

Seeing is believing for 8 year old Robert Wright, Baker Avenue, Stouffville, as he heads down the home stretch in the Lions-sponsored Bike-a-thon, Saturday. Of the 550 who started out, 375 completed the gruelling 30-mile route. —Jas. Thomas.

550 cyclists raise \$13,200

STOUFFVILLE - What was accepted as a challenge, turned out to be a 'torture test' for 550 entries in the second annual Lions - sponsored Bike-a-Thon, Saturday.

It rained, in fact, it poured, throughout much of the six-hour period required to cover the route, transforming the country roads into trails of mud.

But in spite of all adversities, 375 persons completed the 30-mile trek, raising an estimated \$13,200.

It was merely cloudy when the majority of cyclists started out shortly after 8 a.m. Then the rain came, and continued steadily until about 2 p.m., when the skies suddenly cleared and the sun broke through.

Many of the entries were fitted out with plastic garbage bags while others changed clothing along the way. Volunteers kept a close check on all participants, particularly the children. The youngest to finish was 6 year old Sylvia Schweichert, Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake. She was accompanied by her mother.

Mayor Ken Laushway, riding for the Cancer Society, also went the distance. His pledges totalled \$12 a mile.

Ivan and Joan Grove, Markham, R.R.2, rode a bicycle built for two.

The east-west road from the Markham - Pickering townline to conc. 5, proved most difficult. Many found it impossible to continue past this point. At the intersection of conc. 5 and the Gormley Road, York Regional Police aided cyclists in com-

pleting the cross-over. Ted McLennan of Ballantrae positioned his tow truck there also, and the flashing lights tended to slow up through traffic. From Bloomington through to Stouffville, it was 'clear sailing' down hill.

Bike-a-Thon promoters were amazed at the endurance shown by the 375 who finished. Many rode their bikes home after receiving certificates.

Co-chairmen of the event were Bill Murphy and Colin Barrett.

Co-operation urged with cyclists

STOUFFVILLE - The 550 entries in the Lions-sponsored Bike-a-Thon, will be contacting their sponsors within the next few days, to collect pledges based on the total number of miles travelled.

Co-operation is requested in this regard. The deadline for presentation of receipts is Saturday, May 20. The office of Guaranty Trust, 81 Main Street, West, is handling all deposits.

When making payment, riders are asked to bring along their sponsors' forms and the deposit slips.

When all pledges are met, receipts are expected to exceed \$13,000.

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Dulverton development 'premature'

Sewage plant size; feared airport noise - cited in decision

Less noise good news

Planner's letter rocks Town Council meeting

STOUFFVILLE - A map, released Tuesday, by federal government officials, shows Stouffville, completely outside the Airport noise zone.

A composite Noise Rating of 100 is explained as 'isolated annoyance'. Stouffville is placed in a rating of less than 95.

The drawings differ considerably from earlier maps, distributed at public meetings in the area. In this one, however, the noise rating is based on only two runways instead of four.

STOUFFVILLE - The Dulverton phase of a proposed 1,000-home development in a north-east area of Stouffville, has been described as 'premature', by an official of the Provincial Plans Administration Branch at Queen's Park.

P. J. Weston, a Senior Planner, cited two factors in his written decision: (1) Inadequate sewage treatment capacity in the Town and (2) The effect of expected high noise levels in the area of the new international airport.

With respect to sewage, Mr. Weston observed that while negotiations are proceeding, no solution has been forthcoming.

But it was the second reason, anticipated high noise levels, that created the most concern.

Councillor Tom Lonergan said Council had been assured by both federal and provincial authorities that Stouffville would not be in the noise zone. He reminded members that the old village area had been exempted from the Minister's land freeze only because the zoning Bylaw and Official Plan was considered adequate to control growth. He warned that the exemption, in his opinion, did not mean that high noise levels wouldn't be experienced in town.

Councillor Gordon Ratcliff was disturbed. "We have to take a definite stand," he said.

Mayor Ken Laushway, however, did not consider the airport issue as a serious problem. "The main thing they (Plans Administration Branch) are dealing with is lack of services," he said, "we've known this for some time."

The Mayor's opinion failed to calm the uneasiness of others.

Councillor Merlyn Baker noted that the meeting at the High School, May 1, provided no solid statistics on noise levels.

"Any airport should have these figures available," he said. "They can't tell me they don't have them. There's no reason we shouldn't demand to have them given to us."

Mayor Laushway repeated his stand, that lack of services was the important factor.

"They have told us many times that more capacity has to be installed," he said.

"They dragged in this noise factor," said councillor Ratcliff, "maybe this means they will hold us down. If Dulverton is in the noise zone, then all of Stouffville is in trouble."

"Either it won't hurt us, or it will destroy the town," said Mr. Baker. "We should find out."

Councillor Herb Simpson suggested the committee might look into the possibility of an industrial park, and try to determine if the town would be allowed any significant development in that direction. Other members agreed, but with no great enthusiasm.

