

Energy Savings Go To The Roof

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During our movie series, Reeling Toward a Better Future, the Whitchurch Stouffville Community Energy Cooperative (WSCEC) felt the community's passion for raising awareness about energy conservation and environmental issues.

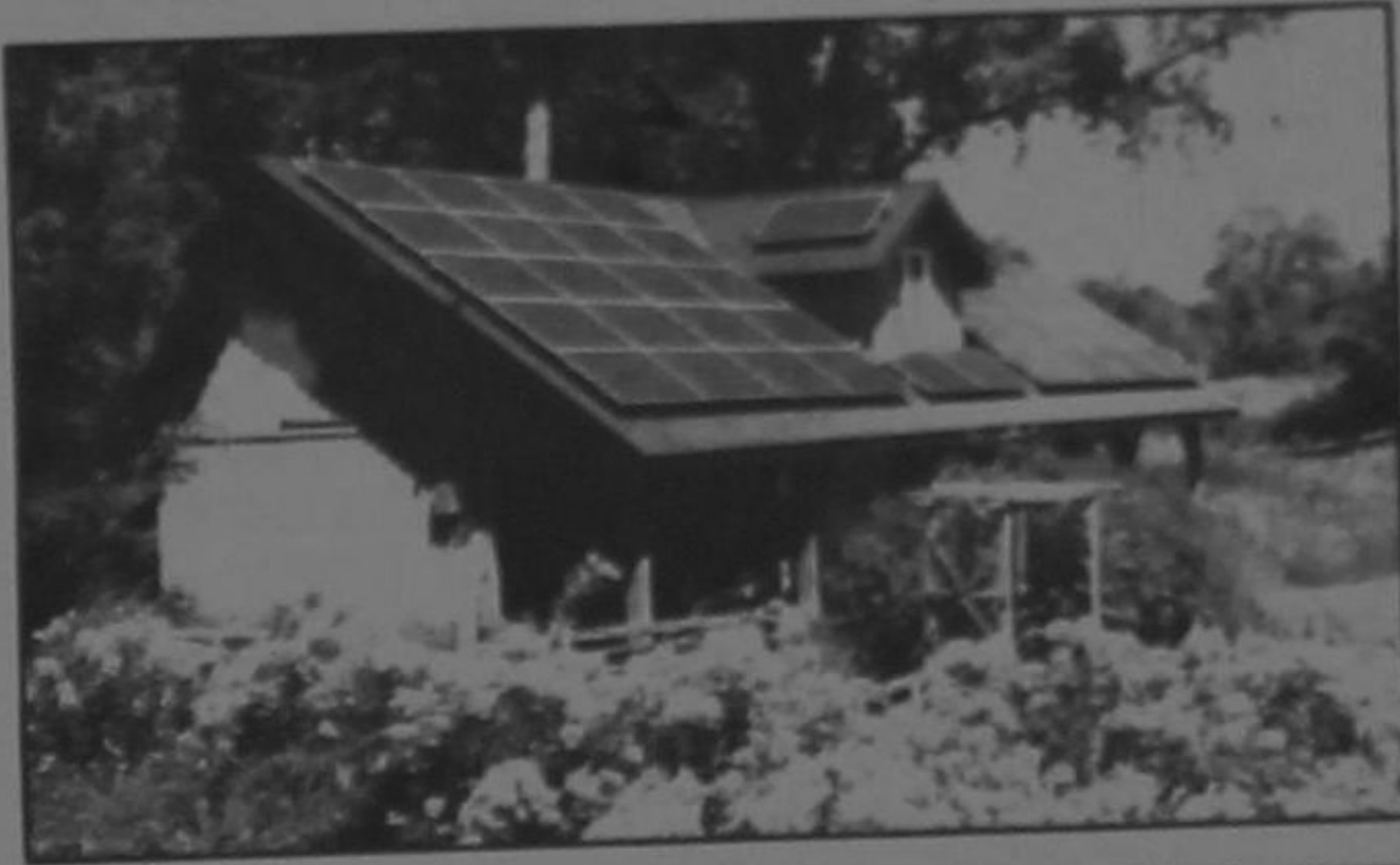
It is obvious we can make a difference in how our future unfolds. During our wrap-up discussions, municipal programs always emerged as part of the solution: the region's Smart Living Program, Stouffville's local shopping incentives and the York Region Food Network. It is encouraging that our cooperative's vision finds parallels with many town initiatives, such as the recent decision to install LED light bulbs in all street lights.

WSCEC's biggest celebration this year came with the Ontario Power Authority's offer of a Feed-in Tariff (FIT) contract for a 250 kWh solar project on the roof of the Clippers' Sportsplex. This is a huge accomplishment, and we would like to thank all our members, town staff and council for their support over the past three years as we persevered through the difficult application process.

