

Editor's Mail

Fund drive is successful

Dear sir,
As the official representative for The Salvation Army in the Town of Markham, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents, the business community and the corporations, and the professional community for the excellent way in which you have received The Salvation Army in the community, and particularly the response which was given to our Red Shield Appeal.

The results of your giving to The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal to date amounts to over \$22,000 and is still climbing. I think the people of Markham can be very proud of their contribution to the help that this money will give to those who are less fortunate, through the work of The Salvation Army's Social Services.

I would also like to thank the Red Shield Committee for

its work in organizing the campaign for this year and I am looking forward to working with them again.

And of course, I cannot forget all those people who spent so many hours recruiting canvassers, and all those who gave of their time to canvass door to door. I thank God for each one of you and your willingness to help, for without you, the major portion of the campaign would not have been possible.

I pray that God will grant The Salvation Army the wisdom to continue to use your contributions wisely, and to remain faithful to you and to Him.

Once again, my sincere thanks.

Richard Shirran (Cadet Sgt.)
Commanding Officer/
Pastor,
The Salvation Army,
Markham Corps.

'French does cost us more'

Dear sir,
Larry Muller (Economist and Sun, May 4, 1983), is under a misapprehension when he states French Immersion classes are not an added expense to the taxpayers of this province.

Over and above the regular grants to school boards on a per pupil basis, there are additional grants for French as a first language and French as a second language. The projected 1983 figures for these two categories are \$21 million and \$66 million respectively, for a total of \$87 million.

C. Paul Olson and George Burns of The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, spent a year researching the impact of French Immersion classes on Ontario schools.

The following are some of their conclusions:

1. French Immersion programs are disproportionately over-represented with higher IQ and upper socio-economic background children.
2. Teachers in the program tended to "track" out children who didn't do as well as other Immersion children.
3. Immersion programs are elitist.
4. Non-Immersion teachers...expressed concern about being left with a somewhat skewed mix of students because either poor students were bounced out of Immersion, or the potentially best students were enrolled in the Immersion track of the school.

Pauline D. Leitch,
Thornhill



Students from two schools in the Town of Markham did their bid last week to keep our world clean by joining the Pitch-In campaign. They picked up garbage around their schools and filled several large garbage bags, supplied by Shell Canada. In the picture above, from left to

right, are: Derek Brown, Brent Raynor, Sadia Motiar, Zaheeda Molu, Teacher Vivian Lepper, and Susis Simeunovich, all from Johnsville Village Public School in Thornhill.

— Photos by Sjoerd Witteveen

School students fight battle of the garbage

at St. Joseph's, Johnsville Village



Brenda Sneek, a student at St. Joseph's Separate School in Markham, shows off a large piece of slimy wet paper she found in the park behind the school.



Fiona Forest, of Johnsville Village Public School in Thornhill, picks up little pieces of garbage in the schoolyard.



Peter Bowen (left) deposits garbage in the bag held up by Jeff Soden. Both are students at St. Joseph's Separate School.



Eduardo Melo straddles the creek behind St. Joseph's Separate School in an effort to locate more garbage. The other students are from left to right:

Leslie Fielding, Vanessa Meisner, Louise Tyrrell, and Chris Mahoney.

Organizers say hearty thanks

Dear sir,
On behalf of the Markham Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society and the Markham Lions Club, we would like to thank all those who participated in our Move-A-Thon on Saturday, May 14. We had 93 bikers and 23 walkers, joggers and runners contributing to a very successful day. Thank you also to all those who sponsored these people, and to all who volunteered their time to help us out.

The first three riders completing the 25 km course in 45 to 50 minutes were: Henry Shannon, Brian Wride and Scott Hitchcock. The first three runners and joggers completing the 14 km course in 1 hour and 25 minutes were: Bill Rimmer, Robb Sherman and Colin Daniel.

Two eager joggers, Eric Leiper and Bill Nicholson, chose to complete the bikers route of 25 km. To all these people we say thank you for being so enthusiastic.

The money pledged for the day was approximately \$3,000 which will be divided between the Canadian Cancer Society and the Markham Lions Club. All those participants who have deposited their money by June 17, will be eligible for lucky draw prizes to be drawn June 23.

Thank you again to all who helped make our day a success.

Rosalyn Cooper and Ann Saunders,
Co-Chairmen,
Move-A-Thon Committee,
Canadian Cancer Society,
Markham Unit

Ringette group says season is successful

Dear sir,
On behalf of the players and parents of Markham Region Ringette Association, I would like to commend the outstanding support and co-operation we received from your publication during the formation of our league, and during the 1982/83 playing season.

Your generous publicity to our league played a vital role in our success, both in recruiting players, and for obtaining adult volunteers to administer the program.

During its first year of existence, MRR was also fortunate to enjoy financial and merchandise support from various sources. Without such assistance, our ringette program would have been severely curtailed.

These endorsements, along with your own, highlight the thoughtful concern held by local businesses toward the betterment of today's youth through participation in sports.

Markham Region Ringette would like to acknowledge and express our thanks for these endorsements of ringette in the Town of Markham.

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via Houghton — Century 21, Chesebrough-Pond's (Canada) Inc., State Farm Insurance, Crothers Pharmacy, Markville Shopping Centre, Pot Pourri Markville, McDonald's Restaurant (Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road).

Team Sponsors — Biker's, Wilson-Cook Medical, Thornhill B'nai B'rith, National Advanced Systems, Markham Block Parents, Allstate Markville, Ruby Records, Heads-Up Hockey, Don Hammond Upholstery, Markham Converter, Official Sports Centre.

Merchandise — Cooper Canada Ltd., Official Sports Centre, Woolworth's, Calathumpians Restaurant, T & T Donuts, George's Auto Service Ltd., Miracle Food Mart, Gordon Fraser Stickers, Unionville Motors, John Galloway's Bargain Centre, Bonne Belle Cosmetics, Dairy Queen, Mr. Jumbo Burgers Drive-In, Bloomers Flowers, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Nut & Cheese Place, Markham Trophy, Radio Shack (Hwy. 7).

Bonnie Taylor,
President,
Markham Region
Ringette Association