

Reader supports the deal

Dear Editor:
During the past six months, the hype concerning the pros and cons of Free Trade has ranged from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Some political parties would have us believe Canada will become the 51st state. Others would want us all to be economic experts so we can cast our ballots in a plebiscite.

Personally, I believe the issue can be judged by some basic commonsense. Forget the emotional and hysterical pundits. Let's look at some recent history.

In 1948, Europe was at a rebuilding stage and very protectionist oriented. France, England and Germany were calling the shots. Three very small countries were threatened — Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxemburg formed an economic alliance called the 'Benelux'.

In 1952, a 'Coal and Steel Pact' was signed between the Benelux countries, France and Germany. This dual commodity trade agreement grew into the E.E.C, a 'European Economic Community' between the five countries.

Slowly but surely other countries came knocking on the door to join. I vividly remember the debate in England — to join or not to join? Finally, England became a partner in 1973.

That country's economic recovery can be attributed in large measure to the joining of the European Common Market. This year, Portugal and Spain joined, making the total 15 countries.

I've had the opportunity to go back to my country of birth nine times since 1955. I have been amazed at the economic recovery.

So why the screaming? Most small businesses would love the opportunity to sell to the U.S.A. without tariff barriers.

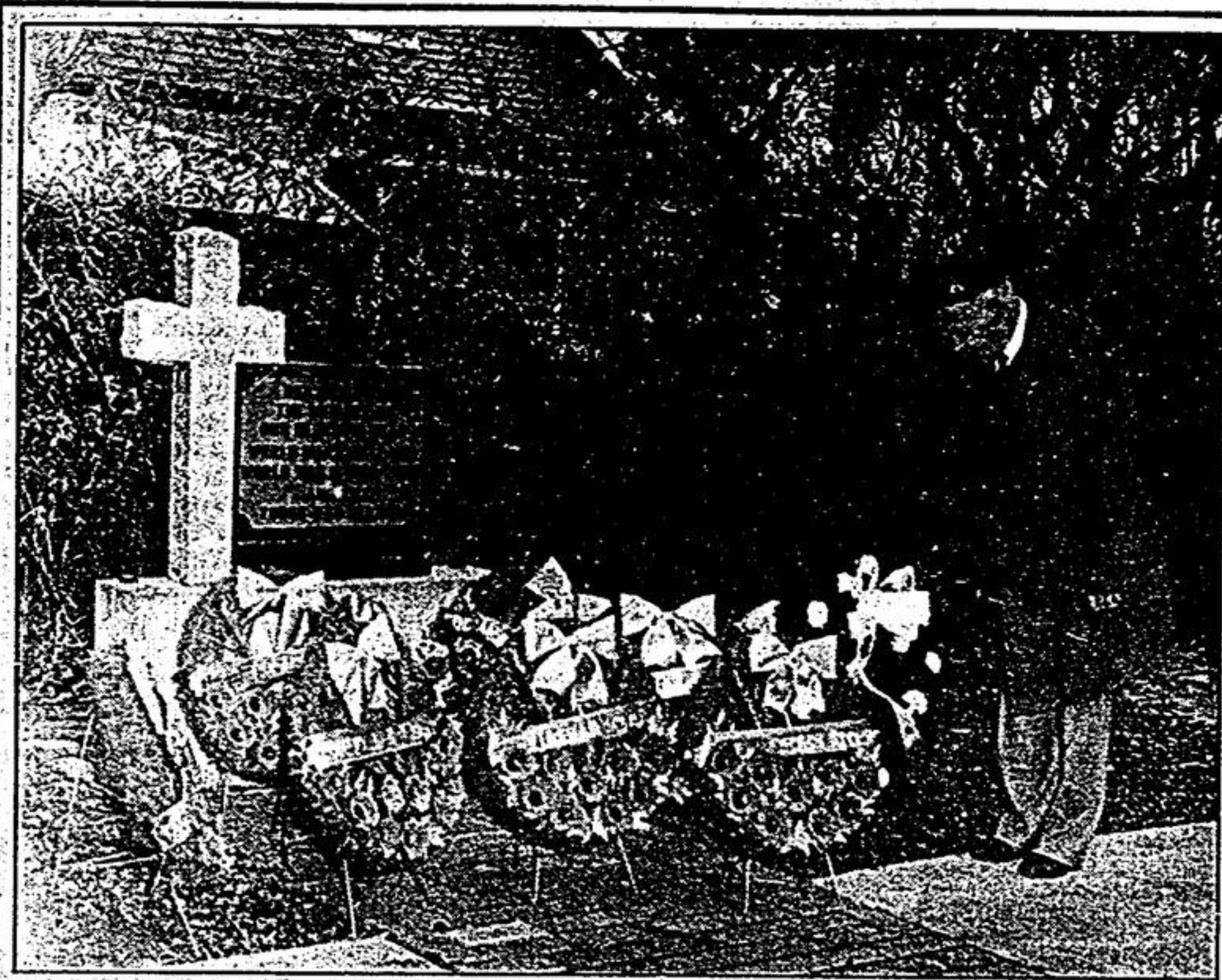
I have great confidence in Canada and in Canadians. It's about time Canadians started believing in themselves. We are a resourceful people with a very productive labor force. We can compete. I also have confidence in Mr. Reisman's negotiating skills. It was he who negotiated the Auto Pact that has certainly been very beneficial to Canada.

