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Markham proclaims United Way month in Oct.

Markham council carried a motion to approve the United Way campaign in York Region starting Sept. 26 at a council meeting last week.

October is to be declared "United Way Month" and Markham will implement a payroll deduction program for the town employees wishing to support the campaign.

"The United Way funds eight different agencies in the Markham area," said James McDonald, chairman of the government division. "The target this year is \$400,000 in York Region."

Committee seeks briefs

Richmond Hill study committee, which is reviewing the use of school facilities in Richmond Hill, is asking for briefs.

Anyone wishing to submit a brief to the group is asked to do so by Sept. 21, or Oct. 19 at the latest.

Briefs should be sent to Walter Wilms at Beverley Acres public school, 283 Neal Dr., Richmond Hill.

Citizenship applications available

Becoming a Canadian citizen for residents of Woodbridge, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Markham has been something like pregnancy.

It has taken nine months to get through the red tape and two trips downtown to see examiners, says Gwen Patton of Information Markham.

Now the department of the secretary of state is using a mobile unit.

Citizenship applications are available from local community information centres.

These are the Help Information and Referral Centre, Woodbridge, 851-2333, Helpmate, Richmond Hill, 883-2234, and Information Markham, 297-3459.

Ms. Patton says that with the new service, when 40 applications are filled out, members of the mobile unit from the department of the secretary of state will come out for interviews of applicants at the information centre. This is when the documents are signed.

Next a judge comes out to swear in the new citizens. Finally in the third stage, the citizens are presented with their papers.

It is hoped that the program will cut the waiting time in half.

Help in Woodbridge already has 30 applications and the necessary 40 are expected within a week.

Near death art lives in Thornhill

Classes in painting china will be offered again this winter in Thornhill.

A craft that had almost died out, has been taught at 55 Glen Cameron Road for three years. Classes are two and a half hours in length.

Day classes will be held and evening classes may start for the first time if there is enough interest, says Iris MacKinnon.

Classes are two and a half hours long, for both experienced painters and beginners.

The fee of \$5 per lesson is to cover the pay for instructors. Anyone interested in joining, may call Mrs. MacKinnon at 889-8161.

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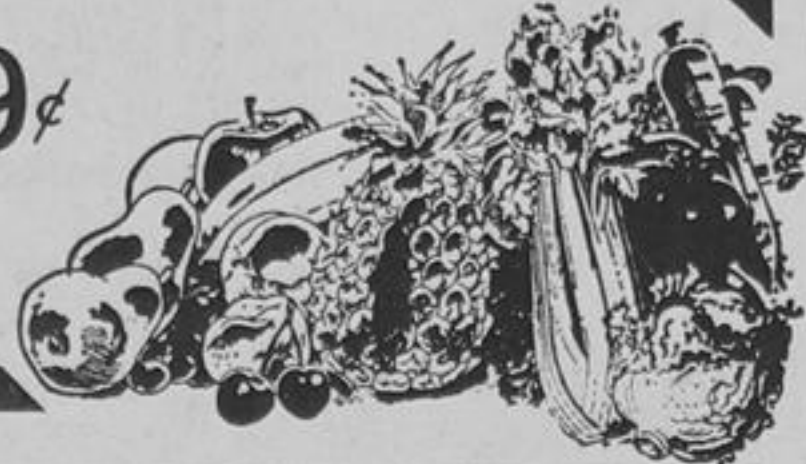
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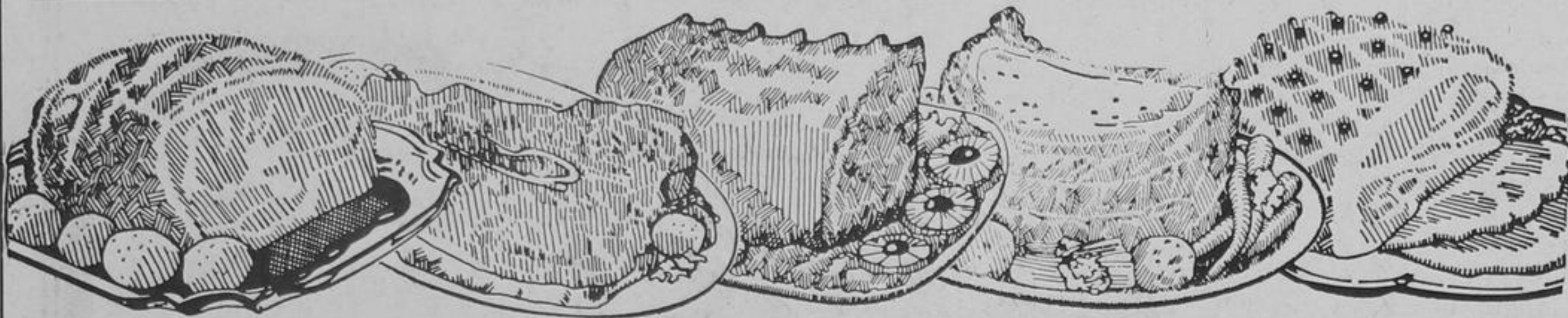


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