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Mayoral recount to be held next week

By MIKE RUTA
Staff Reporter

Doug Alles got his wish Tuesday night as council voted unanimously in favor of a mayoralty-vote recount after taking 10 minutes to discuss the matter in private.

Growmark takes over local Co-op

Illinois-based Growmark Inc., a regional farm supply and grain-marketing co-operative, at press time was set to take over the United Co-Operatives of Ontario, the province's largest wholesale supply co-operative.

Doug Watson, general manager of the Stouffville Co-Op, welcomed the change in suppliers.

"We're looking forward to the change," he said Friday morning. "I think it will certainly strengthen the co-op to have a supplier that is extremely strong financially."

The buyout has no bearing on the Co-op's 37 employees or its day-to-day activities, said Watson. "The Stouffville Co-op is an independent business and will remain so," he said.

In June, the Newmarket and Uxbridge co-ops were acquired from the UCO by the Stouffville store. Watson noted that "UCO has been trying to divest itself of its retail operations for the last three years." Financial problems had taken away from UCO's effectiveness, he said. By comparison, Growmark is "very strong and focussed in agriculture."

A news conference is set for Monday in Mississauga, at which Growmark executives will outline their companies' future plans in Ontario.

Last year Growmark posted operating earnings of \$19.4 million (U.S.) on sales of about \$900 million (U.S.).

He requested the recount after 11 of his 45 scrutineers were expelled from polling stations because their docu-

mentation was incorrect. Town clerk Michele Kennedy has admitted that the wrong form, requiring an additional signa-

ture, was given to candidates to distribute to their scrutineers. Ironically, the form is to be used in the event of a

recount.

The recount will likely be

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Gladys honored

Gladys Clarkson, president of the Stouffville Legion Ladies Auxiliary, receives the meritorious service award from E2 Zone commander Jean Anderson as Stouffville Legion president Dave McQuaker looks on. The award is the highest the provincial command of the Royal Canadian Legion can bestow.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Clarkson receives meritorious award

By MIKE RUTA
Staff Reporter

Stouffville's Gladys Clarkson is one of a kind.

On Monday night she was honored by the Stouffville Ladies Auxiliary as she received the meritorious service award. No other person from the legion has received the award, and only one other member of Zone E2's ladies' auxiliary has been so honored.

While she was "pleased and surprised"

at receiving the award, Clarkson told *The Tribune* she doesn't like to be the centre of attention, preferring to work behind the scenes. She has no plans to slow down her busy pace.

Clarkson joined the auxiliary on Valentine's Day 1953. She is a chartered member and a life member and has been first and second vice president and is currently president of the auxiliary.

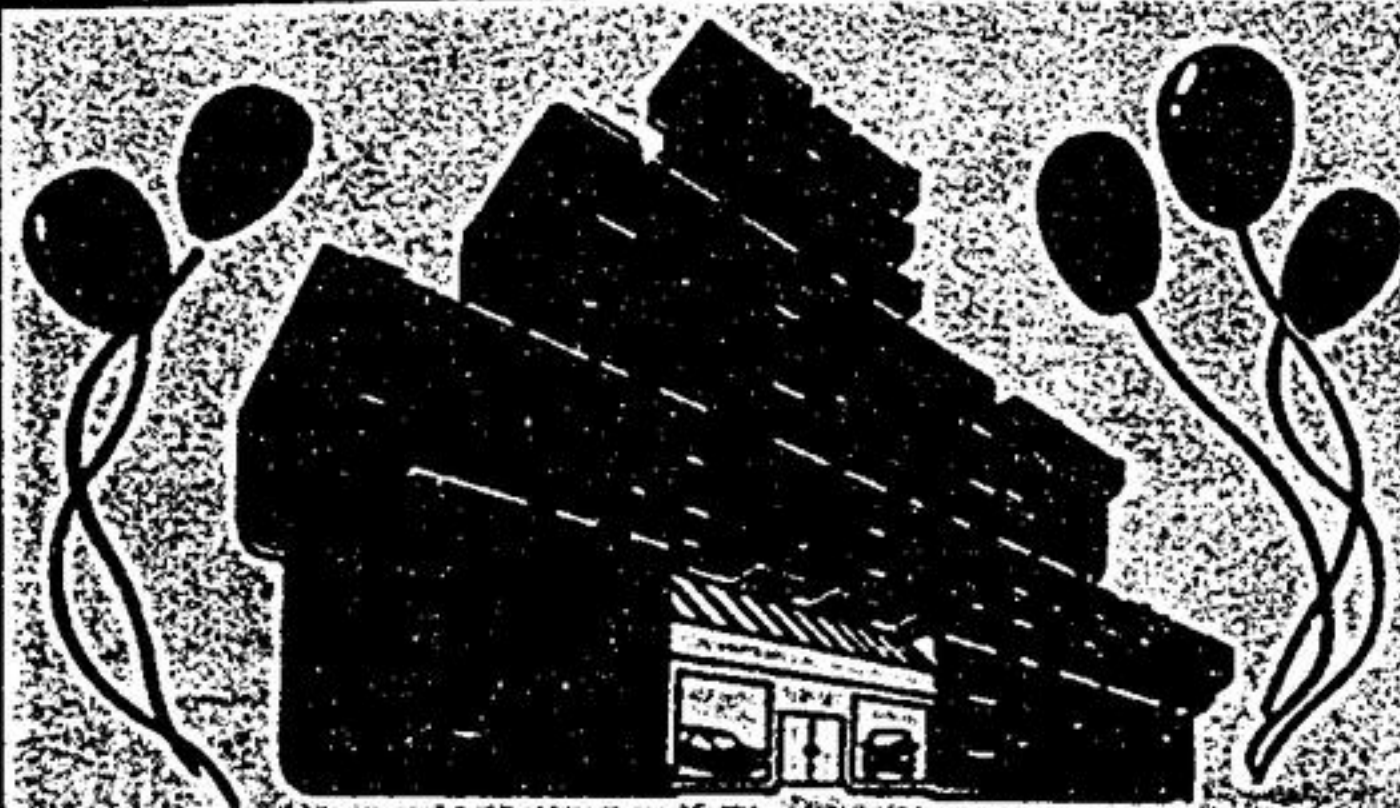
She has given 150 years of volunteer service to local organizations such as

