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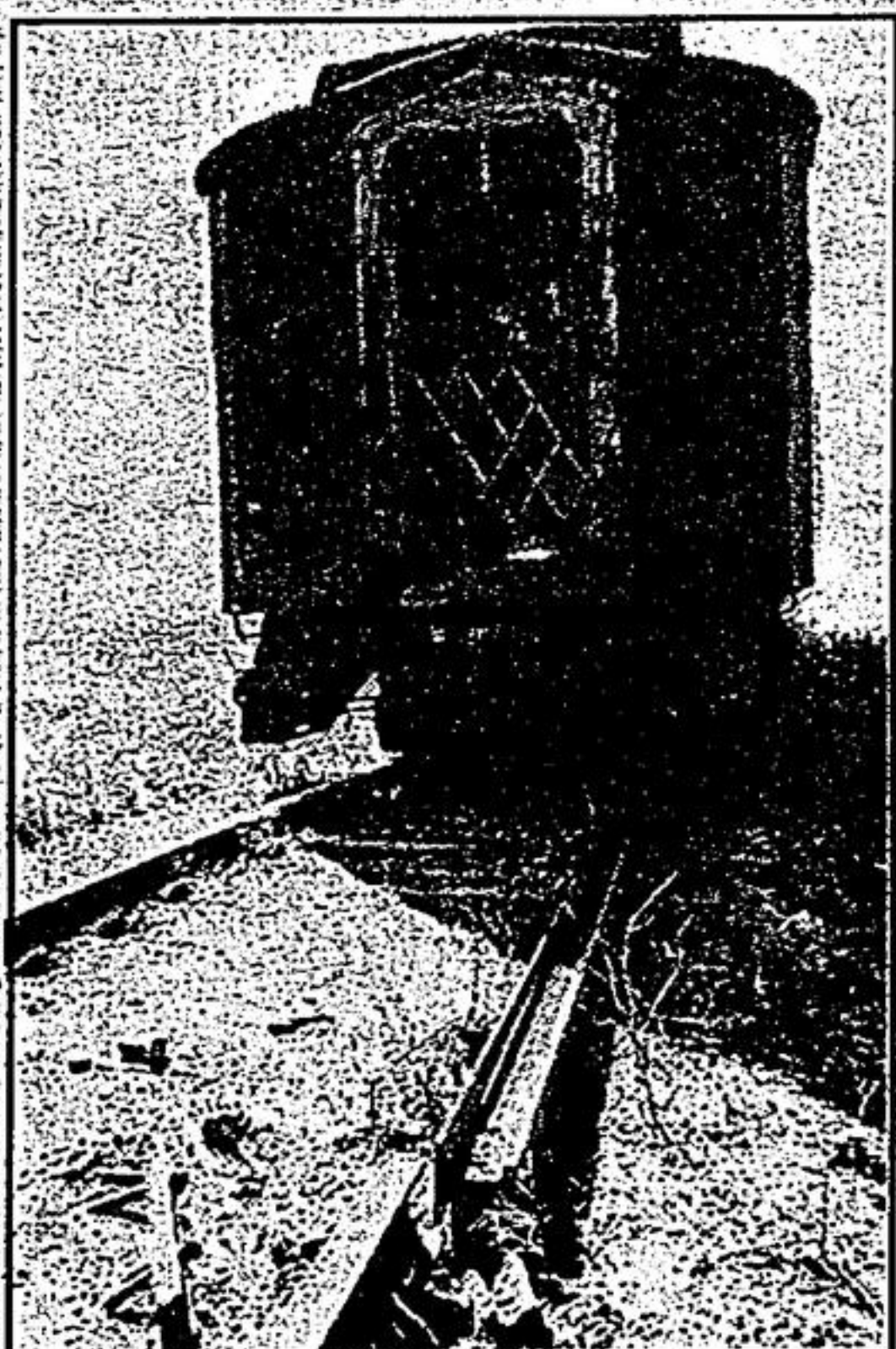
## Tourist train derailment investigated

By **MIKE RUTA**  
Correspondent

The new heritage railway train derailed Saturday afternoon as it made its last trip of the day from Uxbridge to Stouffville.

No one was injured as one of the last three cars jumped the tracks south of O'Beirn Rd. around 3:15 p.m., taking two more cars with it. There were roughly 120 people on board train number 7.

The engine and the first passenger car remained on the track. Passengers from the derailed cars walked through the train to the remaining pas-



The track bears witness to Saturday's derailment.

senger car and it continued to Stouffville. Railway officials then arranged a shuttle bus to take passengers back to Uxbridge.

York-Durham Heritage Railway president Rob Pare said a track crew repaired the railway ties on Sunday. The cause of the derailment is under investigation. "What we're thinking right now is because of all the rain we've had, we think a couple ties shifted and the rails slipped," said Pare. "We think the rails spread because of the soft road bed."

He said Transport Canada inspected the line about two weeks ago and found everything in order. A heritage railway crew had checked the line before Saturday's runs and "everything looked and seemed fine," said Pare.

Transport Canada was contacted on the weekend.

The railway was making limited runs on Sunday, carrying passengers from Stouffville to Goodwood and back. The partial service will be offered again this weekend. Full service is expected to resume in two or three weeks.

Pare was aboard the train, riding in the engine, when it left the tracks.

"I heard a little thud...and then I heard the rear tailman saying we have a problem here," he said.

Since the train was travelling at roughly 15 mph, Pare said

there was little likelihood of injury. He said the incident was embarrassing more than anything else, adding that the pas-

sengers were very co-operative and complimented railway workers on their handling of the incident.

The train itself was undamaged. Pare could not say when the derailed cars would be set on the tracks again.



### St. Mark smiles

Dan Crawford shows off the prizes he won at various events at the annual St. Mark's Fall Fair on the weekend.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEN

### 'Crew was great'

Dear Editor,  
Re: York-Durham Heritage Railway

My daughter, grandson and I were passengers on the heritage railway trip from Uxbridge on Saturday. There was a problem with the rails and the passengers had to be moved to the front car.

I was impressed with the crew's calm and professional manner.

The volunteers quickly

called ahead to make transportation arrangements for the passengers returning to Uxbridge.

The passengers also remained calm and chatted amiably as we continued our trip.

It was a special moment when everyone clapped as we arrived in Stouffville.

I'll be back for another trip.

Gayle Sankey  
Stouffville

## Secondary Plan to Shape Our Future

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

A \$300,000 blueprint, designed to take Whitchurch-Stouffville well into the next century, was launched Wednesday.

Tagged Shaping Our Future, it's a process to iron out the town's growth management and the Secondary Plan (SP). It's hoped that long-term and new residents, alike, will take part.

Shaping Our Future also involves a 10-member committee hosting a series of weekend and evening public meetings.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson has laid out the welcome mat for both residents, groups and the business community to come together to help shape

the future of the town.

Together, with the help of a consultant and, of course, a "great deal of public input," the committee will set the ground work for what goes where in Stouffville, the mayor stressed.

"People will have the opportunity to express their ideas on what they would like to see happen in Stouffville over the next 20 years," he said.

Shaping Our Future's kickoff-workshop will be held on Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Latham Hall.

Over the next eight months, the committee will concentrate on the part of the town known as the old Stouffville.

Also, the existing area will be examined to deter-

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