

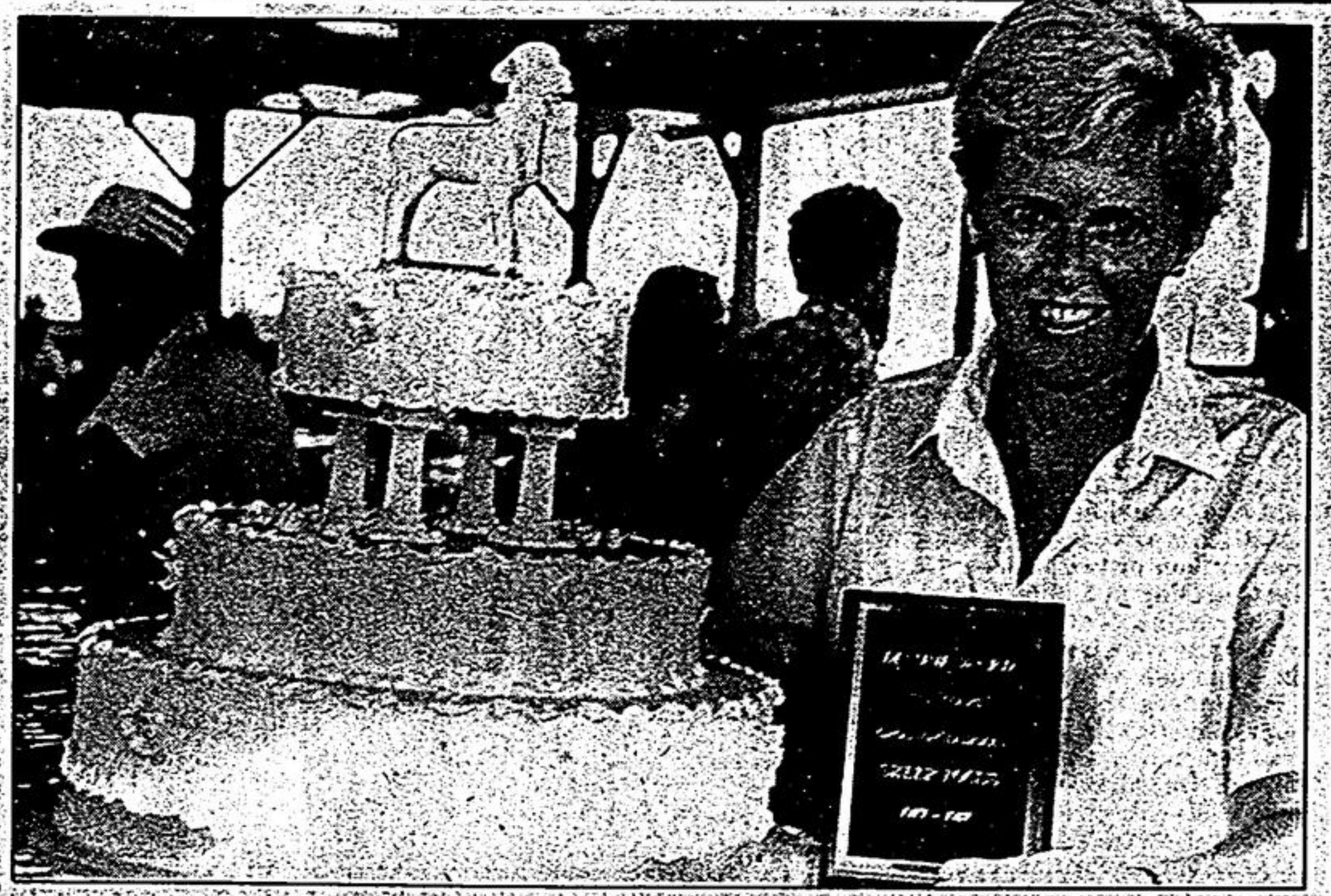


SHEEP FOCUS '87

Sheep Focus celebrated its 10th anniversary Friday and Saturday during its 1987 run at Markham Fairgrounds. Whitchurch-Stouffville was well represented at the lamb, wool and sheep festival as Lynn Westaway (above) conducted

sheepdog clinics. Another town resident, Diane Ward (left), received a special plaque recognizing her 10 years as Sheep Focus committee chairman.

