

Late Austin Reesor

Cedar Grove man had many friends and many skills

CEDAR GROVE — The sanctuary of Zion United Church, Cedar Grove was filled to overflowing, Oct. 16 as family friends and relatives paid respects to the memory of Austin Reesor, R.R. 1, Markham.

Mr. Reesor died suddenly Oct. 12, at his home, Lot 3, Conc. 10, Markham. He was 84.

Born June 16, 1904, the son of Arthur and Eliza Jane (Burns) Reesor, Austin maintained an intense love for his community.

It was his great-grandfather Samuel Reesor who bought the 100-acre farm in 1847. A brother Wally still works the pioneer property.

For a period of 25 years, Austin served as a radio officer on the Great Lakes ships. He also spent 15 years with the Ministry of Transportation in telecommunications.

Following retirement, Austin purchased and operated Woodland Park, Cedar Grove. He

was one of those instrumental in initiating the Cedar Grove Apple Butter Festival, an event that became known throughout Southern Ontario.

Austin had many hobbies. He was an excellent photographer, operating his own darkroom. He used this skill to complete the Reesor family history books and the 100-year history of Zion Church.

He was proud of his collection of class pictures from Cedar Grove Public School, spanning 100 years. They now hang in the building that presently serves as a Community Centre.

He was an enthusiastic volunteer with the Markham District Historical Society. He worked in close co-operation with good friend John Lunau in copying pioneer photos. Mr. Lunau is a former Museum curator.

He served on the Reesor family genealogy committee.

Austin was proud of his collection of marine artifacts. He donated these to the Marine Museum in Toronto.

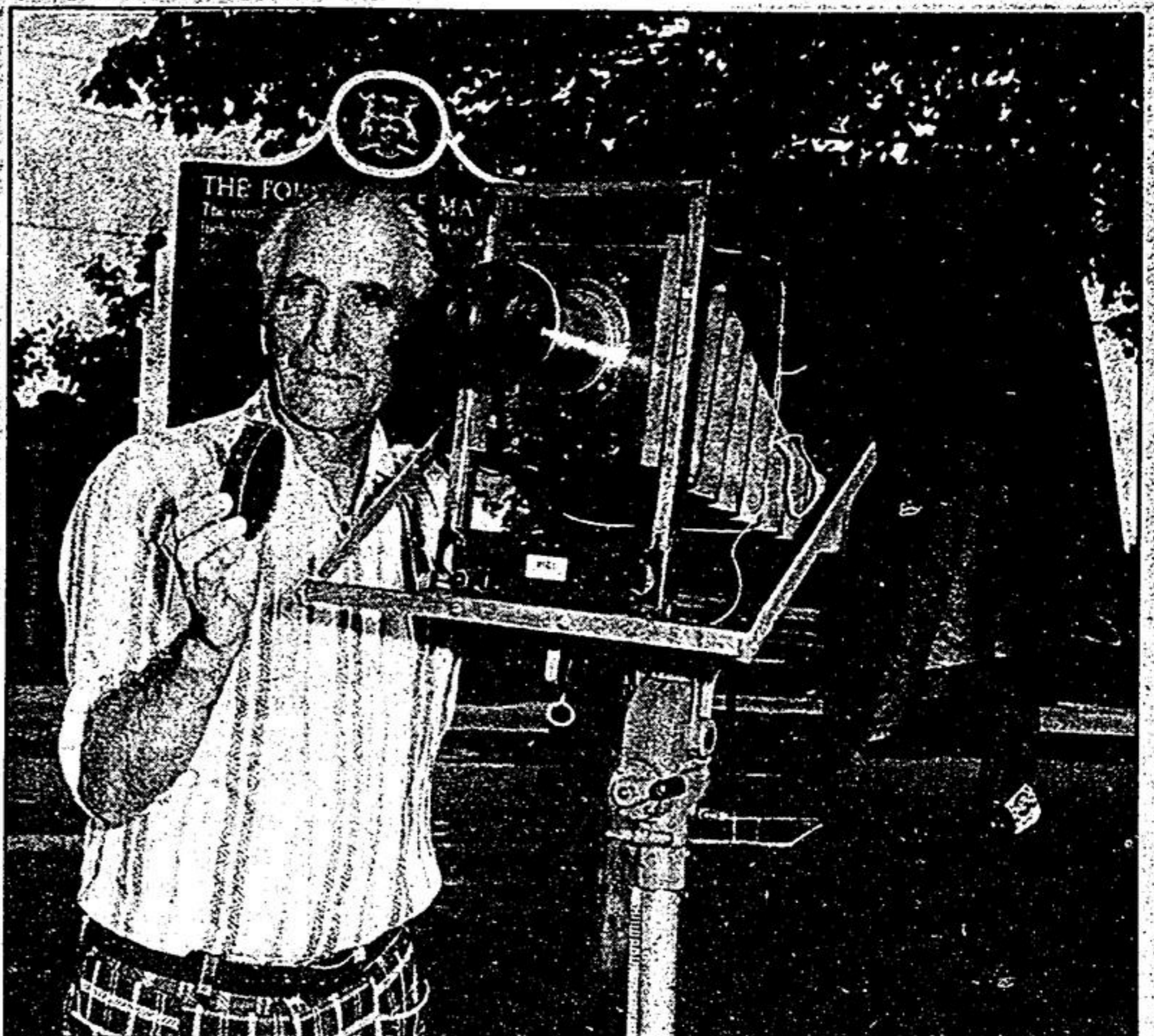
He also donated the equipment from Lapp's Cedar Mill, Cedar Grove, to the Museum. It was used during Applefest Day Oct. 15.

