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Prince Lee Acres: The house Cam built

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Although Cam Fella's now at stud in rural New Jersey, the super-pacer's presence is still very much in evidence at his original home of Prince Lee Acres.

The sprawling 300-acre spread in north Uxbridge Township, aptly referred to as 'The House That Cam Built', is a monument to the horse, featuring everything from Cam Fella clocks on the walls to a huge cabinet full of hardware he collected during his stunning two-year racing career.

"Cam Fella helped us, there's no question about that," owner Norman Clements said from his well-appointed office, which serves as headquarters for his National Gym sporting goods empire.

National Gym does about \$25 million in business annually, but it was Cam Fella's fortunes that allowed construction of a modern office complex at Prince Lee, and paid for luxuries such as a secluded cabin retreat and private golf course.

Mr. Clements — who comes across as more the common, working man than the flashy business tycoon — and partner Norm Faulkner of Stouffville parlayed an opportunistic \$140,000 (U.S.) investment into one of the greatest success stories in standardbred racing history.

Cam Fella, under the guidance of driver/trainer Pat Crowe of Ballantrae, earned the nickname *The Pacing Machine* en route to becoming North America's two-time horse of the year.

The all-time money winner (\$2,041,367) is featured in a recently-released video, *Cam Fella: The Legend*, starring all those who played a part in the incredible real-life success story.

And according to video narrator Fred C. Dobbs, Cam Fella has proven at stud that "he's as good in the sack as he was on the track!" One breeding expert even claimed: *The Pacing Machine*, now based at a breeding farm in rural New Jersey, "could make a fencepost pregnant" if given the chance.

Cam's first crop of six two-year-olds show lots of promise, according to the owners, especially a filly by the name of Cam Town Lady. Though breeders were originally reluctant to enter a syndication deal when Cam was a 3-year-old in 1982, that all changed when the horse began destroying every challenger in sight in its 4-year-old season.

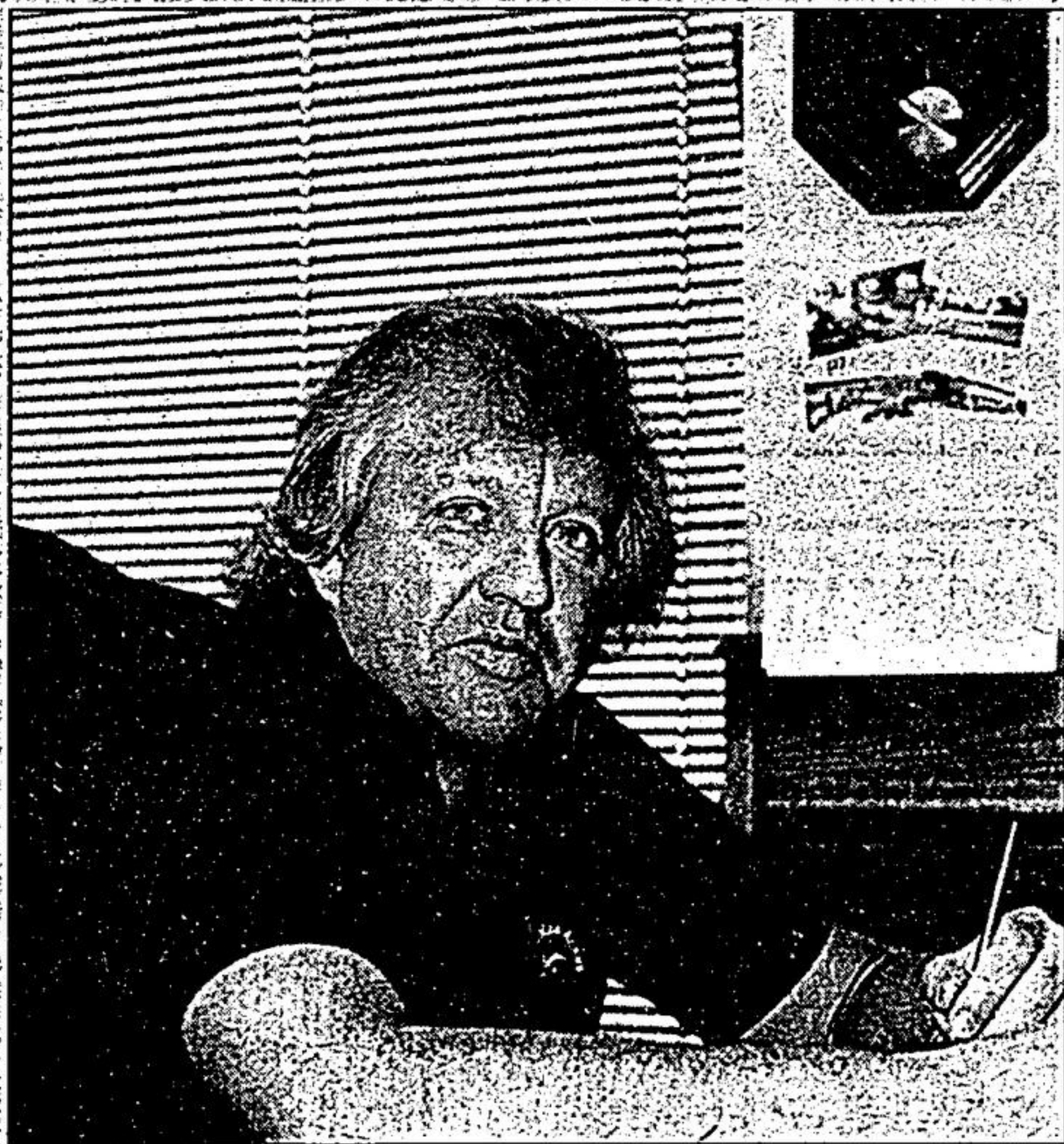
Today, a Cam Fella share sells for \$250,000 (U.S.) and rising if his first crop contains a champion or two.

