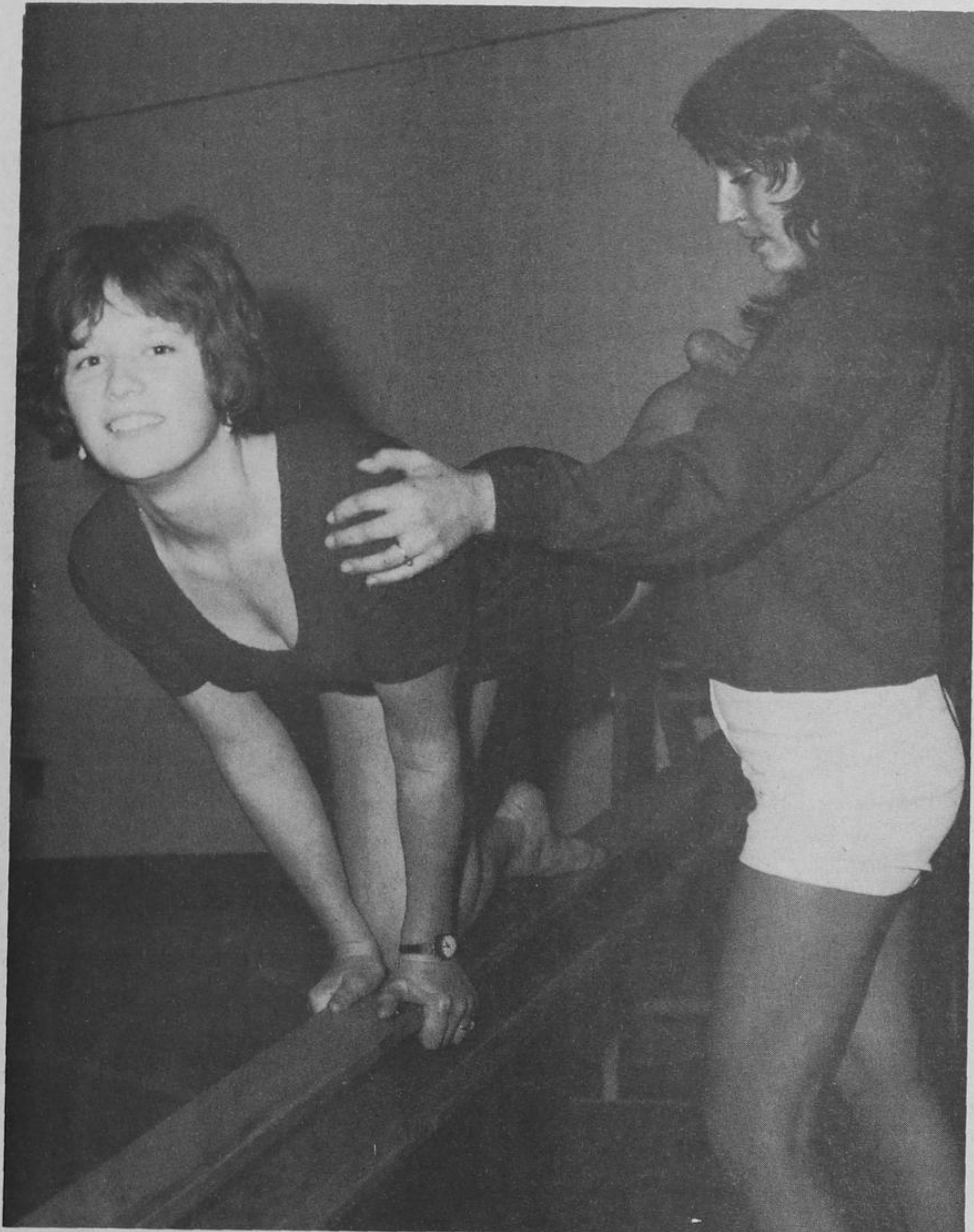


Teens 'swinging' at Lake Wilcox



The form's the trick here as Jackie Holman (left) of Oak Ridges takes some initial lessons on the balance beam from instructor Dianne Hassfeldt of 275

Essex Avenue, Richmond Hill, at the Tuesday night sessions held at Lake Wilcox Public School from 7 to 9 pm.