I also believe we should not just have a Free Trade Agreement with the United States. It should be expanded to all the North and South American countries, including the Caribbean. Import and export duties are terribly non-productive. They kill initiative and the need to improve. They increase the cost of goods without increasing the value. They create an ever-increasing bureaucracy.

We have nothing to lose but everything to gain. If it doesn't work out as expected, we can renegotiate or bail out.

Sincerely,

Casey van Maris,
Parklane Nurseries Limited,
Gormley



Remembrance wreaths placed at cenotaph

Canadian Legion Branch 459; members of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and representatives of town service clubs, placed wreaths at the cenotaph in Stouffville's Civic Square, Friday. One of the participants was Ivan Goudie, a branch past-president. —Jim Thomas

Ruby Morgan

Jubilee member passes

STOUFFVILLE — A vacuum has been created within the ranks of Seniors at the Silver Jubilee Club with the passing of Ruby Morgan, Manitoba Street, Stouffville.

Mrs. Morgan died Nov. 5 at York County Hospital, Newmarket. She was 68.

Mrs. Morgan enjoyed her association with Silver Jubilee members and seldom missed a meeting. Until declining health

forced her to 'take things easier', she headed up the Club's Entertainment Committee. She was successful in bringing in vocal and instrumental talent, both from town and from a distance. Often, the clubroom was filled to capacity for these concerts.

An extremely personable lady, Mrs. Morgan was on a first-name basis with most Seniors in Town. Providing enjoyment for others gave her enjoyment too.

Service was held from the

O'Neill Funeral Home, Stouffville, Nov. 9 with interment Wingham Cemetery.

Surviving besides husband Ken is a daughter Irene, (Mrs. Murray Neal), of Guelph; three stepdaughters, Joyce Watterworth, Joan Holtzheuer; four stepsons, George, Grant, Keith and Lyle; five grandchildren; five brothers and three sisters. She was predeceased by a son Theodore and husbands Frederick Saint and Albert Holzschuh.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1980, CHAPTER 337
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND AND PREMISES KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 16 WELLINGTON STREET, MARKHAM, BEING BLOCK E, LOT 2, PART OF LOTS 1 AND 3, REGISTERED PLAN 18 IN THE TOWN OF MARKHAM, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Markham intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, known municipally as 16 Wellington Street, Markham being Block E, Lot 2, Part Lots 1 and 3, Registered Plan 18 as a property of architectural and/or historic interest or value under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 337.

Short Statement of the Reasons for the Proposed Designation.

The John Jerman House is recommended for designation for its historical and architectural significance.

The house was built in 1886 by John Jerman a member of Markham Village Council from its incorporation in 1873 until 1882. Architecturally the house is a fine example of late Victorian architecture and functions as a gateway to the Markham heritage district.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION to the designation may be served on the Clerk within thirty(30) days of the 16th day of November, 1988.

Dated at the Town of Markham this 16th day of November, 1988.

Christine Palmer,
Deputy Clerk

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