

Peruvians raise money for needy

The Peruvian Child Foundation, a recently established Markham group, began its fund raising drive last week with a dinner and dance at the Centennial Arena in Markham.

Over 200 people attended the event and several had to be turned away at the door due to limited space.

The dance also celebrated the Peruvian National Holiday, which was two days later on July 28. People from the Peruvian, Chilean, Colombian and Venezuelan consulates in Toronto also attended.

Most of the people attending were from Markham and there were also a number of non-Peruvians. Cartoonist Ben Wicks and his wife Doreen were special guests. Mrs. Wicks has been involved in many charitable activities for third world countries such as Peru. She is in charge of Global Ed./Med. Supplies, a charitable organization which sends educational and medical supplies to third world countries.

The money raised will be going to third world hospitals, particularly the Hospital for Sick Children in Peru.

According to Joseph Bogani of the Markham group, Peruvian hospitals are desperately short of equipment such as surgical equipment and medicine. "Down there a needle is re-used 20-30 even 40 times. The care is pathetic because of their lack of resources."

Mr. Bogani explained that the amount of money the Peruvian government allocates to hospitals and national health care is limited.

"We feel we should address the basic needs like medicine and vaccines," said Mr. Bogani.

The dance at Centennial Arena was the group's first fund raising event and it was successful. Members are now planning another dance for Oct. 12, The Day Of All The Races. Most group members are Markham residents.

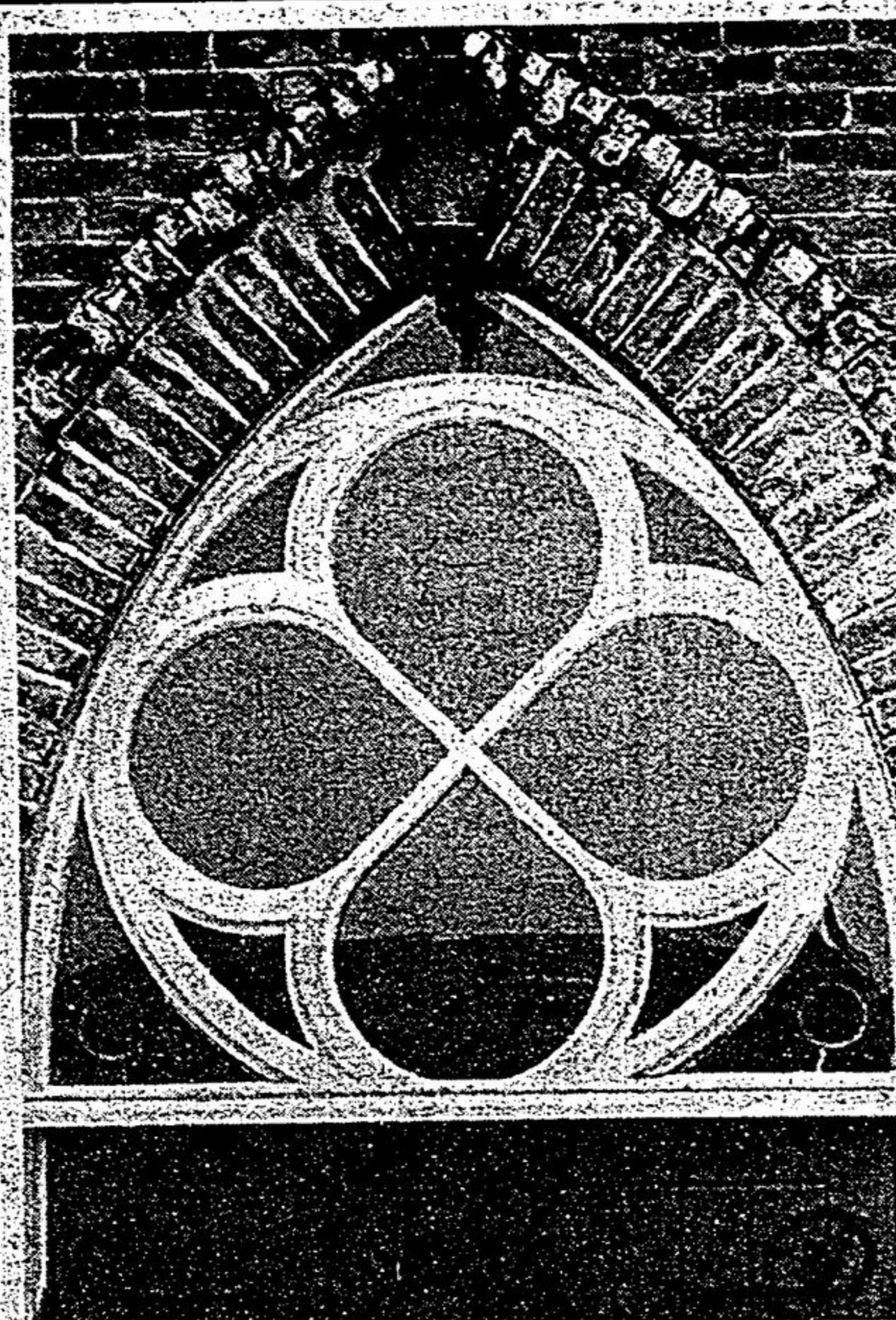
The Peruvian Child Foundation is in the process of getting certification from the federal government so that all donations will be tax deductible.

For further information contact Mr. Bigani by calling 484-9466 or Carmen Von-Guenten by calling 475-2691.

SEED creates Markham jobs

Fourteen more jobs have been created for students in the Markham area through the federal government's summer employment program.

Magna International Inc., a firm located in the Woodbine-Hwy. 7 area, will receive wage grants from the government for providing 140 workweeks to students through the Summer Experience/Employment Development (SEED) program.



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Sjoerd Witteveen

Indian art comes to local museum

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum at Vandorf is presenting an exhibition of Indian Art, entitled Waabanda-Iwewin, from July 30 to Aug. 31.

The name Waabanda-Iwewin is Ojibwe meaning to show, which is fitting for the purpose of this exhibit, to expose the work of young artists.

These artists come from places such as Weagamow, Sandy Lake, Big Trout Lake, Pikangikum, and other centres in the Sioux Lookout and Kenora Fort Frances districts.

The exhibits of paintings, prints, sculptures and photographs come from the Thunder Bay National Exhibition Centre.

The work varies from naturalistic animal studies, sensitive landscapes, pictographic legend painting, portraits, wood carvings, to photographic studies.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum will be open every day, except Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's located on Woodbine Ave. in Vandorf.

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