He planted the apple orchard on the Museum site.

Austin served on the first board of directors at the Markham District Historical Society established in 1969. He was a director more than 10 years. His assistance was recognized through the presentation of a Life Membership.

Austin enjoyed sports, both as a player and a spectator. He was a member of the Cedar Grove hockey team and pitched hardball as a student attending Markham High School. He was an avid Blue Jay fan.

Austin was one of the founders of the Cedarena Skating Club back in 1926. He operated the



Hundreds said their farewells to Austin Reesor friends and many skills including a keen love of photography. The late Mr. Reesor had many

—Jim Thomas

popular open-air ice rink for 25 years.

On Dec. 16, 1939, he married Olive Harrington. Mrs. Reesor predeceased her husband May 5, 1967.

He is survived by two daughters, Colleen, (Mrs. Douglas Gray), of Scarborough;

Lola Reesor, Toronto; one son, Colin of Walkerton; two grandchildren, Rebecca and Maureen Reesor; one brother, Wally, and three sisters; Ruby and Mabel Reesor, and Ida, (Mrs. Bert Tapscott).

He was a loyal friend of Winifred Crozier.

Austin was a lifelong member in the congregation of Zion United Church, Cedar Grove. Rev. Ken Deer conducted the funeral service.

Pall-bearers were — Bryan Reesor, George Reesor, Murray Reesor, Paul Burkholder, Rae McIntosh and George Lutzman.



Celebrate in 'home' church

Jim and Franke Lewis, formerly of Ninth Line, Markham, then Ballantrae and now Barrie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday in First Markham Baptist Church where they were married. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have two sons, Gene of Pefferlaw and Jerry in Toronto; one daughter Laurie Garrett of Newmarket and nine grandchildren, Jennifer, Kimberley and Grant; Deborah and Michelle; Christopher; Timothy, Adam and Wesley. Rev. W.W. Fleischer performed the wedding ceremony Nov. 16, 1938.

—Jim Thomas



Stouffville couple married fifty years

Walter and Frances Vague, Second Street, Stouffville, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house Saturday in the Silver Jubilee Club. Mr. and Mrs. Vague were married Oct. 27, 1938 and moved to Stouffville from Alton in 1953. They have two sons, Rev. Max Vague of Oceanside, California, Alan of Claremont and six grandchildren, David, Glenn and Andrea, Derek, David and Aaron.

—Jim Thomas

Free trade favored

Dear Editor:
It's interesting that many who fear that the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement will undermine our Canadian identity, are the same persons who'll enjoy dinner at MacDonald's or go home and watch Dallas on TV.

Having analyzed the Free Trade Agreement in depth, I'm astounded at the allegations regarding it coming from the mouths of supposedly intelligent people.

Since the Agreement may be terminated unilaterally by either Canada or the United States with six months notice, there's no chance the disastrous scenarios invited by anti-free traders can occur.

The economic opportunities offered will be particularly beneficial to the disadvantaged regions in Canada that have traditionally had to rely on transfer payments to survive.

By strengthening the economic base, this country can finally

become a unified, cohesive unit instead of being torn apart by regional disparity and isolationism.

If you love this country as I do, you'll realize it includes more than just Ontario.

Sincerely,
Joanne Morehouse

Milestone

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McMullen will mark 50 years of married life together this Saturday, Oct. 29.

