

COLUMN: Night of celebration for service

Celebrating community pride

People helping people.

This was the theme of a Volunteer Appreciation Service held March 21 at St. James Presbyterian Church.

Fifty-eight volunteers, representing 38 organizations, attended.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson addressed guests and members at a fellowship gathering in the church's lower hall.

Taking a line from United States President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, Mayor Emmerson said, "Ask not what the town can do for you, but what you can do for the town."

The mayor described as priceless, the achievements of volunteers in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"Without you and all you do, we would not be a strong community," he said.

The mayor urged his audience to reach out and welcome newcomers to town.

"New homes are going up and new families are moving in," he said, "growth can be a good thing."

Heidi Wallis of the Stouffville Toastmasters' Club responded.

"Volunteerism's a wonderful thing," she said, "more gratifying than a pay cheque."

During the service, tribute was paid to Terry Neprily, whose death March 15 saddened our community.

Mr. Neprily played an active role in many activities including Stouffville United Church, the Strawberry Festival, Music Mania, the 'Men of Note' chorus and the Clock Tower Theatre Association.

It was through his efforts Relay for Life became a reality here, raising thousands of dollars for cancer research.

Citing the unselfish dis-



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

cipline of Peter, James and John, Rev. Kathryn Strachan said, "When we let go our nets, we carry on the ministry of Jesus that is found in helping others."

"If we're willing to follow as volunteers, we'll bring light and love into the dark corners of the world. There can be no better gift to share."

Mayor Emmerson, accompanied by wife Debra, Rev. Strachan and youth representatives Mary Kate and Rex Spencer, presented certificates and pens to the following:

Rick Lightfoot, (Music Mania); Elizabeth Lightfoot, (Canadian Cancer Society); Kirsten Dachs, (Heart and Stroke Foundation); Don Reesor, (York-Durham Heritage Railroad); Carolyn Ratcliff and Pamela Stierhof, (Stouffville Horticultural Society); Wilf and Nelda Morley, (Silver Jubilee Club); Margaret Jemmett, Margaret Roulston and Jean O'Neill, (Parkview Residents' Council); Lindsey Alfermann, Marie Adzido and David and Diane Osbourne, (Bloomington Cove Residents' Council); Justin Altmann, (Stouffville Kinsmen Club); Clare and Elaine Palmer, (Stouffville Lions Club); Joanne Ian-

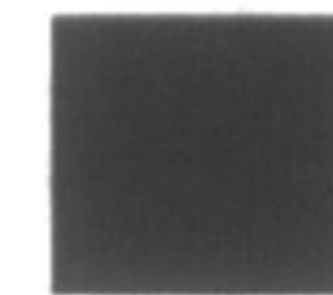
nuzzi, (Stouffville Girl Guides); Wendy Cartwright, (Stouffville Community Policing Centre); Catherine McCowan, (Strawberry Festival Committee); Joan Skovhoj, (Welcome Wagon); Kevin and Jill McWhinnie, (Stouffville Adult Skating Club); Lesley Sutton and Anita Cargill, (Stouffville Figure Skating Club); Gertrud Brugger, (Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club); June Doner, (Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association); Al Piette, (Whitchurch-Stouffville Umpires' Association); Wendy Armstrong, (Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association); Heidi Wallis, (Stouffville Toastmasters' Club); Hal Hill, (Men of Note Male Voice Choir); Mildred Sherwood, (Markham-Stouffville Hospital); Marion Wells, (Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank); Gerry Irwin, (Student Music Scholarship Concert); Mary Hamerston, (Branch 459, Stouffville Legion Ladies Auxiliary); George Milroy, (Branch 459, Royal Canadian Legion); Ron and Audrey Gibson, (Meals on Wheels); Cliff and Glenda Dunkeld, (Care & Share Thrift Shop); Howie Burkholder, (York Region Food Grains Bank); Lorne and Marion Boadway, (Parkview Village Choir); Ken Prentice, (Richardson Masonic Lodge); Marjorie Carter and Jim Paterson, (CHATS); Sandy Schell-Kennedy, (Terry Fox Marathon of Hope); Betty Turner and Roger Glazin, (Christian International Blind Mission); Beth Boyd, (Buckingham Manor Residents' Council); Eric Fraunberger, Carlo Cilia, Kristal Tanunagara, Justin Poirier, Aidan McCoy and Shagun Jindal, (Mayor's Youth Council).

