

## Local firm donates \$2,000 to hospital



Allen Shully (right), owner and president of Service Tire Corp. in Markham, and Emmett Dillon (centre), vice-president, present a cheque for \$2,000 to Glenn Crosby of the Markham Stouffville Hospital Fund. Mr. Shully and Mr. Dillon are both Markham residents.

For next four years

## Markham to experience some power blackouts

By PAULA CROWELL  
Staff Reporter

Power outages lasting up to ½ hour will occur without warning for the next four years in the Markham area.

The outages are being anticipated by Markham Hydro since it was notified by Ontario Hydro of a problem at the Bruce nuclear generating station.

The station has doubled its production, but because of objection to increased transmission lines by environmentalists, hydro lines do not have the capacity for all the electricity being produced.

If a problem, such as a storm, interferes with transmission on the existing line, Ontario Hydro has devised the Bruce load and generation rejection scheme which will automatically drop the (power) load in parts of southern Ontario to relieve the overload of electricity, said Bob Dyer, superintendent of consumer services at Markham Hydro.

"It means there'll be a maximum 30 minutes interruption, while they set up the coal fire generators. Whenever it happens its automatic, there's no warning," he continued.

He added that because the generation of nuclear power has increased, less coal

fire generators, (which are much more expensive to operate) are needed and hydro rates can be maintained at a reasonable level.

Mr. Dyer said farmers in the nuclear station area who object to the transmission lines have "NIMBY syndrome. 'Not-in-my-back-yard,'" he explained.

"Ontario Hydro anticipates that those lines will be constructed by 1988. That means four years of interruption. They (the outages) are not likely to happen on a frequent basis, but who knows?"

He said Markham Hydro is stuck in the middle. It is a customer of Ontario Hydro, but has customers itself who rely on its services.

A meeting is being held today for the Markham Industrial Association at which spokesmen from Markham and Ontario Hydro will answer the questions of concerned members.

Mr. Dyer pointed out some of the companies in this area which would be affected by a power outage, "American Express, The Bank of Nova Scotia, Steelcase, Amerace, AMP of Canada, there's a tremendous number of them," he said, adding, "that meeting isn't going to change anything."

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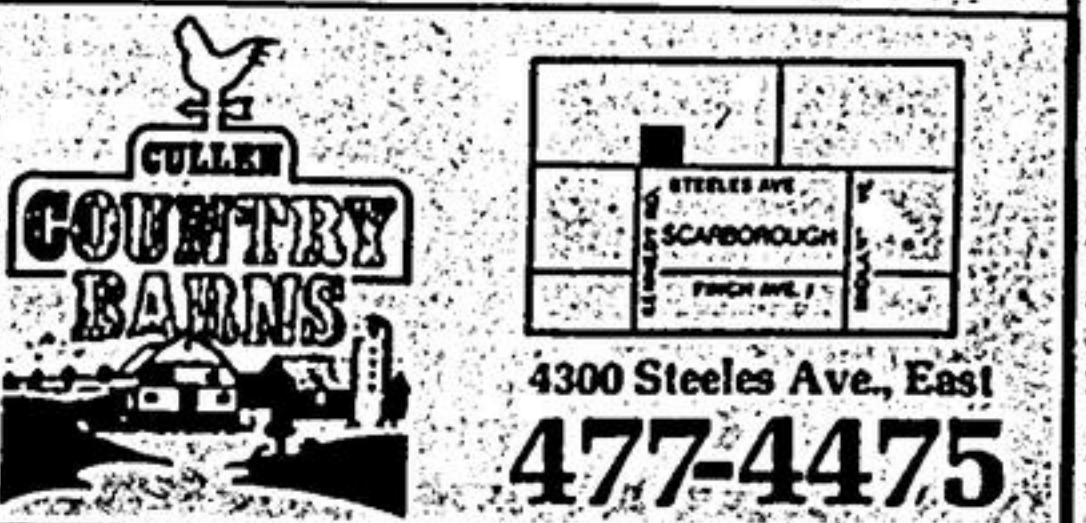
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