

A welcome mat with strings

Dear Editor: In his recent letter under the heading 'Question?' (Nov. 26), Philip Metcalfe asks how the majority of members of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Rural Ratepayers Association came to be here. It would seem to me the answer is obvious. Many of us purchased ten acre lots; thus preserving the rural character of the area. Newcomers wishing to settle here are more than welcome to do likewise. There would be no opposition whatsoever.

Sincerely,
Tilly Oates,
R.R. 4, Stouffville



Nineteen-year-old Ann Carter, Sunset Court, Ballantrae, received her Advanced Honors Award in 4-H Homemaking at an Achievement Program held in the Holland Landing Community Centre, Monday night. —Jim Thomas

Advanced honors

By EVE-LYNN DOBIE
BALLANTRAE—Nineteen-year-old Ann Carter, Sunset Court, Ballantrae, has surpassed her mother's achievements in 4-H Homemaking. On Monday evening, this personable Seneca College student received her Advanced Honors Certificate of Recognition and a gift for completing eighteen homemaking projects. The ceremony was held at Holland Landing.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food sponsors this program with the help of adult instructors. The age range is 12 to 21 years.

It was back in January, 1981, that Ann first began attending 4-H meetings. They were held at Dickson's Hill. She was 13 at the time.

Ann admits her initial project, "Which Comes First, The Chicken or the Egg?" was nothing to write home about. However, her mother, recipient of a Provincial Honors Diploma for completing 12 projects, encouraged her to continue. She's now glad she did.

After six projects, a participant is awarded a Pin and a County Honors Certificate, explains

Ann. "If you make it that far, you'll stick with it," she says.

Each project lasts seven meetings. These, combined with time needed to prepare the required manual, has kept Ann busy.

Project topics have included — cooking, sewing, quilting, etiquette, gardening, first-aid, computers and job-hunting skills.

Activities have included — summer leadership camps, Reach for the Top competitions and regional conferences.

Ann began 4-H, (that stands for Head, Heart, Hands and Health), by attending a club directed by Esther Powell and Lillian Davidson. Now, she and sister Susan, 15, are members at Ballantrae under the leadership of Heather Andrews and Peggy Blackwell.

The homemaking branch of 4-H isn't as well known as its agricultural counterpart, says Ann, but it's just as much fun and equally educational.

Interested young ladies, (and young men), can learn more by contacting York Region's Rural Organization Specialist Ann Hankinson at 895-4519.

