



Receives award

Donald Risebrough, R.R. 2, Markham, is presenting the Bank of Commerce trophy for the 1972 best showman in the Markham 4-H Dairy Club.

New courthouse is too small

YORK REGION - The new Provincial Criminal Courthouse, 17th and Bayview Avenues, boasts such niceties as red broadloom, panelled walls and solid wood benches, but the requirement that matters most - accommodation, appears to be lacking.

This was the opinion of press representatives, as they scanned the plush interior quarters for a place to lay a pencil and pad.

At present, reporters are so far removed from the judge, it's difficult to catch what is said. The problem too, is intensified, because of in-ceiling heat generators, located directly overhead.

The building, it seems, is not

as originally planned. It's 4,000 square feet smaller, and it shows.

At the front, on either side of the judge's bench, are two witness boxes. The only suggested reason for this is, that in cases involving domestic squabbles, the husband can speak his mind in comparative safety. Another opinion was that it tended to give the courtroom needed balance.

A presiding judge said he felt microphones and speakers should be installed, so everyone in the room could hear the proceedings. He also noted that the prisoners' dock is located too close to the witness box.

In spite of these shortcomings, he said he still preferred the new structure over the old one.

Firm charged with possessing obscene matter

MARKHAM - Doren News Co., Ltd., Markham, and employee Mrs. Dora Victoria Welch, 51, of Toronto, were jointly charged with possession of obscene literature for the purpose of distribution, Dec. 7.

According to a report, York Regional Police executed a search warrant on the company's premises and Mrs. Welch was arrested.

She was later released on an appearance notice for Dec. 12.

Markham Fair champions Eleven are honored awards' banquet

MARKHAM - Eleven champions at the 1972 Markham Fair were honored, Dec. 1, at the annual Awards Night banquet, held in the upper auditorium of the Markham Community Centre.

Two entries, Mrs. Murray Clarkson, Stouffer Street, Stouffville and Don Risebrough, R.R. 2, Markham, were double winners. Mrs. Clarkson won the Thos. Birkett and Son Trophy, for the most points in the Domestic Science Division and the Cyanamid of Canada Limited Award for the winning exhibit in the Garden Collection division.

Single winners were: Badenoch Farms of Poslinoch, Ont., the T. Eaton Ltd., Trophy, for the best in the Aberdeen Angus division; Shurgain Farms of Galt, the Simpson-Sears Trophy, for the best herd in the Holstein division; Mrs. Murray Clarkson of Stouffville, the Thos. Birkett and Son Trophy, most points in the Domestic Science Division; Mrs. G. Brown of Oshawa, the Crothers Pharmacy Trophy, most points in the Women's Work Department; the Claremont Public School, Pickering Twp., Federation of Agriculture Trophy, most points in the School Work Department; Donald Risebrough, R.R. 2, Markham, Bank of Nova Scotia Trophy, best showman in the Markham 4-H Dairy Club; John Risebrough, Markham, Bank of Montreal Trophy, outstanding member of Markham 4-H Crops Club; Donald Risebrough, R.R. 2, Markham, Bank of Commerce Trophy, champion calf in the

Markham 4-H Dairy Club; Jane Yusko, Royal Bank of Canada Trophy, highest score for the year by a Markham 4-H Beef Club member; Tom Smith of Claremont, the Stouffville Co-operative Special (wrist watch), the grand champion potato exhibit; Donald Dunkeld, Claremont R.R. 2, the Bradford Fertilizer Co. Ltd., Award, first prize exhibitor in the Grain Corn section; Mrs. Murray Clarkson, Stouffville, the Cyanamid of Canada Ltd. Trophy, for the winning exhibit in the Garden Collection, and Morley Smalley, M. Albert, the Claremont Branch of the U. C. O. Trophy, most points in roots and vegetables.

Injured in car crash

MARKHAM - Four Markham men were taken to hospital, after the car in which they were travelling crashed head-on with another.

York Regional Police reported that on Dec. 6, a vehicle driven by James Caryle Devenport, 21, of 45 Peter St., Markham, was going south on 10th Line, without headlights, when his car hit the other.

Devenport had been drinking, according to police. Larry Castle, Clive Burton, Keith Hargraves and Roy Dart, all of Markham, were injured in the crash and later taken to hospital. James Caryle Devenport was charged with dangerous driving.

Government airport hearing

'Like holding a trial after the hanging'

Threatened with knife

MARKHAM - A 59 year old Markham woman was dragged into a field, threatened with a knife and beaten unconscious, when accosted by a man as she returned home around midnight.

Mrs. Hilda Dennis told how a stranger first asked her for the time, then began following her. After posing the same question, he put his hand over her mouth, pulled out a knife and threatened to kill her.

The victim was then beaten about the face and head.

Her assailant was described as about 30, and spoke with an accent.

No relief

MARKHAM - Following a letter from the City of Windsor requesting Markham Town Council's financial aid in flood damages suffered by Windsor and surrounding areas, council announced at its meeting Nov. 29 that they have limited funds.

