

Coffee Club in session



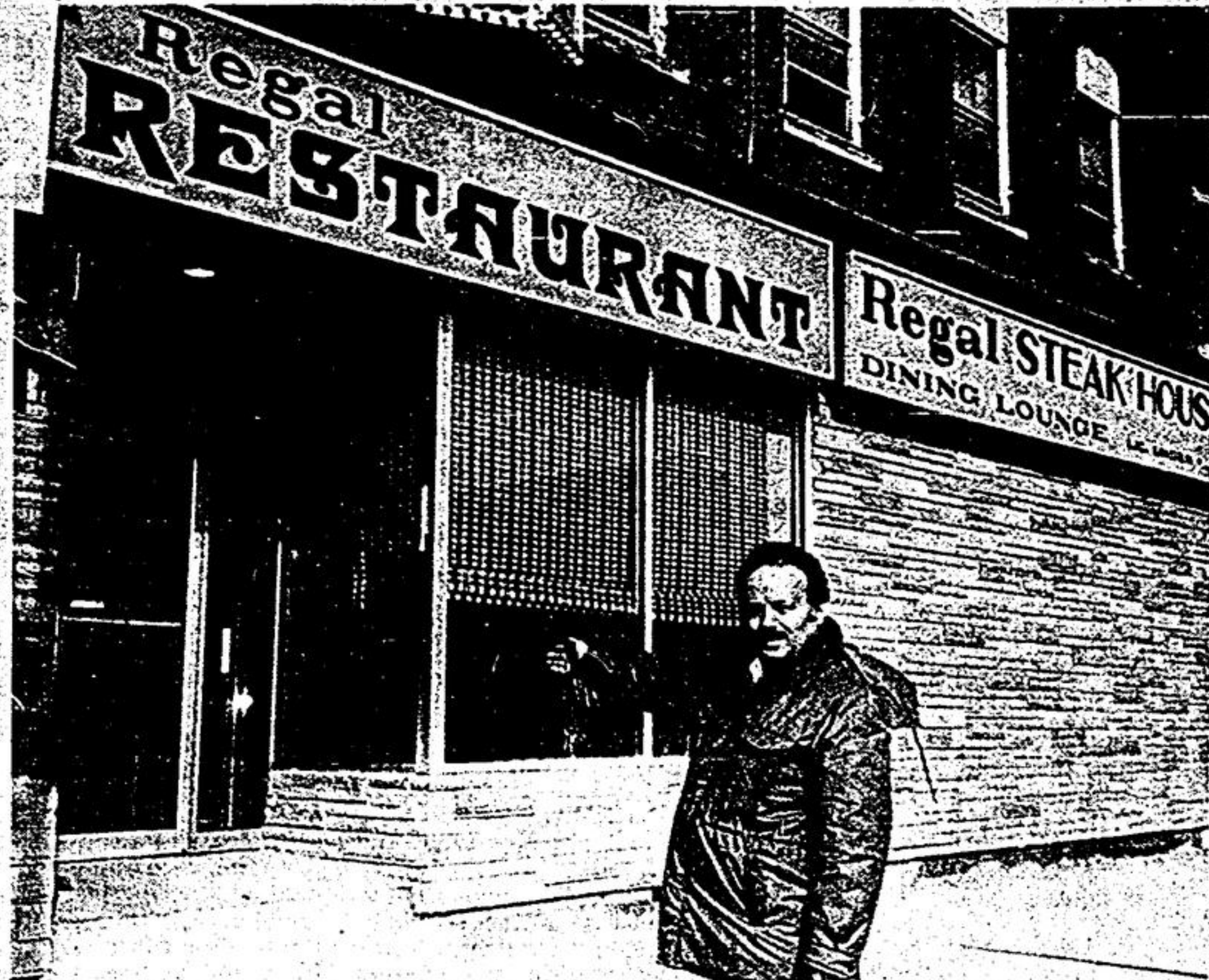
Meet two members of the "Forty-Three Cent Coffee Club"—Walter Pipher, (left), Sunset Boulevard and Harold Jarvis, Baker Avenue.

—Jim Thomas.