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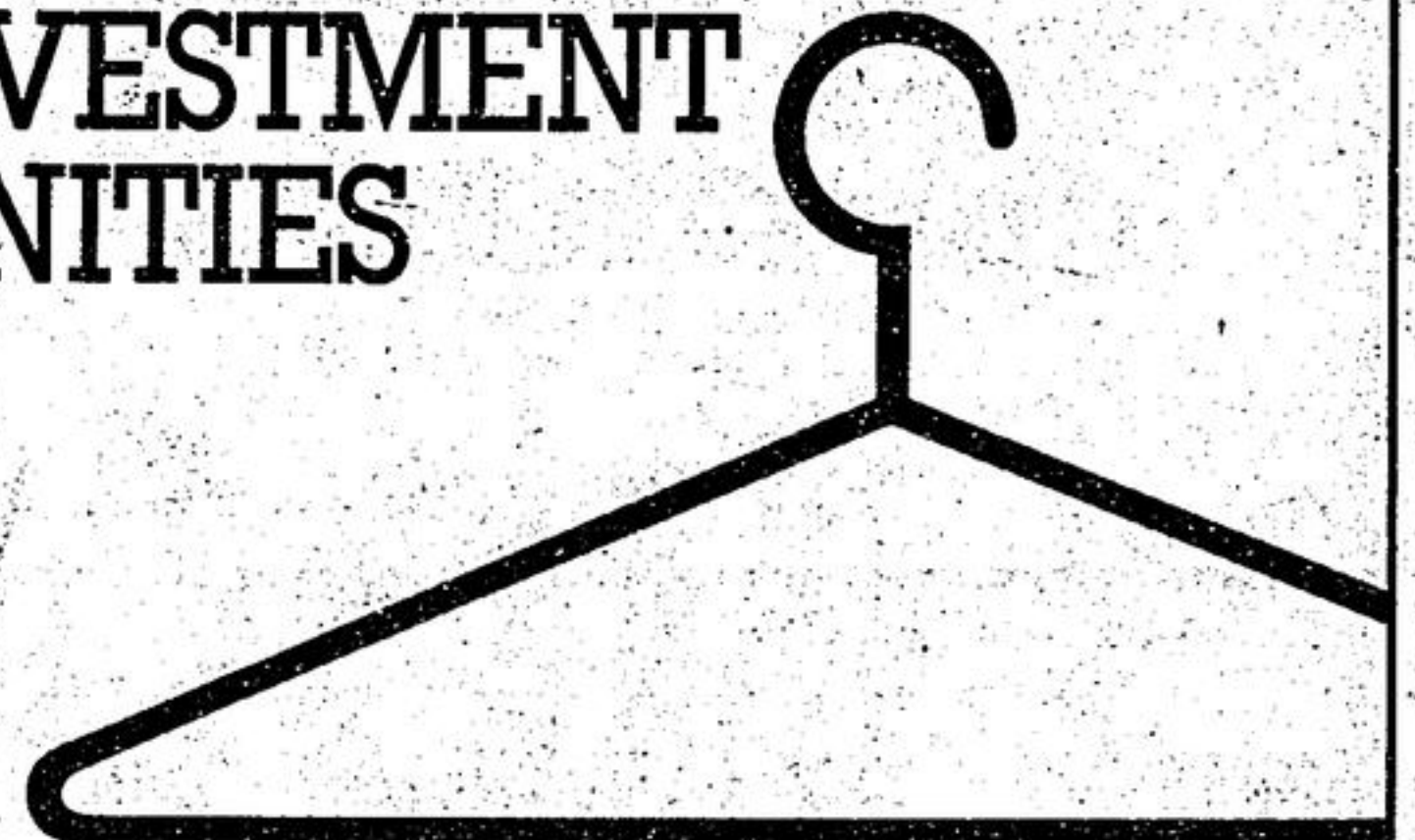
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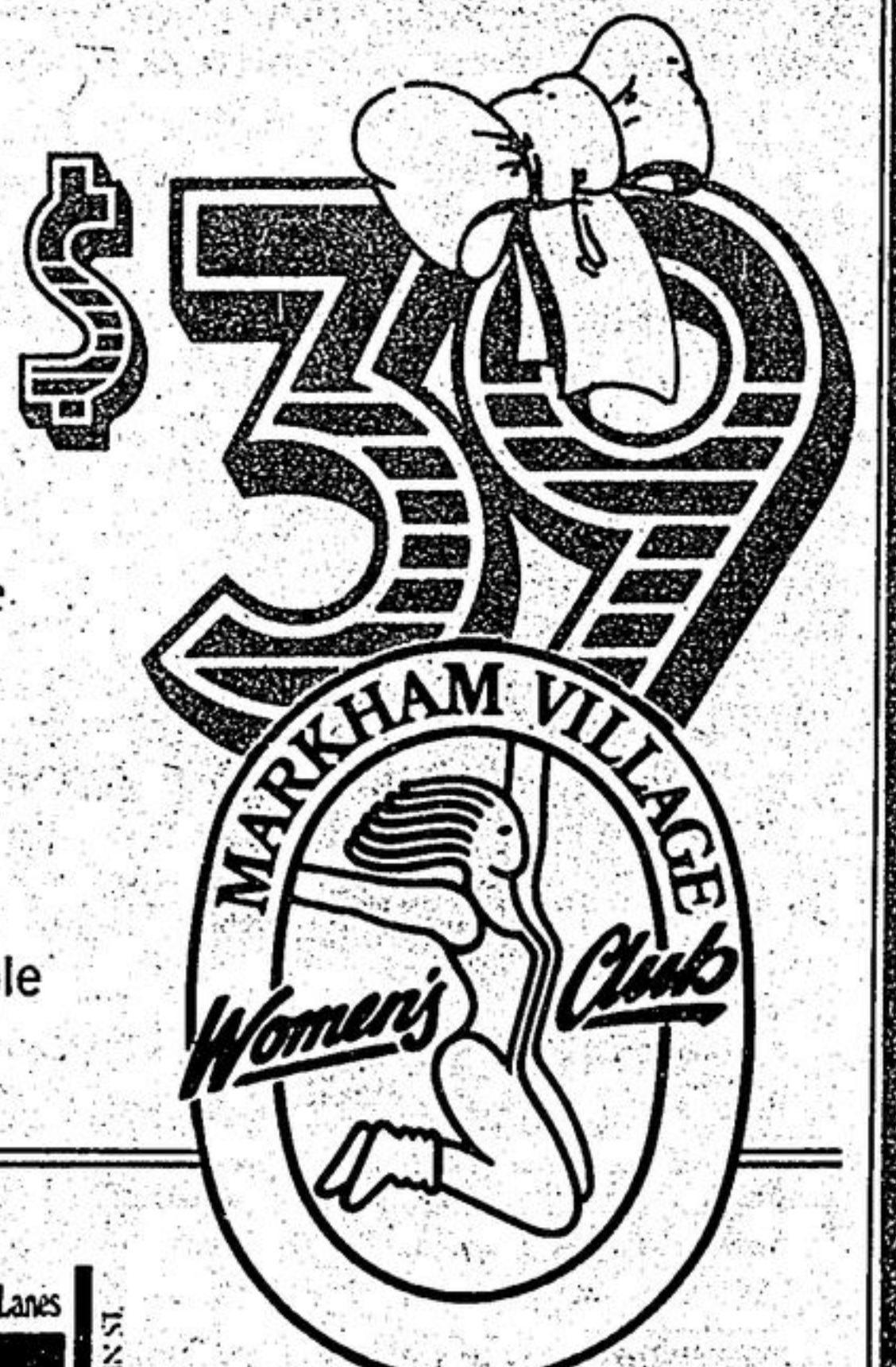
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