



The Christian Unity Service Sunday evening stressed support for Family Services and for provision of housing for low income families and newly-married couples. Among those attending (left

to right) were: Rev. Bernard Barrett, Bill Dodds, Dr. Frank Fidler, Rev. Robert Shorten, John Stevenson, Jim LeMoine, Evelyn Dobbs, Pauline Barrett, Peter Bjerland and Helen Smith.

## Want low rent housing, family services

By Mary Dawson  
Support for the Richmond Hill Ministerial Association's plea to the Regional Council of York to finance the Family Services Centres in four locations within the region was voiced by those attending the Christian Unity Service held January 19 in Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill.

Support was expressed also for the association's presentation to Richmond Hill Council asking the town to ensure the supply of housing for low income families and newly married couples at a price they can afford. It was noted petitions supporting regional financing of family services was circulated in the churches. Those at the meeting who

had not already signed in their own church, did so Sunday evening. Theme of the Evening was "Free In Christ", explained Rev. Father Henry Kea, the host. He called for renewal and reconciliation, justice and sharing. President Rev. Bernard Barrett of the Ministerial Association, welcomed all present. Rev. Robert Shorten in-

duced those who would be convening the discussion groups — Pauline Barrett, Jim Lemoine, Bill Dodds, Evelyn Dodds, Ron Winnacott, Peter Bjerland, Al Duffy, Dawn Osmond and Helen Smith. Housing lack Rev. Robert McElhinney expressed the ministers' concern over the lack of lower cost housing existing or being built to meet the needs of lower income and newly married couples. He said the average price of a single family detached home in Richmond Hill is \$62,600 and of a town house \$48,000.

"As your ministers we can't help but be involved. We counsel couples about to be married and find they have to go to other places because of the lack of housing. We are in contact with lower income families and know they would like better housing but can't find it or afford what is available. The problem is not overwhelming in terms of numbers, but it is there and we are aware of it," McElhinney said.

Noting a population of 100,000 is forecast by the year 2000, he asked what provision is being made in the town's Official Plan to provide this needed type of housing. He said the association's presentation urged developers, the town and the province to require some low-priced housing in Phase 3 of BAIF to provide an adequate selection and choice of housing based on the needs. Suggested action Some specific objectives suggested, he told the meeting, are that a study be made of housing needs, that developers make provision for some low cost housing, that property be made available in co-operation with the OHC for rent-assisted housing, that such housing be integrated into the community, that the town study the feasibility of participating in a land banking program and that non-profit groups be encouraged to enter the housing field.

Rev. Frank Fidler, speaking on family services, recalled this important community service has been supported by the churches from the beginning. He said the first counselling for families with problems in marriage relationships was set up by the ministerial association. By the end of 1971 four counsellors were employed and the local group was encouraged to expand the service, he said. Besides the professionals there are now about 75 volunteers participating in the work of the family services. The Richmond Hill office alone provides credit counselling for the whole Region of York. Financial crisis Fidler said the present crisis is lack of financial support, with the local group having funds to carry through only until the end of March. He said about 10 percent of the costs comes from fees paid by those receiving help and 20 percent from contributions — from churches, church groups, individuals and organizations. The balance of 70 percent has to be found and it is this amount that is being sought from the region.

