

# 300 kph train to connect neighbors

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said a Liberal spokesman.  
But O'Connor is adamant the plan is a good idea.

"If it works well between Stouffville and Uxbridge, maybe we could extend it to Zephyr. Or even Sutton. That way I could get to Queen's Park in the same amount of time it takes me to shave," O'Connor quipped.

Because the train runs on a series of opposing magnets, it will be very quiet.

"Since it's such a noiseless train, we can run it through a lot of backyards, and people won't even hear it go by. Of course, it will be going so fast, they likely won't see it coming either. For this reason, the government will be issuing a pamphlet on safety once the train is up and running. Basically, it will say: No walkathons on these tracks!"

Company officials from Loof-Lirpa will be in the area today looking at the site. O'Connor said the Spanish were

selected over other companies because of their reputation for cost cutting and "running a tight ship."

Mayor Wayne Emmerson of Stouffville was unavailable for comment, but one town official thought the high-speed train was a great idea.

"I think I know where we can get them a good deal on lumber for the ties," he said.

Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor said that as long as the hi-tech

train fit in with Uxbridge's Quaker heritage, she said she didn't think there would be much opposition to the plan. "Am I ever glad we put \$25,000 into our train station," she said.

Larry O'Connor said he foresees the train running every 10 minutes. "Unless there's a hockey game between the two towns. Then we can always put on another run."

The project is expected to be completed by next April 1.

## Budget may be zero

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\$3,000, based on a \$23,000 assessment.

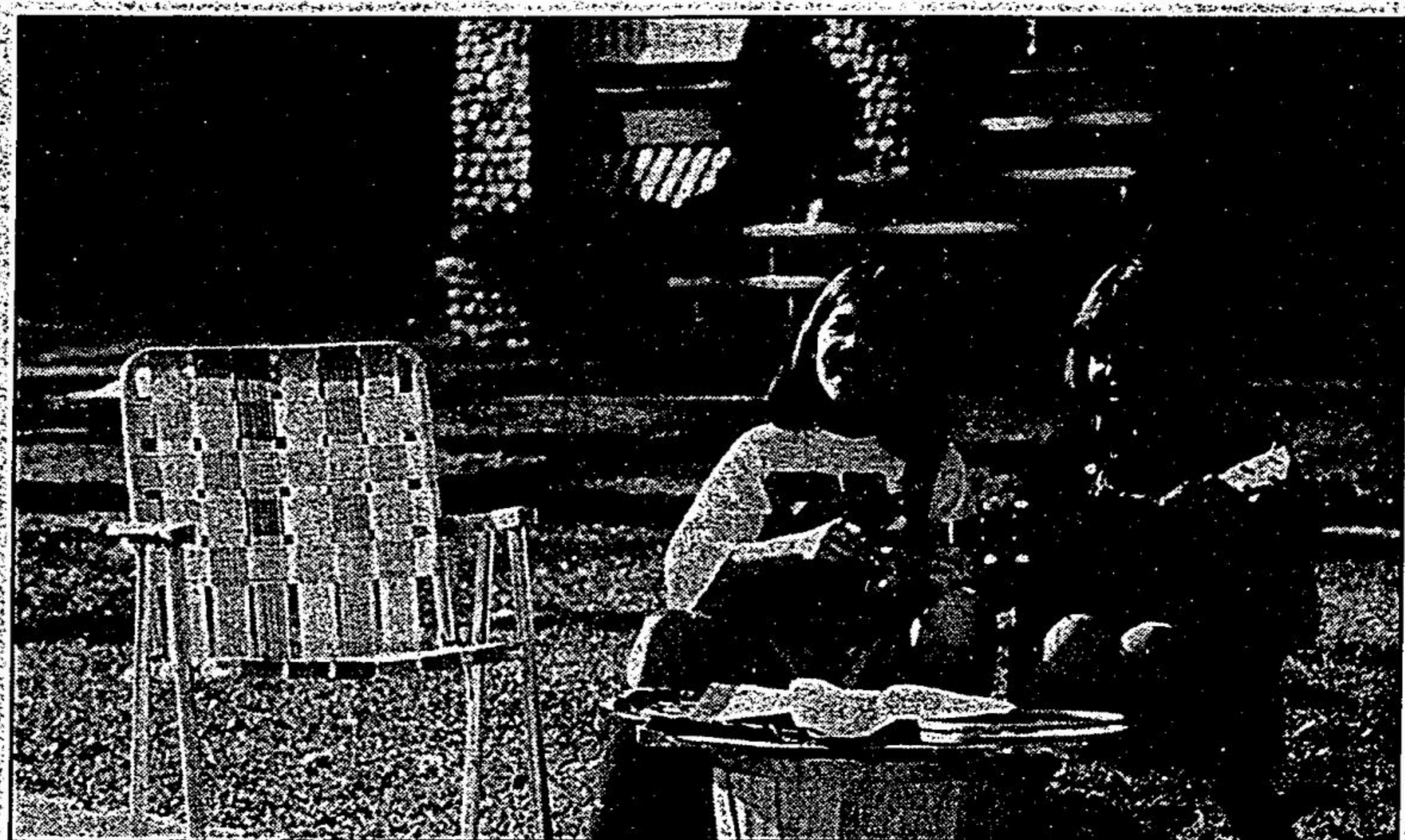
The school boards and regional government will also strike budgets this spring.

