

# Food bank drive will be annual event

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to make room for the food still coming in. Crews of volunteers, from students and youth soccer players, to seniors and church pastors, sorted and packed the donations.

At least two of the donors had a special reason to donate. They are former clients.

A long-term storage facility for the food is still required. Anyone who can donate a facility that is clean, dry, secure and pest-free is asked to contact the mayor.

Monetary donations totalling \$8,300 were also collected. The majority of the

money will be used to purchase Christmas hampers.

As long as Mr. Emmerson remains in office, which is definitely one more year, the Thanksgiving drive will be an annual event.

Mr. Emmerson said he will be seeking another term.

## FORMER CLIENTS DONATE

Although Thursday's food drive stocked the shelves of the Ballantrae-area food bank, there are still a couple of items volunteers would like to be able to give clients. Crackers and cookies top the list.

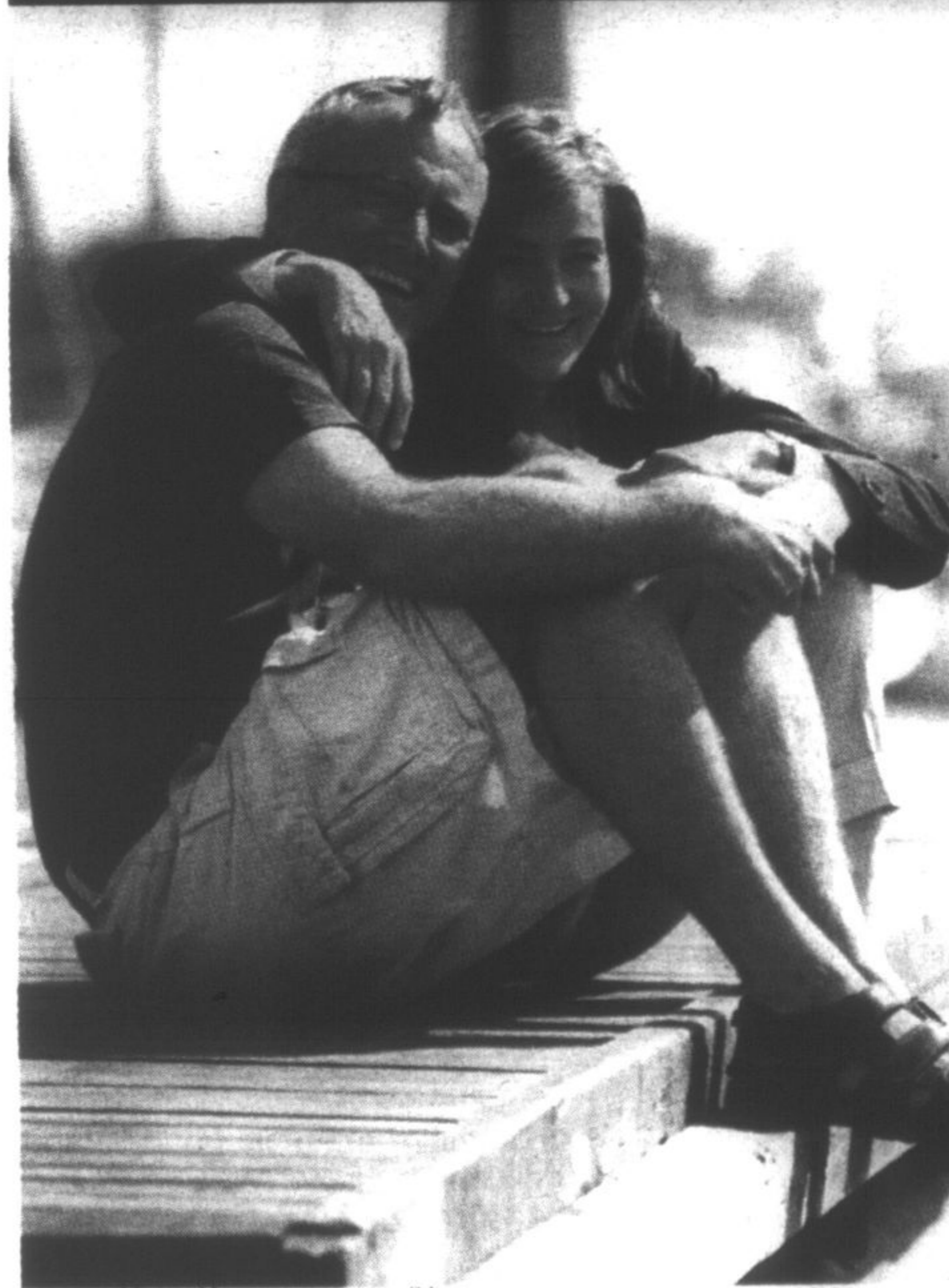
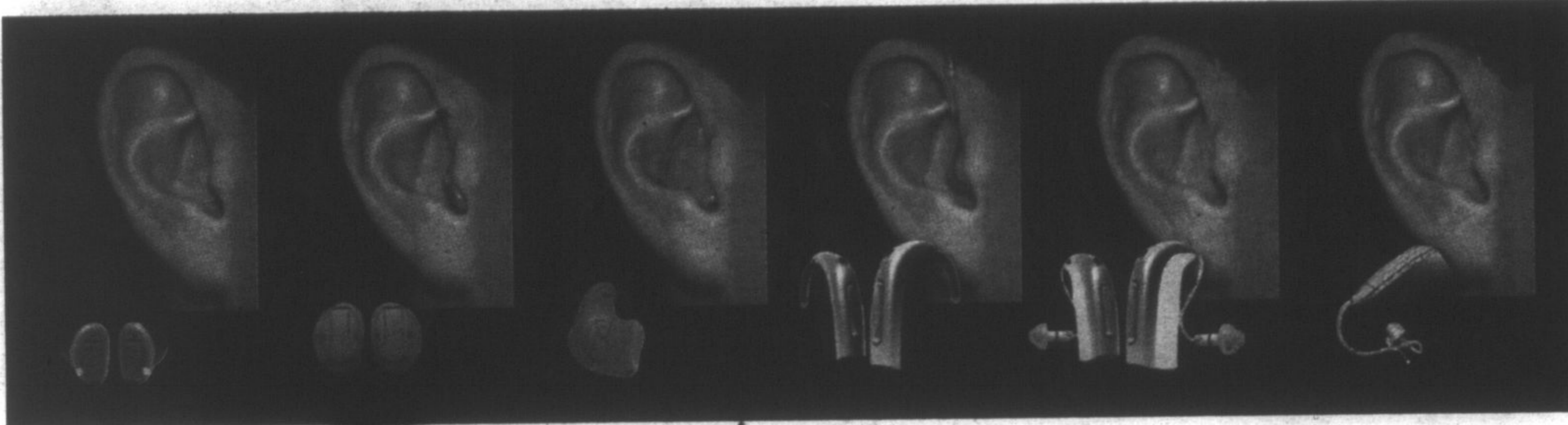
"(They) are frill things, but it's nice to give a family a treat," Mrs. Doble said.

Donors must also be watchful of the food's expiration date as items past the due date cannot be accepted.

A dump truck will be parked outside of Walmart today accepting donations.

Also today, the Stouffville Branch of the Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church is hosting Share Love, Share Life, a yard sale and food collection for the food bank, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oscar Peterson Public School. The school is on Hoover Park Drive, east of Hwy 48.

For more information on the food drive, contact Winnie Layland at 905-640-1910 ext. 227, winnie.layland@townofws.com.



