

Clothing is needed for people in need

Aid many area families

MARKHAM - The Markham Clothing Centre does not sell clothes - it gives them away.

The unique organization is tucked in behind a store on Main Street and its basement premises are stacked from floor to rafters with used apparel.

President, Mrs. Marjory Smart, Hawkridge Avenue, explains that it originated after she and Mrs. Edna Maynard, representatives of St. Andrew's United Church, attended a Christmas Hamper meeting for needy families.

"We realized there were many such families in the area, and set about gathering clothes, which we stored in my basement, for distribution".

That was back in 1969.

Now, the non-affiliated Markham Clothing Centre can call on a volunteer force of about 100 to sort, sew and pick-up clothing. The basement 'store' is

open every day except Friday and weekends.

People are referred to the Centre by ministers or professional welfare workers and, although it concentrates on the Markham vicinity, last year some of the 103 families it helped lived in Stouffville, Lake Wilcox, Keswick, Scarborough and even up in James Bay.

"Our clothing", Mrs. Smart points out, "is sorted and mended before it is given away. We try, as much as possible, to keep styles up-to-date".

The Centre would like to expand operations to include furniture, for which they receive many requests, but the problem of storage and pick-up would have to be ironed out first.

Fred White, former Police Chief, gave the program great momentum through his work with needy families and the Markham - Unionville Lions Club provided initial financial support. Now the Town and other service clubs



Mrs. Edna Maynard, Main Street North, Markham, is a co-organizer of the Markham Clothing Centre. The outfit, the only one of its kind in the area, provides apparel for

those in need, often in emergencies. A fall fund-raising sale has been arranged for the St. Andrew's United Church hall, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. —Jim Thomas.

make donations. Two clothing sales a year also help sub-

sidize the work. But their main purpose is to publicize the Centre, showcase its work and encourage people to become involved in the program.

This month, a fall sale will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., at St. Andrew's United Church. It will feature nearly new clothes, toys, home-baking and fancy-dress costumes.

Member's attendance figures

MARKHAM Councillor Norm Tyndall, incensed over a news item in The Tribune, Oct. 12, that singled out his name among the absentees at Markham Planning Committee, has produced his record of attendance since Jan. 1, 1972.

On Council, Mr. Tyndall said he had missed only 4 meetings out of 31. On Planning Committee, he has been away for 8 meetings out of 23.

With regard to the meeting of Oct. 12, councillor Tyndall said he arrived at 8 p.m. and left at 10:20, because he didn't feel well.

Match site

RINGWOOD - The former Rodanz farm, west of Hwy. 48 at Ringwood, is the site, Saturday for the East York - King and Vaughan plowing match.

The two associations have combined this year, under the presidency of Don

Pearson, R.R.1, Agincourt and Roy Bowen, R.R.1, Kettleby.

The annual awards banquet is Nov. 30, in the Victoria Square Community Hall. Eleven classes, including one for horses, have been established.

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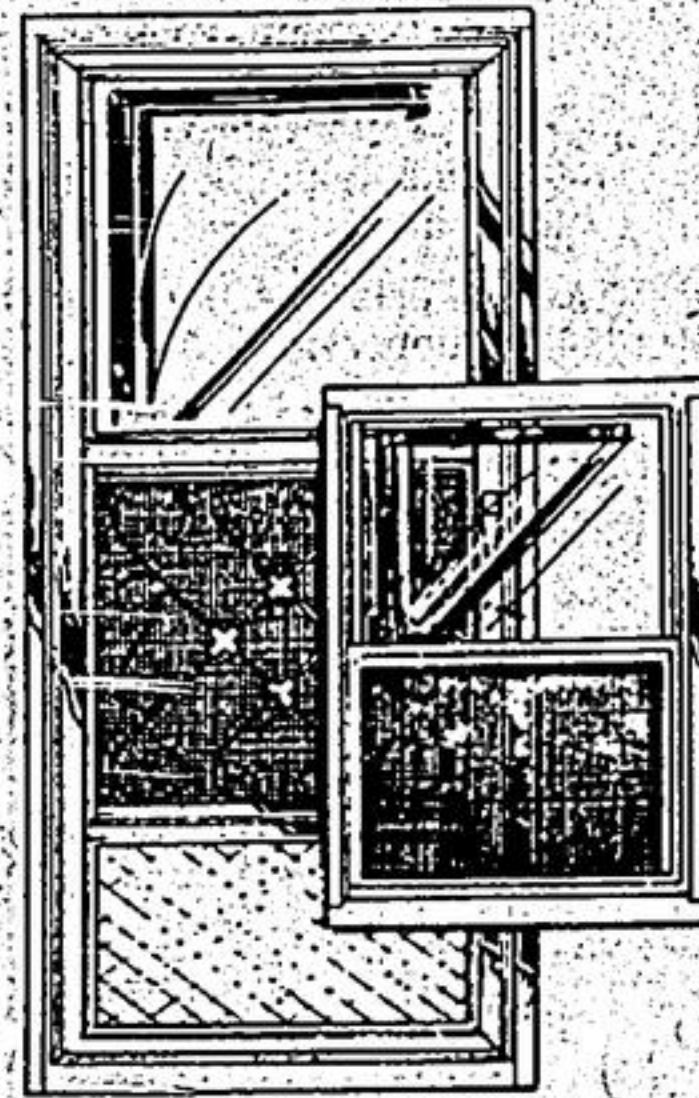
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