Of the \$12.2 million to be spend by local government in Whitchurch Stouffville, transportation services, including public works and roads will eat up \$3.6 million, representing 29 per cent of the total operating budget.

A total of \$2.9 million or 24 per cent of the total has been earmarked for recreation and culture services.

Protection to person and property, including the fire department, is to get \$1.9 million, representing 16.1 per cent of the total.

General government will see \$1.8 million or 15 per cent of the total. Environmental Services which includes garage collection is to get \$1 million or 8.6 per cent of the total. Meanwhile, \$753,899 or 6.2 per cent has been set aside to cover the cost of planning and development.



### Singing into spring

Kathleen Ientile, left, and Jessica Pennell, amuse passersby at the corner of Albert and Rupert Sts., busking on their ukuleles recently.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Doctors take 'Rae Days' in April

Family physicians in Stouffville will close their offices for three days in April.

In compliance with recommendations from the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the doctors' offices will be closed and all routine medical services will be withdrawn on April 5, April 17 and April 28.

The specific days are known as Rae Days as they are linked to the provincial government's Social Contract.

Emergency services will not, however, be affected. In a statement released Friday, the local doctors have stressed in a statement released "emergency services" will not be affected. Rather, emergency services will be available through your family physician.

Stouffville doctors taking part in the "Rae Day" closures are Dr. Douglas Brodie, Dr. Donald Petrie, Dr. Andre Patterson, Dr. Janice Li and Dr. Gwen Sampson. As well, the offices of Dr. Donald Smith, Dr. Peter Izso are also involved. Meanwhile, Dr. Salwa Azer and Dr. Michael Damus will

also be closed for the three days this month.

Under the provincial government's Social Contract, the doctors agreed to place a cap on expenditures for medical services during the fiscal years from 1993 to 1996.

"Any payments to physicians are clawed back," said the doctors. Physicians across Ontario will have provided at least \$300 million of free service in 1994-95 alone, the doctors added. "In return, the government promised to take steps to reduce utilization. We feel the government has not upheld their obligations to educate the public on responsible use of the health care system, as well as reduce fraudulent use of the system," said the doctors.

The physicians of Stouffville have agreed to take the designated Rae Days "in an attempt to reduce utilization and thereby reduce expenditures for medical services to help meet the Social Contract limits," the doctors stated.

Even more action is expected as the OMA attempts to meet

its financial obligations. There will be further dates designated throughout the year, the doctors stated.