The two Norms have become close friends and they also remain business partners in the Stouffville Sales Barn and a growing standardbred racing operation that now totals 121 horses.

"We see eye-to-eye on every damn thing that comes along. We've never had words," Mr. Faulkner said of their relationship. They first met at Sales Barn back in 1981, and have been on the fast track together ever since.



This monument greets visitors to Prince Lee Acres, former home to standardbred racing legend Cam Fella. The 300-acre spread is the pride and joy of race horse owner/sporting good entrepreneur Norman Clements of Uxbridge. — Chris Shanahan



Cam made him a happy fella

The success of Cam Fella both on and off the track has added another chapter to Norm Clements' success story. From humble beginnings, he has built a multi-million dollar sporting goods business and a major harness racing operation.

— Chris Shanahan

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Events in brief

GALLERY FUNDING SUSPENDED: Ontario Arts Council has suspended funding to Stouffville's Latcham Gallery. A gallery official confirmed the financial cutback when contacted by The Tribune yesterday, but didn't want to discuss the matter pending planned government lobbying later this week. No details on the funding suspension were available from OAC at press time. The public art gallery is located off the front lobby of Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

ARSON INVESTIGATION: Investigators have ruled out arson in a \$30,000 fire at a north Pickering trucking operation May 9. Durham Region Police Force's arson unit and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office are still trying to determine the exact cause of the accidental blaze at Dave Wallace's Sideline 28 property. It was likely caused by children playing at the scene, according to a police spokesman. Firefighters from Claremont, Brougham and Whitchurch-Stouffville responded to the stubborn blaze, which was aided by high winds and hot, dry temperatures. A workshop, bus and car were destroyed, but a nearby house was saved from spreading flames.

WATER STUDIES OKAYED: York Region's engineering committee has recommended International Water Supply Ltd. be awarded the contract for groundwater investigation projects in the Stouffville-area and Ballantrae. International's proposal — not to exceed a cost of \$75,000 in Stouffville and about \$60,00 at Ballantrae — allows for a total of 20 borehole penetrations, expected to provide the most effective and direct information for the areas considered. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville recently requested York Region to carry out groundwater investigation projects to determine future servicing capabilities in these parts of the municipality.

ANTIQUE SHOW: Everything from stained glass to pine collectables will be featured at Christ Church Anglican's yearly antique sale this Friday and Saturday. The sixth annual Stouffville Antique Show begins at Markham Fairgrounds May 22 from 6 to 10 p.m. and continues May 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 dealers will offer a wide range of merchandise, including primitives, silver, dolls, glassware and jewellery. Show admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and children 14 and under. A guidebook listing all show dealers comes with each ticket.

ANNUAL TRADE SHOW: Admission is free at Uxposition '87 trade/home show, set for Uxbridge Arena tomorrow (May 21) through to Saturday. Hours are 5 to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 1 to 9 p.m. on Saturday. There'll be a wide selection of business exhibits and displays, plus a 50-50 draw and more than 50 door prizes nightly.

TAX AND INVESTMENT WORKSHOP: A tax and investment workshop, scheduled for Stouffville's Latcham Hall tonight (May 20) at 7:30 p.m., will include discussion on how to reduce your 1987 taxes. Safe investment alternatives and how to get higher RRSP returns are other topics included in the session, sponsored by Tillcan Financial Corporation and The Industrial Group of Funds. Admission is free but seating is by reservation only. Contact 297-1993 before 6 p.m.

GORGON SUMMER BASH: The Uxbridge-based Gorgon Foundation Inc. stages its annual summer bash on Saturday, May 30, with featured musical guests *Double Shot*.