

Propose town Farmers' Market

STOUFFVILLE — A downtown Farmers' Market has been proposed for Stouffville.

The recommendation was placed before a Business Improvement Meeting, Jan. 11, by member Tommy Thompson. It was one of several suggestions put forward by the local

merchant "in an effort to get people out of their cars and onto the sidewalks."

The Market, he said, would feature farm produce only, with space available free of charge. A suggested location is Market Street, south of Main.

Mr Thompson pointed

to the once-thriving Mennonite Market in downtown Kitchener. Major changes there, he said, had resulted in a 30 per cent reduction in business.

Thompson rejected any idea that a Market here would serve as direct competition to the Stouffville Sales Barn,

claiming it would handle farm produce only.

He explained that hundreds of cars pass through town every Saturday, but few of them stop. He said an attraction such as this would prompt people to shop elsewhere downtown, with the Market a main attraction.

Thompson didn't stop with his Market idea. He listed other events that, he feels, would attract shoppers downtown. Some of these follow: An Old Tyme Skating Party; an Arts and Craft Exhibition; a Street Dance; a Store Window Contest; a May-Day Celebration; an Easter Para-

de; a Sidewalk Craft Display; a Father's Day Promotion; a Midnight Madness Sale and a Harvest Festival.

He asked that \$7,150 be included in the 1984 budget to sponsor these programs.

Thompson said the Promotion Committee would be willing to work

in close co-operation with the Men's Amateur Hockey League, with a portion of the proceeds going to various fund-raising projects.

While some B.I.A. members spoke in support of the proposals, the budget allotment was considered excessive.

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King 'yes' if Roman bows out

STOUFFVILLE — Eldred King, Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, won't contest the chairmanship of York Region against Tony Roman, Mayor of Markham. Just the opposite; he'll support him.

However, should Mayor Roman decide not to run, Mayor King will. Roman will announce his decision Saturday. Those closest to the scene say he will.

The position has been 'up for grabs' ever since Regional Chairman Bob Forhan made it official he'd take over the post of Chief Administrative Officer, be-

ginning Jan. 26. The names of Roman and King had been mentioned as possible successors, even before the statement by Forhan, Thursday.

Mayor King was definite concerning his stand. "If he (Roman) doesn't, I will," he said.

The mayor's remarks were tinged with reluctance, however. "I love this job; you guys (the media) don't bother me any more. I've got over all that." He readily admitted moving from municipal to regional jurisdiction would be difficult.

King sees Whitchurch-

Stouffville as on the verge of reaping the benefits of seeds sown months, even years ago. He likened it to "harvest time".

