

## Charges pending in crash

**UXBRIDGE TWP.** — An anticipated announcement of charges stemming from an Aug. 28 crash between a school bus and dump truck has been delayed.

Durham Regional Police are expected to finalize charges today, but the information was not available at press time.

Police have concluded a lengthy investigation into the accident in conjunction with the Crown Attorney's office.

But a police spokesperson said the severity of the case has caused some delay.

Sources involved in the investigation earlier revealed that both drivers involved in the accident were to be charged with careless driving.

Dozens of passengers suffered minor injuries when a Charterways bus loaded with children and camp counsellors was in collision with a truck on Brock Road near the entrance to Pleasure Valley Park.

Nearly 50 members of the Whitby Youth Action group at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church were on their way to a day-long outing at the Uxbridge Twp. site at the time of the mishap.

## Guest speaker

**CLAREMONT** — The Claremont District Community Association holds a general meeting tonight (Oct. 8) at 8 p.m. The citizens' group will elect a new executive during the session at Claremont Community Centre. Area school trustee Lyn Craig is guest speaker.



## Three vehicles involved in foggy Hwy. 47 collision

The Bloomington Road Hwy. 47 junction was the scene of two motor vehicle accidents last week. On Friday at 3:15 p.m. two trucks and a motorcycle were involved in a pile-up during foggy weather. According to Whitby OPP, a stake truck driven by Tim Taylor, 27, of Brampton was attempting to make a U-turn on Hwy. 47 when it was struck by an eastbound pickup truck driven by Alex

Andrus, 38, of R.R. 4, Uxbridge. A 52-year-old Port Perry motorcyclist then collided with the pickup, but none of the drivers were seriously hurt. And on Sept. 30, two Toronto men escaped serious injury when their 1984 Honda left Hwy. 47 near York Region Road 30 and came to rest at the bottom of a steep embankment.

—Chris Shanahan

## Lions Club folds

**GOODWOOD** — Members of the Goodwood Lions Club have folded the chapter because there just isn't enough local interest to keep it going.

"It just got that the membership was down and no one in town seemed to want to join," former club president Brian Plewes said in a telephone interview. "I hated to see it go but you can only beat a dead horse so long."

He explained that a small group of dedicated service club volunteers met Sept. 29 and unanimously agreed to disband.

Earlier attempts were made to recruit new people, according to Mr. Plewes, however this was difficult due to the community's small size.

The club was chartered in March of 1981 and built a membership of about 14, but was comprised mainly of a core group of only six or seven men.

"We all agreed that just because there's no Lions Club, it doesn't mean we won't all still help out in the community," Mr. Plewes said.

About \$1,900 in remaining funds have been distributed by the Lions to a variety of groups, including Goodwood Brownies, Cubs and Beavers, minor ball as well as Uxbridge Cottage Hospital and Markham Stouffville Hospital.

A main club fund-raiser were regular bingo nights at the community centre, noted Mr. Plewes, who said some other organization may continue to operate these games in Goodwood.

## Success of Crime Stoppers pleases Durham officials

By CHRIS SHANAHAN  
**DURHAM REGION** — Tips to Toronto and Regional Crime Stoppers have led to the arrest of everyone from suspected murderers to alleged drug traffickers.

"Crime Stoppers works," said Durham Regional Police Sgt. Sandy Ryrrie, who uses impressive statistics to back up that claim.

Up to the end of July, the program was responsible for the arrest of 421 people on 1,203 charges in Metro Toronto and Durham, York and Peel regions. It also led to the recovery of \$255,229 in stolen property and the seizure of drugs with a street value of more than \$11.3 million.

Sgt. Ryrrie claimed calls to the hotline have increased at least threefold since Durham, York and Peel Regional Police forces joined with Metropolitan Toronto

Police in the Crime Stoppers network.

"Crime Stoppers received about 80 calls a month (before the other three forces became involved earlier this year) and now we're up to 400 calls a month," the Durham program co-ordinator said.

