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The
Tribune

MARKHAM

Firemen's Parade
Monday, August 6
Hwy. No. 7 at 11 a.m.

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE-MARKHAM-UXBRIDGE, THURSDAY, JULY 26, 1973



A two-fold celebration for Assinck Bros. of Markham

For brothers Joe and Tony Assinck, July 18 was a very special occasion. It marked the opening of a new \$350,000 addition to their plant on Hwy. 48 in Markham. It also was the 25th anniversary of

their coming to Canada from Holland. The manufacturing skill and craftsmanship of the firm's owners and employees is known across the Province. —Michael Gerhardt.

Editor's Mail

Supports Board's position
on sale of fairgrounds

MARKHAM — The proposed sale of the 30-acre Markham Fairgrounds site, has stirred considerable controversy within the Town.

Much of the comment, both written and verbal, has come from persons opposed to the plan.

This week, however, The Tribune is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Gerri Seeley, now of Unionville. It supports the Board's side of the issue and reads as follows:

Dear Editor:
In reply to recent articles on the selling of Markham Fairgrounds, I feel that, as a long-time member of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society and, as a life-long resident of Markham, I can no longer remain silent.

First, I would like to outline the main reasons for selling the Fair grounds. The major problem is, obviously, the lack of parking area. In reply to Mr. Paul Mingay's statement that more parking space can be found, I would like to state that the University of Guelph, Department of Engineering, concluded that in order to preserve the Fair, the grounds must be re-located in a larger area.

The rising costs of running a Class "A" Fair present the second problem. Because of a capacity attendance is now being reached each year, the income from Markham Fair is at a maximum. We are all aware of rising costs, and therefore, it is not hard to visualize the Fair in financial ruin if it's finances are not soon replenished.

Thirdly, there is a great need for more space to better display exhibits. This can only be obtained at present by using valuable parking space.

Having weighed these facts, The Directors of the M&EYAS have decided to move. This is not a rash or sudden decision, but one that has taken many years to reach. The Markham Council was given a chance to buy grounds, but rejected it. The M&EYAS cannot donate the grounds to the community because substantial capital is needed to re-locate and this capital cannot all be obtained from Department of Agriculture grants.

would be of far more use for community events than the present ones. A new indoor showing would hold many year-round events. A new Fairgrounds, would, obviously, be a great asset to local organizations, and the Fair Board has always supported any

UNIONVILLE — To the kids in the neighborhood, he was 'Uncle Cam'. If it was a squeaky bike or trike, he would fix it — good as new.

'Uncle Cam' was killed, Thursday, run over by a gravel truck at a pit site near Thornhill. He was 65.

Campbell Sabiston was born in Toronto, moving to Unionville at an early age and residing there most of his life.

He was a member of the Canadian Humanist Association and showed a keen interest in ecology and philosophy. Prior to his retirement in September of last year, he was a staff employee at the Globe and Mail. He was the editor of Truck Transportation.

local events which service clubs wished to hold.

In closing, I would like to state that Markham Fair is something for which the community can be proud, and should not be degraded by people wishing to get their names in the paper as 'crusaders'. The Town of Markham is known

'Uncle Cam' - children's friend

Mr. Sabiston's concern was always for others less fortunate than himself, particularly children, and with this thought in mind, donations in lieu of flowers were requested for

Vandalism

UNIONVILLE — Vandalism at residential construction sites has totalled many thousands of dollars this year.

The latest spree, according to York Regional Police, was in Carlton Village, Unionville, where five houses were damaged.

The loss, mainly to windows, has been estimated at \$300.

throughout the province as 'The Home of Markham Fair', an agricultural organization which is older than Markham itself. It is to be hoped that this will remain true for another 118 years.

Mrs. Gerri Seeley, Unionville.

Participation House, a residence for adult cerebral palsied.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Margaret Hoare, are two brothers, Donald and James, and two sisters, Joan and Janet.

Rev. Robert Ball, pastor of Central United Church, Unionville, conducted the service, Saturday, from the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, with interment, Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery. The pall bearers were Paul and Steven Sabiston, Kelvin Harker, John Prentice, Bill Gallanders and William Hardy.