Gymnastics, crafts, games ... you name it!

No one is saying that the adults and youth of a community aren't talking to one another.

Then again: Maybe they don't talk enough. Which is the idea of a "pilot project" that has been going its undramatic but effective way at Lake Wilcox since January.

"Talking" the project up are, you guessed it, adults and youth.

"There are some 30 to 40 teenagers involved in this project every Tuesday night at Lake Wilcox Public School," stated Richmond Hill Superintendent of Recreation Lynton H. Friedberg. "It's really working out well".

For two hours, from 7 to 9 pm, the youngsters (from ages 13 to 17) participate in activities ranging from yoga lessons, basketball, gymnastics, etc.

Hey, Karate

"We hope to expand into other activities", said Friedberg, "such as pottery making, general crafts, karate, cooking, and outside trips to various locales".

Friedberg explained that the project had its birth in the "Out Reach" group at St. Paul's United Church at Lake Wilcox.

"Rev. Bob Anderson got in touch with our office", said Friedberg, "and suggested such a project."

He pointed out the youngsters in the area didn't have too much to do and such a plan would be ideal both for them and the adults.

The adults come into the picture via a seven-person committee which organizes the particular type of activities scheduled.

The committee consists of, naturally, seven youngsters and four adults including Rev. Anderson and Linton.

"But the actual day to day running of the club is strictly handled by the youngsters with the adults around to be available when necessary."

Bouncer

The boys even have their own "bouncer" to see that everyone walks the line.

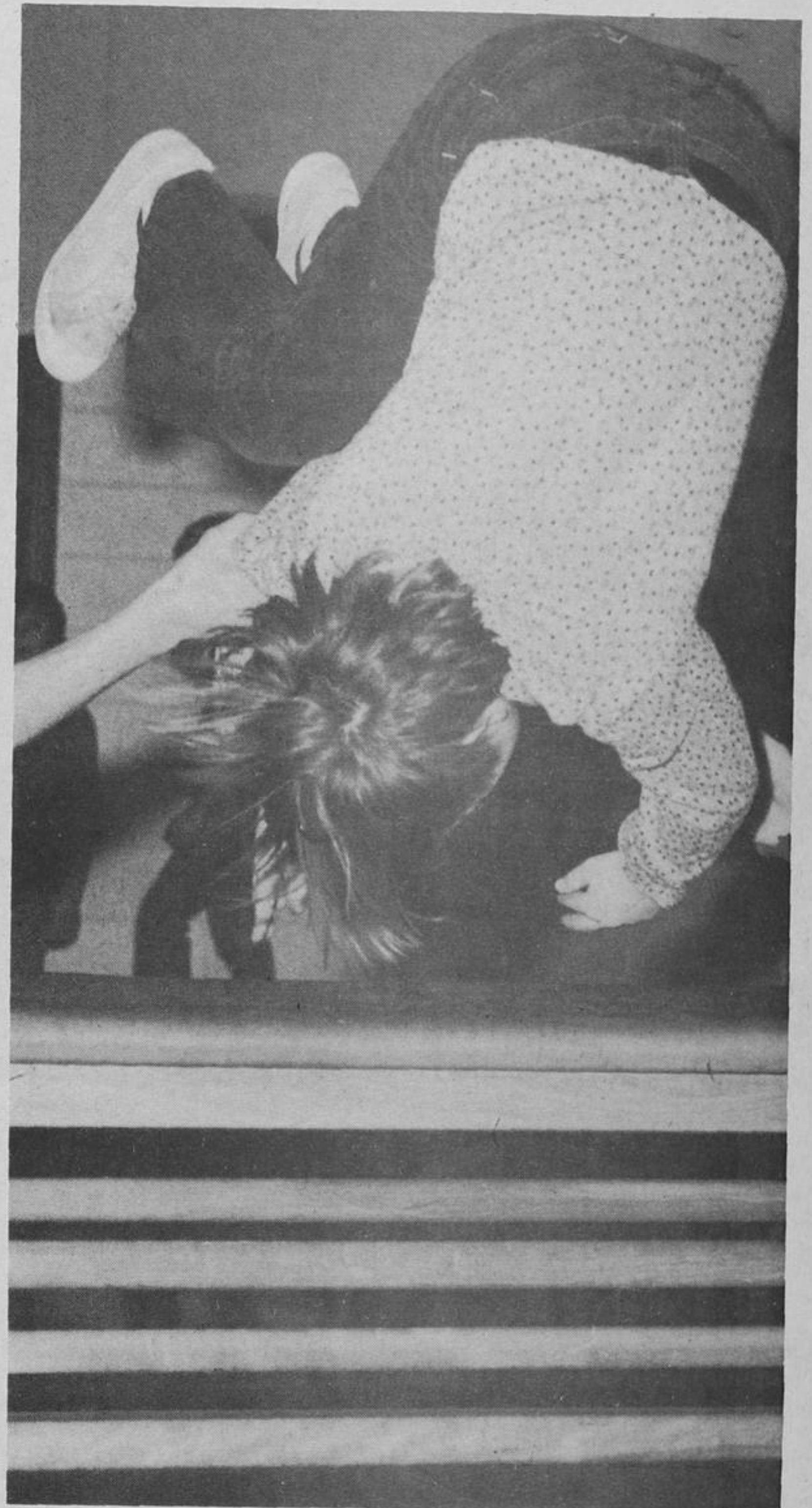
Linton is hoping the Lake Wilcox project will stimulate similar activity in other areas of Richmond Hill.