Downtown Markham study

Low on priority list

MARKHAM - In June, 1970, Murray V. Jones and Associates Limited released a detailed 60-page report on a proposed \$200,000 re-development scheme for the downtown business area of Markham.

The report advocated the extension of Robinson Street across Main to form a 'Y' interchange at George and Joseph Streets.

That was almost two years ago - prior to the formation of regional government.

The Plan or 'Study' as it is called, has since been relegated

to a 'low priority' rating, to be acted upon "when time permits."

The decision was revealed at a meeting of Markham Planning Committee, May 4.

Listed in the same category are bypass roads for the old town of Markham and Unionville, and an application by Rex Chainbelt to build a plant, on Kennedy Road, near Unionville.

High on the priority list is the Bayview Summit Development; bylaws governing hamlets and a Study of the South Don Mills Industrial Area.

P.O.P. - then Pow!

Port opponent poked

CLAREMONT - Verbal debate related to the proposed Pickering international airport has been replaced by physical

Whitchurch

Hike in school tax

STOUFFVILLE - Residents in the Town's Whitchurch area, will be hit with the highest school tax increase anywhere in the Region.

Budget estimates for 1972 and mill rates for individual municipalities were approved at a Board of Education meeting, May 8.

On an average Whitchurch home, assessed at \$20,000, school costs will total \$243.94, up by \$27.44 over 1971.

However, in the former Markham area, now part of the Town, the education tax is down by \$12.68 to \$222.24. The former Village of Stouffville also shows a decrease from last year by \$17 to \$243.94, the same as an average house in Whitchurch.

Whitchurch - Stouffville trustee, Art Starr attributed the Whitchurch increase to the large surplus that was returned to the Area in 1971, depressing the rate last year. The 1972 figure is still lower than that for 1970.

The over-all decrease across the Region was produced by a combination of staff work, provincial concessions and an increase in government grants, Mr. Starr said.

Newmarket residents will enjoy the greatest school tax drop - \$62.64 on an average home. The same is true in the old Town of Markham, down by \$50.

Board members were generally pleased with the budget and approved a motion by trustee John Honsberger to send a letter of thanks to all principals and staff for their co-operation.

violence.

This is the latest word from The Tribune's Claremont correspondent, Irene Rennie.

Mrs. Rennie tells it this way: A man distributing anti-airport literature was confronted by another with opposite views. Angry words were exchanged with one calling the other a 'Communist'. Then the fists began to fly, first POP, then POW! One of the combatants was injured seriously enough to require medical attention.

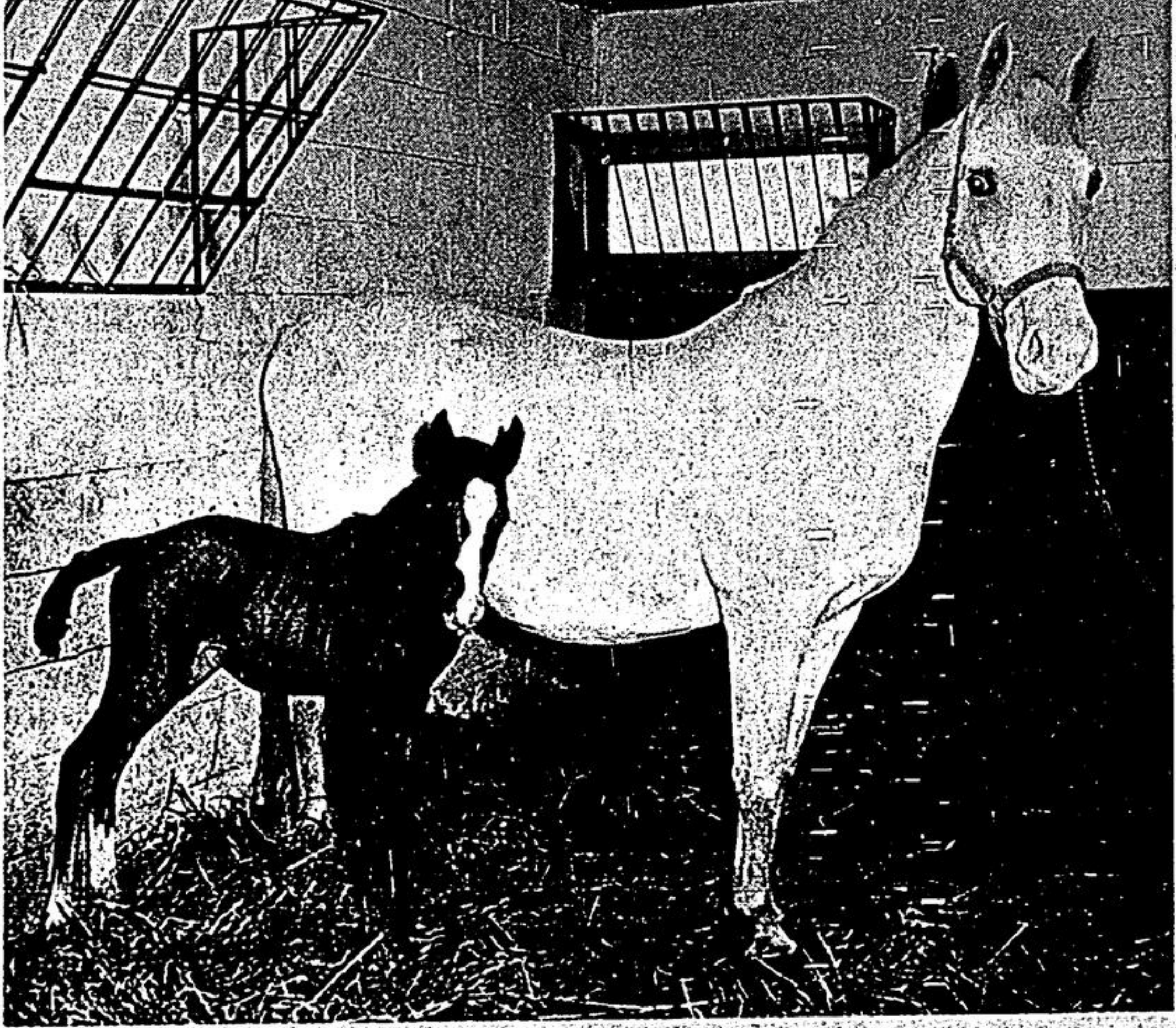
Mrs. Rennie relates how close friends, neighbors and even family relatives are so divided on the issue, they refuse to speak to one another. One property owner, it is said, refused to allow a group of young boys to fish out of his pond unless they signed a paper opposing the airport. The decline in receipts during the recent Cancer Campaign has been attributed to the same controversy. Some householders refused admittance to local canvassers because they were either 'for' or 'against' the port project.

