

MARKHAM

News and Features

Record Fair attendance Sunday — rain cancels Saturday races

Premier donates steer



Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 were 'Fair Days' at Markham, with a Main Street parade, Sunday afternoon. A participant in the procession was Gord Lewis, R.R.1, Unionville, with his handsome 4-horse team of Clydesdales. —Jim Thomas.

MARKHAM Frequent showers, created many problems and forced hasty decisions at the 117th annual Markham Fair—decisions, that in some instances were not popular. President Gerry Mann told The Tribune this week.

One of these was the cancellation of the Saturday races, a track attraction for thousands. The president explained that with parking on the grounds at a premium and the condition of the track in doubt, this area was used to accommodate several hundred cars. He said that all horsemen were looked after financially, and other prizes were presented via the draw system.

Gerry Mann noted that Thursday's attendance was above that of '71 and Sunday's crowd broke the previous record. He observed, however, that over the 4 days, the figure would fall below that of last year.



Judy Taylor, R.R.2, Markham, was the high-point winner in the class for 18 year olds and under. She submitted 19 entries. The presentation of the Markham Fair Trophy, donated by K.J. Beamish Co., Ltd., was made, Saturday, by executive director, Wm. 'Bill' Walker.

Baking a family trait



Stouffville exhibitors were very much a part of the Fair, particularly Mrs. Murray Clarkson, Stouffer Street, winner of the Domestic Science class trophy. Her fresh oven-baked bread earned a red ribbon and also the approval of daughter, Bonnie, 13 months. —Jim Thomas.

STOUFFVILLE The mouth-watering aroma wafting along Stouffer Street last week no doubt came from the kitchen of Barbara Clarkson, this year's Grand Champion of the Baking Board at Markham Fair.

Barbara accumulated 26 points to win the Thos. Birkett and Son Trophy, with such tempting items as brownies (1st), Apple pie (3rd), mince meat pie (3rd), white bread (1st), date and nut loaf (2nd), plate of candies (3rd), drop cookies (2nd), gingerbread men (3rd), graham cream pie (2nd), fruit cocktail (1st), bread and butter pickles (1st), hotdog relish (4th), bean pickle (2nd).

This is the second time she has entered the Markham competition - last year she was beaten by her mother-in-law, Mrs. Vera Clarkson, R.R.4, Stouffville. However, it's all in the family and Barbara attributes her success to recipes she's borrowed from her mother-in-law and mother, Mrs. Victor Little, Rupert Ave., along with a little 'trial and error'.

Barbara has a one-year old daughter, Bonnie, who may very well be 'Grand Champion', in 1992.