"We operate on a \$100 budget," said Friedberg, "but most of the activities don't involve too much expense. Some 90 percent of our instruction is on a voluntary basis contributed by people who enjoy working with youngsters".

Linton feels such projects help knit a community, give it an identity.

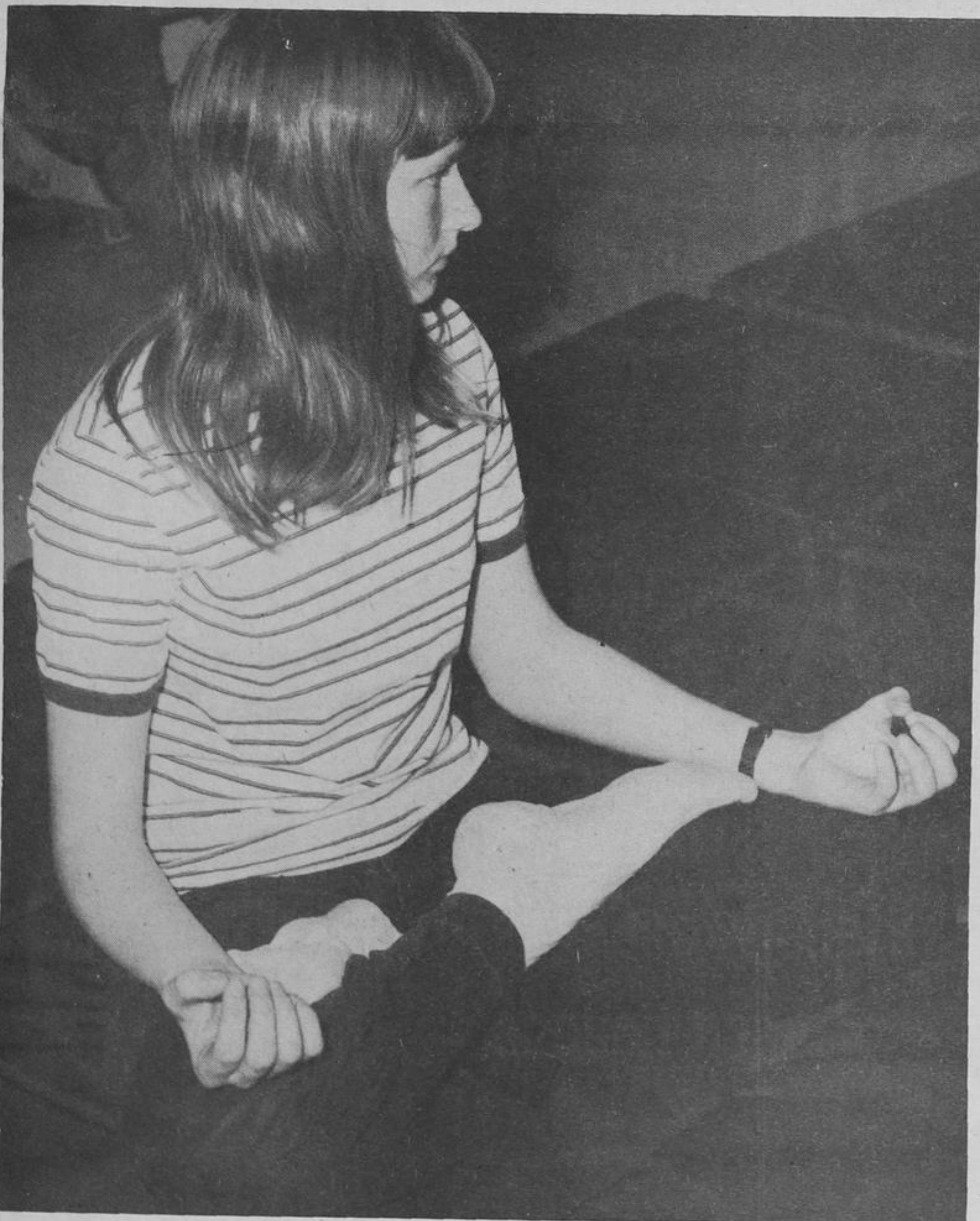
It seems to be working out that way at Lake Wilcox. Both with the youngsters and the adults.