And two more—Len Buckland, (left), chairman of the board, Main Street East and Tolar Boake, South Street.

—Jim Thomas.



Peter Alexis, proprietor of Stouffville's Regal Restaurant, is proud of the recently renovated exterior. However, he's not through yet. Major renovations are also planned for the inside,

with work to begin soon. The Regal is the morning meeting place of the "Forty-Three Cent Coffee Club".

—Jim Thomas

Regal site

Every morning, Monday through Saturday, sharp at 9:30, The Forty-Three Cent Coffee Club is called to order at Stouffville's Regal Restaurant on Main Street. A wide range of topics are discussed but seldom is anything resolved.

A session usually lasts about twenty minutes, about the time it takes to drink one cup of coffee.



With the morning's agenda just about concluded, these members are ready to leave. John Wilson (left) operates the local bowling alley.

With him are Fred Castle and Charlie Lintner. They'll return to-morrow.

—Jim Thomas.

Growth!

By Bill Hodgson
MPP York North
YORK NORTH
It's no surprise to those of us who live outside the larger centres, that small town Ontario is still very much alive and growing.

According to statistics, the average Canadian small town has been growing by six percent every five year period since 1961. In Ontario, small town expansion exceeds that of larger centres in recent figures.

Canada's cities and metropolitan areas contain two-thirds of the country's population. In Ontario, one-quarter of the population calls Metropolitan Toronto home.

For years, growth in small towns was assumed to be the result of overspill from a nearby metropolitan area or an exodus of gentleman farmers and back-to-the-land city dwellers leaving urban centers

for the countryside. New studies of small towns by the academic community have shown that our small towns do have a life of their own and that their future is not determined by the development plans of larger centres.

Indeed in small towns that did not grow, there has been a steady growth in new housing.

According to statistics, during the last decade the urban growth rate slowed to less than the national growth rate leading to a decline in urban centres' share of the population for the first time in 100 years.

Also, for the first time since 1941, the share of Canada's population held by the major metropolitan centres of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver has declined.

In York Region, we have seen consistent growth over the past ten years that

has influenced the York North Riding. Figures collected by the Ontario Chief Election Officer show York North has jumped from fifteenth to the sixth largest riding in the Province, in terms of population.

Because of this remarkable growth in York, I have recommended that the interests of York North citizens would be better served if the riding were divided in a manner that will better serve the needs and interests of area residents.

To my mind, continued growth in small towns provides the kind of balanced development that will ensure that all Ontarians can share in the high quality of life that is enjoyed in the cities of our Province.

At a time when there seems to be so much bad news in the media, the growth of our smaller communities is welcomed information.

Aid for Big Sisters

Dear Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the people and organizations that ensured Big Sisters of York would stay alive for another year in York Region.

We thank The Tribune for allowing us a voice in your community and helping us to be recognized

as a viable preventative program offered to young girls of York Region.

Our sincere appreciation also to the dedicated people who realize we are in need of assistance—Marion Ross of York Region Real Estate Board for the auction; Mayor Twinney of Newmarket for continued support and

donations; the United Way for its funding; the Region of York; St. Andrew's College for the 10 km. run; the sororities and service clubs; the merchants and organizations; the York Regional Police Hockey Team and all Big Sisters, Board members and volunteers for help in our fundraising efforts.

May 1983 be a very happy year.

Wendy Heaver,
President, Big Sisters of York.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1983, 8:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BUTTONTVILLE, ONTARIO