the scouts, cubs, beavers, historical society, meals on wheels, Silver Jubilee Club and many others.

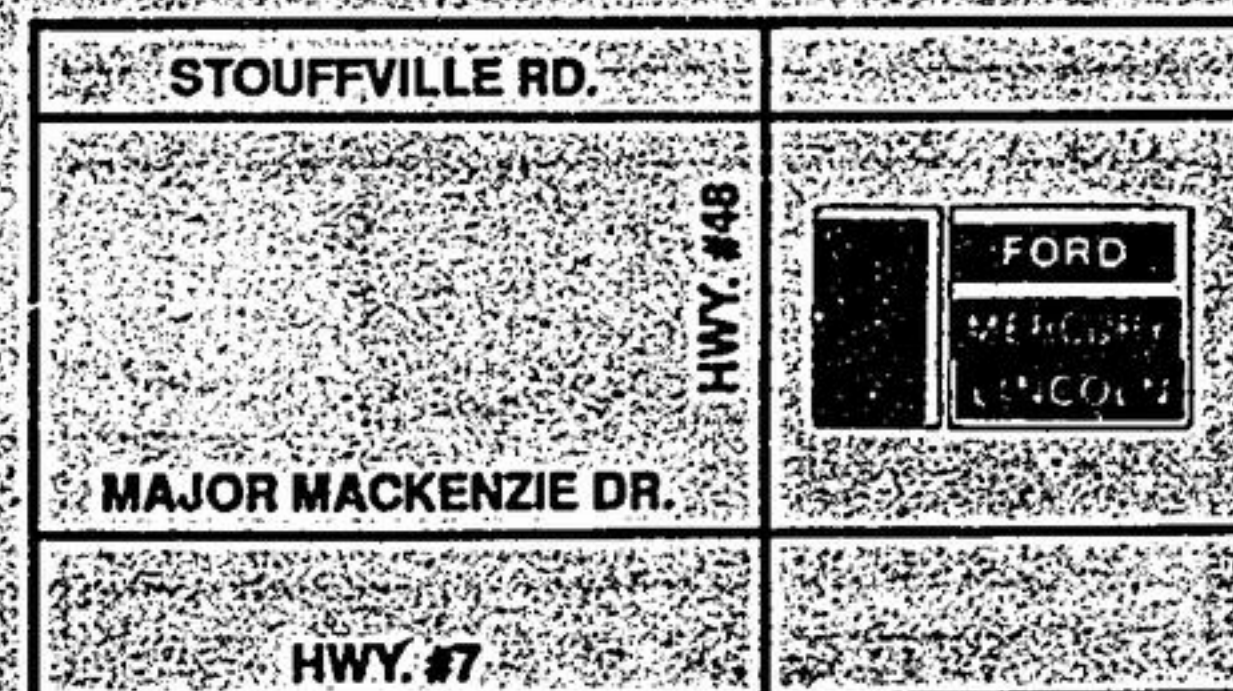
Clarkson received the Bi-Centennial medal in 1984, and was *The Tribune's* Citizen of the Year in 1985.

She has also received the Air Canada medal for community work, and the Volunteer Service award from the Ontario government.

On November 23 she was recognized by the town as a 15-year volunteer on the museum board.



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