

Area Garden's sign enjoyed by many

By DENISE McDONALD
GOODWOOD — "It's better to be over the hill than under it." Or at least that's the latest opinion of a sign gracing the front lawn of Goodwood Gardens on Highway 47.

However, it's only one of many such sayings that have lifted the hearts and caused many a chuckle from motorists passing through Goodwood since 1980.

"Some of the sayings are made up while others are copied from places such as magazines and Readers Digest," says Gardens co-manager Dave Gribble.

According to Mr. Gribble, his father Harold originally started the tradition after purchasing a second road-side sign in 1979.

"We used the first one to advertise specials and produce in sea-

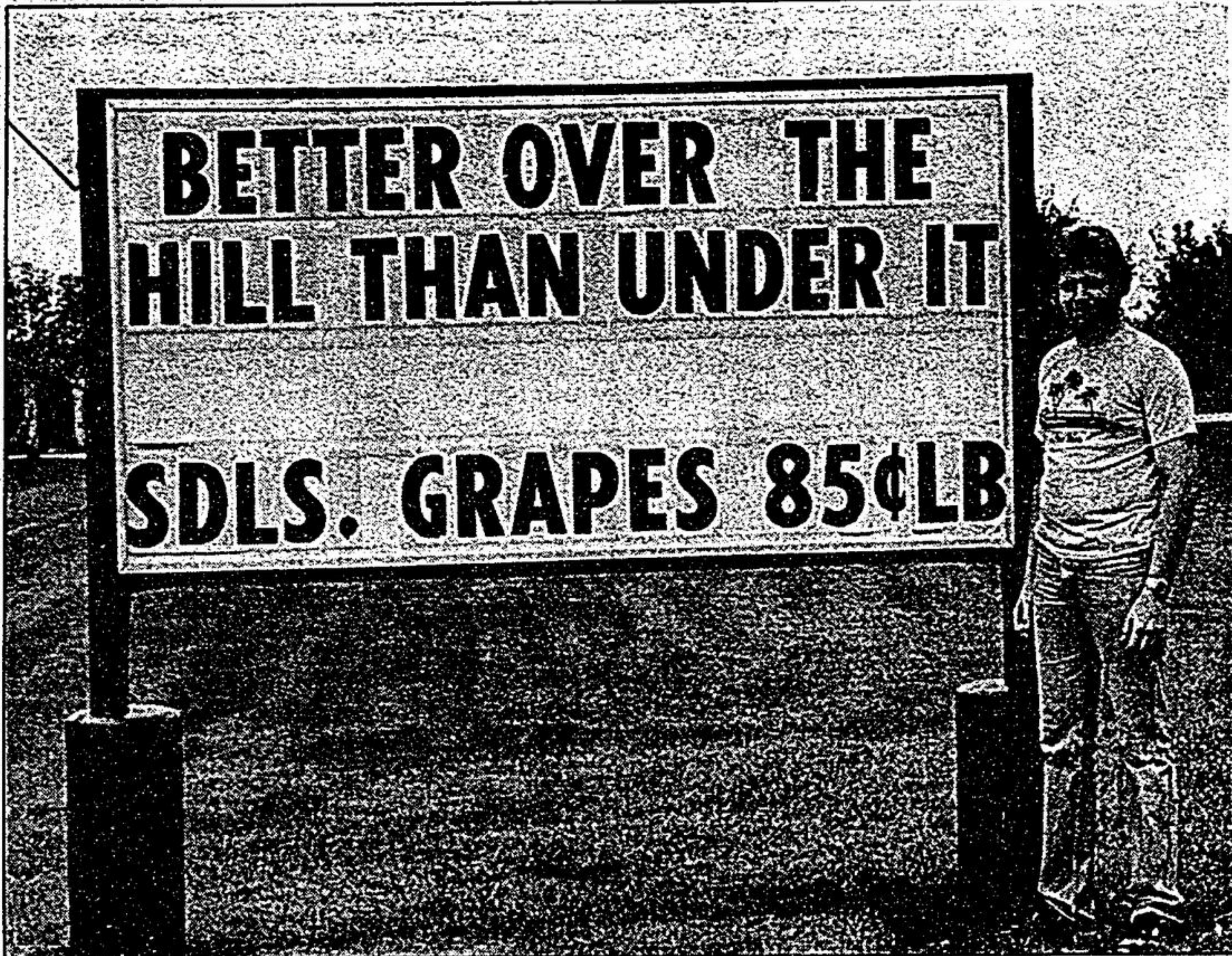
son, etc.," explains Dave. "Then we purchased the second sign and thought the sayings would be a good way to fill up the blank space when nothing was on special."

"Dad started coming up with some pretty funny ones," he continues, "and before we knew it, the employees became involved as well."

Although hundreds of sayings

and cliches have graced the sign in the past seven years, the most memorable include: Goodwood Gardens, Best in the Box; Don't cry on our shoulders because our spanish onions are only 59 cents a bunch; It's the start of another bloomin' good season; Our corn is outstanding in its field; We keep our eyes on our potatoes and lastly, Buccaneer: Too much to pay for corn.

When asked what the public's reaction to the sayings have been, Dave says: "Everyone loves to see them, especially those driving to the cottage on the weekends and going to work through the week. In fact, we've even had people complain when we haven't been able to change the sign as often as we like."



Goodwood Garden's co-manager Dave Gribble stands beside the sign that has caused many a motorist to chuckle while passing by, since 1980. —Denise McDonald

Local funding increased 18%

By SEAN RYAN

STOUFFVILLE — The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is now eligible for increased Provincial support to resolve health and environmental problems stemming from communal and sanitary sewage works.

At one time, grants for such projects amounted to only 15 per cent. However, municipalities with populations of over 7,500 can now receive grants of up to 33 per cent.

It comes as a timely supplement after the Province imposed stricter standards on current requirements.

"In building a trunk sewage system, for instance, the Province may insist we do it their way rather than a less expensive way," said Clerk-Coordinator Pat Oakes. "The additional funds would then be used to adhere to their wishes."

Whitchurch-Stouffville will also be eligible for 15 per cent of project costs relating to the servicing of new urban development.

In a letter from the Ministry of the Environment, it was indicated funding assistance will provide for other major components of new water supply and waste water treatment works. These include water intakes and treatment facilities for both waste water and sewage.

At present, the Town is drilling for wells to supply water for Ballantrae homes. If a sufficiently sized source of water is found, both Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake may be served from the same well.

This effort may be eligible for the new grants as well as all projects planned for after April 1, 1987.

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