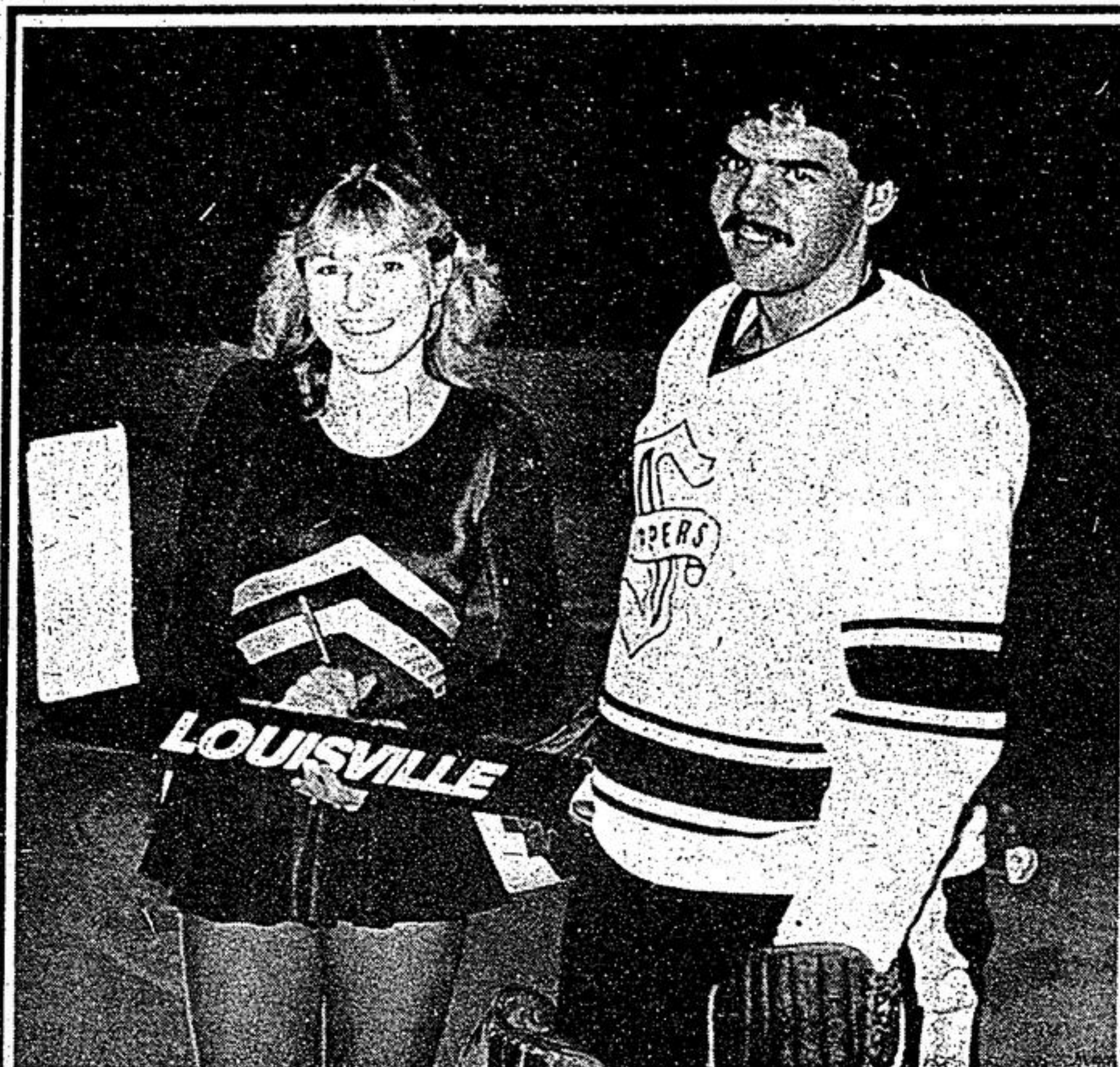
The mayor said personal gain would not be a consideration if he decided to contest the chairman's post. Nor would he be concerned about who might succeed him.

With respect to Mr Roman, King said their friendship had extended back nearly 30 years. "Beyond him, (Roman), I'll be in the battle".

Markham's mayor indicated he was giving the 'step up' serious thought, but wished to discuss the matter further with his physician and with his wife. He suggested the regional position would be "less stressful" with fewer night meetings than at the municipal level.

"Markham is really four towns in one," he said, "it requires a great deal of time and effort". He feels that while the Regional Chairmanship is a strain mentally, it's not as arduous in a physical sense.

Both Mayor Roman and Mayor King used the word "excitement" to describe their present positions. Each said that to give up the mayoralty would be difficult.



An autograph for good luck

Sixteen-year-old Cindy McNeil, Edward Street, Stouffville, didn't score any goals, Saturday night, but her autograph may have helped netminder Scott Lippett stop a few. Cindy and seven other precision skaters, displayed their skills between the first and second periods of Saturday's game. The Clippers then came on to defeat Uxbridge 'Bruins' 7-4 before the largest crowd of the season.

—Jim Thomas.

Pregnancy clinic okayed

STOUFFVILLE — A Crisis Pregnancy Centre, to serve the Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham areas, will be established within the next few weeks, hopefully by March 1, a meeting of the Stouffville-Markham Christian Action Council was told Friday.

Main purpose of the agency, a pamphlet hand-out explained, is "to provide alternatives to abortion for women with stress pregnancies". "This ministry stands in total contrast to the commerce of the abortion clinics that sell only the expedient of death", it read.

Named director of the Centre is Barbara Dowds of Stouffville. Barbara holds a B.A. degree in Psychology. She was introduced to the audience, Friday, by meeting chairman Bill McNeley. Staff training courses will be conducted at Springvale Baptist Church, Feb. 13 to 18. The registration fee is

\$20 single; \$30 a couple.

Some of the services provided by a Crisis Pregnancy Centre include: (1). Education on pregnancy, abortion and alternatives. (2). Accommodation for homeless clients. (3). Childbirth classes. (4). Clothing and furnishings for both mother and baby. (5). Information on breast-feeding. (6). Referrals for adoption or foster care. (7). Referrals for medical care, legal assistance and other community services. (8). Ongoing counselling and friendship.