## Man killed in mishap

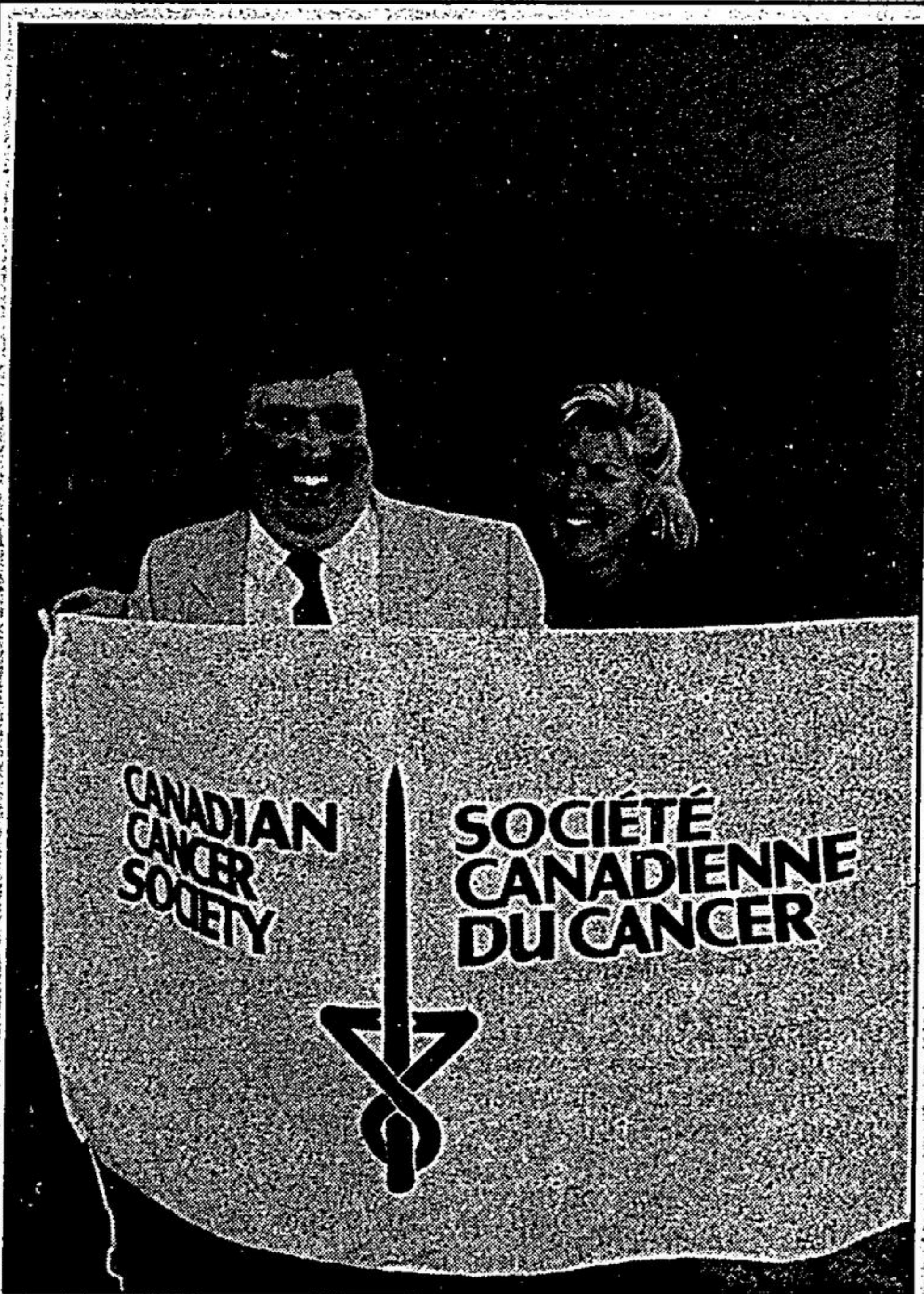
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lost. In attempt to turn around, he pulled into a private driveway. But while trying to back up, the truck became stuck on the lawn.

The property owner and 59-year-old Ron Beckett hooked the truck up to a farm tractor and pulled it off the lawn.

Afterwards, Beckett stepped under the truck to unhook the chain.

Police said, the truck operator was unaware Beckett was under the vehicle and began to drive forward. Beckett was killed instantly when the truck ran over him, authorities reported. York Region Police traffic unit is investigating the incident.



### Wrapped in the flag

Mayor Wayne Emmerson gets all wrapped up in the Canadian Cancer Society flag by Sam Kewen, campaign chair for Stouffville as the mayor declared April cancer month. The society needs canvassers now. Call 640-8820 if you can help.

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