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Joe Giralico spent Thursday evening repairing the tires on his Ford Explorer after vandals slashed all four.

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"I was having a good week," he said. "I wake up in the morning, come out and they're flat. I was pissed off."

Police sent a constable to the scene and a detective constable is working the file, but residents

are wondering how high a priority Stouffville is to the force.

"It comes up time and time again," Ms van Velsen said. "People are always wondering where is the police presence in Stouffville? It's like the wild west here."

Det. Const. Kim Carson, who is investigating the tire slashings, said these types of cases are

often closed by Crime Stoppers tips and informants in the area.

"It's personal to them and we are taking it seriously," Det. Const. Carson said.

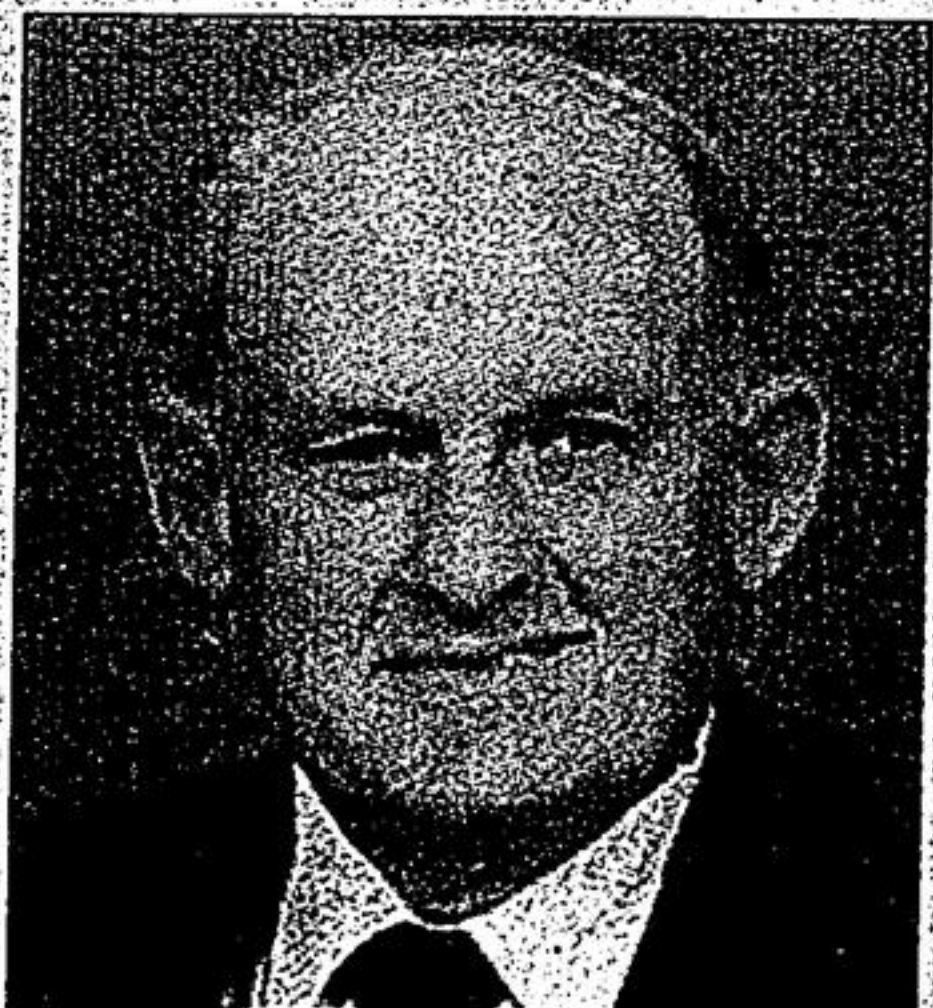
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Watson helps with gardens, Markham Fair

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the depot — a whole 15 minutes early.

Years ago, Mr. Watson didn't



HARRY WATSON

like what he was seeing at some Markham cemeteries. He became a member of the Markham Cemetery Board in 1960, only giving up the post in 2000.

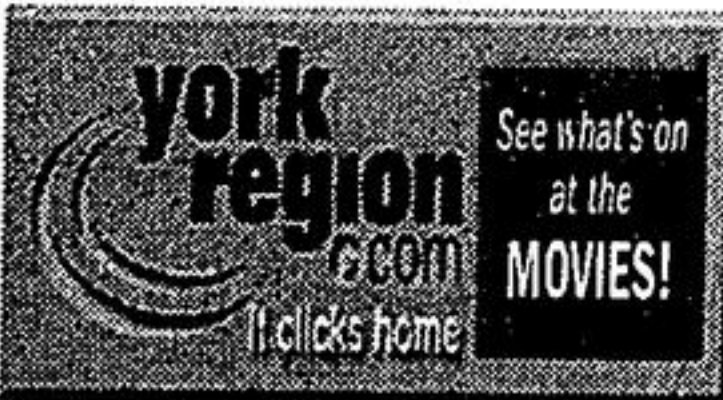
During those years, unkempt cemeteries had headstones straightened, grass cut and trees trimmed. More and more graveyards came into his view and the board is now responsible for 12 cemeteries.

You might have seen Mr. Watson at the Markham Fair. As well as being caretaker there from

1969 to 1999, he can be found every year at the farm machinery display, keeping threshing and rope-making machines going.

People coming to Stouffville United Church also benefit from his kindness. The well-kept, colourful flowerbeds greeting them are largely due to his efforts.

Around his own neighbourhood, he collects litter and is never reluctant to help out a neighbour by shoveling their walk, cutting grass, digging gardens and raking leaves.



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