

Crafts mini-workshop

Wendy Smith, crafts instructor with the Vaughan parks and recreation department, demonstrated weaving at the recent Gallanough Library's first anniversary celebration. Puppet show and refreshments were offered along with the mini-craft workshop, which continues at the library until Dec. 6, each Monday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Income 'offsets' budget overrun

AURORA - York County board of education director Sam Chapman has taken a close look at the board's 1976 budget and found it over spent by \$287,890.

However, estimated revenue puts it under its \$68,088,594 total by \$307,286, he said.

The figures were contained in a report giving the estimated expenditures and revenue for the year ending Dec. 31. The report was requested by Trustee Warren Bailie of Richmond Hill "with a view to accumulating the largest possible surplus to reduce the mill rate for 1977.'

According to superintendent of business George Ford, the differing figures were the result of the additional cost of supply teachers and the board's inability to foresee exact costs of settlements negotiated after the budget

However, there was an "offsetting figure" resulting from grants for ad-

Aurora trustee Norm Weller asked that the board meet "right away" to without a contract since July 1, has won make cuts for all 12 months next year, an 8 per cent wage increase, 6 per cent but the board decided that Nov. 29 of which will be paid retroactively to would be soon enough.

Horton of East Gwillimbury, told The Liberal she felt the report was "misleading."

Regardless of where the money came from, there was still a deficit of \$287,890. The secondary surplus couldn't be used for elementary pur-

"They didn't give us what we needed to make a decision," Mrs. Horton said. "We must see if some of that money can be used for elementary needs, such as

in staff adjustments." She said the board had always intended to give parity in its negotiations, and the over expenditure in the budget was "just bad arithmetic."

frozen at its present total of \$68,376,484

Northern municipalities fear regional 'rep by pop'

NEWMARKET - The possibility of representation by population could be tough on the northern municipalities, Councillor Eric Larsen of Georgina told a meeting of York Region council.

Larsen said he was afraid the smaller northern municipalities would "never

get to first base." In a letter to Markham council and one more member, it would be "slightly

region council, provincial treasurer Darcy McKeough said he agreed with ditional two members, on the other in requesting a change in the com- over-representation in terms of the position of council."

Mrs. Buck also asked that council

assume the cost of a by-election, should

a member of council be elected to the

post of chairman. Council approved the

chair because of the added cost to their

municipalities.

under-represented," while "an ad-Markham that there was "some justice hand, would reflect a slight degree of

However, should Markham be given

In a subsequent letter to region council, McKeough said council "should be able to recommend an adjustment of regional representation in such a way as to follow the principle of 'rep by pop' fairly closely."

He said he had "placed the onus squarely upon the shoulders" of

Markham at present, has three members on council, or 17.6 per cent of representation, with 26.9 per cent of the region's total population.

In 1974 a committee was formed to study redistribution, following representation by population prin- Markham's first request for more representation.

According to Mayor Bob Forhan of Newmarket, however, the committee was unable to decide whether redistribution should be on the basis of population, or whether the region should be divided into ridings, eliminating municipal representation.

The committee is to submit a report to the council administrative committee in December.

Caretakers settle with Catholic board

RICHMOND HILL - Caretakers and maintenance workers represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1571, reached a mediated contract settlement Friday with York Region Roman Catholic separate school board.

The settlement comes after a conciliation officer recommended the dispute not be brought before a conciliation board.

The 45-member union, working July, said Ed Joyce, the board's Following the meeting, trustee Joy superintendent of business and finance.

The balance is above Anti-Inflation Board guidelines, he said, and will not be paid until AIB approval is received. Joyce said the approval could take from two to three months.

Other changes included in the new

Joyce said the board has agreed to increase life insurance policies from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and will pick up 55 per cent of the cost if the AIB agrees to the

settlement, saying it "fell within the board's ability to pay."

Draft official plan Mayor Buck said that often coun-cillors were hesitant about seeking the ready by May 1977

May 1977 at the latest, acting planning summer. commissioner Don Knight told a meeting of York regional council.

will have until mid-December to review to the end of the year to compile a report on recommended strategy for municipal comments. urban development.

NEWMARKET - York Region's sider technical aspects to the report, draft Official Plan could be ready by which was presented to the region in the

Whatever the deadline, however, Knight said the matter would be too late In the meantime, area municipalities to be considered this year. It would take

Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill said it The extension was given following a was unreasonable to expect areas to request from staff to allow submit their comments before midmunicipalities to meet with consultants December, especially when the region and regional representatives to con- had two months to study the comments.

settlement regard fringe benefits, group life insurance and dental in-

NEWMARKET — Despite the fact it doesn't have the money for such purposes, York Region council agreed last week to give the Central Ontario Tourist Association \$2,000 to keep Joyce said he was pleased with the promoting its charms.

request from the association for \$5,000, available.

but after the latter said it would discontinue publicizing the region through its \$35,000 annual budget, council changed its mind.

