

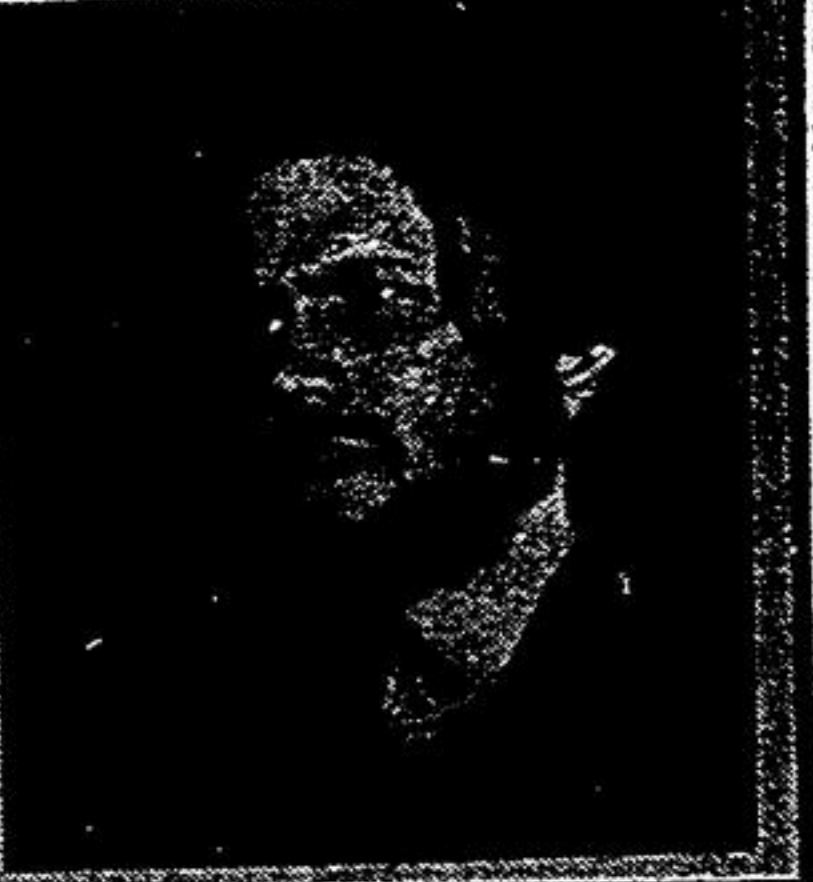
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In Sunday wars

Sunday openings result again in police charges

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Two charges were laid last Sunday against Stouffville businesses as the local stores continue to defy the Sunday shopping laws.

Adding to the 29 charges throughout the region, York Regional Police charged Main St.'s A&P and the National Sports Store at the Auction Barns — with both businesses being served more than one summons to court.

Sergeant Norm Miles told the Tribune the police will continue charging those who defy the Retail Holiday Business Act until it "receives further direction from the province."

Stouffville's Main St. A&P opened last Sunday after being closed the previous weekend because the Committee For Fair Shopping that represents the four main Ontario food conglomerates said the move to keep all businesses closed is not being activated in full force.

The committee maintains many drug stores and other businesses not considered a food store, but selling grocery items, were remaining open and not being charged.

But Sgt. Miles said the majority of the charges laid last weekend were against major food chains who want the same laws applied to smaller stores that sell groceries.

Although charges have dropped significantly from the mass movement last month, the food chains vow to continue opening again next Sunday in York, Halton and Niagara regions.

The Regional Municipality of York is urging the province to pass legislation to keep all businesses closed or to come up with a satisfactory and fair solution to the problem that has the businesses in an uproar.

The act prohibits stores who open on Saturday to remain open on the consecutive Sunday and the committee representing the food giants wants all municipalities to pass the same bylaws. Some York Region municipalities like Georgina allow Sunday shopping while others don't.

This is also unfair, the committee said. The committee will meet this week to discuss strategy for next weekend.

All in all, police charged 29 stores throughout the region for opening Dec. 10, and will continue to send stores who defy the act to court.

Resident appeals for reduction in assessment

A Musselman's Lake resident is appealing for a reduction or refund of municipal property assessment on the grounds of sickness and extreme poverty.

The request comes from the Ontario Municipal Act's Bylaw No. 496(1) that gives a property owner the right to appeal an assessment if unable, by way of limited finances or illness, to pay the yearly municipal tax fee based on the property assessment.

In a letter to council last Tuesday, the resident listed a monthly cheque from the Ministry of Community and Social Services of less than \$800 and included a list of yearly debts incurred.