A main reason for its success, according to Sgt. Ryrrie, is the widespread support provided by the news media. Crime Stoppers is promoted through television re-enactments of unsolved crimes and with similar appeals in newspapers and on radio stations.

Callers to Crime Stoppers speak with a police officer who does not request names, but does take the information and assign code numbers.

Tips are investigated and callers are asked to phone back to be told if the information led to an arrest.

If an arrest is made, a caller is

eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000. The toll-free Crime Stoppers number is 1-800-387-8477.

Durham Regional Police Chief Jon Jenkins and police commission chairman Bob Attersley agree Crime Stoppers is a "cost effective program and definitely helps keep our streets safe."

Less than \$70 is being spent to resolve each case called to Crime Stoppers, which is a registered charitable organization. A volunteer board of directors, made up of citizens in the community, determine the amount of the reward and make payments to those supplying information.

Police are not involved when rewards are paid.

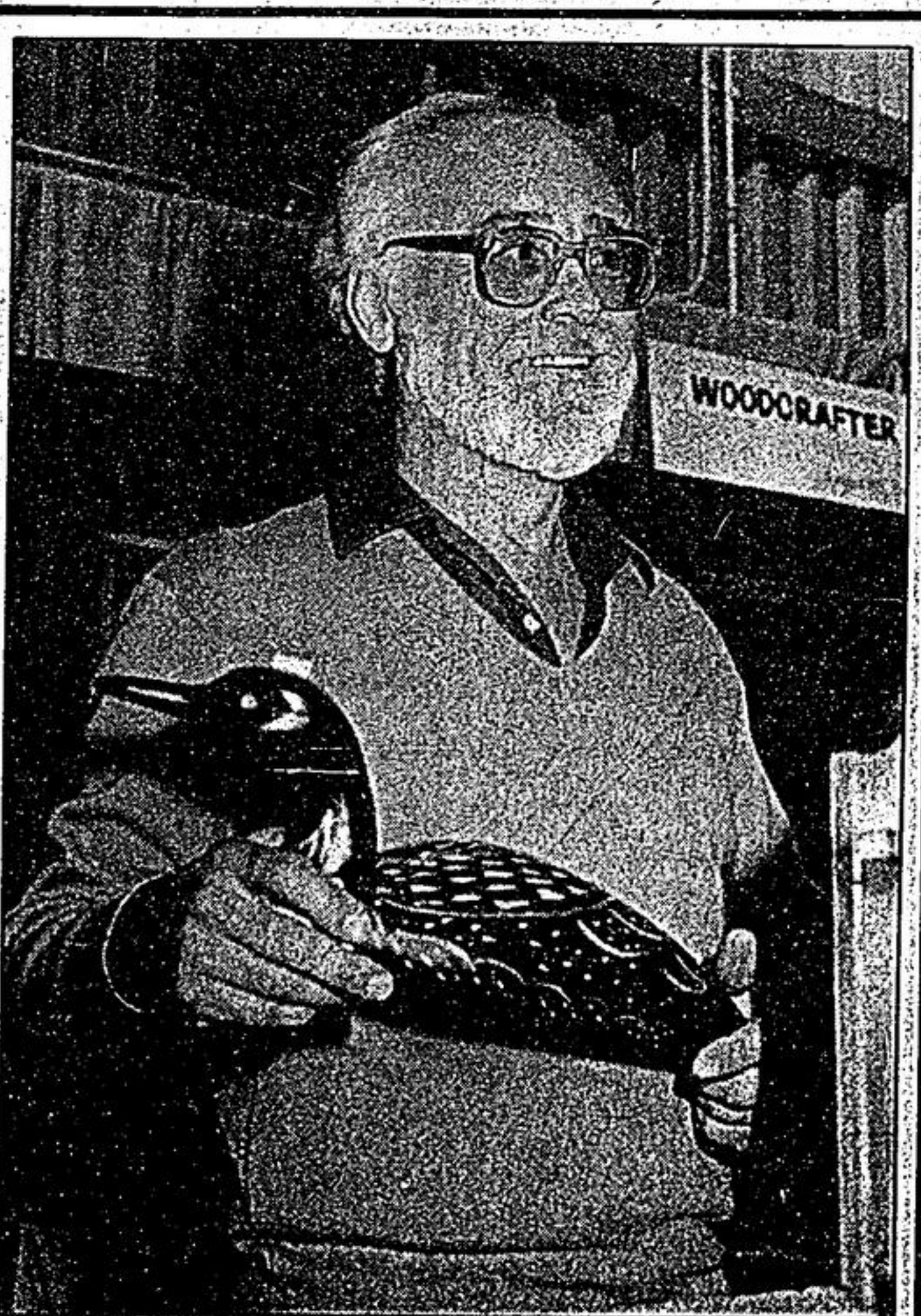
The program was originated by Canadian-born detective Greg MacAleese in September of 1976 and now operates in more than 600 communities throughout North America.



