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Accused are granted bail

Seven people charged with a variety of narcotics offences in connection with a \$50 million hashish smuggling ring are out on bail pending a court appearance next week.

Among those granted bail during a hearing Thursday at Toronto's Old City Hall were Wayne Lambert, 43, of Main Street West, Stouffville and Russell Eagen, 42, of Knights Place in Bloomington.

Lambert was released on a \$100,000 zone bond plus two \$75,000 sureties, while Eagen was freed on a \$150,000 surety.

The co-accused are to appear in court Nov. 7 to set a date for a preliminary hearing. Also arrested Oct. 26 following a joint investigation by York Region and Metro Police were Kathy Eagen, 35, of Bloomington; David Land, 43, of Toronto; Gary Weston, 40, of Newmarket; Edward Smith, 45, of Aurora; and Barry Gates, 43, of Woodview near Peterborough.

All but one of accused persons, Edward Smith, had been held in custody awaiting a bail hearing.

Magic men make plans

A plan charting the future course of Stouffville's controversial Magic Festival will be presented to Town Council in early December.

Members of the Stouffville Magic Club are devising plans for next year while also formulating long-range goals for the next five.

The 1986 show was centred around a series of eight cabaret performances Sept. 17-20 and featured other highlights like a series of well-attended children's shows. It posted a \$5,100 deficit.

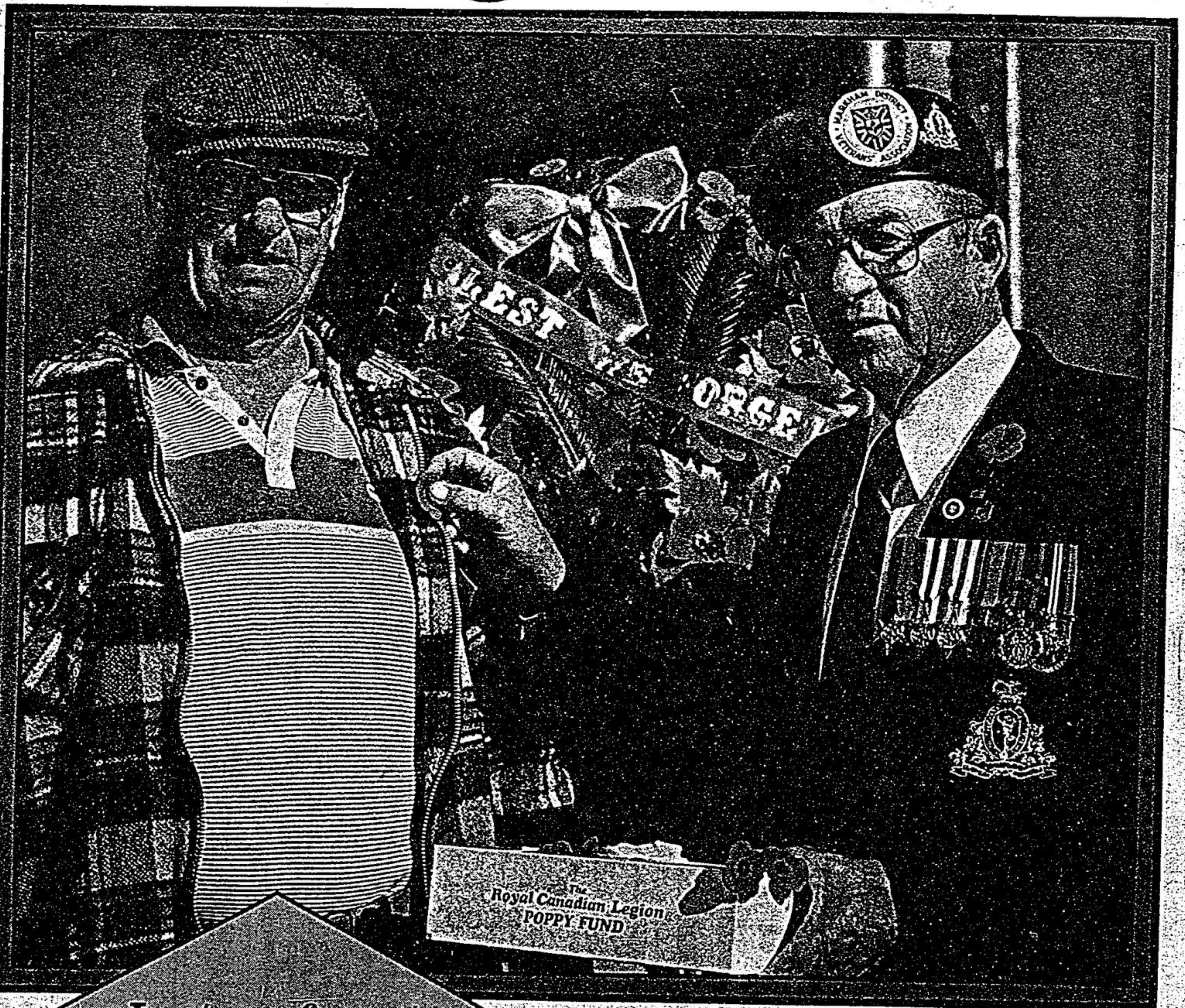
Festival organizer Dan Laffey said he feels the event, which this year had an operating budget of \$31,000, has tremendous growth potential.

"I think the future of it is great if the people of Stouffville want to get behind something that is fun," the Claremont-area magician said.

He claimed the long-range plan will give residents a better idea of just where the event is headed.

George Schlukbier, a festival founder who co-ordinated this year's event with Mr. Laffey, has decided to give up most of his organizational duties due to other commitments.

As a result, much of the responsibility for festival planning rests with a small core group that belongs to the year-old magic club.



Lest we forget

Watch for Remembrance Day poppy lapel pins Nov. 3 to 11 at major shopping areas. Proceeds will help needy veterans or their families. Last year's poppy drive raised nearly \$5000. Here, Markham District Veteran's Association charter member Allan Paterson pins a poppy on the lapel of Leon Pozdrowski. Markham District Veteran's Association will hold a Remembrance Day service Saturday Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Hall on Washington St. in Markham. In Stouffville, a service will be held Sunday Nov. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Legion Hall.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

3-hurt in Main St. crash

An elderly Whitby man faces a charge of failure to yield following a two-vehicle accident in Stouffville Wednesday that sent himself, his wife and one other person to hospital.

According to York Regional Police, a late model Chrysler station wagon pulled out of a private drive on the north side of Main Street at 5:45 p.m. and proceeded south into the path of an on-coming car.

The car was struck by a Chevy van driven by Brampton's Melbourne Thomas, 32.

Police said the 70-year-old driver of the station wagon and a 64-year-old passenger, Muriel Terwilligar, both of Whitby, were rushed to Uxbridge Cottage Hospital. Both were later transferred to Oshawa General Hospital with suspected internal injuries.

Thomas was treated at Coattage Hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

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