

Editor's Mail

Appreciate support

Dear Editor:  
On behalf of the York East Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, I wish to thank The Tribune for its coverage of our first annual Golf Tournament held at The Maples of Ballantrae, Aug. 15, 1988.

I also wish to thank the donors of major prizes — Giles Chev Olds, Stonehouse Travel, Labatts, Paramount Holidays, Sheraton Hotel and Chimo Hotel, each of whom made substantial donations.

Many local businesses contributed prizes also. Because of these donations, the awards table was very appealing.

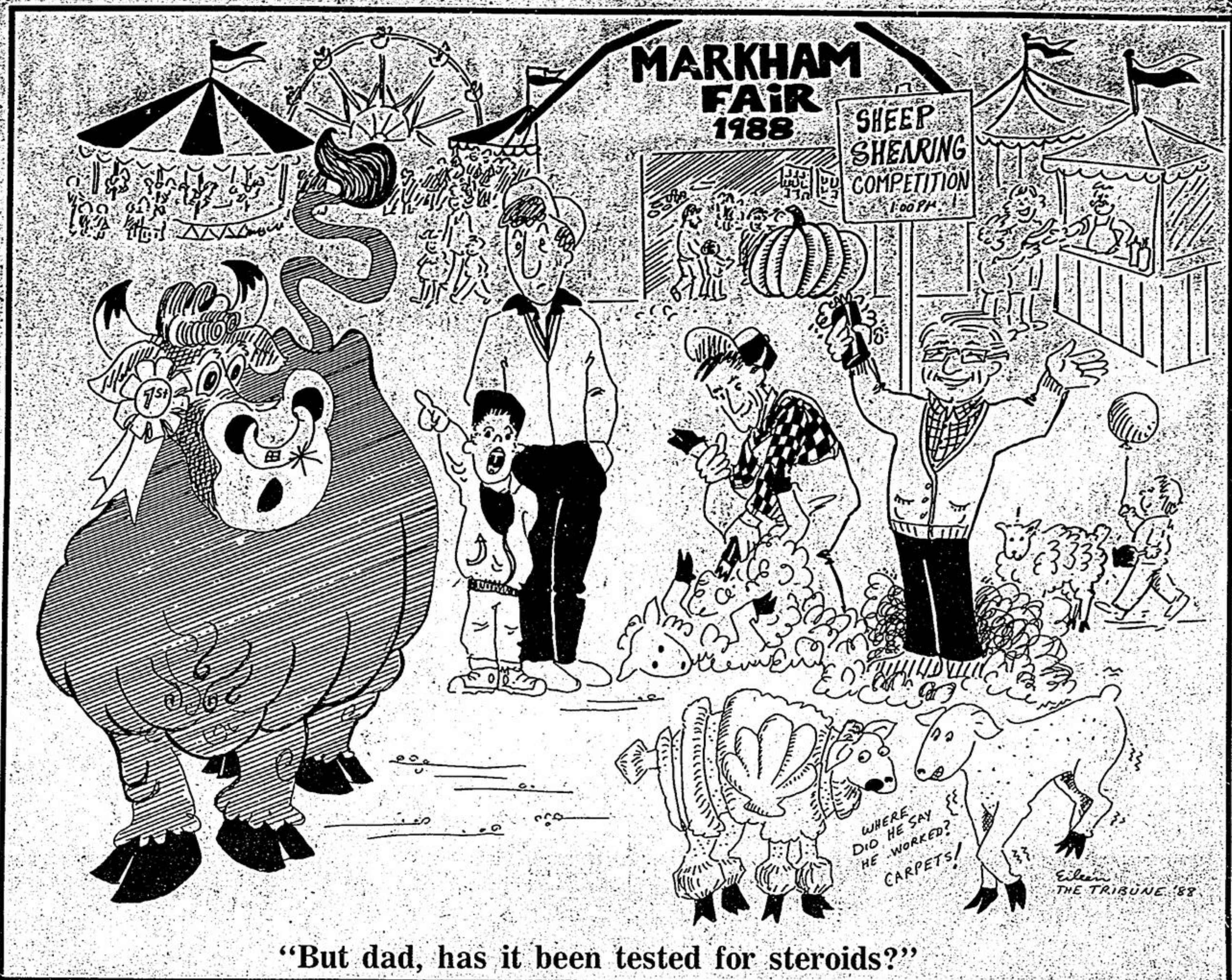
I appreciate the fact small companies are approached frequently for donations and the response has been phenomenal.

