

COUNCIL: June 5 event

Town thanking veterans

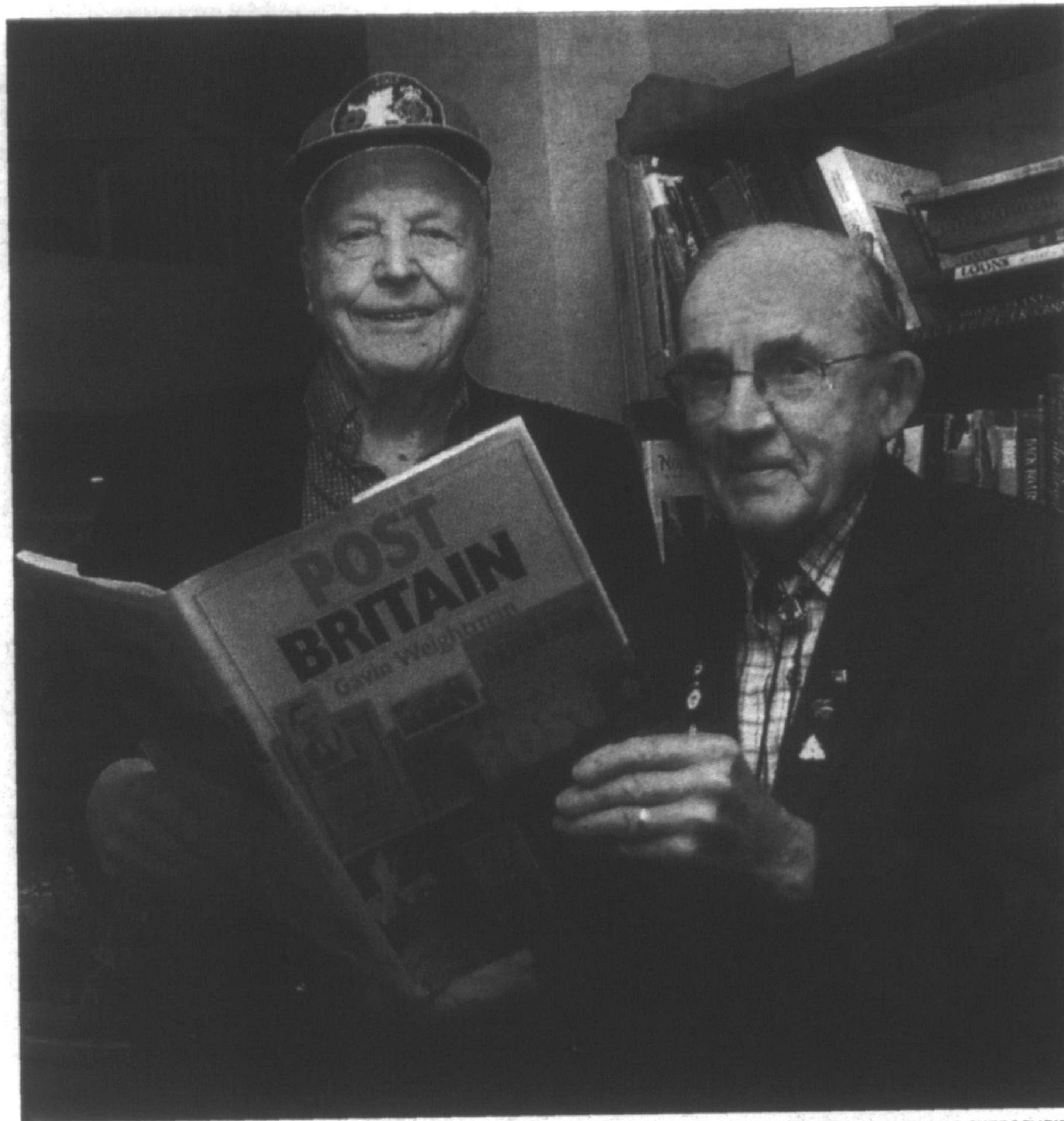
Town council is hosting its inaugural Veteran Appreciation Day on June 5.

All veterans, together with a guest, are invited to attend this special event, which will enable council to thank them on behalf of the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville for the sacrifices they have made, while recognizing the contribution they continue to make to our community.

The event will take place at the Royal Canadian Legion Stouffville Branch 459, 12278 Ninth Line, starting at 11 a.m. with a meet and greet followed by a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to attend, call Winnie at 905-640-1910 ext.227 or e-mail winnie.layland@townofws.com no later than June 1.

A veteran is anyone who has served in the armed forces.



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Stouffville Second World War veterans Jim Rae (left) and Cyril Back will attend a VE Day celebration in Hamilton Saturday. They met playing bridge at Stouffville's seniors club.

