

# Weekender

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## Uxbridge boy dead after pool mishap

A 2½-year-old boy drowned Tuesday in his grandparents' Whitchurch-Stouffville swimming pool.

Brandon Hallas, son of Nick and Anne Hallas, R.R. 1, Uxbridge, was transported to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

According to York Regional Police, the boy was discovered unconscious at 7:10 p.m. in a pool located on Conc. 9, north of Muselman's Lake.

Hallas was in the care of his

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osborne, while his mother was at work.

An investigation by Constable James McHardy has ruled the boy's death accidental.

A relative of the family declined comment on the incident when contacted Friday at the Hallas' home on Durham Region Road 8 in Siloam.

A private memorial service will be held today (July 5) at 1 p.m. in Siloam United Church.

## Residents plan fight against music festival

Some residents in the north Pickering community of Brougham are determined to block promoter Rick Johnson's attempts to continue his controversial County Jamboree.

The country music festival is scheduled for July 18-20 on Mr. Johnson's rented Brock Road farm property just north of Hwy. 7. It features entertainment by more than 20 Canadian bands plus attractions like a talent search contest and celebrity slow-pitch ball tournament.

Hamlet resident Doreen Simpson is one of a group of neighboring ratepayers who claim the jamboree must be stopped because of excessive noise, vandalism and general rowdiness in previous years.

And the citizens have expressed their concerns to sympathetic town and regional officials as well as to Chief Jon Jenkins of Durham Regional Police.

But Mrs. Simpson claims the jamboree operator has just "thumbed his nose" at all opposing groups and individuals.

"I wonder how one man can get away with this in defiance of all

citizen groups and the police," she said.

Her next step is to try and have Public Works Canada — which manages the proposed jamboree site and the rest of federal airport holdings — to slap an injunction on the event organizer.

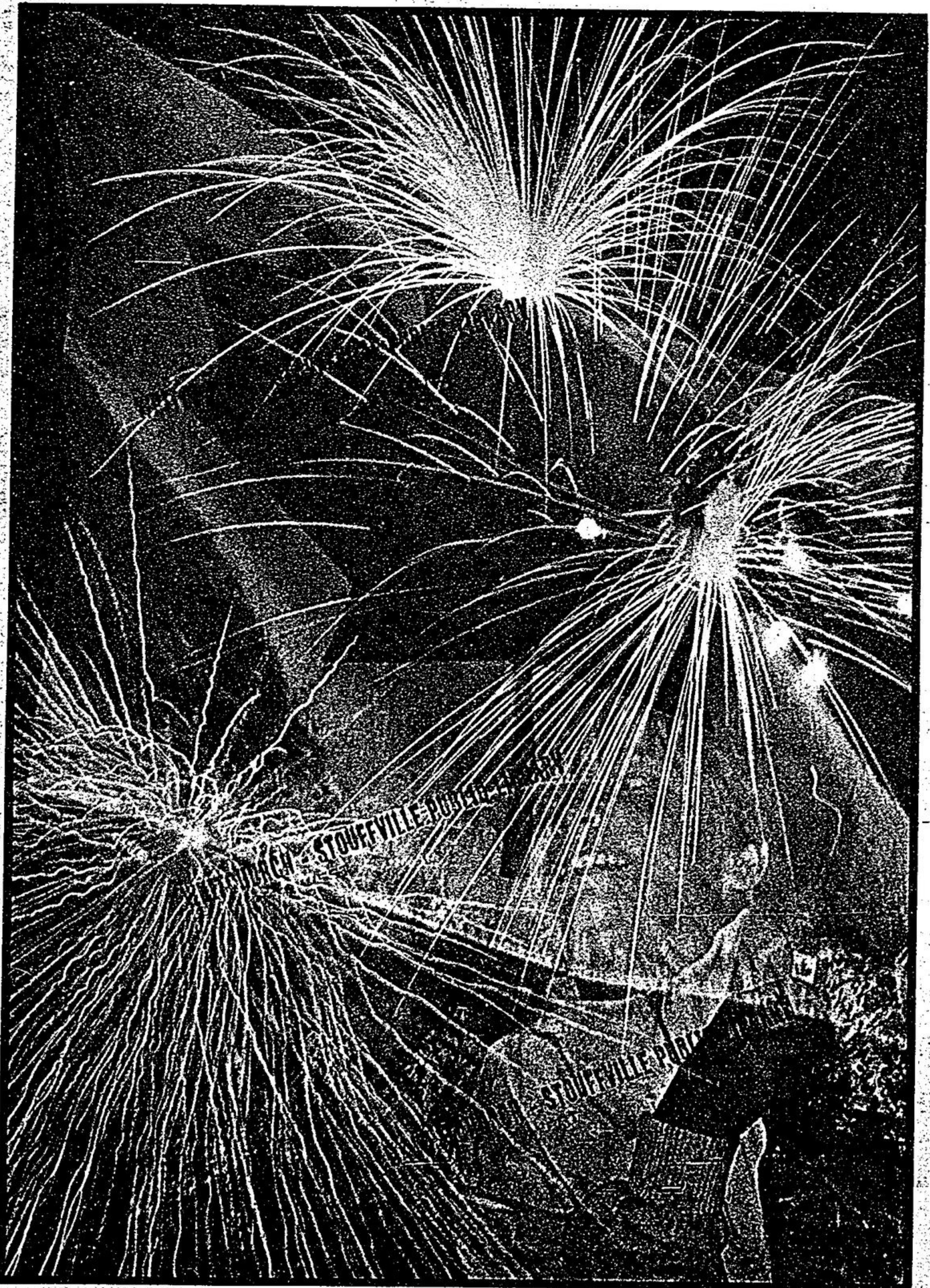
Mr. Johnson maintains that he has considerable community support around Brougham. He also claims his jamboree serves a valuable fund-raising function within the community.

According to a publicity poster, part of the proceeds from the 10th annual jamboree will go to the Canadian Cleft Lip and Palate Family Association.

The event will also include a bottle drive to fund minor sports, though advance literature notes that no bottles or glass will be allowed on site.

Entertainers lined up for the Brougham music festival include Terry Sumsion, Prairie Oyster, Myrna Lori, Anita Perras, Cyril Way, Rick Cormier, Jack Bailey, Tim Taylor, Joe Aylward, County Band, Whiskey Jack, Whiskey River, Harvest and Lost Wages.

For ticket information contact 839-6407 or 649-2295.



## Oh Canada! What a country!

Markham's Holly Schmidt, 13, looks on in awe as fireworks explode colorfully overhead during the Economist and Sun Birthday/Canada Day double celebration at Milne Park on Tuesday. A crowd of

about 7,000 turned out for the day's events that included children's games, music, food and laughter.

— Bill Lanning and Sjoerd Witteveen

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