

Although recount put him out

Moran takes council seat

MARKHAM — Ron Moran took his seat on Regional Council last Thursday for the inaugural meeting despite the fact that a recount showed that Alma Walker had been in him by four votes.

The problem developed after the Dec. 2 election when Mr. Moran nosed out Mrs. Walker for Markham's second regional Council seat by a mere 15 votes.

Mrs. Walker asked for a recount. That revealed that she was the winner by four votes. Mr. Moran, however, has launched an appeal. Thus Judge H. Ward Allen has not issued a certificate making the recount valid. Meanwhile, Gary Kay, acting for Mr. Moran, persuaded Markham Clerk Joe Pickard to install Mr. Moran as regional Councillor.

Mr. Moran said that the basis for his appeal would be that proper care was not taken to prevent tampering with ballot boxes following the election as is required under the municipal act. They were left unguarded in the lobby of the municipal office, he said.

Markham has three representatives on regional council. The other two are Mayor Tony Roman and Regional Councillor Bob Adams who topped the polls by 5,000 votes.

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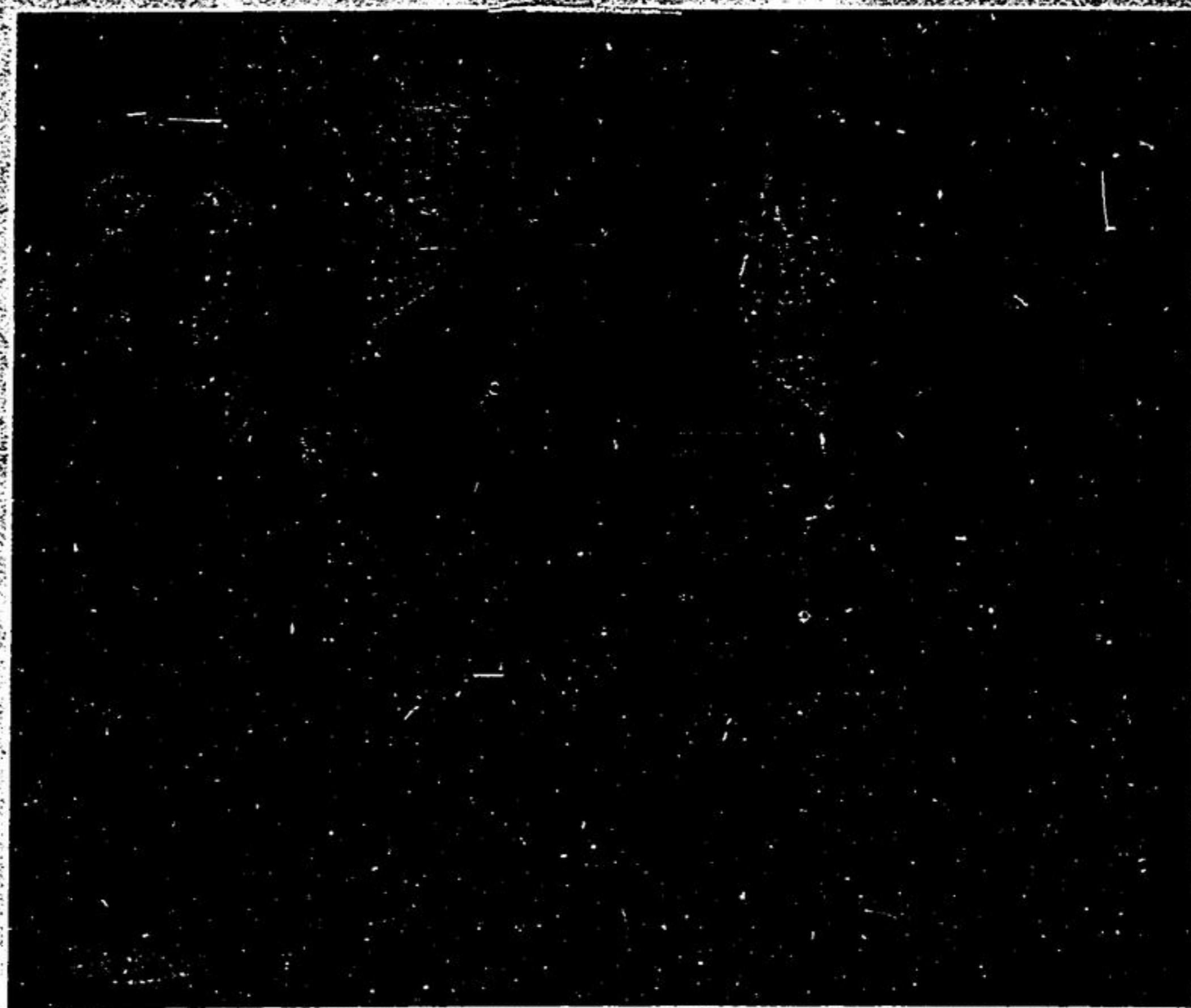
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Ken Wells (left) of R.R. 4 and Justin Inglis of Albert Street pose with Indian masks they made in a Grade 7 class at Orchard Park School. Those and other masks are currently on display at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. — Ted Wilcox

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff Pleased with hearings

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff expressed satisfaction last week with the progress of the Environmental Hearing on the York Sanitation dump site.

"I'm well pleased with the reception the residents and Fred Munroe have received from the Environmental Hearing Board while giving evidence," the mayor commented.

"I feel they (the board) realizes the seriousness of the issue," he concluded.

Question: Has any progress been made on the proposed Recreation Complex to be built adjacent to the Stouffville High School?

"The architect has submitted a plan for the future development of the high school. The matter must be dealt with first before it can be released to the public. We are expecting some sensitive negotiations which could be jeopardized by public disclosure."

Question: Do you think an inter-municipal canine control service will result from the upcoming meeting scheduled to be held in Newmarket?

"We've got to keep an open mind. Maybe the municipalities can get together and manage this thing better than the Humane Society, Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan would be out of it as they already have their own canine control so it would be kept fairly local. We will have to see what facts and figures they come up with."

Question: What regionally committees have you been appointed to this term?

"I am on the Health and Social Services Committee, the Administrative Committee and the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. I have been on the conservation authority and the Engineering Committee for the past two years. Now that I am not on engineering anymore there are a few things I can bring out in open council. I will have a few things to say about the regional criteria for stop signs."

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The seminar has been arranged by the Advisory Services Department of the Industrial Development Bank in co-operation with the Stouffville Lions Club.

It is part of a series of seminars being conducted by the bank in various smaller cities and towns in Canada.

Meeting on dogs

STOUFFVILLE — The municipalities affected by the withdrawal of the Ontario Humane Society's Canine Control Services are meeting tonight in the Newmarket Council Chambers.

Apparently the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a cooperative dog catching organization, to which all five municipalities would contribute.

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