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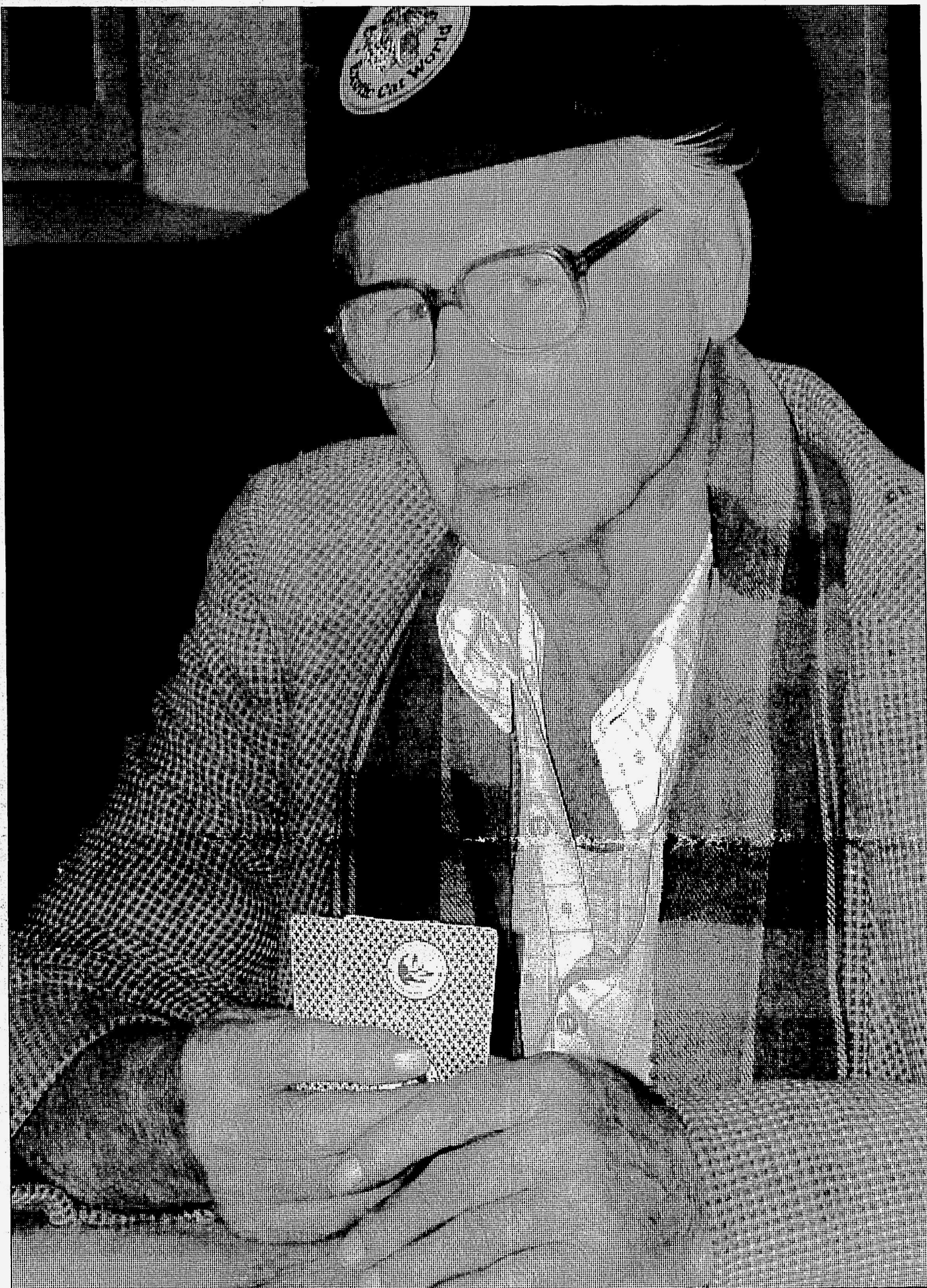
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"Got any fours?" says John VanDyk of the Orono Gentlemen's Club. The club meets on a spontaneous basis at their quarters in the basement of the Orono Town Hall. The Gentlemen's Club has been in existence since the 1960s and are currently looking for more members.

Mayor welcomes "Team Clarington"

Mayor John Mutton's inaugural address was a guarantee for the most innovative and efficient municipality in Ontario.

"If you thought we made progress the last three years," he stated, "you have not seen anything yet." Roads, transit and recreation infrastructure will top the list, said the Mayor. His list of facilities slated to open in the next three years included the indoor soccer facility and lacrosse bowl in Bowmanville, the Bowmanville Community Park, the Brian MacFarlane Hockey Museum and the \$8.1 million Newcastle indoor aquatic facility. In the emergency services department, the new Courtice Fire/Police station will open next year with the new Newcastle Fire Station and emergency measures office targeted for completion in 2006.

Improvements to transit included expanded service for Courtice with the loops to Orono and Wilmot Creek will to be made permanent.

Major waterfront acquisitions will happen in Bowmanville and Courtice, said the Mayor.

On the receipts side the Mayor announced projections for a record year in construction value in Clarington valued at \$178 million compared to last years \$121 million. He said industrial construction is

up 50 per cent, commercial is up 500 per cent, institutional construction is up 50 per cent and agricultural construction is up 40 per cent.

The Mayor will be exercising his right to sit on the Library Board where he plans to work towards establishing a new Newcastle Branch of the Clarington Library. "The current \$70 per year in rent would be better applied to a debenture and a taxpayer owned Newcastle Library," said Mutton.

The Mayor's inaugural address followed the swearing in of the council which included only one new member, Adrian Foster, Local councillor Ward One.

Besides approving the meeting schedule for the next three years, council also adopted a by-law with their new assignments. Ward 1 and 2 Regional Councillor Jim Schell maintains his position as chair of the Planning Department. Regional Councillor for Ward 3 and 4, Charlie Trim also returns to his previous assignment, chair of the Operations Department. Local Councillor Ward 2, Don MacArthur maintains his former position as Chair of the Engineering Services Department. Ward 3 Councillor Pat Pingle moved into the position vacated by Ward 4 local Councillor Gord

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5th Annual Farmers' Parade of Lights

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The Hereford float has over 2,000 lights on it which operate off 8,500 watts. Burgess and his fellow farmers say they've spent too much time constructing this float, which actually has a kettle in it's nose that makes a mooing sound before the steam comes out the side of the cow's nose. This happy cow, (definitely not a mad cow) will be pulling a wagon with a rotating globe on it, bringing the message that "Beef makes the world go round."

The 5th Annual Farmers' Christmas Parade of Lights begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday,

December 3rd on Old Scugog Road north of Enniskillen. From Enniskillen, the parade, consisting of at least 15 floats, winds east along the 8th Concession to Haydon, down Middle Road to the 7th Concession and east to Tyrone where the farmers gather for a pot luck dinner.

Murray Burgess of Hampton putting the final touches on a float he and several of his colleagues have constructed for this year's Farmers' Christmas Parade of Lights taking place Wednesday evening.