Fairgrounds
will be sold
-\$2.1 million

MARKHAM — The 30.4 acre Markham fairground site, at the intersection of Hwys. 48 and 7 will be sold.

The decision was approved at a meeting, Tuesday. The vote was 38 to 8.

The price offered for the property was quoted at \$2,100,000.

Board president, Ellis Britton of Claremont told members that the Provincial Government had granted permission to re-classify the Fair from 'B' to 'A'. To warrant this rating, however, he said the Board was required to improve the parking, the washrooms, the show-rings, the grandstand and the quality of exhibits.

"To accomplish this, we had to consider a larger site and we have three locations in mind, all situated in the immediate area of the former Village," he said. He declined to reveal what properties the Board had in mind.

Mr. Britton explained that as far back as 1969, the Board had approached council on the possibility of selling the land to the Town. When no action followed, a similar approach was made again, but still "nothing". Later, he said, the Board received a copy of a resolution indicating the Town was not interested in such a purchase.

In the question period that followed, Michael Crompton, Jonquil Crescent, indicated surprise that the land has never been appraised, nor offered for sale by tender, claiming a higher price could possibly have been obtained.

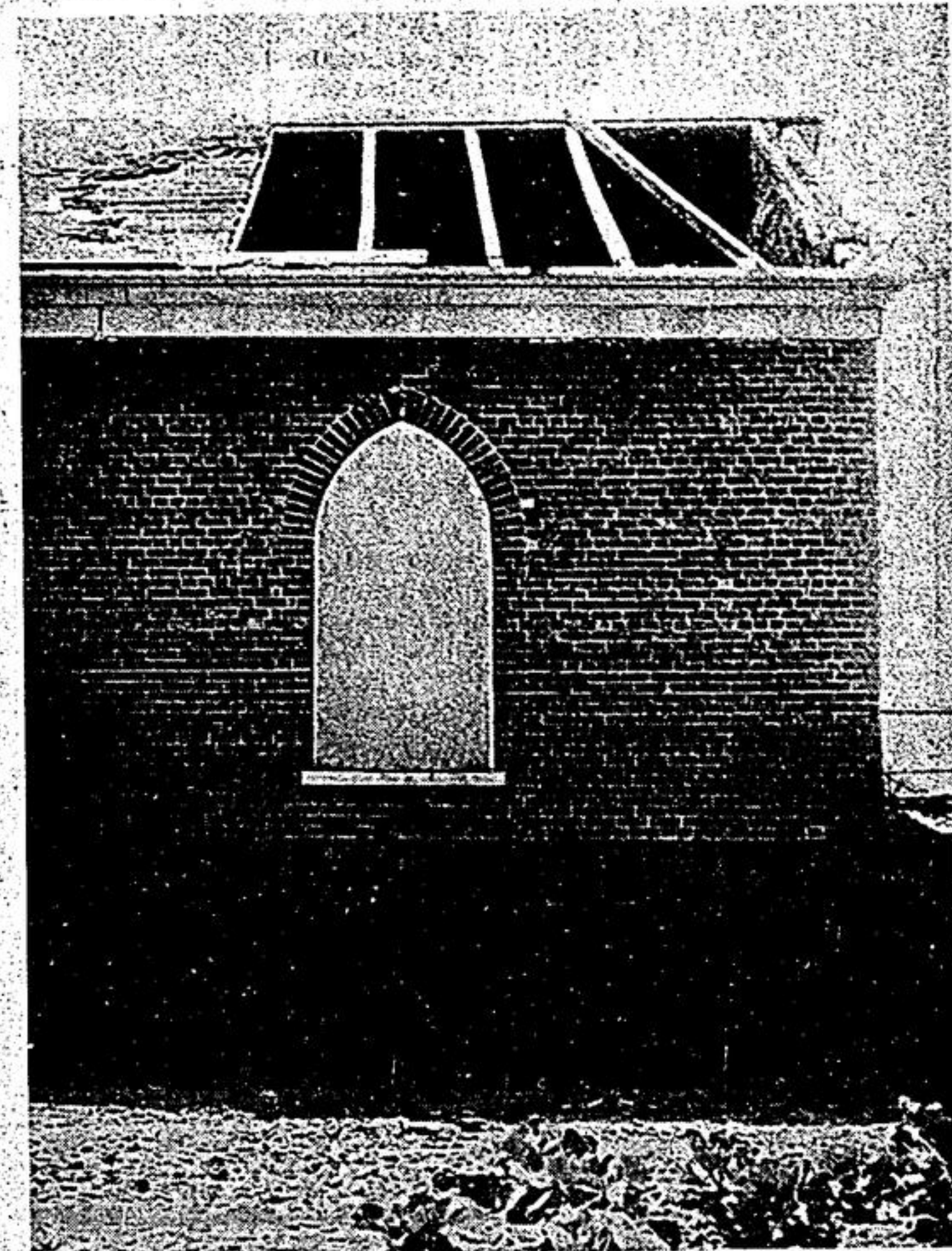
It was explained that an appraiser would need to know of the lands' intended use, before it could be fairly evaluated.

