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"But there are some areas the IWA can be questioned. It's a brand new process - there's bound to be a few oversights," O'Connor said.

He said the short list delay proves, however, that the province is listening to the people.

Rumors that O'Connor's announcement signifies the

600-acre proposed landfill site will be placed in his riding are untrue, he said. But O'Connor admits the likelihood of that happening, leaves him concerned.

"Nearly 50 per cent of the 19 sites are in East Gwillimbury, Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville. The odds are that when it comes to the short list, one or two might end up here - I don't know, no one

knows." O'Connor said his resignation from Grier's office means he can now step up in 'question period' and represent his constituents' concerns.

In light of the upcoming excessive packaging rally at Queen's Park, O'Connor said he will bring the issue up during question period.

"Tougher regulations should be looked at."



Rocky attacks Cudahy, who holds a gun during a training exercise at the dog trainer's home.

Champion

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"It's a really neat sport," Cudahy said.

He said Rocky performed so well in all categories, that the audience "stood up and applauded him." Cudahy, president of the Metro Toronto Ring Club stationed in Stouffville, has professionally trained dogs in ring sport for years and recently imported Rocky from Picardi, France, where he held a ring two champion title.

The agile canine has been rated excellent by judges 18 times of his 20 ring three competitions, and in French confirmation was confirmed excellent, Cudahy said.

"We knew Rocky was a winner, but we had no idea of the potential" he has shown.

"Rocky was already a ring champ, but this crown was a biggie for him," Cudahy said. Ring sport is often used as a training tool for guard dogs and security and police forces by encompassing obedience, agility and protection. It is also considered to be one of the most exciting forms of dog training in the world.

The sport teaches the dog to heal and be socially acceptable, to show courage, speed, dedication and stability while maintaining strength, discipline and loyalty.

For more information call the Metro Toronto Ring Club at 642-4382.



Rocky, the new North American champion, leaps the fence as part of his obstacle training.

Photos/STEVE SOMERVILLE

Court to hear challenge of school lot levies Monday

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York Region school boards will face a constitutional challenge next week on their right to tax developers.

The Development Charges Act was passed by the province in 1989 and adopted by the boards in 1991, and the Ontario Home Builders' Association have battled the legislation since the beginning.

The court challenge, launched

by the home builders in December 1991, is based on a taxpayer's constitutional right to support one school system. Under the terms of collection, a developer is charged a \$3,623 lot levy when applying for a building permit in York Region.

This fee is deposited in a joint bank account to be divided by the York Region Board of Education and the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

"The legislation does not recognize the right of taxpayers to

support one school system or another. Each taxpayer will have to pay both the separate and public school levies," OHBA President Ian Rawlins said.

The boards collect the levies on new development to pay for the

Ballantrae rabies clinic on Sept. 26

The Ballantrae and District Lions Club are holding its annual Rabies Clinic Sat., Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cedar Beach Pavilion in Musselman Lake. The cost to vaccinate against this killer disease is \$8 an animal.

Dump rally planned

Local residents are encouraged to attend the Wed., Sept. 30, Queen's Park rally to protest manufacturers' excessive packaging and the government's 10-week delay of its short list of dump sites.

The rally will begin at Queen's Park on Wed., Sept. 30

construction of new schools. According to the boards, the levies will pay for 75 per cent of the cost of new school construction and estimate the total building tab over the next five years at \$130 million over the next five years.

The OHBA is fighting the boards on a second point, arguing that the cost of lot levies to a developer will be passed on to the home buyer which is a form of indirect taxation, a practice only allowed to the federal government.