Our profit from this most recent venture was just over \$8,500. Most of this will be used for service to our own clients. Some has already been forwarded to M.S. Ontario to assist with research, clinics, clients in other areas of Ontario where there are no chapters, and with education of professionals.

We're excited to be able to announce that The Maples of Ballantrae has kindly opened its doors to us for our second annual tournament. This will take place Aug. 21, 1989.

We trust all participants will want to be back again.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Britton,  
R.R. 4, Stouffville



"But dad, has it been tested for steroids?"



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Editorials

Election excitement?

So we're heading into a federal election!

Whoop-de-do. The excitement has all the impact of a swat in the face with a wet sponge.

While neither the party leaders nor the Riding candidates elevate one's emotions to fever pitch, at this point in time, Brian Mulroney's in the driver's seat. Unless, in the seven weeks ahead, he falls flat on his chin, the PM should emerge victorious, with the NDP second and the Liberals third.

Locally, Bill Atwell of the PCs should win handily with Jag Bhaduria of the Liberals, second; Susan Krone of the NDP, third and John Gamble, Independent, fourth.

While most W-S voters are still con-

fused as to what Riding they're in, let alone who the candidates are, this will all come out in the wash of pre-election propaganda soon to rain down upon us.

Personally, we hope John Turner takes a pasting at the polls. Only by burying their leader will the Federal Liberals rise to fight again.

Right now, thanks to an inept Mr. Turner, the Party's wallowing in a sea of despair.

We can only trust Nov. 21 will end the suffering. Maybe then, David Peterson can be persuaded to take over the reins and once again make the Federal Liberals a political force worthy of support.

ROAMING AROUND

Top priority assignment

BY JIM THOMAS



Wotta day! First was Markham Fair. Later, I had weddings at Central United Church, Unionville; Christ Anglican Church, Stouffville and the United Church in Clarendon.

Last, but certainly not least was a golden wedding anniversary at The Maples of Ballantrae.

Tucked in between was the 30-year reunion of the Stouffville 'Cardinals' baseball team.

Such was my Saturday. With one exception, I made it to all. Sincere apologies to newlyweds Ron and Janet Yakeley. My Pontiac tends to shudder at anything over 120 kms. So does the driver. Neither of us is as young as we used to be although the car's in a lot better shape. Still, we both have our limits.

While each event, in its own way was a No. 1 attraction, the Cardinal reunion was a classic.

It was held at the home of Murray and Tiny Stewart, Lincolnville.

Would you believe, every player to a man was there? Even Lynn Taylor from as far distant as British Columbia. So was Ted Suzuki, (Stouffville); Eric Barber, (Uxbridge); Murray Holden, (Peterborough); John Little, (Peterborough); Ross Madill, (Stouffville); Bob Stover, (Stouffville); Harry Barber, (Elora); Don Haynes, (Toronto); Lawrence Wideman, (Belleville) and Gord Eckardt, (Stouffville).

'Ike' Hodgson, long a part of the Stouffville sports scene, was the coach. Murray Stewart was manager.

It seemed fitting that this team, that nickled and dimed its way through to the Ontario Championship in 1958, should hold a 'team meeting' in the Stewart family garage and consume barbecued hamburgers on an open-air grill.

Nothing fancy, just old-fashioned fellowship.

With the exception of age, (thirty years older), not that much has changed; still the good-natured group of guys I remember 'back then'. But on the field, they were deadly serious. Led by catcher Don Haynes, the kind of team leader every championship club requires, these fellows played to win. And win they did, beating Wheatley 5-3 in a rubber match on neutral grounds at Port Dover.

