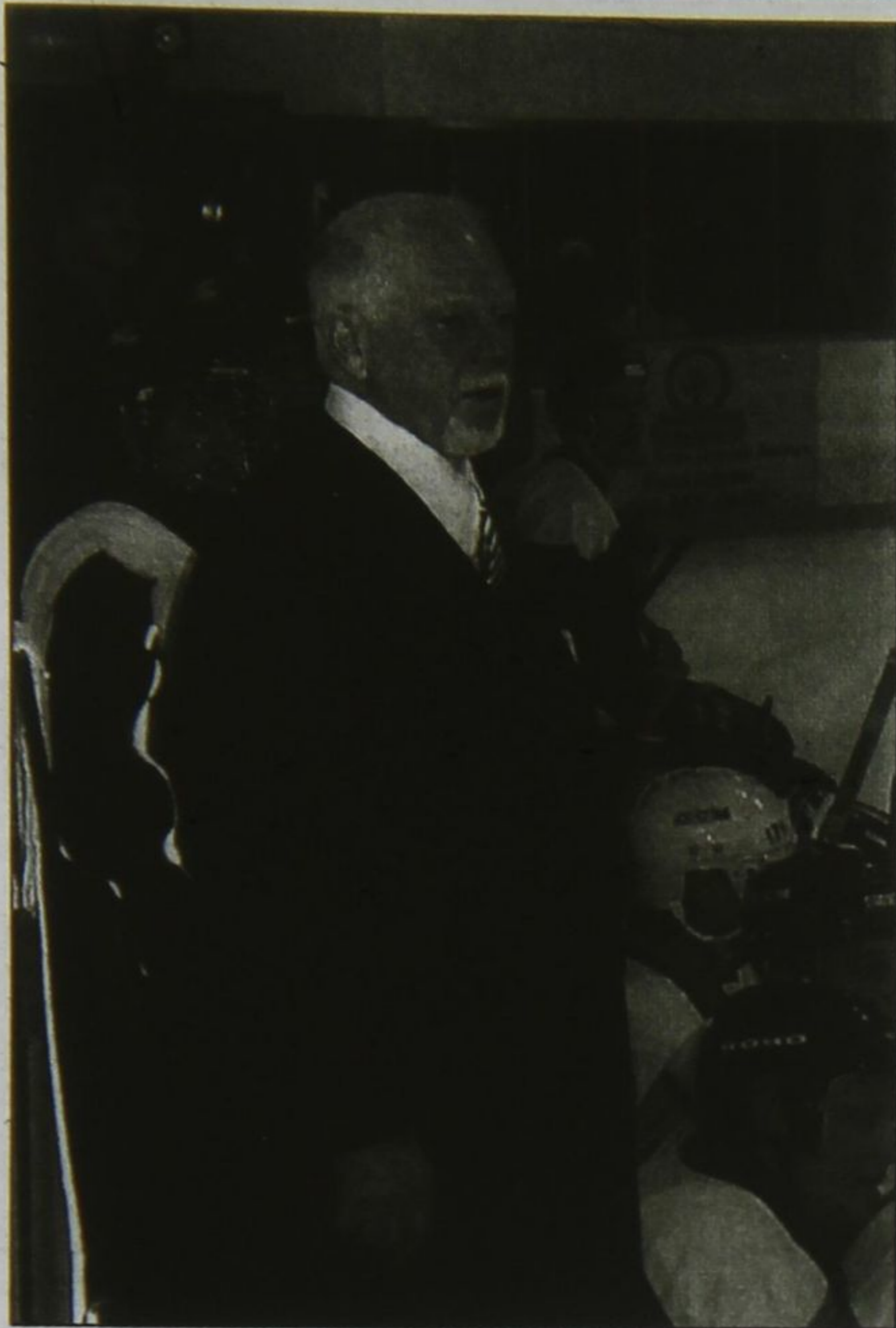


# Auxiliary celebrates golden year



Fifty years ago, on Feb. 16, 1953, 21 women were initiated into the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459 Stouffville for the princely initiation fee of \$1.45.

On Feb. 14, Auxiliary members will gather at a special anniversary dinner to look back on 50 years of hard work, laughter, tears and camaraderie. "Our mandate has always been to assist the branch, the veterans and our community," said charter member Marjorie Smith.

Among the many highlights they will look back on are 31 years of Red Cross blood donor clinics from 1964-



Marjorie Smith

own silver jubilee last year. Auxiliary members have been entertaining Sunnybrook veterans twice a year

1995; the establishment of the Friendship Club during the same period, and the spearheading of the Silver Jubilee Club, which was founded in 1977 and which celebrated its

since 1968, "watching them grow older along with us," noted Mrs. Smith.