After treasurer John Hlynski informed them there was no more money in the grant fund, councillors moved to Council had earlier turned down a make the grant, subject to funds being

She said they already had a 10 per was completed. cent increase in the mill rate for next year, and suggested the budget be ditional students, he said. Smith services held

Hill Agricultural Society and often a Exhibition and Royal Agricultural prize-winning exhibitor in Ontario Fair.

fairs, has died at age 56. Hospital in Toronto for the past month.

Born in Fisherville (now known as Concord), Smith worked as a cable operator at Canada Wire and Cable Company, Leaside, for 30 years.

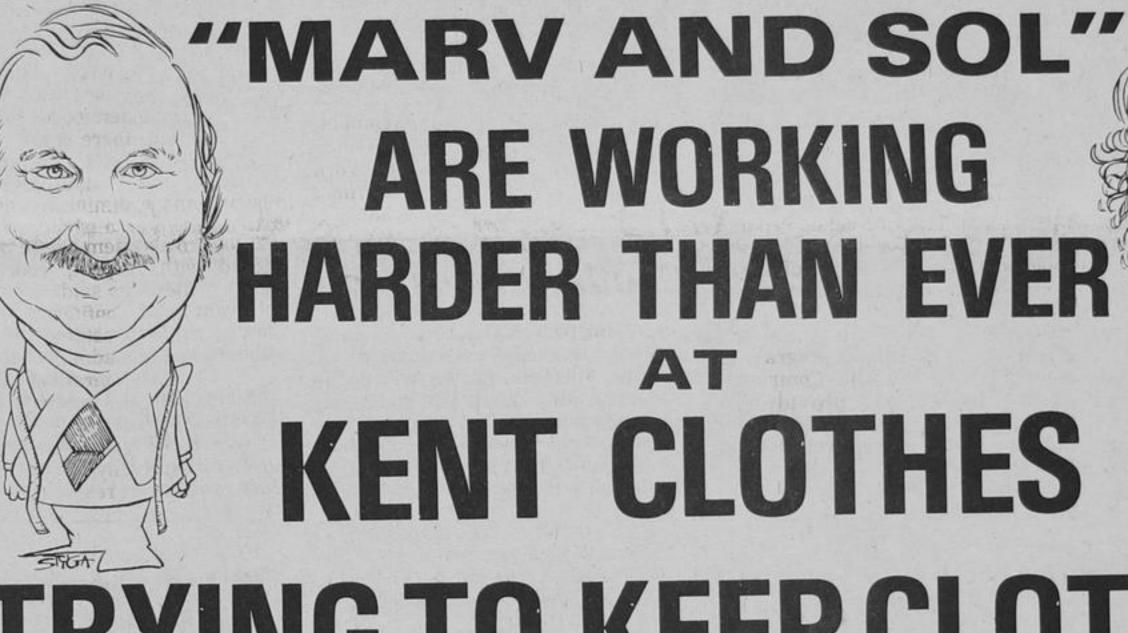
chickens, black and white Langshans, Albert Norman).

RICHMOND HILL - Albert Henry and won many grand champion awards (Bert) Smith, a director of Richmond and plaques at the Canadian National

He served as assistant superin-Smith, who lived at 33A Elgin Mills tendent of the Royal Winter Fair Rd., had been in Princess Margaret poultry division and was to have been superintendent this year.

He was a member of St. John's Baptist Church.

Smith is survived by his wife Kathleen, sons Russell, Rodney and Richard, and daughters Shari, Carol He was well-known for raising prize (Mrs. Jack Waller) and Patricia (Mrs.







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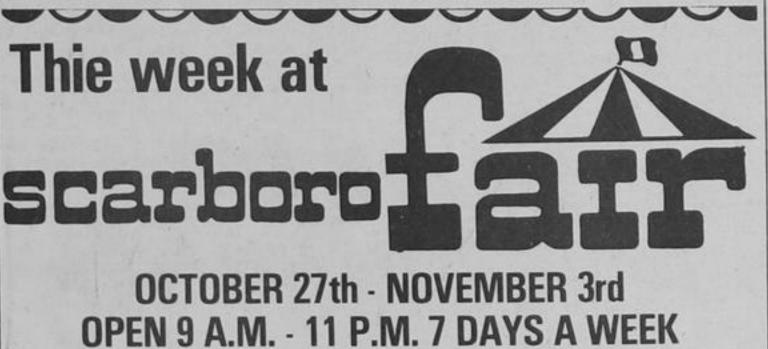
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