

Gallacher's Food Market in Oak Ridges is celebrating 30 years as a community business. Alex Gallacher, Junior, John Gallacher and Alex, Senior (Left

Smaller markets can survive, Gallagher's in Oak Ridges proves

By MILLIE STEWART

Gallacher's Food Market Limited in Oak Ridges is celebrating 30 years as a family business this year, and the family is looking forward to many more.

Alex Gallacher, Senior, and his wife, Aleitha, began the family grocery store in a 3,000 square foot building facing Yonge Street back in 1949.

At that time, it was the largest store of its kind north of Sheppard and Yonge.

The personal touch in service is what has always set Gallagher's apart from the larger chain grocery stores.

Their son, John, joined the family business 25 years ago, and he was followed 10 years later by his brother, Alex.

Today, the business is owned by Alex, Senior, and his two sons.

In 1964, the store moved into new premises facing Maple Grove Avenue, which gave them 4,000 square feet of space.

The next expansion came in 1973, when Gallagher's took over their original premises and combined it with the existing store to give 7,000 square feet.

All the Gallachers think Oak Ridges is a great community in which to have a family business.

Alex, Senior, says, "Running a business today is not as much fun as 30 years ago. There was more sociability back then."

Many people in Oak Ridges and at Lake Wilcox shopped at Gallagher's when it first opened and still do so today.

Second and third generations of some families have made shopping at Gallagher's a family tradition.

Some families, who have left the community, return about once a month to shop there, and it can only be explained in one way.

The personal touch still exists at Gallagher's because it's a family business.

Many young people in the community have received their introduction to the working world as a Gallagher's employee, and today, in addition to Alex, Senior, John and Alex, Junior, there are 19 people on Gallagher's payroll; both full and part time employees.

Gallagher's is a tradition in the community, one that would be sadly missed by many residents if it were to close.

York to assume Carrville

The Town of Richmond Hill will give up Carrville interchange at 16th Avenue at this time, but suggest the town should reserve land for a future interchange.

Mr. Toporowski said MTC said they would reconsider their position if the town could prove a need for an intersection at 16th Avenue.

Richmond Hill's planning department sees a need for such an interchange to service the future Beaver Creek Industrial Park.

Puppets coming to Markham mall

Children at Markham Place Mall in Thornhill will be entertained by the Travelling Puppet Show sponsored by the Central Ontario Regional Library.

The Puppet show will be at Markham Place Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18 for two shows daily; one at 11 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. both days.

During a recent sidewalk sale at Markham Place, Calladine and Baldry Travel Agency gave away a free trip.

Slo-pitch

Richmond Hill Slo-pitch action last Sunday saw the league-leading Ball Machine crunch their nearest rivals, The Red Eyes, 22-11 (something like that).

Other games saw the Sudsers upending the Misfits 22-8 (something like that), and the Bombers defeating the Old Jays 14-8 (something like that).

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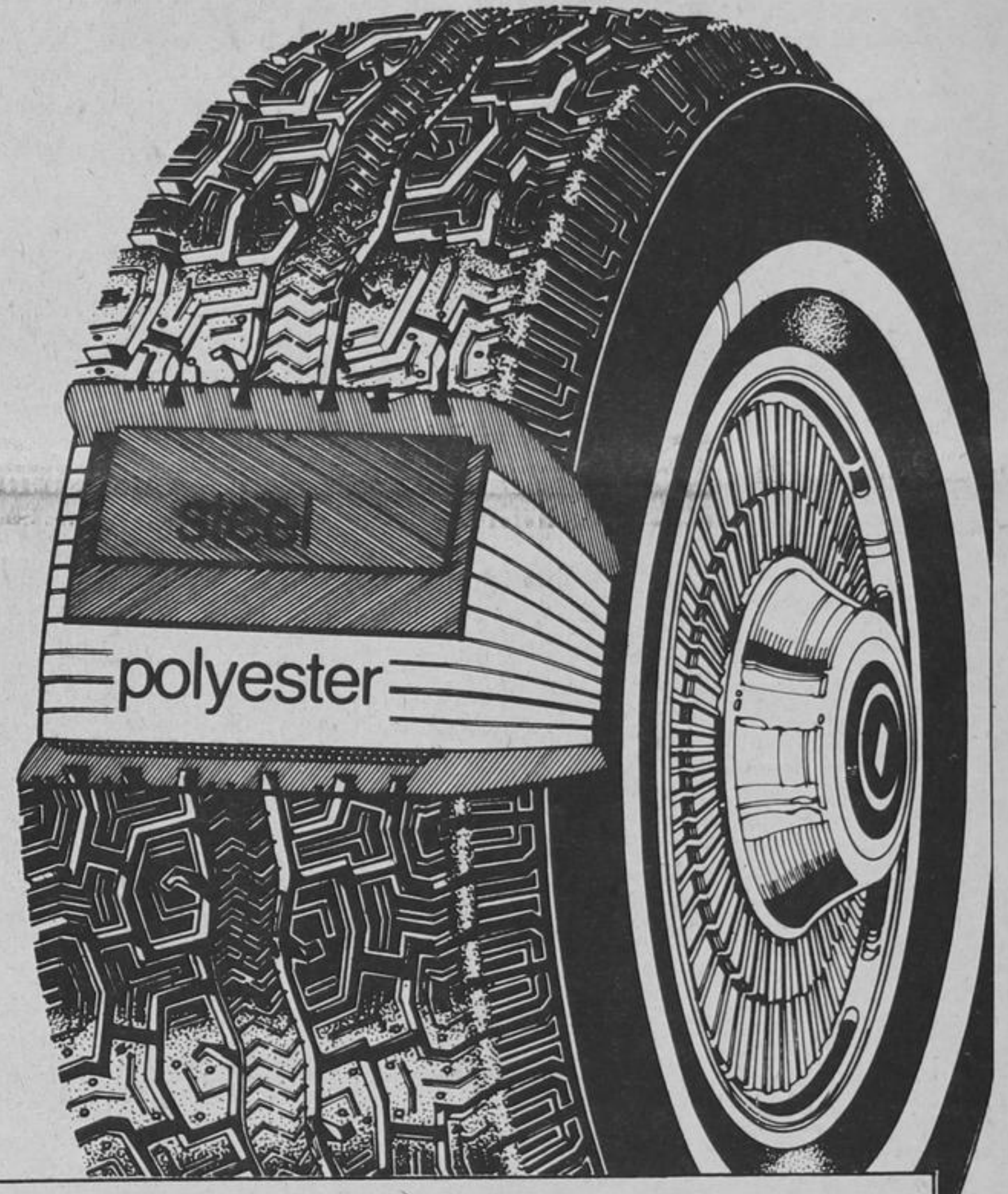
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Board will reduce energy consumption

York County Board of Education has an overall goal of reducing its energy consumption by 10 per cent in the school year 1979-80.

Manager of Plant and Sites for the board, Ron McKnight, said the board is implementing an energy management program to be followed in the schools and the board and area offices.

Some of the general procedures the board hopes to follow could also be implemented in homes said Mr. McKnight.

For example thermostats will be set back from 21C to 19C in the winter months while temperature settings for air conditioners have been increased for the summer from 21C to 25C.

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