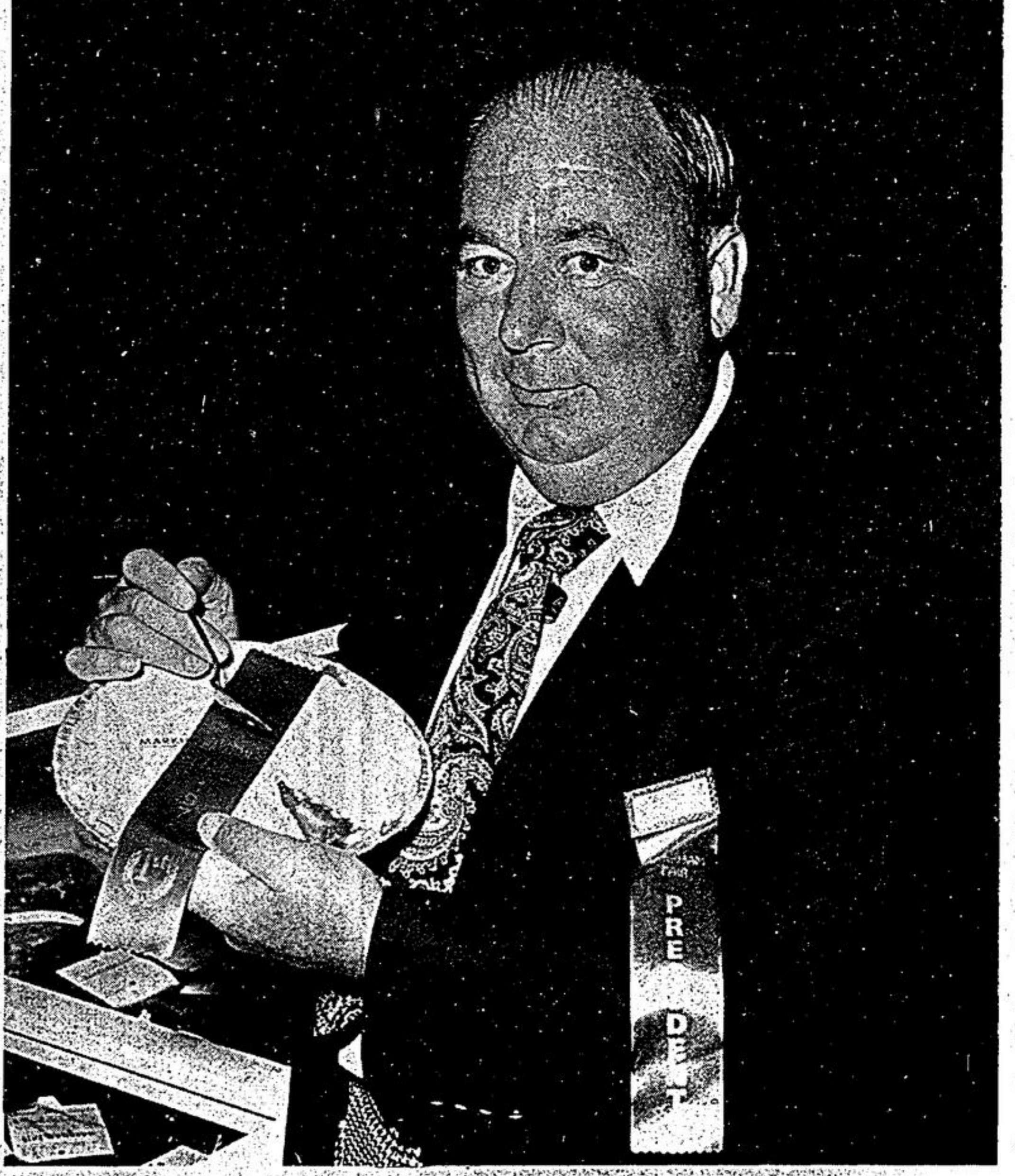
Activities creating the most interest, according to the president, included the log-sawing contest, won by Dave Owen, Sherwood Forest Drive, and George Clarke, Rougecrest Drive, both of Markham. They severed the log in 43 seconds, four seconds faster than a team of 'professionals', their closest competitors.

The shingle-making machine and old-time pieces of farm equipment, also attracted the attention of many.

The grand champion Angus steer, owned by Joe Hassen of Guelph, was purchased by Jim Conklin, Toronto, for \$1.05 a pound. The reserve champion was bought by Ontario Premier Wm. Davis and donated to Parkview Home in Stouffville.

Agriculture Minister Wm. A. Stewart, guest of the president, Sunday, expressed enthusiasm over the number and quality of entries in the fruit and vegetable classes.

Gerry Mann said too, that the section, "Christmas in September", was well received by Fair visitors. The class was organized by the executive secretary, Miss Cora Brodie.



Fair president, Gerry Mann, sponsored and judged the all-male cherry pie-baking contest. Deserving of a second sample was the class winner, entered by Don Brodie, Gormley, R.R.2. —Jim Thomas.



Tops in showmanship at the all-Pinto competition was 17 year old Jane Yusko, R.R.1, Unionville. Her Pinto colt is 'Lady Diane' of Newlove Stables, Mt. Albert. —Jim Thomas.



The fruit and vegetable displays at Markham Fair this year were excellent. Five year old Sandra Newman, Tenth Line South, Stouffville, holds a prize-winning marrow. —Jim Thomas.



For a child, no Markham Fair is quite complete without a candy apple. That was the opinion of 4 year old Sherri Mueller, Wilson Street.