— Chris Shanahan



Gormley news

Family mourns death of husband, father

By EVELYN MILSTED

GORMLEY — Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Alex Chalmers and family in the death of her husband Tuesday at York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill. He is survived by his wife Joan of R.R. 1 Gormley, son Blair and his wife JoAnne, daughter Jennifer and her husband Michael Morin, daughter Charlene and her husband Robert Saltys and son Bradley, and four grandsons. The funeral was Thursday from the Jerret North York Chapel.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Empringham who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 1. Their family are holding Open House in their honor from 2-5 p.m. at Parkview Village Auditorium.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne George (nee Lori

Kim Johnson, daughter of Doug and Lynda Johnson of Gormley) who were married Saturday at Markham Museum Church.

Mrs. Bruce Steckley is convalescing at home following surgery last week at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Mr. Cameron Bryson had surgery Thursday at York Central Hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. Ed Sparks and Sandi are moving this week to Tillsonburg, where Rev. Sparks will be minister of the Free Methodist Church. Miss Karen Sparks has moved to an apartment in Stouffville.

The Heise family reunion will be held at the Heise Hill Church, Saturday, July 25.

The Gormley Missionary Men's Baseball Team will meet the Heise Hill men at 6:30 p.m. at Victoria Square Park. Friday evening the Missionary men will meet the

men from Grace Church in Newmarket at 8:45 p.m. also at Victoria Square Park.

There will be no evening service at the Missionary Church Sunday, July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9. There will be the regular 11 a.m. service each Sunday.

Gary and Ardis Winger (Ardis is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winger, formerly of Gormley) will speak at 7 p.m., Sunday, July 26 at Heise Hill Church. They have served for several years with the Northern Canadian Evangelical Mission working with the Indians in northern Saskatchewan. They en route to a new posting with the Mission to a remote area of northern Quebec where they will be working with the Inuit people. Refreshments and a social time with Gary, Ardis and the children will follow the service.

Whitchurch-Stouffville horse earns two titles in Morgan championship

By DENISE McDONALD
WHITCHURCH — Whitchurch-Stouffville has once again earned recognition in equine competitive circles, this time breaking into the field of Morgan performance horses.

On July 4 and 5, Joland Ovation, owned by the Joyce family, R.R. 1, Unionville, secured the titles of Futurity three-year-old Champion and Canadian Bred Champion during the Ontario Morgan Horse Championship Classic at Markham Fairgrounds.

"In the Canadian bred championship, OV (Joland Ovation) was up against all ages and sexes and went on to beat them all," said Linda Joyce. "That title is the hardest to earn, so you can well imagine we're pretty proud of that accomplishment."

According to both Linda and Nancy, the two sisters became involved with Morgan horses sheerly by chance.

"We bought our first horse in

1974 which just happened to be a Morgan," Linda recalled. "We didn't really plan it that way. After all, when you're 12-years-old you're not really that breed conscious."

However, both agreed they were immediately smitten with the breed and have since expanded their stable to three horses, with a fourth expected in the immediate future.

"OV is the first horse we have ever bred and we are currently trying to breed his dam, Acoma Morningstar, whom we also own, to a stallion by artificial insemination," said Nancy.

"Star" also earned the Joyce family additional honors during the Morgan Horse Championship Classic, securing the English Pleasure and Senior Mare Reserve Championships and placing first in pleasure driving.