According to the letter, the Nov. 13 and 14 disaster caused damages estimated at \$5 million and the areas hardest hit were the Township of Mersea and Pelee Island with damages at about \$1.5 million.

But according to Mayor Anthony Roman, the Essex County Flood Relief Fund is not the responsibility of the Town of Markham. "If relief funds are to be provided, they should come from the Federal and Provincial Governments because they declared these regions as disaster areas," he said. Also, he indicated that relief funds should come from individual donations.

Council decided to put the issue over until sometime in January.

CLAREMONT - Businessman, Victor Thompson of Whitevale, has likened the government-sponsored Airport Hearing to hanging a man, then holding a trial to determine his guilt or innocence.

Mr. Thompson was one of more than 50 objectors, to address a public gathering in the auditorium of Claremont Public School, Dec. 7. The temporary change in location, from the Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto, was agreed on earlier by the Hearing Officer J. W. Swackhamer.

Hugh Miller, R.R. 2, Claremont, the first to speak, told how the proposed expropriation line would divide his property, taking one portion, and rendering the other half sterile. He described the farm residence, like others in the area, as a pioneer home dating back to the mid-1800's. He noted that since the dwelling could not be moved, it would undoubtedly be demolished if the Airport project went ahead. "If so," he concluded, "a little bit of Canadian history will be buried in the nearest gully."

Mrs. Helen Auld, R.R. 2, Claremont, told a story similar to that of Hugh Miller. Her home "on the end of a proposed runway" was built, she said, in 1840. "We love our house, it's just too precious, there's no sale value that can be put on it," she said, "the whole project is wrong."

Heidi Ehlers, 34th Sideroad, R.R. 2, Claremont, recalled several candidates promising "to stop the airport." "But will they?" she asked. Heidi is 11.

Mrs. Sylvia Cows of Whitevale said the need for a second Airport had not been proven. She also voiced objections to what she termed "the undemocratic process" by which the site was chosen and the land is to be acquired.

Mrs. Diane Robertson, R.R. 1, Locust Hill charged that expropriation in the name of progress provides no benefits if

it ruins the atmosphere "and bulges the pockets of a few".

Mrs. Earl Taylor, R.R. 2, Pickering, condemned the way the Airport announcement was made, without consultation with Riding Members of Parliament.

Mrs. Kay Fallis, R.R. 1, Locust Hill, said residents had been deceived into thinking the area was to be preserved for agricultural and recreation, only to learn that 18,000 acres of it was to be used for an Airport.

Andrew Pemberton - Piggott of Cherrywood termed the Airport plan, a political move by Prime Minister Trudeau to gain the favor of Metro voters.

"The government plans to spend millions on an Airport that no one needs," said Mrs. Luella Creighton of Brooklin.

Mrs. Betty Pegg, R.R. 2, Claremont said, in her opinion, too little study had gone into the Pickering site choice. She said the natural environment would suffer permanent damage, and the peoples' way of life would be seriously disrupted.



J.W. Swackhamer

Christopher Chapman, R.R. 1, Markham, said previous experience had proven that where two large airports are established in an area, one becomes a 'white elephant'.

John Livingstone, R.R. 1, Locust Hill, likened the Airport decision to Hitler's invasion of Poland - a dictatorial act. "Some say ours is an exercise in futility," he said. "I can't believe this, but if it's true, then it's a sad day for democracy."

Muriel Gostick, speaking on behalf of her father, Fred Gostick, Claremont, R.R. 2, described how family ancestors had settled the area 140 years ago, and it was her father's wish that the property be maintained through further generations.

"We, here in Pickering Township have been plagued with fear and mistrust," she said.

Hugh Michell, Claremont, R.R. 2, described the government's action as "taking the best farmland in Ontario".

Aileen Adams, R.R. 2, Claremont, described her location as "smack-dab in the centre of Runway One".

Town solicitor commended

STOUFFVILLE - Paul W. J. Mingay, Q. C., of Markham, solicitor for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, earned personal praise from J. W. Swackhamer, Airport Hearing Officer, Nov. 30, following presentation of a Brief, that lasted just under 45 minutes.

"Your preparation was most complete, and your presentation ably done, both by you and your colleagues," said the Officer.

A further compliment was extended by Ted Oakes, solicitor for the Region of York.

Other than Mr. Mingay, the only speakers on Whitchurch-Stouffville's behalf was Mayor-elect, Gordon Ratcliff and York-Simcoe M.P., Sinclair Stevens.

Corn harvest made easier for Gormley farmer

STOUFFVILLE - The corn harvest was late this year because of the unusually cold summer and a lot of time was wasted in waiting for the crop to mature, according to John

Doner, R.R. 1, Gormley. Last year, Mr. Doner purchased a new grain dryer and two storage bins of which he said work very well. "Compared to what some fellows are using, the

dryer and bins are real labour-saving devices," he commented.

The dryer is extremely efficient in drying the grain. Mr. Doner pointed out that all grain must contain 14 percent

moisture if it is to keep. "Corn always has to be kept dry," he said. The dryer runs all night during the busy season.

The two large storage bins are 37 feet high to the peaks and each one holds 21,000 bushels of grain.