"And we're interested in hearing from other groups who want to start similar projects in the community," said Friedberg.



When Ronald Pauze saw what was happening he just, well man, flipped about it all. A back portion of Ronald, who resides at 642 North Lake Road, Oak Ridges, is shown going through some gymnastic exercises. Or did he just see a pretty girl? He's one of some 30 or 40 youngsters participating in various activities that range from crafts to Karate to basketball.

Photos by Bruce Hogg



Debbie Bishop of 41 Fergus Avenue, Oak Ridges, may be trying to concentrate on something because she's practicing the fine art of Yoga here at one of the Tuesday night "youth" sessions at Lake Wilcox

Public School. The program is organized by the teenagers with the assistance of some adults including the Richmond Hill Recreation Department.

Reena Foundation family fun day at Hillcrest Mall features art show and sale, boutiques, rides, food

An art show and sale, entertainment, boutiques, gourmet fare, handicrafts, rides, raffles will be all featured at the family fun day to be sponsored by the Reena Foundation Sunday from 1 to 6 pm at Hillcrest Mall, Yonge and Carrville Road in Richmond Hill.

Incorporated in June, 1973, the Reena Foundation is setting up a series of group homes for handicapped children, adolescents and adults. Its aim is to establish both short-term and permanent

residence for people suffering from either physical or mental handicaps.

In homes scattered through the Metro and surrounding area, three to seven individuals with similar handicaps will have an opportunity to live with dignity, to become contributing members of society, say the sponsors.

Some of the handicapped will be making their own contribution to the fun day. Daybreak House for mentally retarded adults in Richmond Hill will be contributing home made

bread from its own kitchen.

The art show and sale, courtesy of The Frame Up, will include works representing Dali, Lebadang, Moti, Matisse, Miro, Vasarely, Rosenthal, Shagall, Libermen, Raol, Vardi, Weinstein, Ijacky and many others.

The Reena Foundation's non-profit, non-denominational homes receive 80 percent government financing. Its sponsors raise the remaining 20 percent through functions such as the fun day.

In addition to the art and gourmet sections, there will be handcrafted items, antiques, boutiques, lucky draws, and in the auditorium a continuous showing of films for children.

Among the notables invited are Richmond Hill Mayor David Shiller and North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

For information contact Mrs. Evie Garnet, Thornhill, 881-2650; Mrs. Yvonne Chusid, Don Mills, 449-5152, or the Reena Foundation, 630-4751.

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