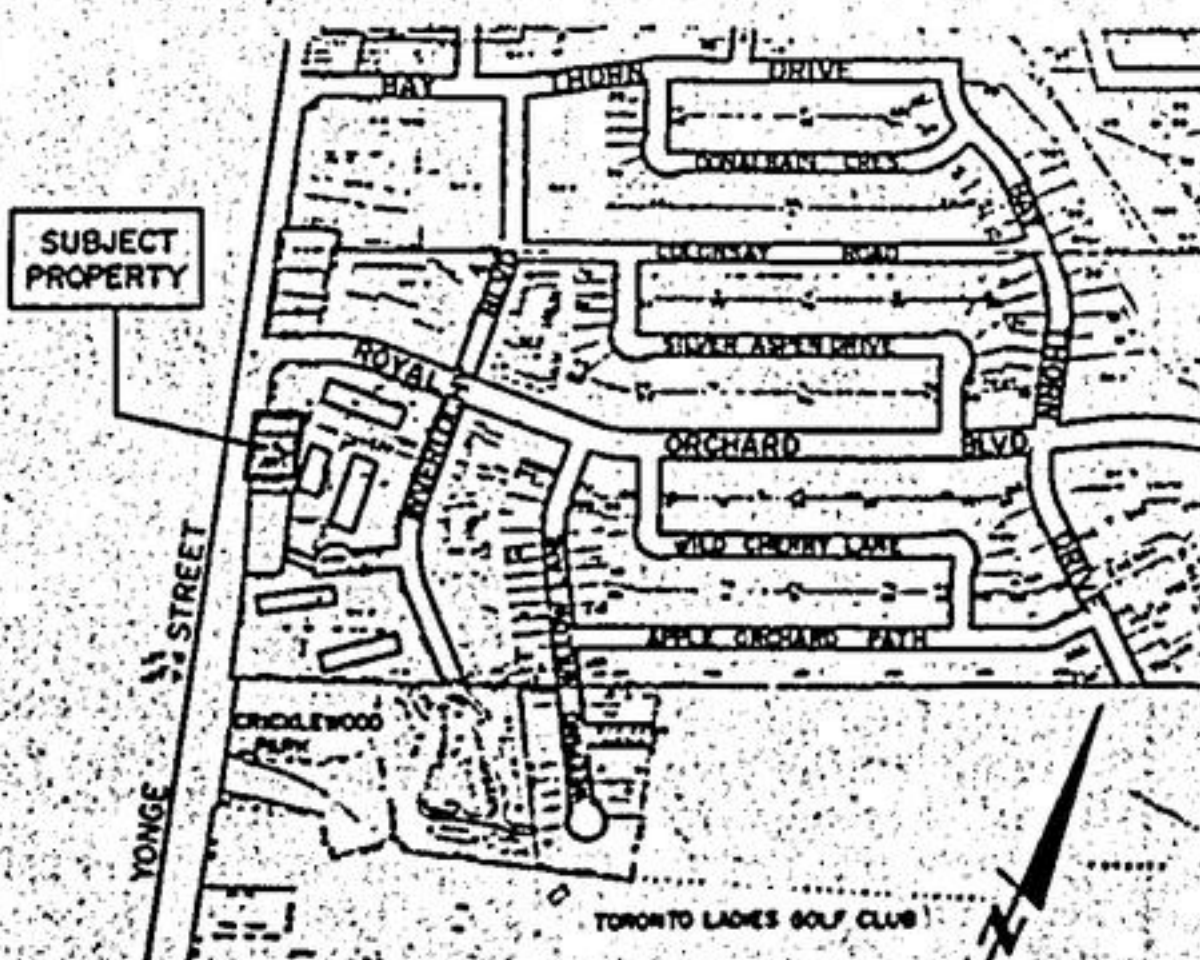
A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Council of the Town of Markham to consider a proposed amendment to the Official Plan of the Markham Planning Area to permit the property located at Part of Lot 32, Concession 1, municipally known as 7967 Yonge Street, to be used in part as a veterinary clinic. The ground floor of the existing dwelling will be used for the veterinary clinic and the upper floors of the dwelling will be used for residential purposes. The proposed residential use conforms with the policies of the Official Plan.

You are invited to attend the Hearing and to state your comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, whether in support of or in objection to it. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing. Details of the proposal may be obtained at the Planning Office.

DATED February 3, 1983.

E. Miles, Chairman,
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T.M. Januszewski,
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Girl beaten

MARKHAM — A 55-year-old Markham man has been arrested at his home and held for a bail hearing, after school authorities told police the accused's daughter had been severely beaten on several occasions. Police were informed that when the 17-year-old girl returned home at 9:30 p.m., her father yelled at her, struck her several times in the face, and beat her about the head and lower body with his belt, causing bruises and lacerations.

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