The ladies have also gained a formidable reputation for their delicious biannual hot roast beef luncheons and their annual Bazaar and Remembrance Day Tea. They provide a bursary for Stouffville District Secondary School and raise funds for the Legion Provincial Bursary and the Legion Charitable Foundation.

On Feb. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m., everyone in the community is invited to an open house at the Legion Hall, 12278, 9th Line, to celebrate the Auxiliary's golden anniversary.



Photos by Bruce Stapley

## Go Leafs Go!

Coach Don Cherry, top, rallies his troops in a charity matchup with Stouffville Spirit Junior A team, for "The Game Of Our Lives" held at the Stouffville Arena on Jan. 19. The event was organized by Keith Acton, above, to support the Canadian Cancer Society. More than \$19,000 was raised during the sellout game.



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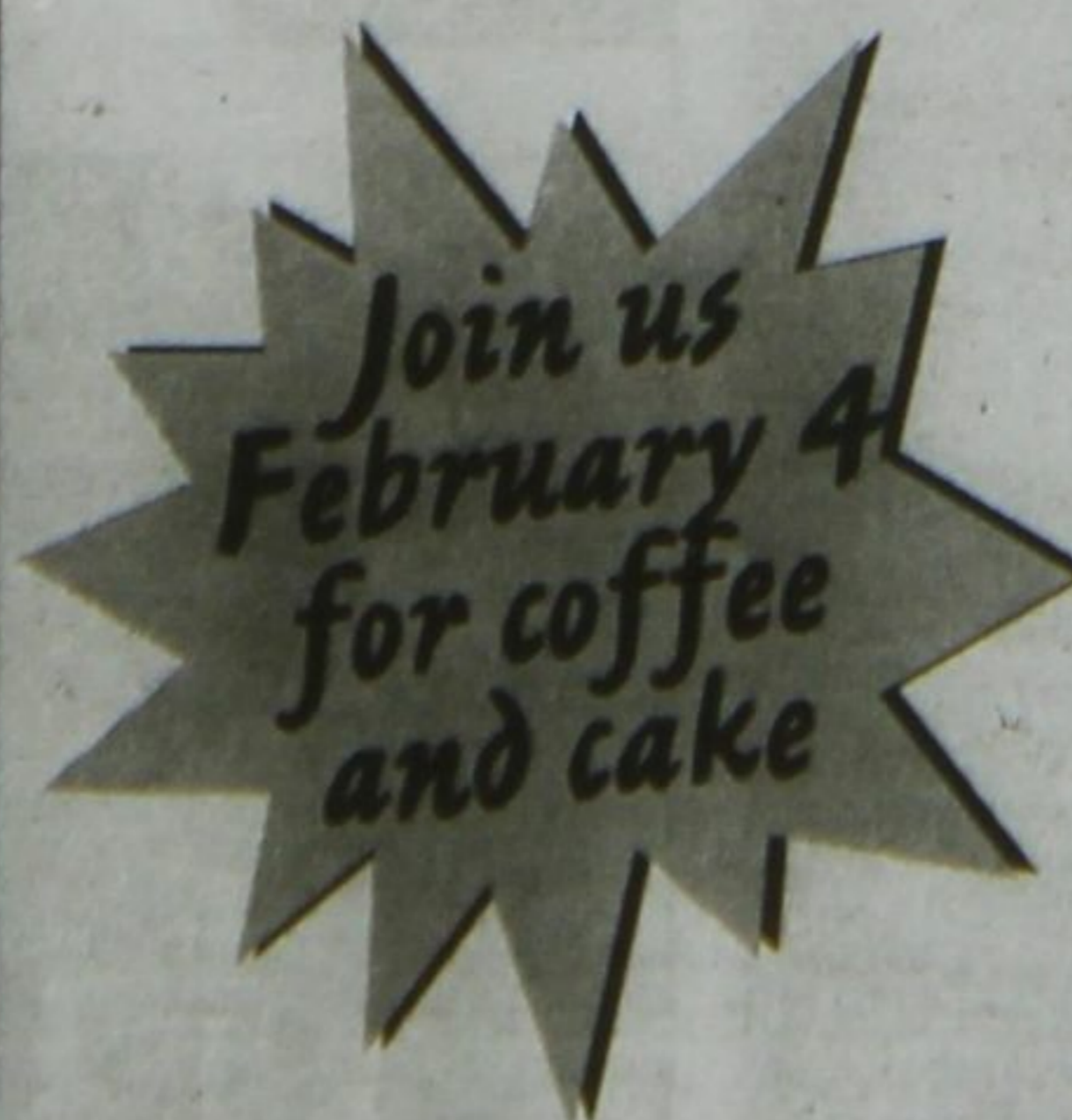
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