

### Collies on parade

STOUFFVILLE - Stouffville hosted a rather unusual gathering, Aug. 29.

The property of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Baron, South Street, was the scene of a dog show. What made the occasion unique was the breed of dog: bearded collies. It was, said Mr. Baron, the largest gathering of these dogs ever held in Canada.

Afficionados of the breed were present from points as distant as England. Judging the show was Miss Margaret Osmond, an Englishwoman considered an international authority on "beardies".

There are less than 100 of these dogs in Canada, and at one time the breed was almost extinct. A recent revival has seen an increase in their numbers, particularly in the British Isles.

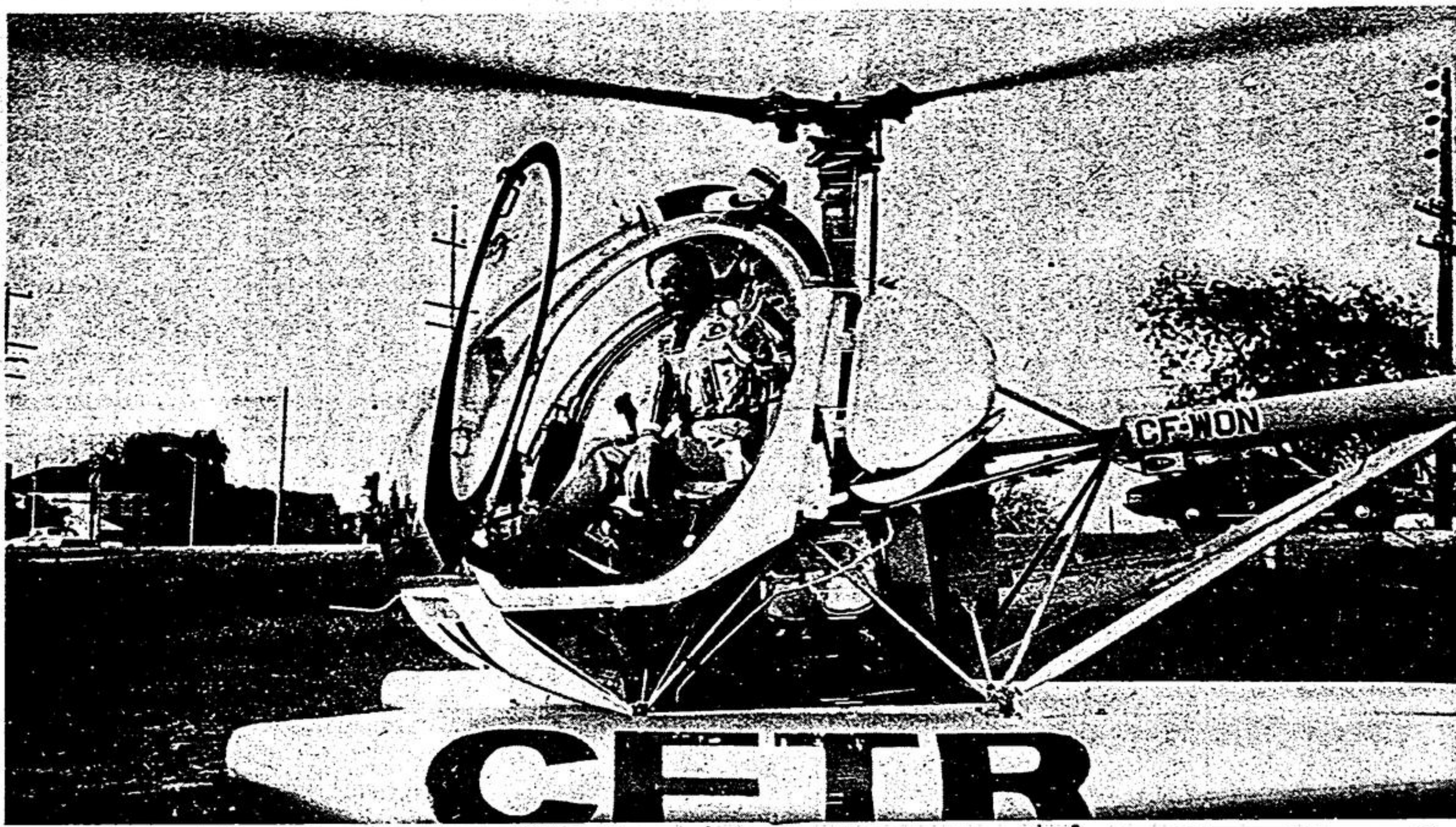
There were about 30 dogs present, competing in 10 classes. Miss Osmond dictated her comments into a tape recorder, and owners will later receive a copy.

The ancestors of all the beardies in Canada were present, looking in fine form and not the least aged. Osmart Brown Barnaby, known as Barnaby, is owned by Dr. and Mrs. Linda MacLennan, of Toronto.

Wishanger Marsh Pimpernel, known as Gael, is his female counterpart. She belongs to Miss Carol Gold, president of the Bearded Collie Club of Canada.

While neighborhood children watched, a certain puzzlement, evident, the proud owners walked their dogs. They are members of a very exclusive club, considering the scarcity of this breed.