Working with the community and the town, we can now take the next steps in realizing a local, public venue for producing green energy and demonstrating its benefits. Think of all the families and children that will walk through the Sportsplex each day to read the solar energy monitors, illustrating how much energy was produced by the sun that day. We are part of a much greater movement. Onlira Power has four FIT projects on municipal building rooftops and the City of Onlira is the main shareholder. The Halifax solar city project is a municipal program that helps homeowners reduce energy consumption through solar panels that generate hot water.

WSCEC's solar project on the Clippers Sportsplex is catching the wave as communities and municipalities work together to develop energy solutions for the next generation. It is our hope that our new council will see the value of partnership in this endeavour.

Tell them you would be proud to see Stouffville take leadership in shaping a resilient and sustainable future.



Solar panels on local buildings help reduce energy consumption. Photo courtesy of WSCEC

A Cool Play Meets Ice Wine

On Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Shadowpath Theatre Productions will present *Readings in Wineries* at Willow Springs Winery on Bethesda Road.

The event was first presented in March 2013 at the local winery. "A majority of the readers were non-actors, just everyday community members," said artistic producer Alex Karolyi. "But when you add wine it makes the whole public speaking experience seem easier."

The December play is a one-act comedy written by Ms Karolyi and anyone can read a role or just enjoy the drama unfold while sampling fine wines. It is a unique

opportunity for theatre enthusiasts to share the creative process with professional actors. Scripts will be handed out when guests arrive and all roles will be finalized. Local musician Bianca Rollo will perform during the event.

Shadowpath is a registered charitable organization and has been producing theatre in York Region since 2002. *Readings in Wineries* introduces people to their artistic side and allows everyone to discover their creative potential.

For tickets and information visit www.readingsinwineries4.eventbrite.ca.

