

# Thanksgiving food drive kicks off Oct. 6

**Hunger hurts.** That's the theme of this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive, organized in co-operation with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Foodbank (WSF) and the York Region Food Network.

The local drive begins Oct. 6 through to Oct. 12.

Donations can be dropped off at the A & P, IGA, Care & Share Shoppe, *The Tribune* office and the Stouffville firehall from 8:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

York Region's 19 foodbanks have already served more than 25,700 people this year - a 71 per cent increase over the same time last year.

"If this trend continues, we could see more than 44,000 people relying on foodbanks in 1992, who would otherwise go hungry," said Jennifer Clarke, co-chair and public relations person for the York Region Food Network.

WSF director Cricket Forfar said 1,673 people have needed help from the local foodbank this year - 48 per cent of which are children and youths.

Forfar wants to ensure residents that any donations received from drop-off points in Stouffville will go directly to and stay in the WSF.

"It is the commitment of the WSF to provide emergency food to residents within the boundaries of the foodbank who are in need," Forfar concurred.

During the Thanksgiving food drive, donations of non-perishable foods such as canned meat and fish, canned fruit and vegetables, canned fruit juice, peanut

butter, spaghetti sauce, canned stew, soup, pork & beans, macaroni and cheese, rice, dry cereals, hot cereals, powdered milk and foods appropriate for babies and children would be appreciated.

*The Tribune* will be inserting paper grocery bags, in co-operation with the Stouffville Progress Club, in our Wed., Oct. 7 issue.

## Grier urged to listen

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and "Dump Grier" as speaker after speaker pleaded with the government to re-think its garbage policies.

"Mrs. Grier, stop hiding behind the IWA. Stop telling us how fair and open the process is long enough to listen, really listen," said Joanne Wolfson, president of King ROREs (Respect Our Rural Environments).

"Stop the insanity," she added. "Cavemen buried their garbage. Surely you can do better than that."

"This process that is under way does not stand up to public scrutiny," said Jack Wilkinson, vice-president of both the Ontario and Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

"As Ontario farmers, we're sick and tired of having our farms used by the urban population for whatever they want and we're expected to move."

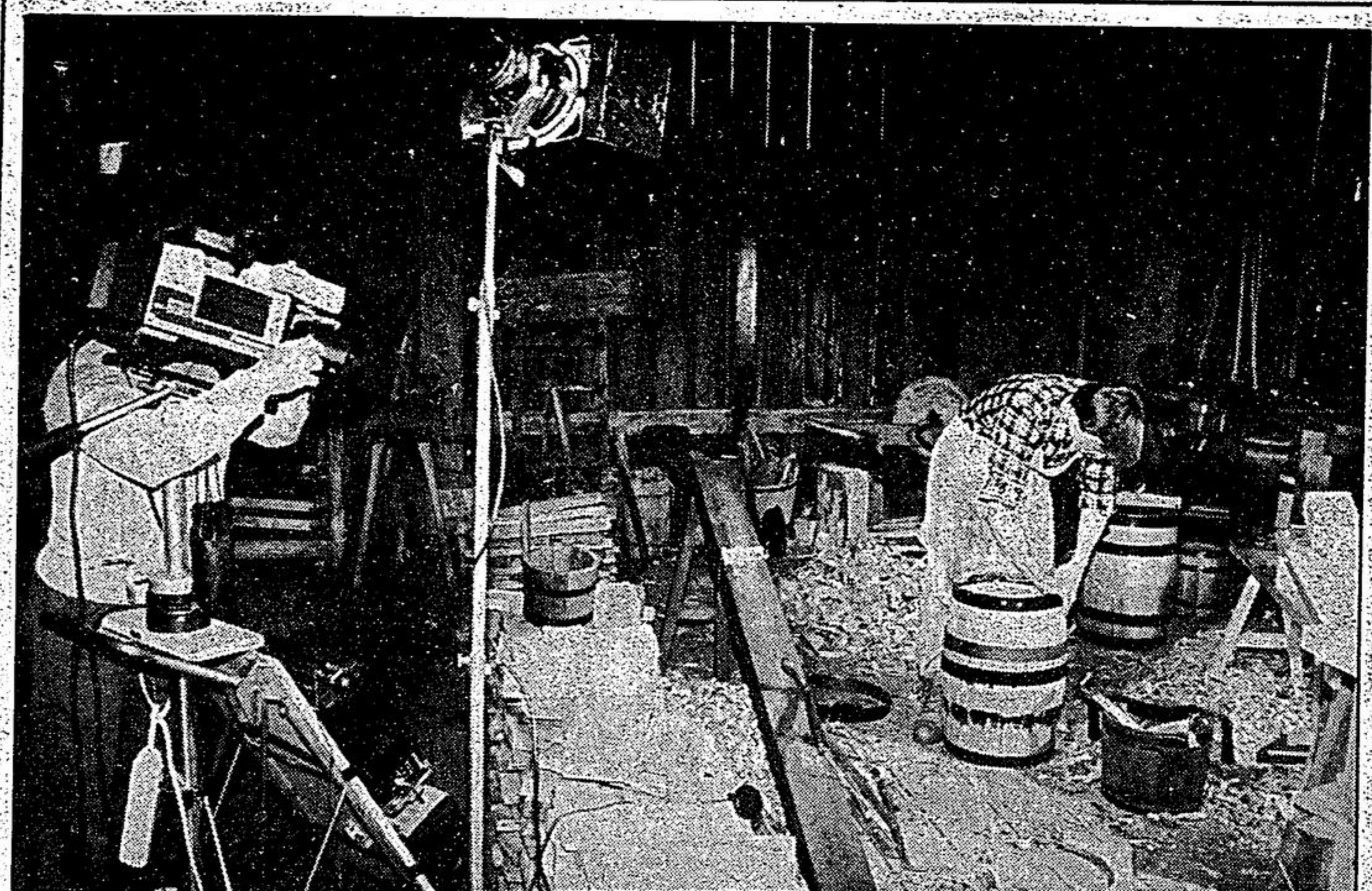
The protesters are also furious that the IWA has delayed releasing its short list of four to six sites until the end of November.