Although a location for the Centre has not been finalized, the Council is seeking a site somewhere in Markham, Mr McNeley said.

School support

STOUFFVILLE — John Nikifork, principal of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School feels a Crisis Pregnancy Centre, if properly staffed, could play an important role in the community.

However, he claims the parents and the family physician have an important part to play also.

Often, he said, a girl is reluctant to tell her mother and dad. "But her parents should be involved. A girl needs a lot of help and support. It's tough to go it alone."

Offering advice in this regard, is not the role of the school; Mr Nikifork believes. The staff should direct such students to people who are professionally trained to handle this type of problem.

The principal said there's no school policy that prohibits teen mothers-to-be from attending class. "I look on each student as an individual," Mr Nikifork said, "every set of circumstances is different."

New Fair president extends family link

MARKHAM — The Armstrong family name is as synonymous with Markham Fair as those of Eckhardt, Tran, Torrance, Reesor, Warriner and Cosburn.

History records the first Fair president in 1844 was Capt. William Armstrong. He was followed in 1933, '34 and '35 by Robert P. Armstrong. This year, another family member follows in the footsteps of his forefathers. Bryan Armstrong, R.R. 3, Mount Albert, heads up the Markham and East York Agricultural Society

for 1983. He was elected at the conclusion of the annual meeting, Jan. 11, succeeding Barry Little, Markham, R.R. 1.

The 1st vice-president is Harold Snowball, 2nd vice-president, Mary Cosburn and secretary-manager, Gerry Mann. Fair dates this year are Sept. 26 to 30. Senior directors elected

are—Carrie Purcell, Fred Provis, Bob Little, Don Miller, Diane Ward, Doris Thomas and Carol White.

Junior directors elected are—Robyn Scott, David Snowball, Karen Risebrough, Steve Mowder, Linda Lewis and Steve Grove.

Last call

STOUFFVILLE — Wednesday, (to-night), is the final chorus sign-up for Music Mania '84.

Rehearsals are held at 8 p.m., in the gymnasium at Summitview School.

At present, the chorus comprises 43 persons, 20 short of a full complement. Men are especially needed. Show dates are April 26, 27 and 28.

For additional information call Jane Stott at 640-1639 or Lovanna Sanders at 640-2014.

Hospital fund needs boost

STOUFFVILLE — The Markham-Stouffville Hospital fund-raising campaign has reached \$3,500,000, board chairman Lachlan Cattanaich told The Tribune this week.

This is 70 per cent of the total required as our community's share, the chairman said.

"It's a great achievement," he enthused, "and all within a period of only ten months." He noted, however, that "we still have a long way to go to reach our target."

The campaign team hopes to increase the amount raised to four million dollars by the end of February, Cattanaich said.

Originally, the target had been five million dollars prior to the end of 1983.

Reaching this goal, the chairman said, had been hampered by general economic conditions. "Even if it takes a few more months, it's still the most successful hospital campaign ever held in the Metro Toronto area," he concluded.

Snow weary

STOUFFVILLE — The time is fast approaching when the Town's Roads and Works Department must be staffed by full-time maintenance people, Mayor Eldred King told The Tribune this week.

"There's a limit to how much one can expect of an individual".

King said that in spite of severe weather conditions, he'd received only three

complaints so far this winter.

He noted that snow and ice build-up in Whitchurch-Stouffville is noticeably greater than Toronto and even Markham. "That's one of the hazards of living here," he said.

Mayor King admitted that while service is important, the road superintendent must also keep a close eye on his budget.



A sky high slide

The recently constructed parking lot, east of Market Street and south of the Stouffville IGA, is more than just a convenience for shoppers. It also provides a sky-high slide for, (left to right), sisters Terrill and Tracy Junkin, Rose Avenue, and Tara Grove, Burkholder Street.

—Jim Thomas

Man hurt by tree

GOODWOOD — A 54-year-old former Goodwood man was seriously injured recently, when struck on the head by a falling tree.

Percy Pugh, now of Haliburton, was working in the bush on his property when the accident occurred. He was found by his wife.

Mrs Pugh, assisted by her sister, Mrs Gordon Jones and two ambulance attendants, carried the victim a considerable distance by stretcher. He was then rushed to Haliburton Hospital and later transferred by helicopter to Sunnybrook.