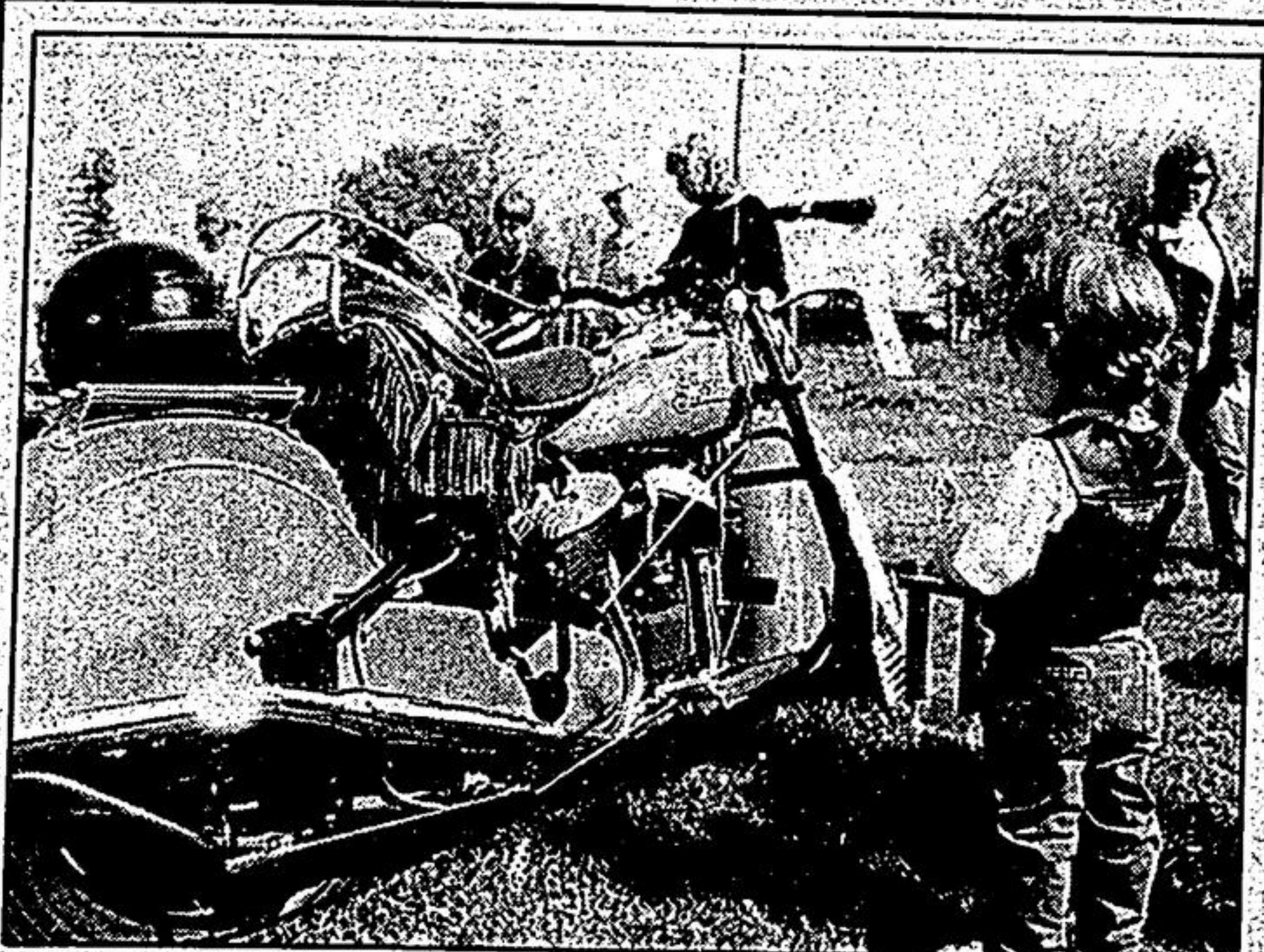
Last January, the home builders lost an attempt to block

the collection of development charges until the challenge is settled in court.

The challenge is set to be heard in a Toronto courtroom starting Monday and scheduled to last five days.

A series of preliminary interviews with board staff and experts was conducted over the summer.

"Based on the cross-examinations done over the summer we're feeling confident the merits of our arguments are quite good," director, industry relations Andy Manahan said, adding a decision is not expected until early 1993.



Biker baby

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Jessica Hamilton, 1, admires a well-dressed Indian motorcycle at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Classic Motorcycle Show last weekend.

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