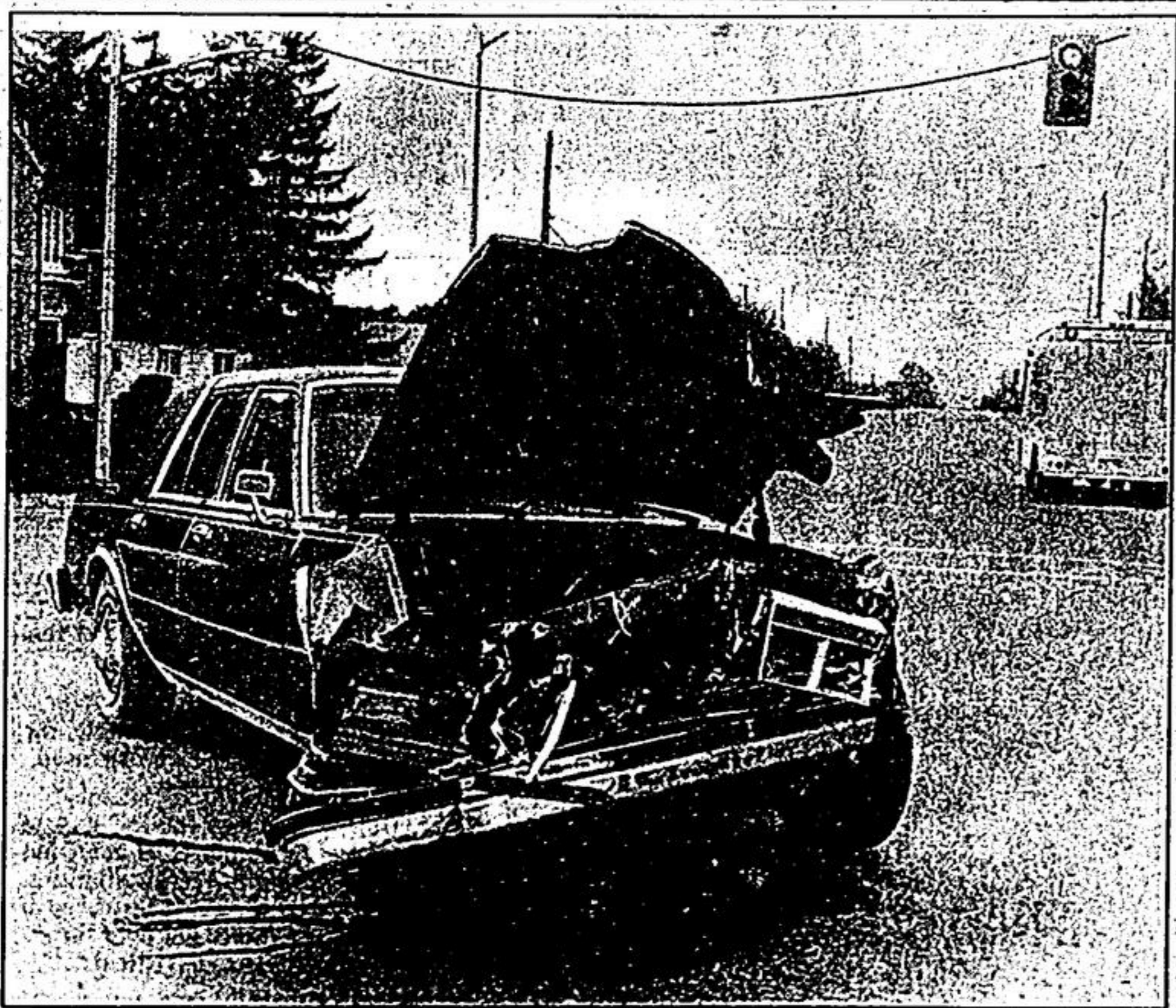
To celebrate the occasion, an 'open house' is planned at the Silver Jubilee Club, Stouffville from 1 to 5 p.m. Family relatives and friends are invited.

Euchre party for good cause

The Vandorf Ladies Euchre Club is holding a Euchre Night this Friday, (Oct. 28), at 8 p.m., in the Vandorf Community Hall.

Admission, including refreshments is \$2.

Proceeds will be donated to The Arthritis Society.



Three injured in Victoria Square crash

Three people were injured, none seriously, when two cars collided at the intersection of Woodbine Avenue and 18th Avenue, (Victoria Square), Friday. Drivers were Trevor Hanson

of Gormley and John Luste of Richmond Hill. Constable Floyd Sales, York Regional Police, investigated.

—Jim Thomas

Peace Week impact

Dear Editor:
To those 1,018 people who welcomed the canvassers when they arrived your homes during Peace Week and took part in the survey, we express our thanks.

It was a source of great pleasure to the Organizing Committee that so many Stouffville residents readily presented their views. It's a somewhat unnerving task to walk up to the door of a strange home, even when it's on behalf of the Town. However, canvassers report being very well received and finding a high level of interest among those surveyed.

Naturally, some questions provoked lively discussion. For example, the query concerning the importance of equality of men

and women in achieving peace. This led to some interesting exchanges, especially between husbands and wives who didn't altogether agree on their replies.

The experience proved rewarding. Said one: "I really came to

Bazaar

St. James Presbyterian Church is holding its annual fall bazaar Sat., Oct. 29 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The location is 101 Main Street East, Stouffville.

Handcrafts and home-baking will be featured along with a tea table.

In addition, there will be live demonstrations of quilting, folk art, stained glass-making, rug-hooking and cake decorating.

know the Town. I discovered what people are thinking."

The survey covered four weekends and much of Whitchurch-Stouffville including Vandorf, Preston Lake, Musselman's Lake and Ballantrae plus rural areas also.

Thirty-four canvassers volunteered.

Results are now being tabulated. They'll be presented to Council early in November. We trust all participants will watch for the results in The Tribune, comparing their answers to those of their fellow citizens.

Thanks to everyone who took part.

Sincerely,
Organizing Committee,
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,
Peace Week



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