## Young canoeists honored at St. John's School

St. John's School of Ontario held a banquet Saturday evening to honor students who completed challenging summer canoe trips as part of the school's outdoor program. Here, headmaster Mike Maunder (right) presents crests to Stouffville's Shane Stapley, 11, (left) and 14-year-old Darryl Hooper of Markham. The 10-year-old private boarding school is located on Durham Region Road 5, west of Claremont.

—Chris Shanahan



## Claremont craftsman

Woodcrafter Gord Brook of Claremont was one of the area's many commercial exhibitors at the 131st annual Markham Fair, Oct. 1-5. He displayed a wide selection of wooden merchandise, including this hand-painted duck decoy.

—Chris Shanahan

## Markham Fair Tractor Pull

# Machines roar to victory

**MARKHAM** — Stouffville entrants Mike Holmes and Brian Richards both powered to victory Friday at Markham Fair's tractor pull.

A list of the top three finishers in each class follows:

**Stock tractor (7,500)** — 1. Mike Holmes, R.R. 1, Stouffville, Leyland, 187 1/2". 2. Steve Little, Little Britain, International 400, 151 1/2". and Brian Gibson, Gornley, Oliver 880, 151 1/2".

**Modified tractor (5,200)** — 1. Dennis Walker, Oshawa, Cockshutt 40, 242 1/2". 2. Charlie Wilcox, Michigan, Massey 44, 198 3/4". 3. Glen James, Uxbridge, Cockshutt 40, 157 1/2".

**Modified tractor (6,000)** — 1. Charlie Wilcox, Massey 44, 250". 2. Glen James, Cockshutt 40, 241". 3. Dennis Walker, Cockshutt 40, 227 3/4".

**Pro-stock tractor (5,500)** — 1. Don White, R.R. 1, Locust Hill, Cockshutt 1650, 234 1/2". 2. Kris Vareyk, Tyrone, Oliver, 189 15/16". 3. Mark Kargas, R.R. 1, Ariss, Oliver 880, 117 1/2".

