

## Warrant in cruelty case

NEWMARKET — Newmarket Provincial Court on Wednesday. Ronald Goodfellow, R. R. 3, Newmarket, was arrested on a Bench Warrant last Friday after failing to appear in which were laid by the Ontario Humane Society following an investigation. The accused was released to appear in court Oct. 21.



Saturday was Apple Day and local Cubs were out in force around town. Here Bruce Findlay buys an apple from Stephen Kusatz, while Gabriele Petrmala shows off a shiny apple (centre) and Neil Hopgood stands (right). They are members of the 3rd Stouffville Cubs. —Don Bernard

## Parent group charges education act breach

DURHAM REGION — The Durham Region Board of Education is violating the Education Act by only allowing some four-year olds in the region to attend junior kindergarten classes, a

parents group has charged. About 650 parents have signed petitions demanding the board stop allowing some four-year olds to attend school.

Ron Ullman, an Ajax parent, told trustees at a meeting Oct. 14 that unless the demand is met by the end of this year, legal action may be taken against the board.

Officials reported that the Education Act may be interpreted to mean that if some four-year olds are allowed to attend junior kindergarten in the region, the classes should be open to all children of that age.

A trustee committee was appointed to study the matter and report back by Oct. 27.

Mr. Ullman, a teacher in Scarborough, said that junior kindergarten programs are run throughout Metro Toronto, Peel, Hamilton and Ottawa, and any child whose fourth birthday falls before Christmas can attend in

September of that year.

He termed the present set-up whereby 533 out of a total of 2,700 four-year olds, attend classes in the region as unfair and illegal.

Mr. Ullman added that his son cannot attend school in Ajax while friends of the same age can. He maintains the junior kindergarten has real educational value for the youngsters.

Support has come from 650 parents in Pickering and Ajax, who have signed a petition, and parents in Oshawa and Uxbridge have indicated support.

Oshawa Trustee George Pearce said that any large-scale expansion of the board's existing programs for four-year olds will cost the taxpayers money.

The junior kindergarten classes are run in 11 elementary schools in the region. School officials say that a complete program would mean 44 new classes at a cost of \$700,000.

## Joining Metro rejected by clerk

PICKERING — The Town of Pickering does not want to join Metro Toronto, according to testimony given at the Roberts Commission hearings last week.

The commission, headed by former Premier John Roberts, is studying the Metro Toronto system of government.

Noel Marshall, Pickering's clerk-administrator, told the commission Oct. 14 that there are strong social and economic reasons for joining Metro. He said that relations with Durham Region have been poor.

But these reasons in favor are outweighed by the disadvantages for Pickering.

Mr. Marshall, filling in for ailing Mayor George Ashe, said that most Pickering residents have cultural, recreational, social, educational and economic ties with Metro.

He maintained that the average taxpayer in Pickering would have to pay heavily to join Metro. Costs for hard services, such as water and sewage treatment, are lower than Metro, according to figures produced by Mr. Marshall.