Friends to mark VE Day at Hamilton event

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of course. ... (And) when you're 89 years old and something different comes up, you want to do it."

Unlike Mr. Back, who spent his three years of duty in the combat zones of North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Corsica in a unit that planned air bombings on German vehicles, Mr. Rae stayed on this side of the Atlantic with deployments to British Columbia and Alaska.

"I was a little disappointed" to not be overseas, Mr. Rae said, noting when the war was winding down in 1945, he was granted two weeks leave.

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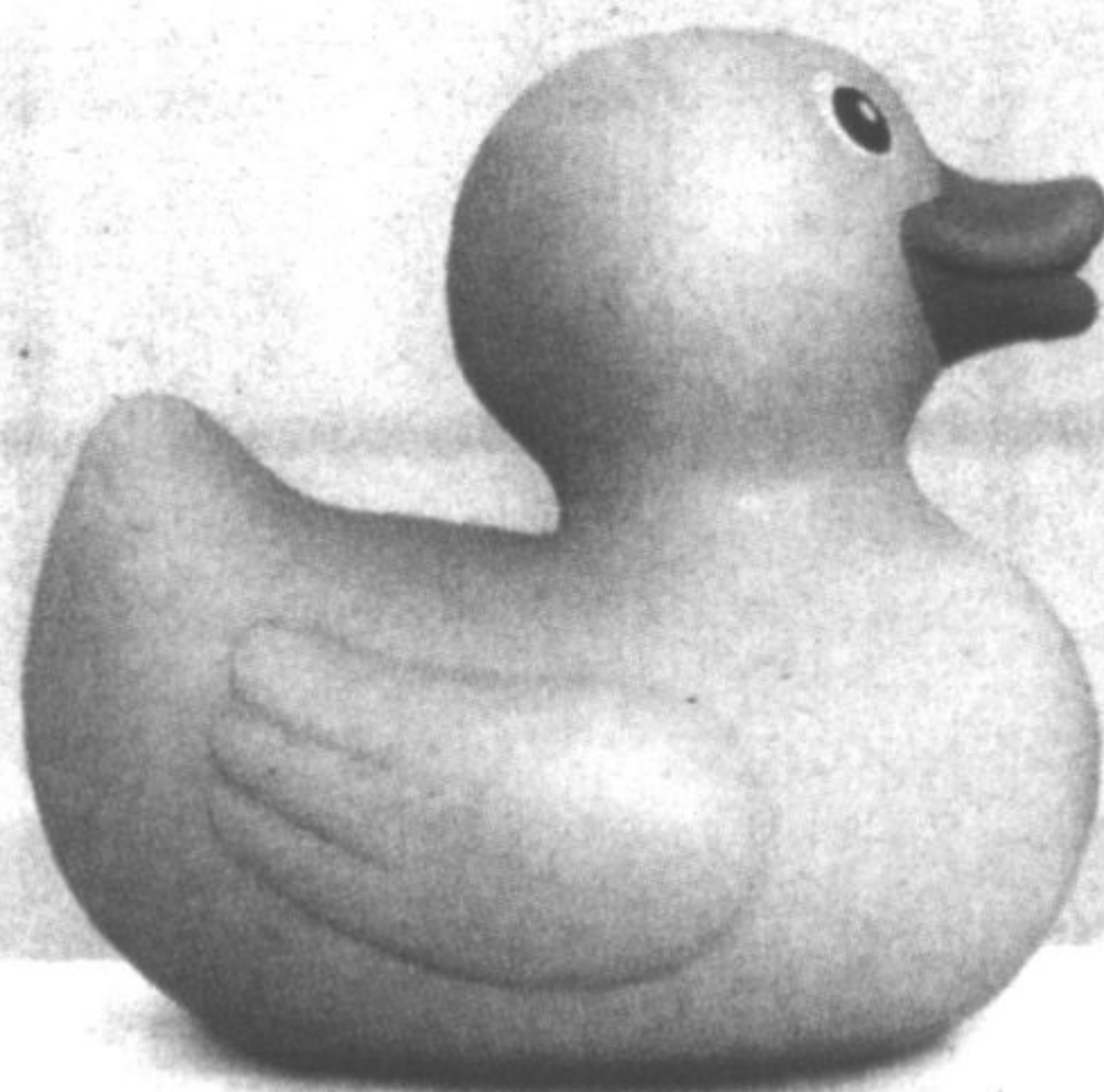
"I was spreading manure when the armistice was signed," the former Whitchurch-Stouffville councillor said with a laugh.

The VE Day celebration takes place at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum and will celebrate the end of the Second World War, the 65th anniversary of the Manna food drops into Holland and the 75th anniversary of 424 City of Hamilton Tiger Squadron.