The list included mortgage payments, house and car insurance, monthly Bell Canada service charges, and medical bills, to name a few.

An appeal of this nature would go before the Assessment Review Board in Newmarket. If the appeal was won, the property assessment would be reduced by an amount laid down by the commissioner of the board and the town would adjust the resident's taxes accordingly.

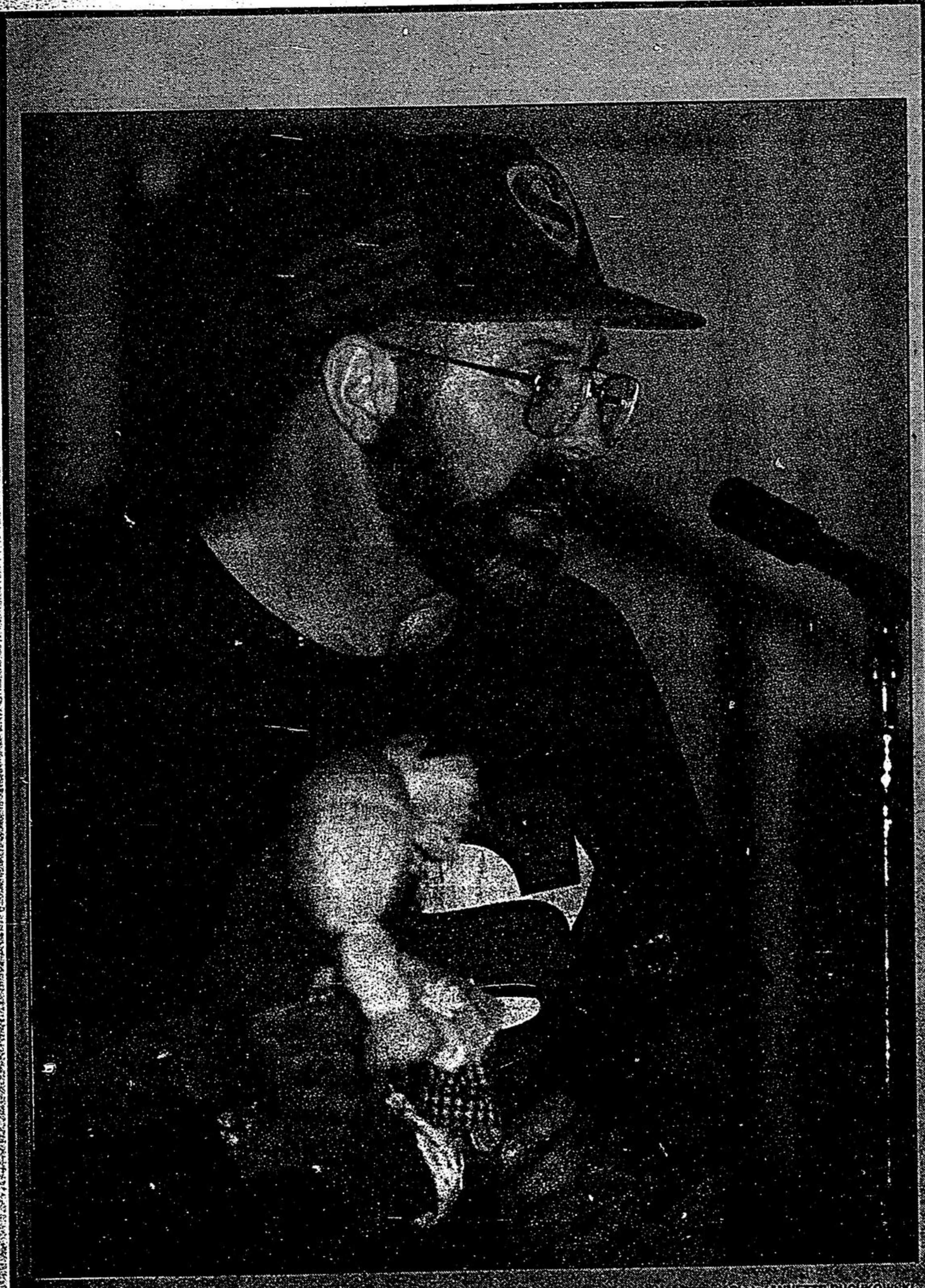


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Super man

Tom Gervais, 67, is beating cancer and... while entertaining children at the White...
Stouffville, Ont. Halton St...
Sunday dressed in the...
superhero. He wears a...
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while entertaining children at the White...
Paper Company's annual Christmas...
party for the... says it is one of his...
most... and... his young...