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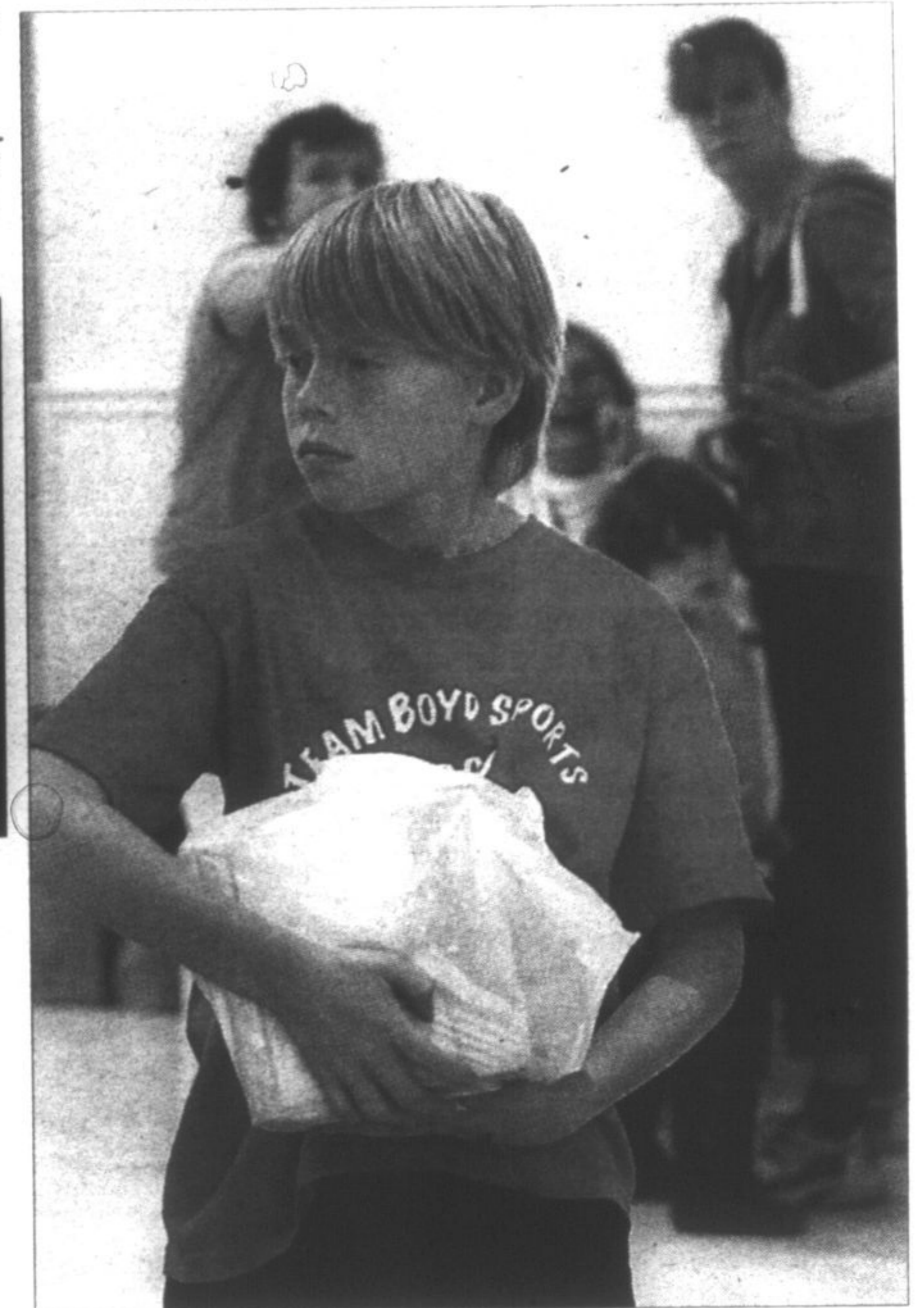
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## STILL TIME TO GIVE, STOUFFVILLE

► You can still make a donation to the Thanksgiving Food Drive today.