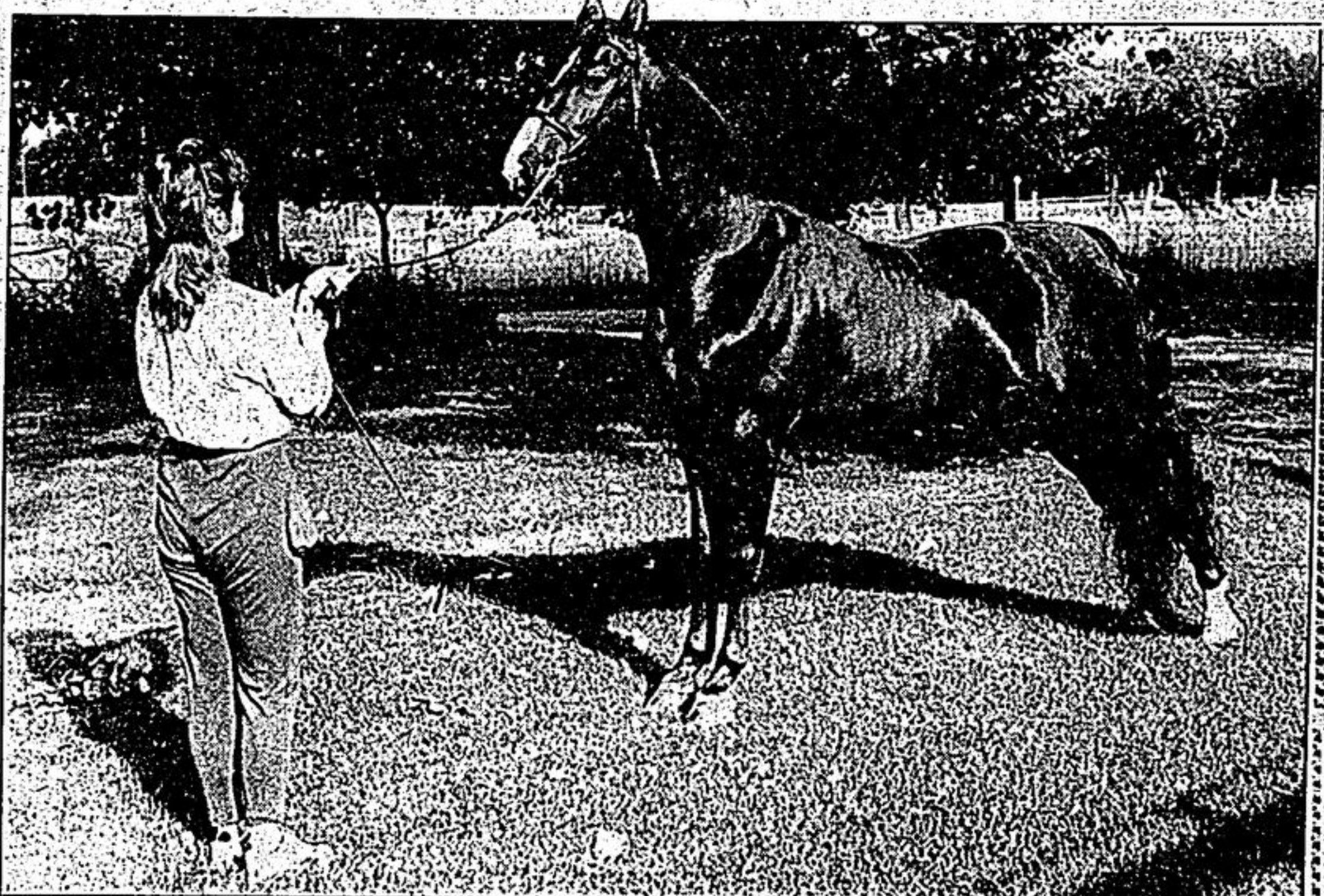
Citing Star's son as a really good horse with typical colt mannerisms, Linda claims they

started him as a two-year-old under a professional trainer from B.C. He later went on to win the Champion Two-year-old and Reserve Champion Stallion categories at the 1986 Ontario Morgan Horse Show and was Grand Champion Stallion at last year's Canadian National Exhibition.

