

Elder statesman opens 1986 Fair



Ken Deacon, president of Markham Fair in 1944, officiated at opening ceremonies, Oct. 1, assisted by 21 other past-presidents. Here he's thanked by Mary Cosburn, Fair president 1986. —Jim Thomas



Thirty-one-year-old Clive Johnston, of no fixed address, spelled down all comers in a bee at Markham Fair Thursday night. Here Clive is congratulated and presented with a red rosette by Fair queen Lori Thompson of Stouffville. —Jim Thomas

Old MacDonald's Farm

Ravenshoe mules are farmer's pride

MARKHAM — Markham Fair's Old MacDonald's Farm never loses its appeal.

Every year, people of all ages file through the building and talk to the animals.

However, this year's edition had an added attraction—two handsome mules called 'Eddie' and 'Francis'. Their owner is Joe Clark of R.R. 1, Queensville.

"Smarter than the average horse," says Joe, "they've never balked on me once."

Joe's had Eddie the longest, close to nine years. Each weighs between a thousand and twelve hundred pounds.

While he's never hitched them up to heavy loads, they pull the farm sleigh and stoneboat with ease, Mr. Clark says.

The story goes, says Joe, that

Eddie is the foal of a thoroughbred mare and a mammoth Jack, half horse and half jack-ass. "Or as some people might say, a half-assed horse," laughs Joe.

Francis, on the other hand, is part Belgian, Joe believes. "You can tell by the nose," he says.

No one was poking fun at Eddie and Francis at Markham Fair. Rather, they were reaching out to touch them. And the pair responded affectionately to all the attention.

Joe Clark comes by his respect for mules honestly. His grandfather worked with mule teams in the southern United States. "They

were once a main source of horsepower," he explains.

Joe says he'd like to use them more, but doesn't have the time. Instead, they're sort of a hobby. He loans them out to various country fairs or shows them off to curious farm visitors.

Eddie and Francis don't eat as much as a single horse, says Joe, and they can't be over-fed.

Stubborn as a mule! Stupid as a jack-ass! Don't use that kind of language around Joe Clark. The truth of their worth is in the pulling and as Joe says, "they've never balked on me once."

Fair visitor Clive Johnston

He spells 'em down

MARKHAM — Clive Johnston, (of no fixed address) was winner of the Adult Spelling Bee at Markham Fair, Thursday.

This amazing man who calls himself a high class hobo, defeated all opponents, including Fair President Mary Cosburn, Homecraft Section President Doris Thomas and Publicity Committee Chairperson Diane Ward to take the title. The word that stumped the experts (except Clive) was 'supersede'.

Clive was walking past the Contest Stage just as the bee was about to begin and somebody hauled me in.

He explained that in all his years at school,

he'd never participated in a spelling match. "I always wanted to," he said. He jumped at the chance.

When questioned concerning his place of residence, Clive replied, "my address is the licence number on my motor home. I follow the sun."

After the Fair, he pointed his house on wheels west on Hwy. 401 and headed towards Detroit.

On leaving, Clive requested he be sent a newspaper clipping as proof of his accomplishment. "I want my wife to know I've succeeded at something," he said. She lives in Vancouver.

The spelling bee chairperson was Mary Webster.

Luncheon

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Legion Ladies Auxiliary (Branch 459), is holding a fall luncheon, Wednesday, Oct. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Legion Hall, Ninth Line North.

Tickets, (\$6), are available at The Tribune Office or by calling 640-1941, 640-3364 or 640-3604.

Thanksgiving

GLEN MAJOR — A special Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Glen Major Church, Uxbridge Twp., Sunday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.

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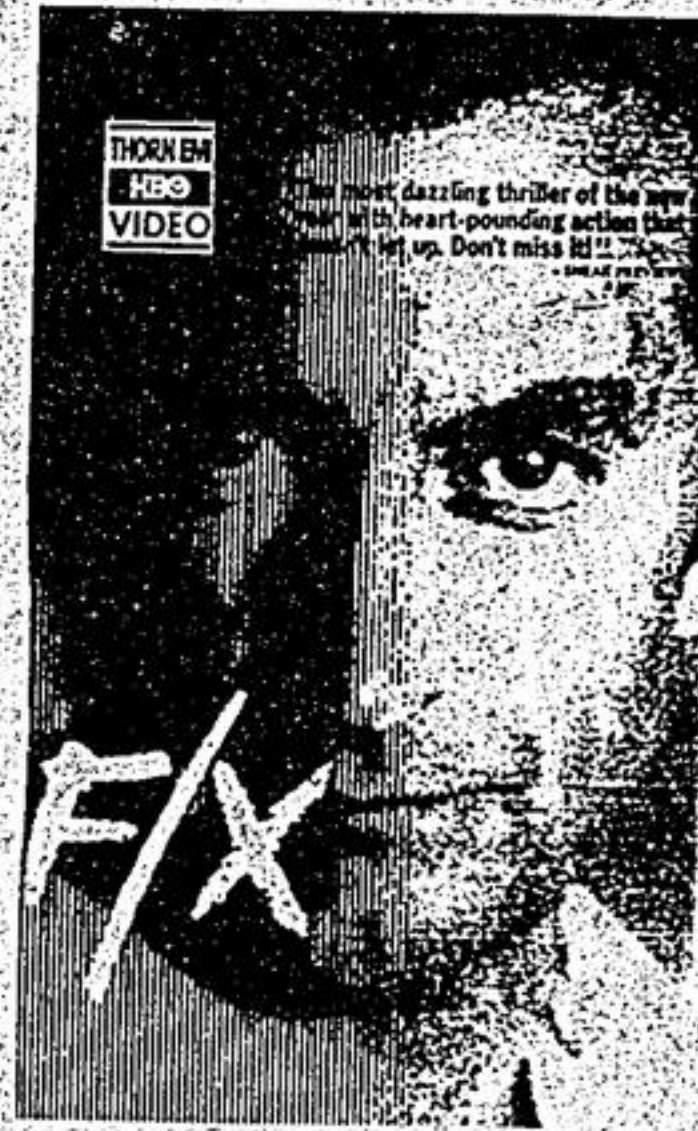
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