

OUTDOORS

Family Life Centre sponsors 'Tour of Homes'

MARKHAM - The annual 'Tour of Homes', a fund-raising project of the Markham Family Life Centre, will be held Thursday, May 25 from 1 to 5 p.m.

This year, the residents to be visited, are mainly in the Unionville area. Stouffville ladies, wishing to participate, may obtain tickets (\$2.50 each) at Aiken's Pharmacy, Main Street. The invitation is extended to adults only.

Further information is available from the ticket convenors, Mrs. Gerald Huffman (294-2743) or Mrs. Kenneth Carter (294-3391). Stop-off points will include the following homes: Mrs. Helen Johnston, Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Thomas, Union-

ville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown, Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Unionville; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hughes, Unionville, R. R. 1; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Koch, Unionville, R. R. 1; and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Merklinger, R. R. 2, Markham.

Weather permitting, refreshments will be served at 'Briarwood Farm', the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hughes, Unionville, R. R. 1. Although offices are located in Markham, the Family Life Centre also serves the Stouffville community.

Whitchurch lot owners

Wait seven long years - still wish to build

STOUFFVILLE - The owners of 17 lots, having waited patiently for 7 years, are anxious to proceed.

Council received a letter at a Planning Board meeting, May 2, from a firm of solicitors acting for the majority of owners. The lots involved are 10 acres in size, and located on conc. 6 south of the Aurora Road.

Plans were originally presented to Whitchurch Township Council in 1965, but difficulties arose because most of the lots do not front on a public road, as required by law. Each owner would be required to give up 35 feet across the front of his lot, and undertake responsibility for paying off the cost of road-building under the Local Improvements Act.

One owner, however, has refused to cooperate, and another cannot be found. In addition, re-alignment of local governments further held up the issuance of building permits.

Planning Board seemed generally favorable to the wishes of owners to go ahead with their houses.

"I feel we should do all we can to proceed with this," observed councillor Gordon Ratcliff. He pointed out that these would be high-class houses of more than 2,000 square feet each.

Mayor Ken Laushway agreed the matter deserved consideration, and added that York Region will be involved. Councillor Ratcliff agreed, and

proposed a motion to forward the issue to the Region's Area Services Branch for consideration.

Mayor Laushway warned that the Region might be unfavorable, considering this "another strip development".

"If they turn it down

on the grounds of strip development we might as well say goodbye to any further building in Town," said Councillor Merlyn Baker.

Mr. Ratcliff's motion was passed, and Regional authorities will be consulted.

Spring Festival

Action weekend

PICKERING TWP. - The Pickering Spring Festival, organized by the People or Planes Committee, was almost too well done.

There was so much going on, it was nearly impossible to see it all.

A good example of this was at the Bassett Farm, east off the Townline. Everything seemed to be happening here. If your tastes ran to Kite-flying, there was an area for that; those interested in crafts were treated to a wide variety of such objects, ranging from beaten copper to "Eye of God" hex signs. Roy Small, local puppeteer, was there to amuse young and old alike. If anyone were interested enough, there were POP

puppets for sale, designed by Mr. Small. On a somewhat larger scale, Mike Robertson was there with his man-carrying kite.

"If nothing else ever comes of the Airport," observed one young lady, "I suppose we should be grateful to them for touching off a Festival like this."



Markham Kiwanis Club

Art Show '72 - 1,200 paintings

MARKHAM - Art '72, the largest show of its kind in Canada, will be presented again this year in the Markham Arena, extending over 11 days, June 8 through 18.

The exhibition is sponsored by the Markham Kiwanis Club.

More than 200 artists are registered, with over 1,200 individual paintings promised. Proceeds will go to such deserving institutions as Scarborough General Hospital, Participation House, Senior Citizens' Homes, Community Youth Work and the Markham Parks

Project. Admission is \$1 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free if accompanied by a parent.

The Arena will be open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Some of the well-known artists whose works will appear at the show include John Joy, A. Meredith Barry, Wilf Griffiths, Christina and Byron Eakin, Murray Fallaise, Connie Beatty, Rosemary Edgecombe, Nell LaMarsh and Eleanor McComb.

The country residence of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Merklinger, conc. 7, R.R. 2, Markham, is included in the Centennial Tour of Homes, May 25; sponsored by the Markham Region, Family Life Centre. Tickets in Stouffville, are available at Aiken's Pharmacy, Main Street.

Approve Milne site for public park

MARKHAM - A 293-acre conservation park will be opened in Markham, July 1, by the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, T.E.

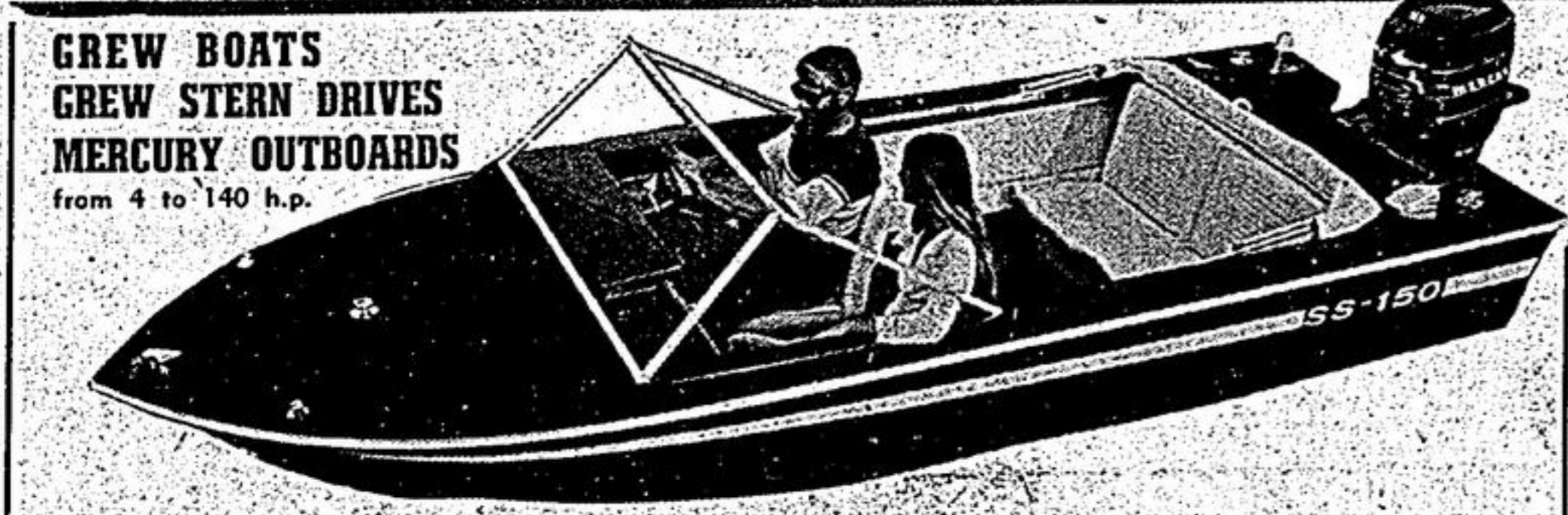
Barber, the authority's information and education administrator, has announced.

It will be named the Milne Conservation Area and is located on the main branch of the Rouge River. About 900 feet of beach will be provided for public swimming around a small reservoir and there will be facilities for fishing, picnicking and canoeing.

The new park is the 14th to be established by the authority. There is a \$1.50 admission - parking

fee for each carload of people entering a conservation area, but a season's pass can be bought for \$20.

Bobby Orr says: Investigate Grew for '72!



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