He explained that the grain is dried at 200 degrees and when one load is dry, an elevator-type system drops the load and down comes another on each side of the dryer.

Mr. Doner said that there is more specialization in farming today and less mixed farming because this cuts into a farmer's volume and cattle cost too much money.

"Farming around my area is dying out," he said. "Old farmers are slowing down or selling out and other people are buying farms only for speculation."

He said that there is space only for a limited number of large farms in his community. Of the 1,000 acres he rents, 470 are farmed for corn.

Mr. Doner pointed out that he and two employees harvested over 10,000 bushels of grain this year.

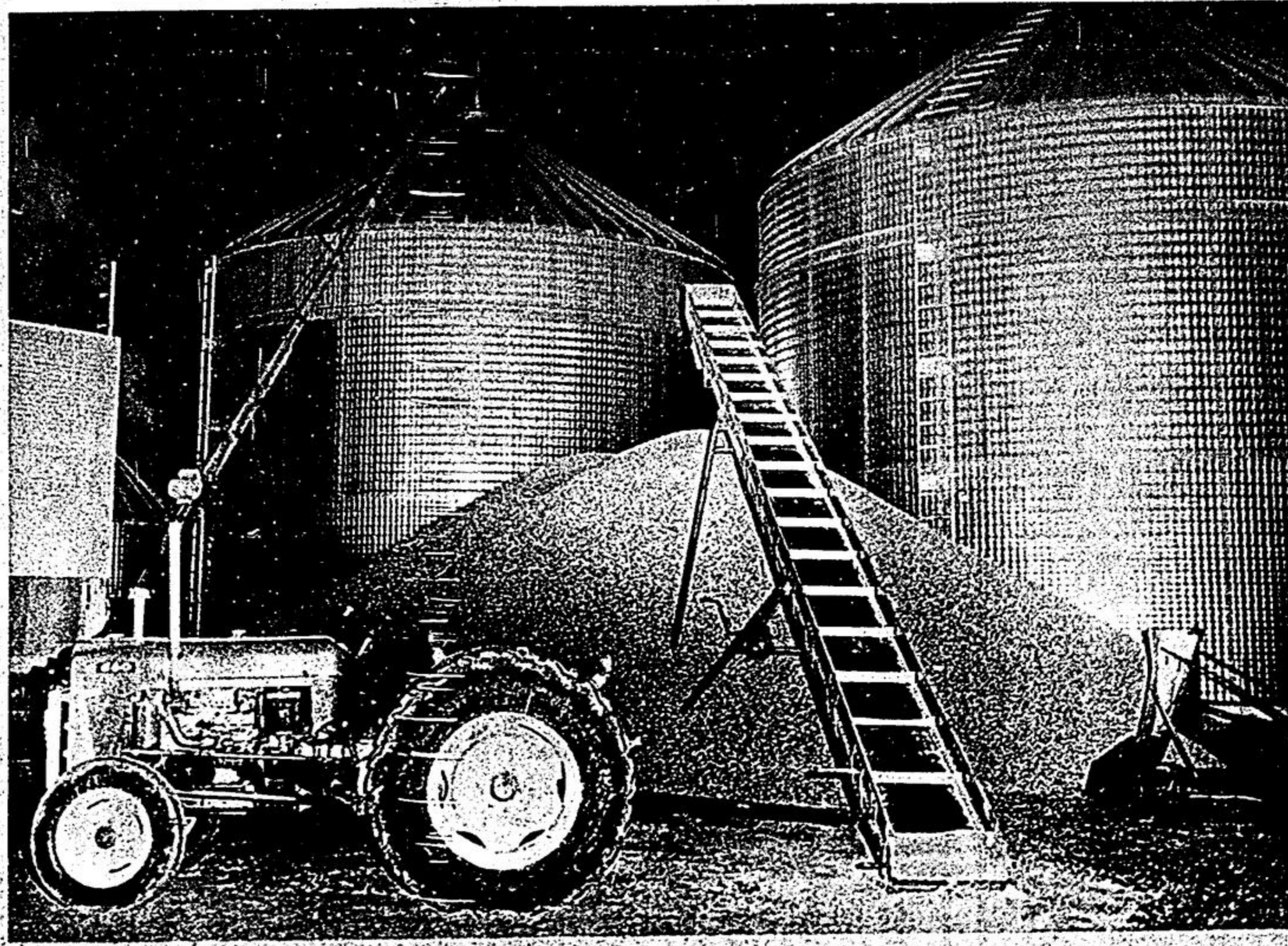
Bomb threat

THORNHILL - Allison Ryrie, wife of P.C. Ryrie, 28 Division, received a bomb threat over the telephone at her Yongehurst Rd. home, Dec. 9.

According to a York Regional Police report, the male caller said, "I want to warn you that your house will be bombed".

Mrs. Ryrie told him he must have had the wrong number but he replied he did not and repeated the number. Then he hung up.

Police reported that the house will be checked periodically.



The two large bins are used for grain storage, on John Doner's farm, R.R. 1, Gormley. On the left is the grain dryer of which Mr. Doner says is a great labour-saving device.