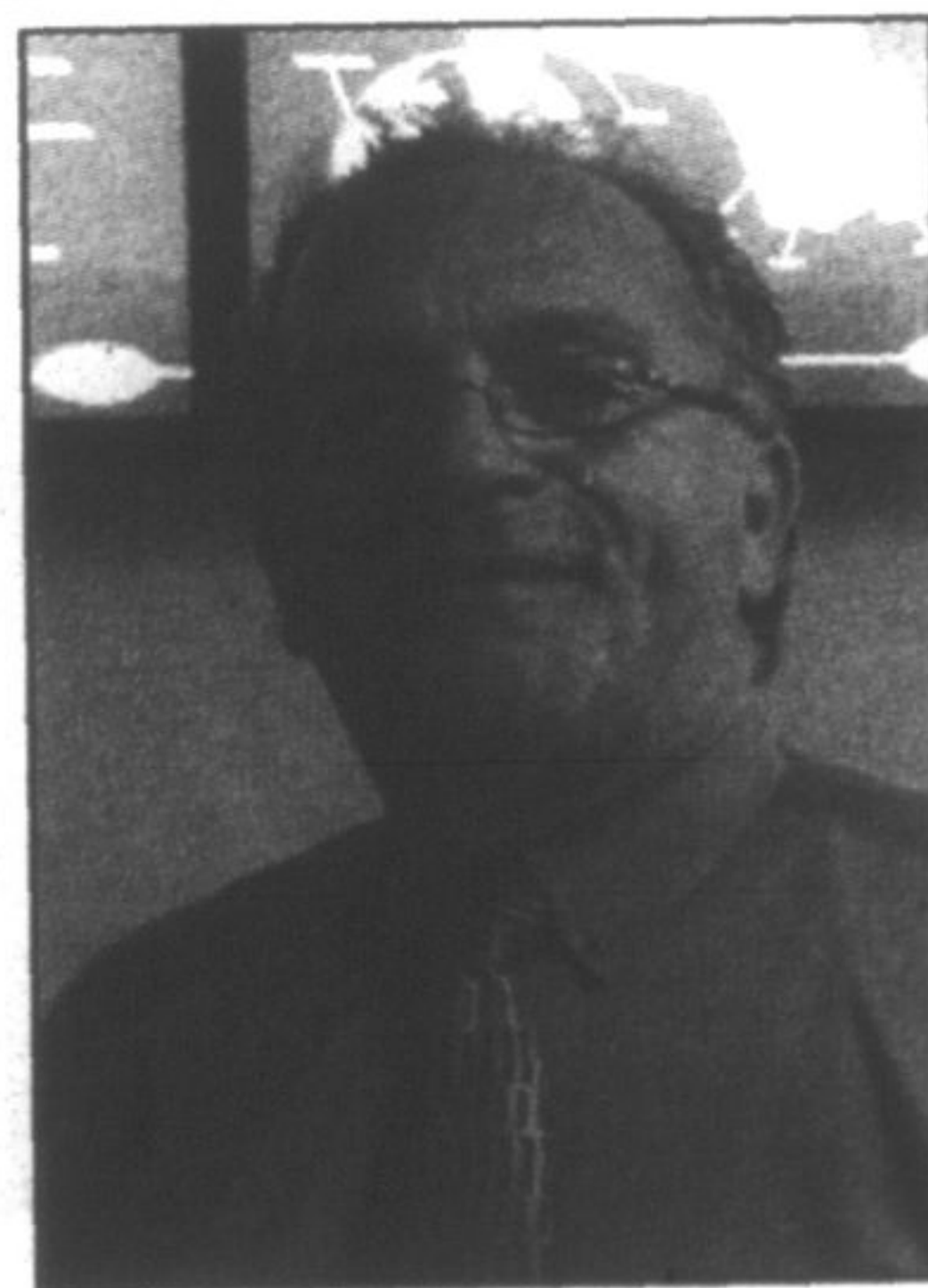
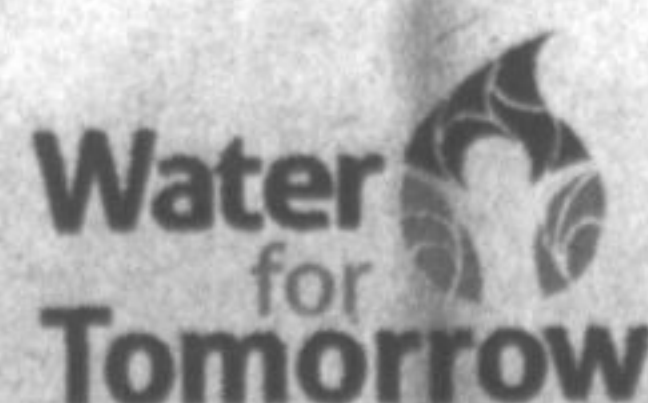
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