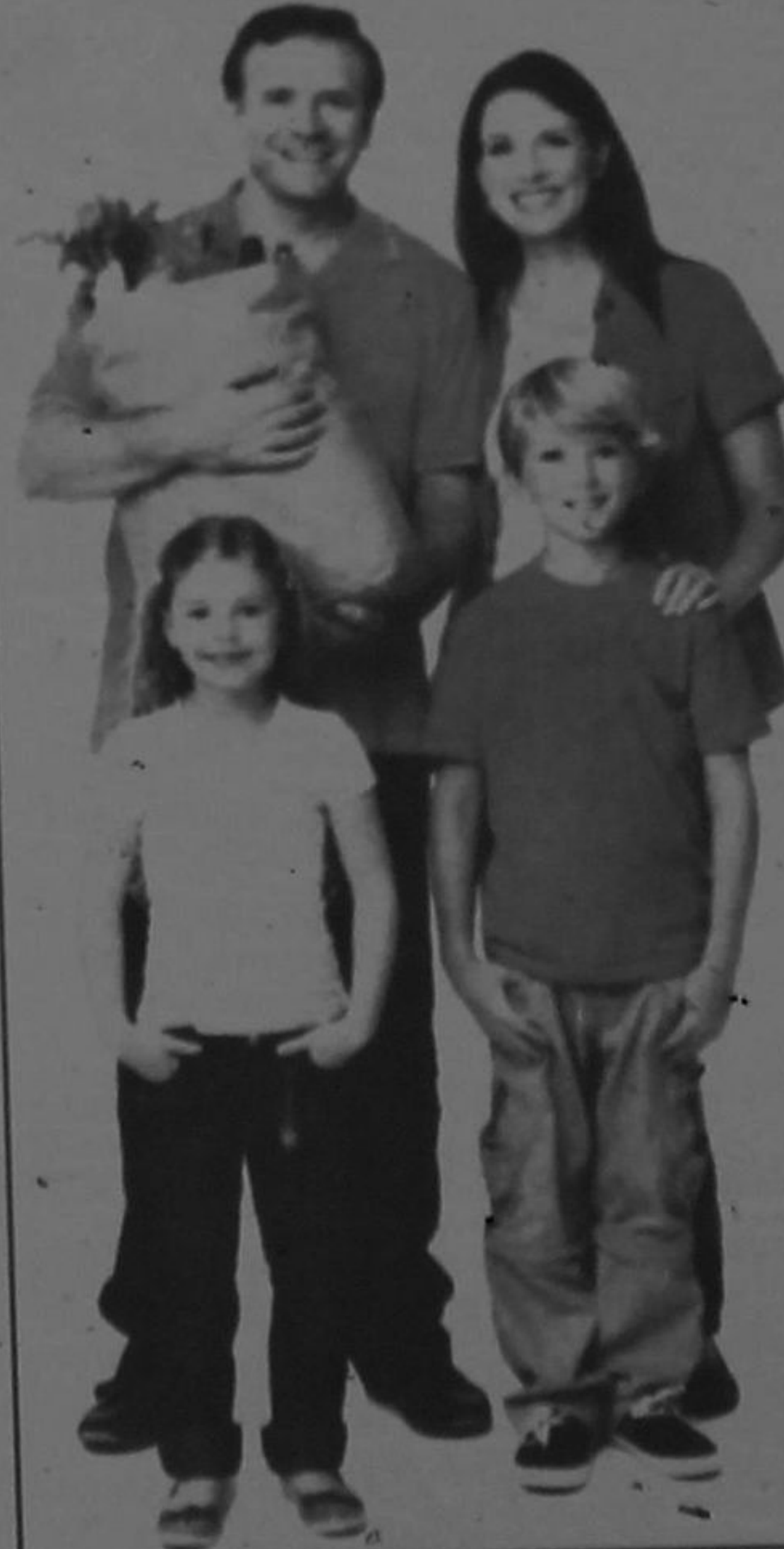


Professional actors and theatre enthusiasts participate in last April's *Readings in Wineries*. On Dec. 4, local thespians will have another opportunity to participate in the interactive event at Willow Springs Winery.

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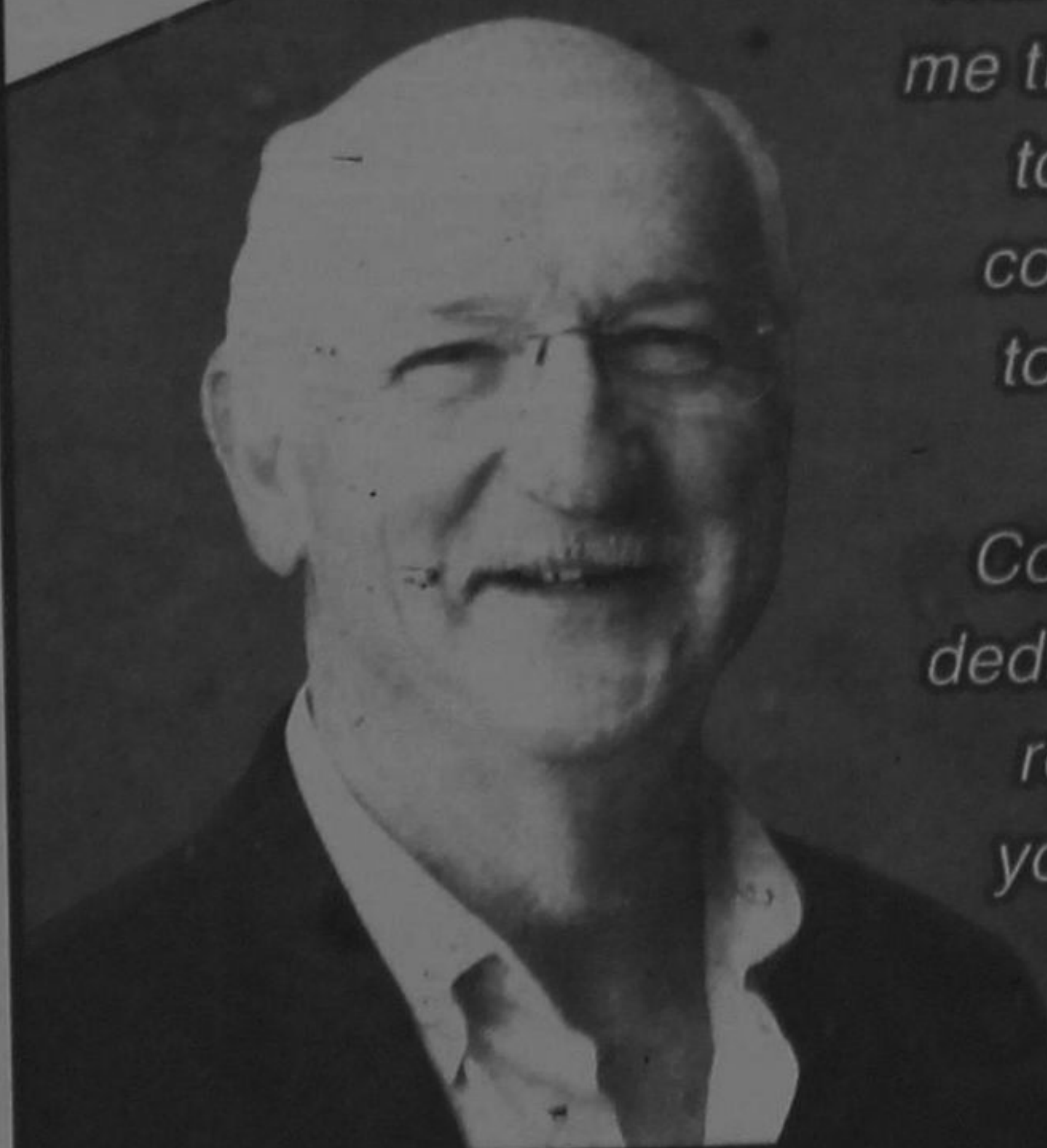
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