**Variety Store**  
The first business to open in Stouffville's newest plaza, 89 Main Street East, will be Ashtons Gift and Variety. The date is set for Sept. 15. Mr. and Mrs. Harley Ashton are well known here.



### Car watcher

Eddie Luther of Station C.F.T.R., is no stranger to Stouffville residents, either on the ground or in the air. Eddie, now living in town, whirled over Stouffville every Sunday evening around 6 p.m., watching for traffic tie-ups on the highway below.

### Cyclist heading for Calcutta

Paul Hamilton, son of Rev. and Mrs. John Hamilton, Baker Ave., Stouffville, is cycling his way across Eurasia, and recently reported to The Tribune from Tabriz, Iran.

Paul, with one companion, set out on bicycle from Paris, April 13. Having covered 5,500 kilometres, or almost 4,000 miles, the two boys consider Tabriz the half-way point.

After cycling down through Europe and the Balkans, the travellers crossed the Bosphorus and entered Istanbul at the end of June. After some time in the old Byzantine capital of Turkey, they continued eastward.

The going, said Paul, is extremely difficult in places. At one point, they climbed from sea level to an altitude of 8,000 feet within 50 miles.

"The beauty of the mountains compensated for the hard pedalling," Paul observed.

Weather has been an important factor. The boys have encountered cold and rainy conditions, as well as hot and dry days - both equally difficult for cyclists. The language barrier is often "trying and frustrating", said Paul, but he enjoyed the leisurely pace of travel which allowed them to meet people en route.

"Some communication is always possible," said Paul. "People have shown us much kindness and hospitality everywhere we've been."

By the end of August, Paul expected to be in Afghanistan, and another month should see the travellers arrive in Pakistan. Their ultimate destination is Calcutta.

On the mechanical side, things have gone well. The bicycles, purchased in Paris, have stood up to the hard travel imposed on them.

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## Pioneer town home sold

STOUFFVILLE - The home of Mrs. John Urquhart, Main Street West, has been sold, and a public auction of contents, Saturday, closed out a pioneer family property. Mrs. Urquhart is retiring to Galt.

A large crowd attended the sale, with auctioneers Walter Atkinson and Lloyd Wilson utilizing two rings. Some of the prices follow: Piano, \$250; cupboard, \$180; bedroom suite, \$125; chest, \$75; hall rack, \$31.

## Student exchange

YORK REGION - This year's Urban Rural Exchange program, conducted here and in Ontario and Victoria counties, has been judged successful.

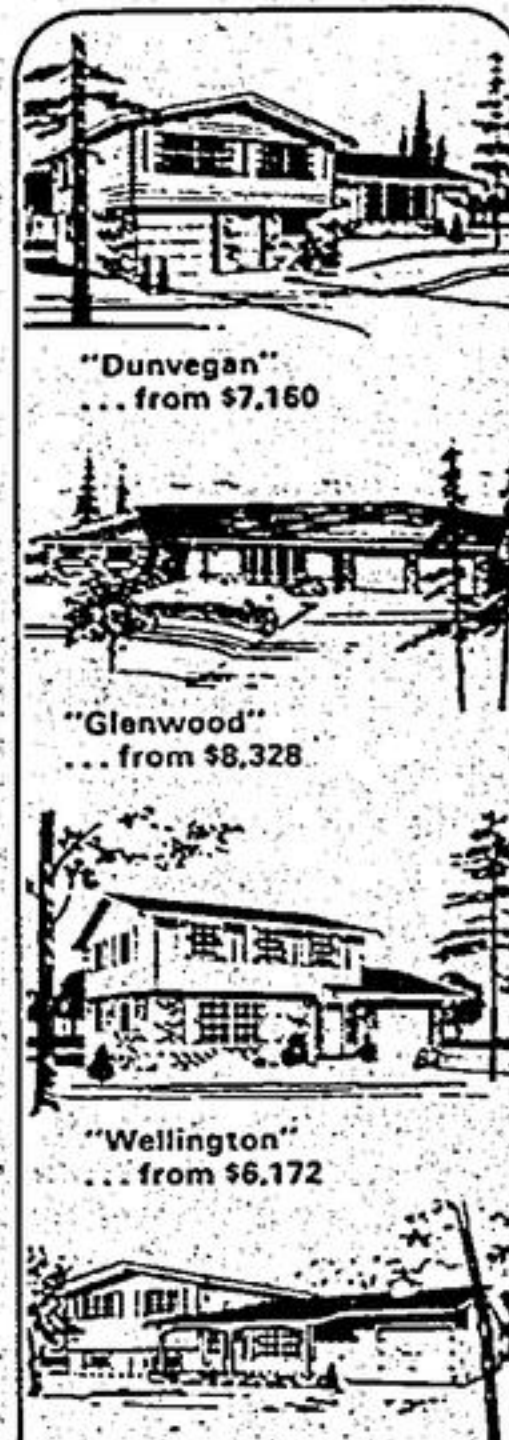
A total of 34 urban young people, ranging in age from 12 to 15, \$68; pair of curtain rods, \$48; wooden ice box, \$45; several pieces of sheet music, \$31.

spent a week on a farm in the three-county area. They came from Toronto, Hamilton, Burlington, Oshawa, and other cities.

Some rural youngsters also spent a week in the city with their guests.

The program, backed by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, is expected to be repeated next summer.

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