Solicitor Paul Mingay agreed with Mr. Crompton that the Board was "duty bound" to obtain the top price available through tendering and an appraisal.

"Although I apologize for any criticism that may have fallen on the Board as a result of my comments on the sale, I still urge the executive to follow the wisdom of past directors," he said.

Earlier in the day, Ted Napier, President of Markham Kiwanis, requested support of Town Council, in discussing alternatives with the Board. "We are not getting involved politically," he said, "but we now feel we should take a community-minded stand".

Mayor Tony Roman replied honestly, that Markham was not in a financial position to purchase the property.



Damaged by storm

The full fury of a wind, rain and hail storm, July 13, was felt in the 17th Avenue area of Markham, between Hwy. 48 and conc. 9. On the Ninth Line, a section of roof was torn from First Markham Baptist Church. The building, a rural landmark, dates back to 1848. —Jim Thomas.

Ontario firefighters
to gather in Markham

MARKHAM — The old town of Markham will be 'ablaze' with color and excitement, Aug. 3 through 6, when the Ontario Firefighters' Association holds its annual field day and convention.

More than 1,000 firemen, representing 225 departments from across the Province, will converge on the Fairgrounds for registration, beginning at 9 a.m. The site will be transformed into a 'campers city', with all activities branching out from this location.

A dance is planned for the Arena, both Friday and Saturday nights, with the Official Opening at 10 a.m., Saturday. Participants will include Mayor Tony Roman.

M.P. Barney Danson; M.P.P. Don Deacon and councillor Bud Bonner, council's fire committee chairman. There will be entertainment and demonstrations throughout the afternoon.

A church parade is planned for Sunday, Aug. 5, to the cenotaph, for service at 1 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be sky-diving over the Fairgrounds at 2:15 and 7 p.m., with live entertainment in the Arena at 8, 10, 12:01 a.m., Monday, a Pajama Parade will proceed north on Hwy. 48 to Robinson street and return.

Monday, Aug. 6 is the colorful climax to the 4-day affair, with a Monster Parade at 11 a.m., from conc. 7 along Hwy. 7, to the Fairgrounds. There will be lucky draws with a \$2,000 first prize and the crowning of Miss Ontario Firefighter. Markham will be represented by pretty 19 year old Hilje Knot, Main Street North.