The list was supposed to be ready by the end of September but public pressure has forced the IWA to take another look at the sites.

The crowd jeered Grier and Premier Bob Rae for refusing to make an appearance at any of the rallies.

"You have every right to be upset. You're the ones who pay the taxes," said Progressive Conservative leader Mike Harris. "He (Rae) can run but he cannot hide."

However, Durham-York MPP Larry O'Connor, who resigned as Grier's parliamentary assistant last month to better represent his constituents' concerns, was drowned out by boos when he tried to speak to the crowd.



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## History in the 'film' making

Frank Kennedy donated his equipment Tuesday to create an educational clip for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on the art of coopering. Dan Zaroski, a three-year museum volunteer, and makeshift actor is busy repairing antique barrels for the segment.

## Trustees seek advice

Ratepayers are invited to advise school board trustees how to spend tax dollars next year. Approximately three-quarters of a tax bill is spent on education, and the York Region Board of Education wants to hear from its constituents before setting spending priorities for 1993.

The budget committee has scheduled two meetings where interested citizens and groups can present oral or written submissions: Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. at

Sutton District High School and Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. at Jefferson Centre, 11570 Yonge St. in Richmond Hill. Anyone wanting to make a presentation can call Christine Lewis at 727-0022, ext. 273 by Oct. 9.

Each delegate will have 15 minutes to express his or her views. Written briefs should be sent one week before the committee meeting to Jack Webber, superintendent of business, YRBE, Box 40, 60 Wellington St. W., Aurora, L4G 3H2.

## Sherren takes Reform Party reins

DAVID ROSENBLOOM Correspondent

The political arena has shifted from the Sunday evening dinner table to the candidate's office of the Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville Reform Party.

Joe Sherren, elected last Friday as party riding leader, says his jump to politics was motivated by disillusionment with the federal government.

"At dinner on Sunday nights with the family, I would be frustrated with what was going on. A lot of friends and co-workers said, 'You should run. You should do something about it.' So I did."

Sherren was bothered by Canada's seemingly endless economic woes, and in his opinion, a lenient justice system and money-wasting immigration policies.

"I saw my future, my children's future, and my grandchildren's future being taken away from me," the 45-year old father of three says. "I didn't like that."

What Sherren does favor, however, is Reform Party policy. "It just hit me. This party affirmed what I had been spouting-off about as an armchair politician for years and years."

Although he's the new leader of the 800-member party, Sherren has little time to sit back and relish his election victory. There's too much work to be done.

"We have to prepare a new list of riding officers, and of course there's the impending federal election, but the most important thing of all is the vote."

The Oct. 26 vote centres on the Charlottetown accord, a package of constitutional proposals sup-

ported by federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal leaders.

Sherren rejects the notion that there's a constitution to vote on. He says Canadians should be voting on the final text, not mere proposals.

"There is no deal," he continues. "It's a bunch of preamble, with some words of intent, a whole bunch of blank lines. Mulroney is saying, 'Vote yes, and trust me to fill in the blanks.'"

Ottawa is threatening the nation, using fear (of further economic collapse), and guilt (over rejecting Quebec), to sell the unity package, Sherren says.

The Reform Party is responding with their Know More Campaign, an information blitz designed to educate voters. Literature outlining the weaknesses of the accord is available, and a telephone hot-line is set up.

The Reform Party would like to confront Markham's Yes Com-

mittee to a United Canada in a debate. The committee, comprised of 35 Canadians with different cultural, political and social backgrounds, is working towards a common cause — keeping the nation together.

Committee chairman Michael Larkin says a debate has not been scheduled. It's an issue he will discuss at the committee's meeting Sunday morning. Larkin added a debate may only make an already complex issue more baffling.

"Unless you're a professional, and know exactly what you're talking about... a panel discussion may confuse the public even more."



JOE SHERREN

## Welfare Woes

## Jobless rate on rise

York Region's welfare role continues to thicken as more and more residents turn to the public purse for support.

Regional taxpayers spent close to \$7 million in August for various social programs, including welfare, supplementary aid, special assistance and homemakers service. York's tab for social programs this year totals \$43 million.

Latest figures show 8,427 York residents collected welfare cheques last month - up from 5,474 in August, 1991 - an 54 per cent jump.

Social services commissioner, Peter Crichton, said people likely turn to welfare when their Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) benefits run out and there is still no job to return to. A report from Crichton's department shows 29 more people were added to the welfare role since last month.

A report to the Community and Services Health Committee last week showed the number one reason people give for needing welfare assistance in York is the inability to obtain regular employment, followed by UIC benefits exhausted, UIC benefits not adequate, and ineligibility for UIC.

The number one reason shown in the report that York caseload workers terminate a person's claim is that their income is too high to qualify for assistance, followed by voluntary client withdrawal from the program. Of the 967 unqualified applications last month, only four people said they no longer needed the service because they found employment. Nearly 140 people were disqualified in August because they were found not to live in York Region.

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