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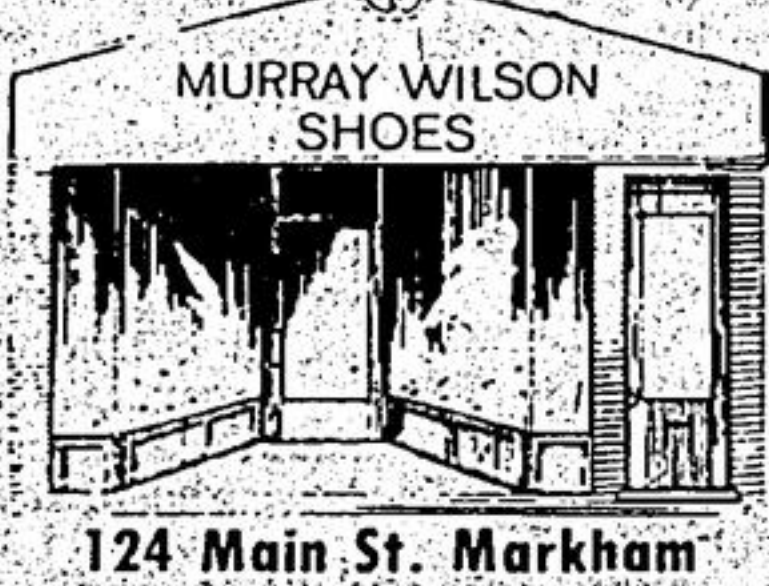
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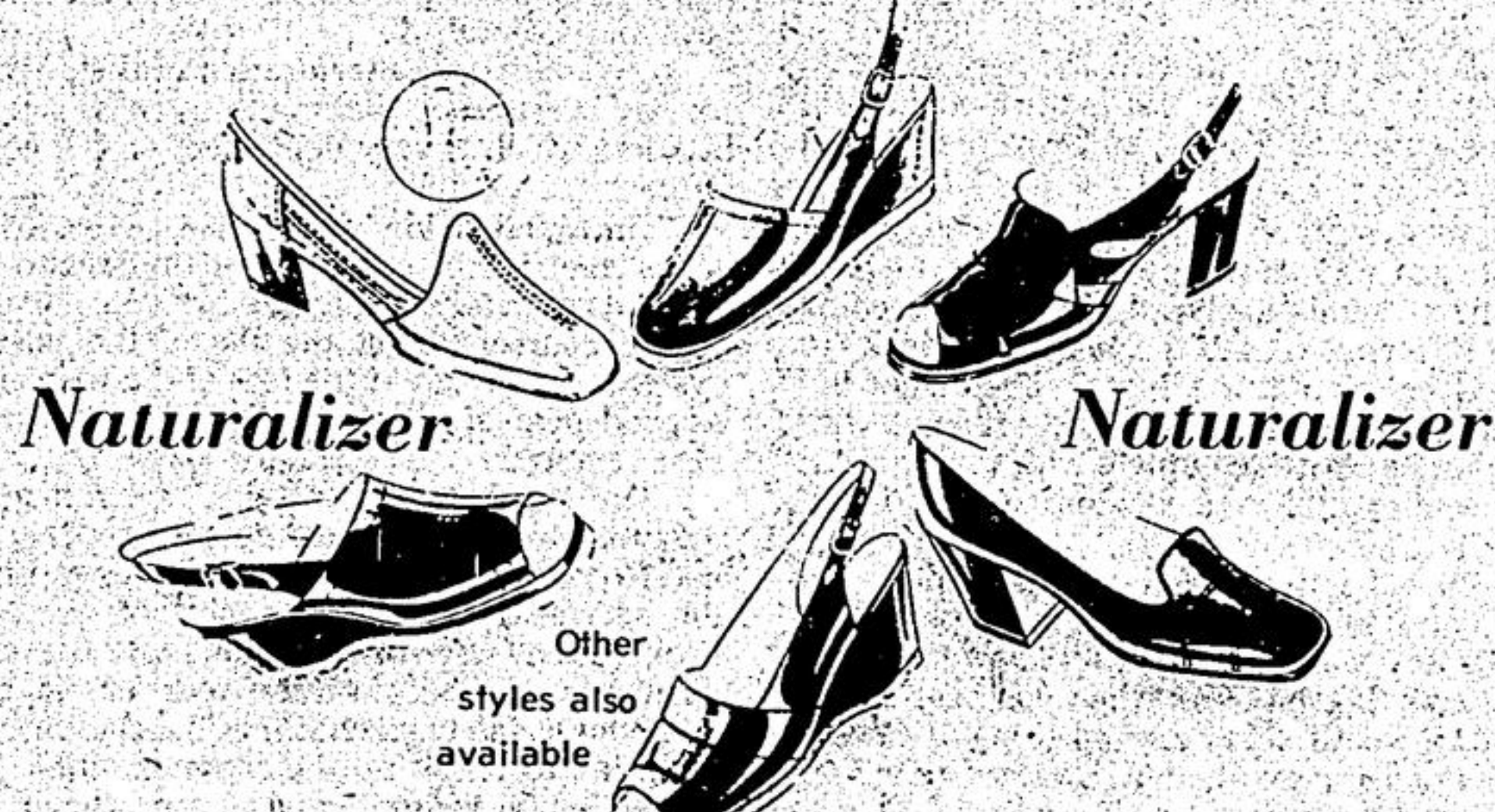
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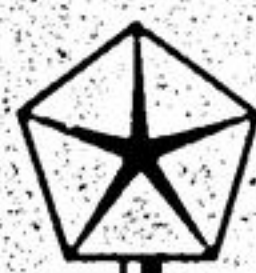
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