"It's high time folks stopped and took a look at themselves", concludes the writer, "before we have riots in our community".

Grass fires prove costly

GOODWOOD - Determined to 'douse' irresponsibility in the setting of grass fires that can't be controlled, Uxbridge Twp. Council intends to 'soak' five residents, \$200 apiece, after brigade units had to be summoned to separate properties.

The fee is set out in the municipality's Fire Enforcement Bylaw, No. 1384.



Lipizzaner foal - first in Canada

Meet 'Maestoso Distinta', the first Canadian-born Lipizzaner foal. The sturdy little guy arrived at 3:35 a.m., May 6, son of Maestoso Gradita and Distinta, both imported to Canada from the Federal Stud Farm in Piber, Austria. The owners are Mr. and Mrs. Ian F. Munro, Windrush Farms, Stouffville. Two additional foals are expected this year. —Jas. Thomas.



'Queen' of Stouffville High

Eighteen year old Joanna Reesor, Grade 12, is the 1972 'queen' of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School. She was selected, May 5, at the annual semi-formal Prom. Joanna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Reesor, Unionville, R. R. 1. —Jas. Thomas.

Propose supermarket at Ringwood corner

STOUFFVILLE - The town's busiest developer, Gino Testa, appeared before a Planning Board meeting, May 2, with yet another proposal.

Mr. Testa's latest development would occupy more than two acres at Ringwood, in the south-east corner of the intersection. He described the plans for a 9,000 square foot supermarket, with considerable parking and space for a summertime outdoor sales area.

In discussing the proposal, Mr. Testa revealed he had consulted with officials of the Department of Transportation and Communication. It appears that access to the site will be from Hwy 47, with no entrances or exits allowed onto Hwy. 48.

Planning Board considered the development at length, noting that the property's zoning - presently Rural Residential - would have to be changed.

Councillor Betty vanNostrand pointed out that this would be in the area to be studied for a secondary plan, and moved that the proposal be forwarded to York Region's Area Services Branch for approval. Her suggestion was accepted, and a report will be drawn up at the Regional level.

For sale - a memory

RINGWOOD - The crack of Gordon Orr's auction gavel, Saturday, at the site of Ringwood School, will muster a good many memories, for residents who once attended there.

The Ringwood school, one of the oldest in the Region, was built in 1887 - eighty-five years ago. A one-room addition was added later.

The Board of Education is offering the property for sale at 11 a.m.

Also to be sold are schools at Hagerman, 9:30 a.m.; Hillcrest, 1 p.m.; and Vandorf at 2 p.m. Snowball and Temperanceville schools will be sold the same day.

Each is subject to a reserve bid.

Choose Roman

YORK NORTH - Stephen Roman, mining magnate and farmer, R. R. 2, Gormley, will carry the banner for the Progressive Conservatives in the federal riding of York North.

The seat is presently held by Liberal Barney Danson.

Mr. Roman won a first-ballot victory in a nominating convention, Monday, at Thornhill Secondary School. An estimated 2,000 people attended.

Thirsty thief

STOUFFVILLE - A thief with a thirst, broke into the home of Stanley Nesbitt, R.R.2, Stouffville, May 7.

Nothing was taken from the residence, except nine bottles of beer.

An arrest seems unlikely since police feel the 'evidence' has already been consumed.

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