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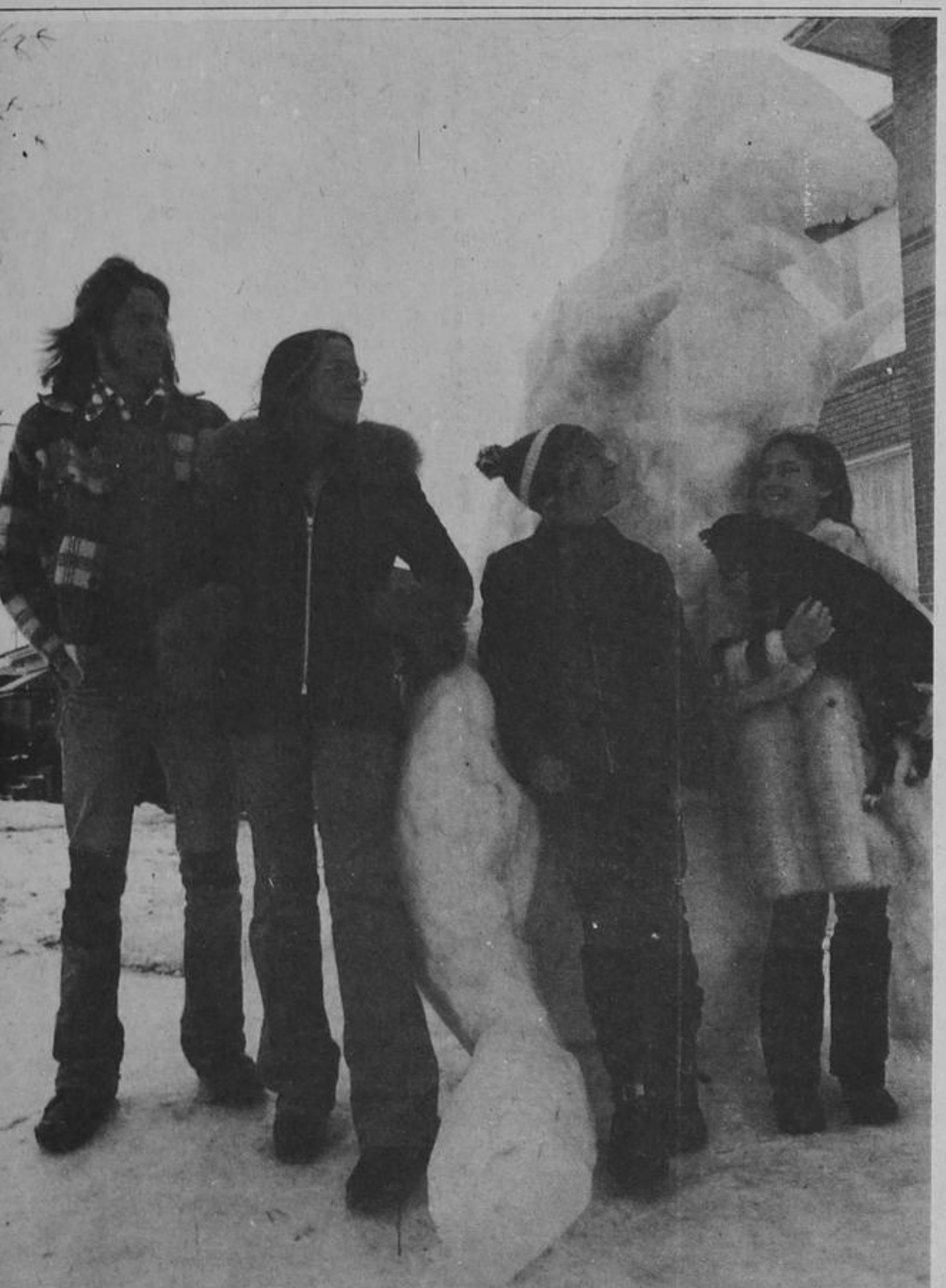
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**Dinosaur age returns**  
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## Pickers allege Orange Home travesty

The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home's motto of "equal rights for all, special privileges for none" is a travesty, according to a release from the Federation of Children's Aid Staffs. Members

## Family centres

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missioner Dr. Owen Slingerland, urging that the needs of the agencies be included in funding studies now being carried out by the regional solicitor's office. Provincial effort The committee agreed, also, to support the current efforts of the Ontario Association of Family

picketed the home Saturday. The union, which represents about 12 full-time and some five part-time workers known as houseparents at the home, is seeking its first contract. Saturday, the picketers went out to protest against "stalled bargaining and for information purposes." The members did not try to prevent people from crossing the picket lines.

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## Await OMB Buttonville airport ruling

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report on the Central Ontario Lakeshore Urban Complex a "print-out from the Tower of Babel", implying it leads to more confusion than it dispels on the future of the area. Macaulay introduced the report late in the hearing to substantiate the evidence of Dr. Eli Comay, a former Metro Toronto planning commissioner. But Elliott said the report does not have the status of government policy and he contended the demand for housing in the Toronto area would pre-empt other provincial plans. He said Markham should have the right to plan for this area, because it is about the only portion of town not affected by a provincial or federal land freeze order. Highways, hydro corridors, the Parkway Belt, provincial housing action areas and noise zones of the proposed airport at Pickering affect about 90 percent of the municipality, he said.

Richmond Hill Solicitor Tom Fraser told the board the airport's lawyers have not established a need for the extension or that the present annoyance and discomfort to residents will be alleviated. He said Richmond Hill's position has been that an expanded airport would lead to greater noise and thereby limit the town's ability to plan for residential development nearby. In addition, he said the municipalities will have no control over the hours, the kinds of planes using the airport or the direction of take-off. Michael McCreary, representing Richmond Hill residents Raymond and Marilyn Watford, disputed Macaulay's implication Markham council was not qualified to judge the application because of the airport's importance to the economy of Ontario. He suggested the airport's lawyers should have come to the hearing with a balance sheet to show

clearly the economic benefits. Elliott suggested Toronto Airways would be better to expand its facilities at the Toronto Island. "All it needs is a little bridge over the water and my friend Mr. Macaulay could go there by taxi", he said. However in reply, Macaulay said the political situation in Toronto made that possibility uncertain. He said the airport might conflict with other uses on the waterfront. Also speaking for Toronto Airways, lawyer Peter Dunn emphasized the possible positive benefits to area residents

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