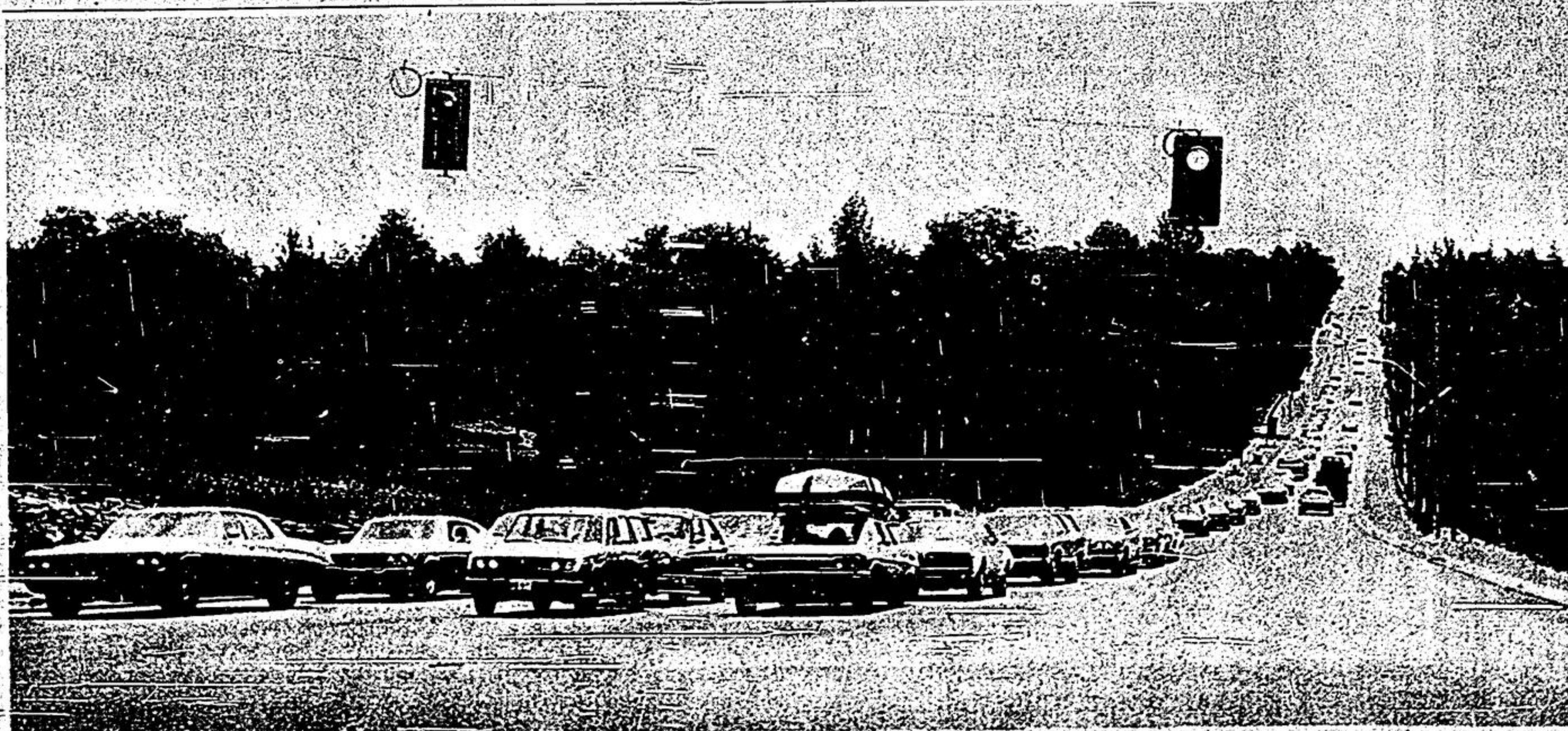
The public are invited to participate in the program and accord their visitors a rousing welcome.

Traffic
lights

MARKHAM — Traffic lights may be installed at the intersection of Hwy. 48 and 19th Avenue only if the province accepts certain conditions set done by council at its meeting Tuesday.

The recent death of four people, pointed out Councillor Ron Moran, in motor vehicle collisions has sparked residents near the junction to file a signed petition to council in support of control signals.

Council voted to request the province to install lights, with an inclusion by Mayor Tony Roman strongly urging the government to pay for it.



Bumper to bumper traffic extends two miles along Hwy. 48 in Markham.

Despite an obvious 'bottleneck' at the intersection of Hwys. 48 and 7 in Markham, Sunday, cars were backed up bumper to bumper for almost two miles. —Jim Thomas.