



Pallbearers lead a large funeral procession to the gravesite at the funeral of longtime Markham firefighter Don Shank. At the left is Jim Miles, behind him (hidden) are Ross Lawton and Mark Holliwel. At right are Burt Hollands, Garry Cyr and Robert

Myles (at back). Many members of the Markham firefighters, local dignitaries, family and friends were on hand to pay their last respects.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Markham firemen say goodbye to a friend

By Jim Thomas

The Markham Fire Department, numbering more than 80 full-time staff and volunteers, said farewell to one of its own on Wednesday at a funeral at the Wideman Mennonite Church.

Donald N. Shank, Founding President of the Markham Professional Firefighters Association and a firefighter through 20 years, was accorded full-dress honors at a service conducted by Rev. Jim Shantz, pastor of Wideman Church, assisted by Pastor Eric Tennant of the Markham Gospel Chapel.

Mr. Shank died Nov. 3 in Scarborough Centenary Hospital from a stroke. He had been ill for some time battling Hodgkin's Disease for four years. He would have marked his 57th birthday, Nov. 22,

Born at Markham, son of Jacob and Martha Shank, Don worked in Oshawa for a time and later took over the operation of the North Markham Texaco station.

In July, 1965, he joined the Markham Fire Department as a volunteer and three years later was promoted to the rank of captain. He became a full-time firefighter in 1971, working out of the station at Bayview Avenue and John Street, Thornhill.

In spite of declining health, Don maintained a positive attitude. He enjoyed camping and spent as much time as possible at the family trailer near Bancroft. He also loved working in his garden at 31 Joseph St. and was looking forward to another growing season this spring.