**Pro-stock tractor (7,000)** — 1. Don White, 199 1/2". 2. Mark Kargas, 69 1/4".

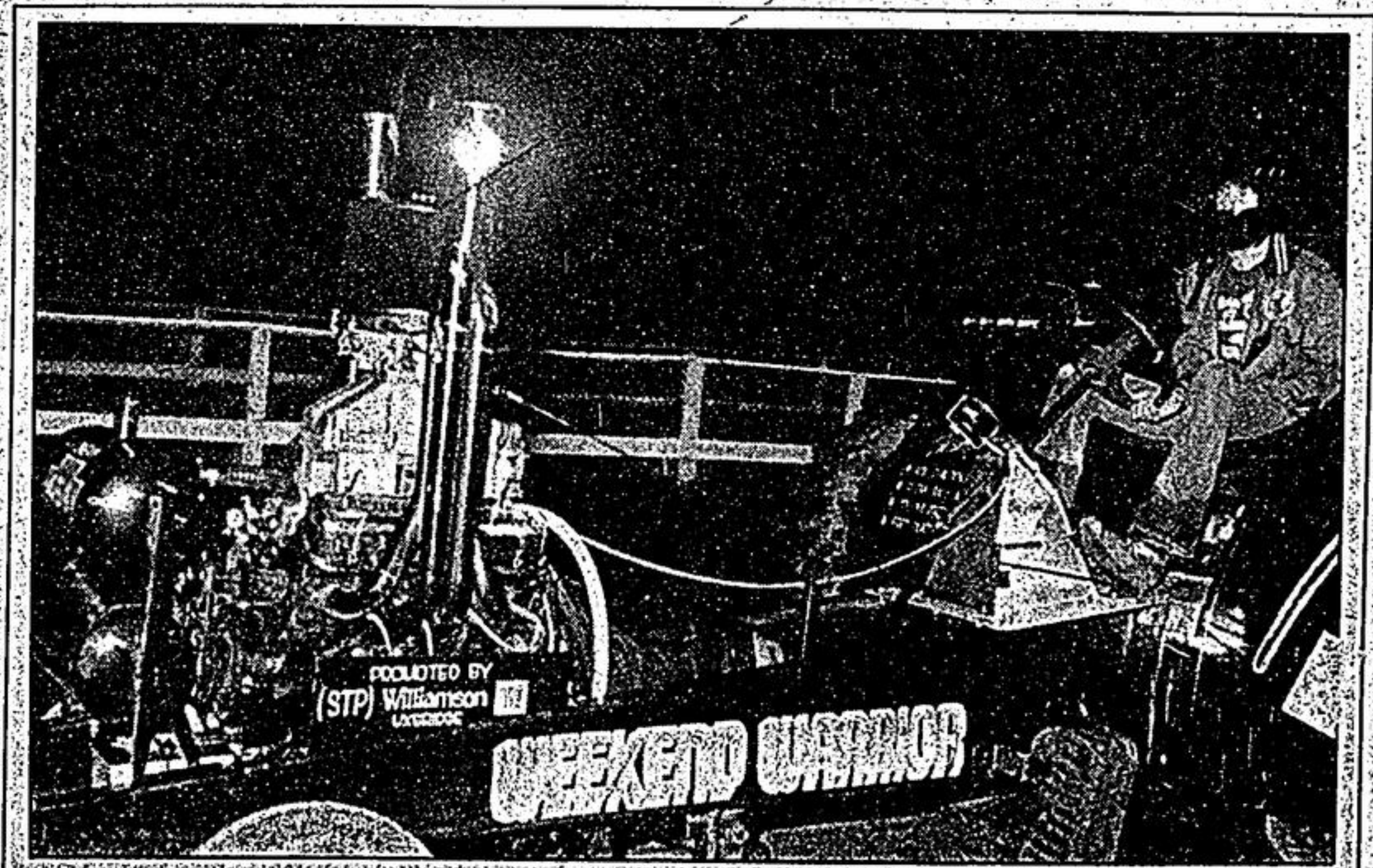
**Pro-stock tractor (13,000)** — 1. Brian Richards, Stouffville, Int. 1066, 263 1/2". 2. Glen Gowland, Grand Valley, Int. 1086, 243 1/2". 3. Norm James, Uxbridge, 680 A.C., 136".

**2-WD trucks (5,500)** — 1. Roger Cochrane, R.R. 4, Bowmanville,

1986 Ford, 254 1/2". 2. Harry Schillings, Nestleton, 68 Chevy 454, 227 1/2". 3. Joe Balsan, Hampton,

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250 1/2". 2. Roger Cochrane, 1986 Ford, 236 3/4". 3. Joe Balsan, GMC, 209 1/2".



## A weekend warrior

Uxbridge's Peter Robinson entered his modified tractor, nicknamed Weekend Warrior, in Markham Fair's annual pull Saturday. Muddy track conditions didn't prevent the powerful machinery from pulling some good distances.

—Chris Shanahan