 physical education students took advantage of the mild autumn weather Wednesday and took to the outdoors with kayak racing on the 16th Ave. pond. Jason

Barlow, 16, leads the way followed by Vikas Chawla, 16 and Bob Kerr, 16.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

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