Yes, I was there. And I returned again Saturday. Nothing short of an earthquake could have kept me away.

Certainly, Stouffville had good ball teams before and even since. But the Cardinals were special. I felt as much a part of the club as did the manager and coach. They treated me that way too. Even asked me to do a little umpiring now and again, (but only when the regular ump failed to show up).

However, for the most part, I operated the PA system back of the plate.

For one season, maybe two, I was the Jerry Howarth of Stouffville Memorial Park.

No, I didn't just call the balls and strikes. I called the play-by-play, an obvious no-no in Ontario Baseball Association circles.

One outfielder, from Hagersville, I believe, became so incensed at my "going-for-extra-basis" routine, he charged onto the infield in protest.

I think he'd have come through the backstop screen if the umpire hadn't intervened. The O.B.A. official told me (in no uncertain terms), to cease and desist.

A blossoming career in broadcasting quickly went down the drain. I returned primarily to keeping score, but even that occupation had its risks.

One Sunday afternoon at Durham, (north of Mount Forest), I was doing just that when a loud-mouth 'homer' sitting directly behind me, uttered a crude comment about the local team. All heads turned in my direction and I bore the brunt of a verbal assault, the like of which I'd never heard. All pleas of innocence were to no avail. I was lucky to 'escape' the park in one piece.

The Cardinals of '58 had no super stars. It wasn't the kind of club where eight guys could lay back and rely on the heroics of one. They played as a unit, a cohesive unit at that.

But several outstanding performers come to mind. Harry Barber was a pitcher without equal. His prowess on the hill attracted the attention of several big-league scouts.

Catcher Don Haynes literally defied three-base beltors to steal home. He could also peg a ball to second with deadly accuracy.

Ted Suzuki was the team's speed merchant. With Ted, a routine single was an automatic double.

He also covered the outfield like a blanket.

When it came to the long ball, Gord Eckardt uncorked many a tape-measure blast.

That was yesterday. I was privileged to be a part.

Saturday was today. I was privileged to attend.

"See you in thirty years," the guys called out as I left for another assignment.

Thirty years, hmmm. That'll make me seven months short of ninety.

It'll be game over, unless the great umpire in the sky agrees to extra innings.

Editor's Mail

Progress

Dear Editor:  
I was sorry to read that Deer Park Inn has cancelled plans for a theatre on the site.

While there are many advantages to residing in this community, a theatre is one thing our town lacks. The Deer Park project would have filled this need.

While many are opposed to expanded services and build-up, lack of same hinders progress. The Deer Park theatre is a prime example.

Sincerely,  
David Freeman,  
Tenth Line,  
Stouffville

Fair had everything

It was a Markham Fair that had everything, including three days of nice weather.

And the people responded — by the thousands.

While the word 'record', when associated with Fair attendance, is sometimes used with reckless abandon, it should certainly apply Thursday through Saturday. That is, if visual estimates were accurate. Saturday afternoon, the site was a 'sea of humanity'; the evening too.

Sunday's drop-off, due to the rain, had to be expected. By then, however, success was assured.

To the hundreds of volunteers who put in so many free-gratis hours, the response must be extremely gratifying. It makes it all worthwhile.

While the Fair is indeed a Markham based project, we're pleased more and more Whitechurch-Stouffville residents are now actively involved; school children too.

This helps maintain an agricultural balance so necessary in a rapidly changing Markham community.



Clydesdale showman for fifty years is honored

Gord Lewis, R.R. 1, Uxbridge, was honored at Cowan Road, Markham, to the old fairgrounds, Hwy. 7, Markham Fair, Friday. It was his 50th year as a showman and 48 Mr. Lewis was accompanied in the show ring Friday by granddaughter Shannon Hughes, age two-and-a-half, leading a mare and colt from the home farm on Mc-

—Jim Thomas