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19 Bob Abbot reflects on long career in men's and women's international softball.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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YORK REGION: Greater Toronto Services Board accused of overstepping its bounds

Back off, board told

BY LISA QUEEN
 Staff Writer

Only seven months after the Greater Toronto Services Board was launched, York Region councillors are complaining the agency has become power-hungry.

Under provincial legislation, the board is responsible for running GO Transit and co-ordinating deci-

sion-making among municipalities.

But York councillors are accusing the board of overstepping its bounds.

They say the board is stepping on the toes of regional and local councils by taking on issues like developing a planning and environmental strategy for rural areas and comparing the operating prac-

tices of municipalities.

On Friday, York Region chairperson Bill Fisch told the GTSB that next month he will ask the board to restrict its activities to its original mandate.

He issued the warning a day after Thursday's regional council meeting, where York councillors urged the GTSB to back off.

"Greater Toronto Services Board,

please stick to your mandate of transportation and please desist from getting involved in everything else. Cut to the chase," Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Bell said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson is worried the GTSB wants to take over planning in rural municipalities. "Because

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Library seeks funding goal

Campaign target is \$500,000

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

The \$500,000 campaign for Whitchurch-Stouffville's library is very much alive, new co-chair person Blair Champion says.

Champion and Jan Dalby have taken over the campaign reins from retiring chairperson Helene Johnson. Other volunteer commitments prompted Johnson's resignation.

The Building Our Future fund-raising campaign, which has a \$500,000 goal, will provide the community with the needed resources and technology to enhance the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Champion said.

The fund-raising committee is anxious and extremely excited about providing a larger and more efficient library that will support the needs of all ages in this community," Dalby said.

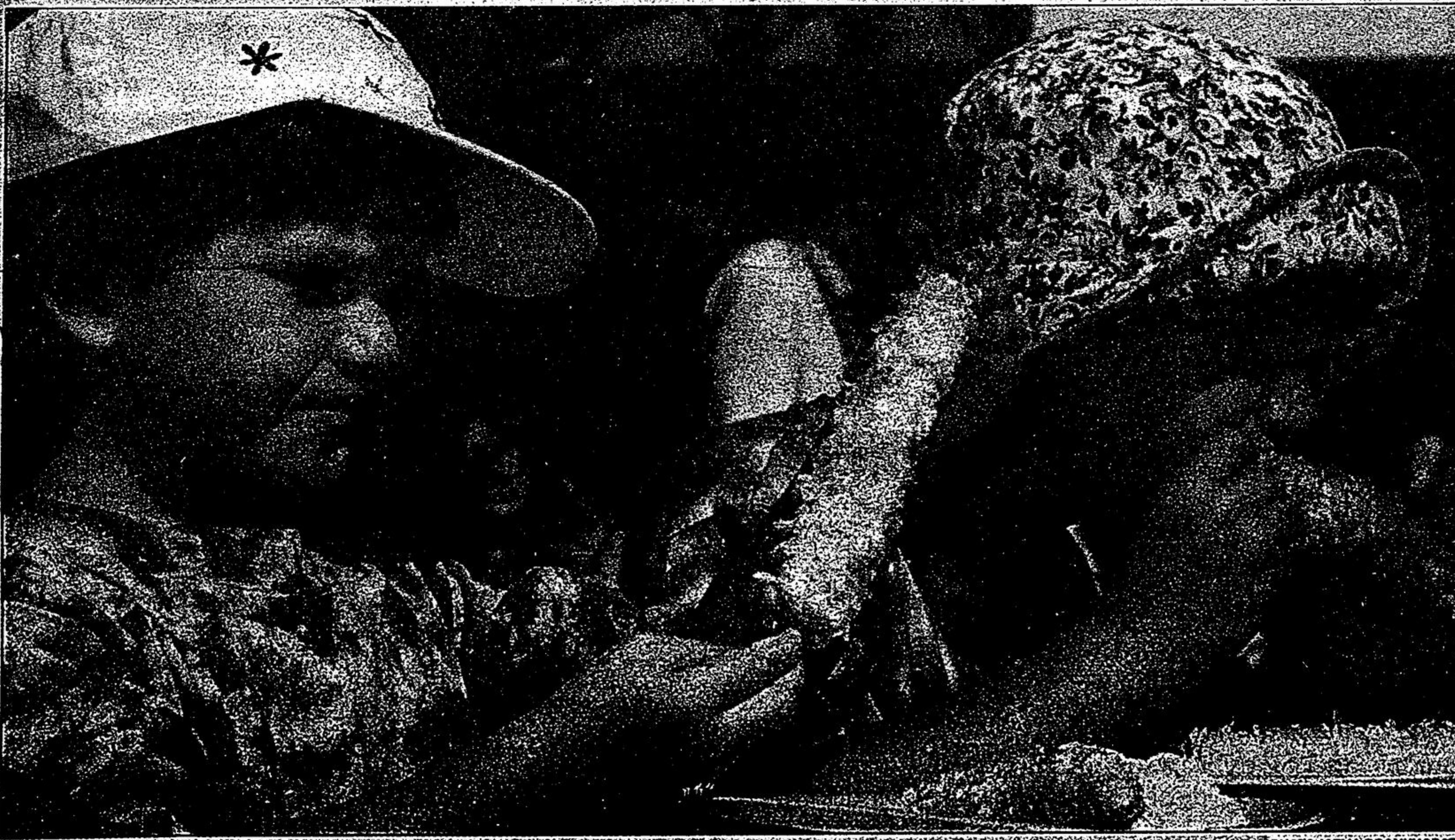
There have been a number of changes at the library recently.

Last week, library board chairperson Jan Williams resigned. Owen Craig was chosen to lead the board.

Next year, the library will relocate to South Park where it will be part of the indoor swimming pool complex.

Over the next year, there will be times when the library campaign and the swimming pool fund-raising campaign will join together, Champion said.

The two committees will be working together on a few selected special events," he said.



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CORNFIELD FUN

Rebecca Cumming, 4, and her sister Paulina, 7, enjoy some corn on the cob at the Bill Hood Cornfield Shindig on Saturday in Stouffville. The event was a fund-raiser for Markham-Stouffville Hospital. For more photos, please see page 4.

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