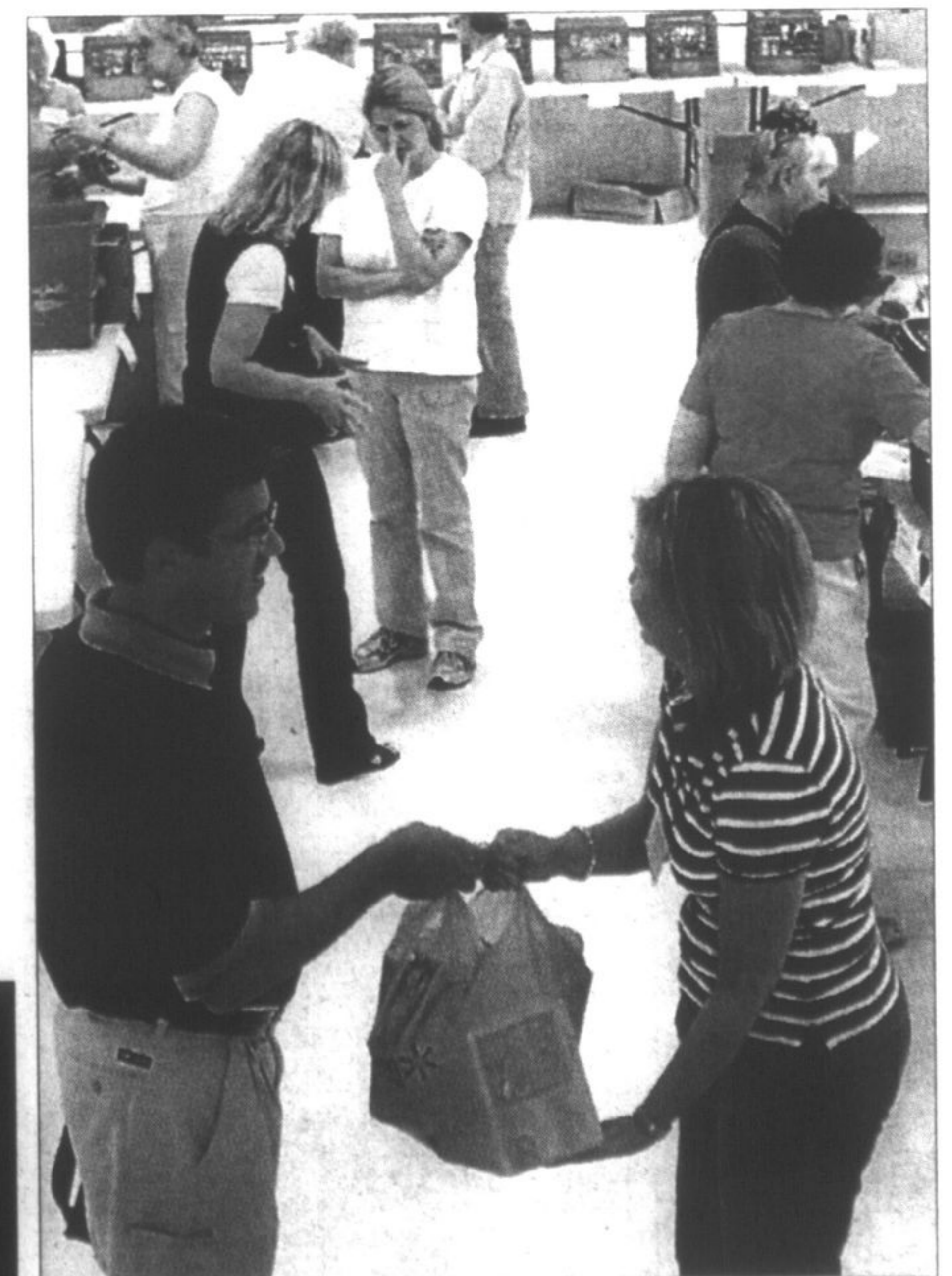
• The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce hopes to fill a dump truck with food between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Walmart plaza, Hoover Park Drive and Hwy. 48.

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Riley Cusack, 10, lugs food at Latham Hall on Thursday during the Thanksgiving Food Drive.



David Mills drops off a bag of food to volunteer Charlotte Cheshamat during Thursday's food drive.