"When you breed your own horse and win, that's really something," said Linda proudly of the three-year-old liver chestnut stallion. "You really start to figure you're doing something right."

Future goals for OV include taking part in a Saddlebred and Morgan Horse show at Picov Downs July 24.

"Right now we're not too sure what else the future holds and haven't yet decided whether we really want to keep a stallion," explained Nancy. "My husband and I are looking to find a bigger farm and if that happens, maybe we'll stand him at stud."



Handler Linda Joyce is pictured Joland Ovation, a Canadian champion Morgan horse, owned by the Joyce family of Whitchurch-Stouffville. — Denise McDonald

Obituary

Farmer enjoyed helping others

By DENISE McDONALD

STOUFFVILLE — Funeral service was held in Stouffville Pentecostal Church July 6 for Emilio Giovanni Testa who succumbed to cancer July 2 after a lengthy illness. He was 92.

Born June 20, 1895 in Patrica, Italy, Mr. Testa married Natalina Compagnoni on June 12, 1924. In 1960, both husband and wife left Italy for Canada where they took up residence on R.R. 2, Stouffville until his death.

A farmer by trade, he successfully worked his land until retirement, after which he was often found gardening, hunting or indulging in one of his favorite past-times, taking long walks.

"Grandfather particularly liked listening to gospel music and helping others," says granddaughter Mary Testa. "If anyone ever needed anything he was always the first one there to help."

Mr. Testa was also a regular member of the Stouffville Pentecostal Church, and had just celebrated 63 years of marriage to Natalina.

Besides his wife, he's survived by his sons Primo, Toronto; Joe, also of Toronto; Gino, Stouffville and daughter Agnese Scarsellone, Weston. He leaves behind 13 grandchildren: Nino, Maurizio, Sandro, Marco, Emilio, Mary, Sam, Mario, Massimo, Luciano, Mauro; Sandro and Anna and six great grandchildren: Monica, Stefano, Lisa, Michael, Anthony and Tanya.

Pallbearers included Massimo Testa, Luciano Testa, Sam Testa, Mario Testa, Sandro Scarsellone and Mauro Scarsellone. Internment is at Stouffville Cemetery.



Ryerson grad

Willard and Ruth Moyer of Stouffville are happy to announce the recent graduation of their son, Paul Lorne, from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute with a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree (Radio and Television Arts). Paul is a graduate of Stouffville District Secondary School.



Checking out the merchandise

Ed Simpson of Brougham inspects the wares. Most Main St. merchants participated in the during Stouffville's sidewalk sale on Saturday. — Chris Garbutt

Fish hatchery going public

RINGWOOD — The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) announced Thursday plans to involve the public in the Maple District Fisheries Management Plan.

At a press conference held at Ringwood Fish Hatcheries, Hwy. 48 north of Ringwood in Whitchurch-Stouffville, three public meetings were announced during which the public may review fisheries management activities proposed for the Maple District.

The meetings will be held from 12:30-8:30 p.m. July 28 at North York Central Library, July 30 at Sutton Arena, and Aug. 4 at Port Credit Public Library. The Maple District Fisheries Management Plan will include York Region, Peel, Metropolitan Toronto and part of Durham.

"The plan... is being prepared as a guide to wise management of fisheries resources in the area to the year 2000," a recent press release stated. Issues to be con-

sidered include analysis of fish production, future angler demand and means of coping with local constraints on the fisheries resource.

The Ringwood facility opened in 1980 and is one of 15 fish culture stations in Ontario. It hatches Chinook and Coho salmon for stocking in three Lake Ontario streams — the Credit River, Bronte Creek and Port Dalhousie in St. Catharines.

Further information is available from the ministry at 832-7222.

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