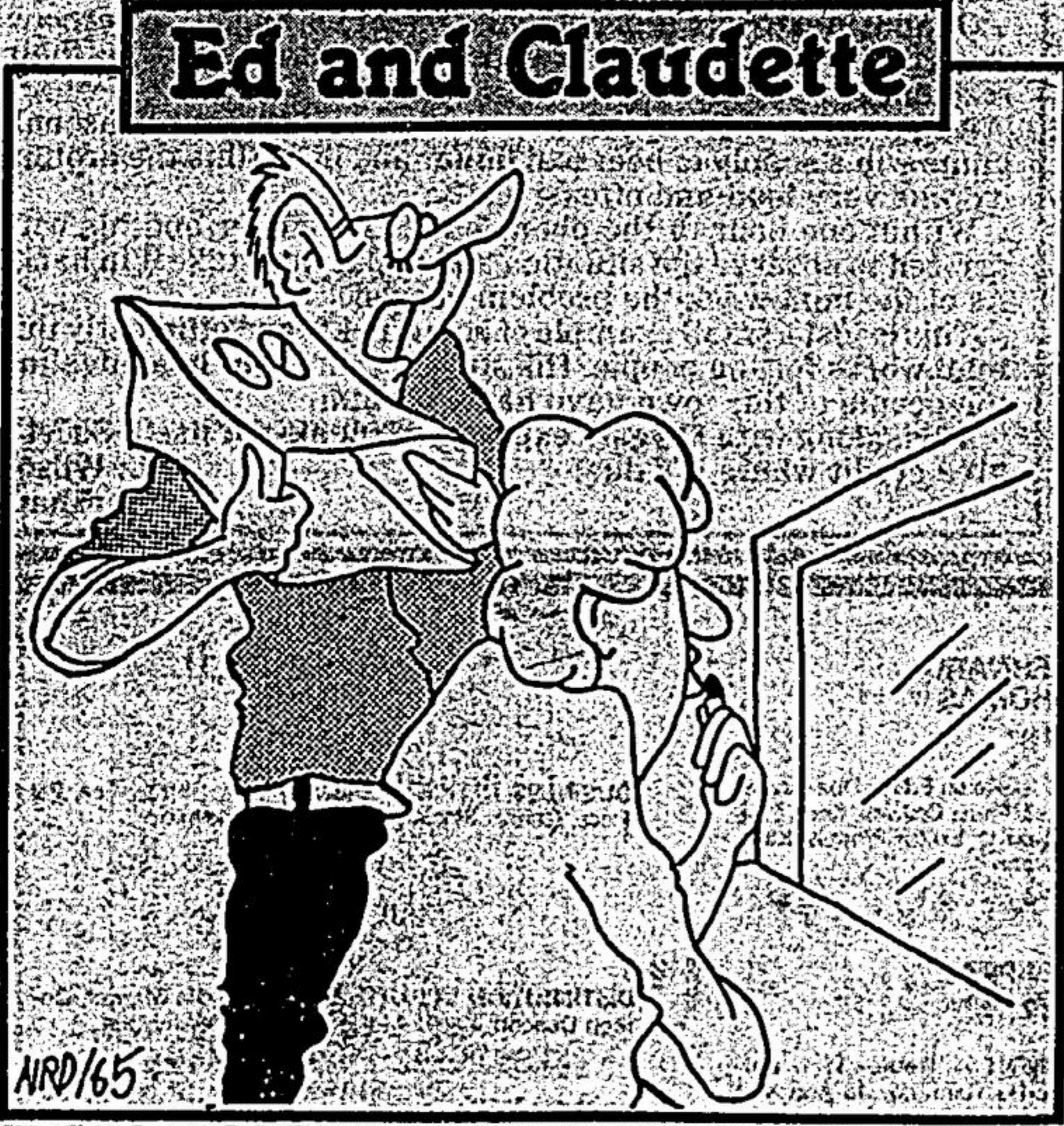
Don Shank had firm beliefs and

was never backward about making his feelings known. Yet, when help was required, he was always the first to respond, casting aside all personal sentiments, said firefighter Brian Pike in his eulogy address.

Although forced to give up the Association presidency earlier this year due to ill health, Don never lost interest in the organization and its purpose, Brian said. He was always willing to give of his knowledge.

Markham firefighters formed a guard of honor outside the church at the conclusion of the service. Pallbearers were Jim Miles, Bob Myles, Ross Lawton, Gary Cyr, Burt Hollands and Mark Holliwel.

Mr. Shank is survived by wife Carole; sons Willard of Rexdale, Charles of Scarborough, Robert and Terry of Oshawa; Wendel at home; daughters Donna in Oshawa and Louise at home; a granddaughter Christina and two sisters, Grace (Mrs. Delbert Bontrager) of Fairview, Michigan and Edith (Mrs. Eric Byer) of R.R. 2, Markham.



Don't waste your time with that make-up Claudy. I've got something here that's much more effective.

Skyloft holding an open house

With the ski season fast approaching, the Skyloft Ski Club is having an open house all this month at its Durham Region location.

The club has been operating for 20 years and is a non-profit operation that encourages limited membership. Each year, a maximum of 200 families can join, and while previous members have priority, there are a few openings.

Every Sunday this month, the club is holding open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Interested skiers are in-

ited to take a look at the club and its facilities.

These include a free ski school for new members; competitive racing throughout the Kawartha; ski patrol and social functions like children's Christmas party, teenage dances, adult parties, pancake breakfasts, awards day and free Christmas tree cutting for each member.

For more information leave a message at 298-8971 or call Phyllis Cowan at 294-5828.

Neighborhood Watch forming in Markham

Yet another Neighborhood Watch program is underway in Markham.

Area residents in the Galsworthy, Dr. Honeybourne Cres. area are urged by Watch co-ordinator Brian Leonard to attend a meeting next Wednesday at James Robinson Public School at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Leonard will be on hand to discuss the aspects involved in starting a Neighborhood Watch program and inform residents how to curb neighborhood crime.

Galworthy Dr. resident Lillian McDonald said "it's time to grab the bull by the horns" and unite residents in fighting break-ins and vandalism in the area.

Grace Church holds a Christmas bazaar

For a taste of old-town Markham come to the Olde Tyme Christmas Bazaar and luncheon at Grace Anglican Church.

The bazaar is being held today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured

will be a country shoppe and market, bake table, Cabbage Patch room, crafts and a lunch room.

The church is located at 19 Parkway Ave. in Markham.



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— Sjoerd Witteveen

Missionary speaks at local venues

A missionary who has spent more than 25 years in Zaire will tell Markhamites about the religious enthusiasm of the people she works with.

Ruth Stanley of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will visit two churches this weekend to discuss her work.

On Saturday she will speak at a potluck supper at St. Andrew's United Church, Main St. at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday she will do two lectures. At 9:30 and 11 a.m. Unionville Public School, Kennedy Rd. will host Miss Stanley will speak again at St. Andrew's United Church at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Mel Sylvester, President of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will also speak at the Sunday evening service.

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