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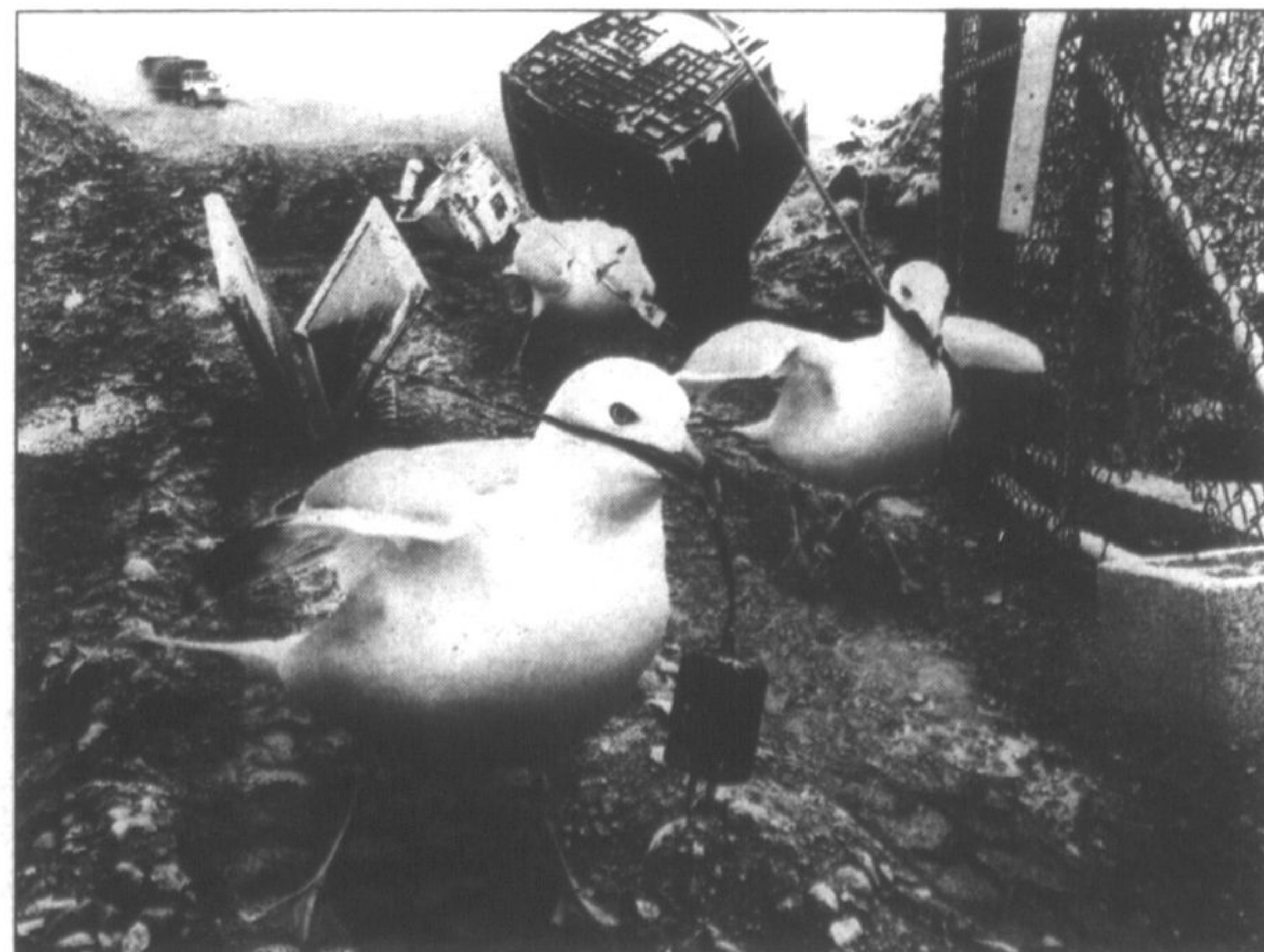
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