



Toboggan races at Bayview

Bob Adam of Richmond Hill (left) and teammate Lesley Shelton of Thornhill dash for the finish line with Gizella Leicht of Thornhill in tow during toboggan races at Bayview Secondary School's

annual Snowball Carnival Friday. In addition to a variety of outdoor activities, students and staff enjoyed a carnival dance in the evening.

(Photo by Hogg)

Ratepayers and parents gang up on trustees

Thornhill Parents Council has received support from three other ratepayer groups in the area regarding its proposed guidelines for future teacher negotiations with York County Board of Education.

And Monday night their representatives were on hand to back the Thornhill council in person.

The groups included South Richvale-Langstaff Ratepayers Association, German Mills Home Owners Association and Thornhill-Vaughan Residents Association.

The Thornhill group was represented by president Michael Bailey, spokesman for the various bodies.

Mr. Bailey read the endorsements from the other groups on the Thornhill guidelines, which it was hoped would be included in the board's own negotiating committee guidelines.

The TPC's proposals were contained in a letter to the board Jan. 5.

At that time, it was suggested the eventual collective agreement "not result in, nor contribute in any way to, an increase in residential realty taxes as they relate to board expenditures after Aug. 31, 1976."

Council proposals

As a means of achieving the suggested guidelines, the council proposed the following:

Reduction of the number of courses available in the curriculum, with emphasis being placed on the three Rs; Increasing the pupil-teacher ratio, balancing the larger classes with greater instruction time per student through reduction of professional activity days.

"We hope the board will not find it necessary to increase the PTR, but if it should we will support your decision," the letter concluded.

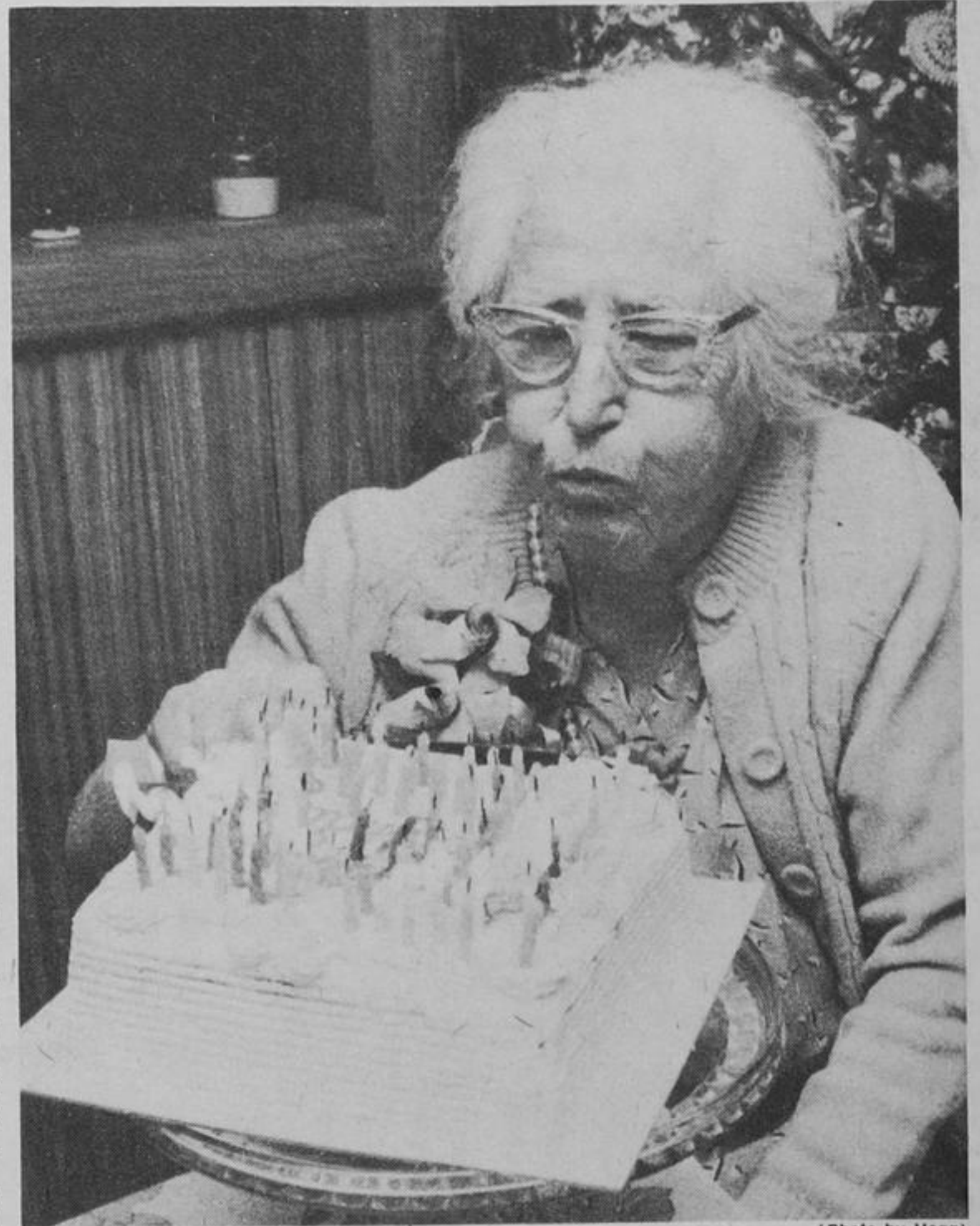
German Mills query

Did that mean they endorsed an increased pupil-teacher ratio? Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham asked German Mills representative, Larry Band.

Mr. Band said that it didn't; it meant they endorsed the methods of achieving the guidelines, as proposed by the TPC.

Bailey added they were all willing to contribute more proposals regarding the negotiating committees.

Said Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora: "I was always under the impression funds were unlimited in your area. I'm glad to hear you've changed."



(Photo by Hogg)

Weren't 90 candles

There weren't 90 candles on the cake, but that makes sense, for Winnie Seager looks much younger, energetically does her own household and has many interests. Miss Seager was guest of honor at a birthday party Friday given by her niece Mary Harrison. Born and raised in Thornhill, Miss Seager is the third generation of her family to live in Vaughan. The Seagers once owned a farm extending from Bathurst to Yonge.

Winter Carnival Feb. 12-15

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snowshoe races and a skating party will round out the day.

may be some minor ones.

Buttons on sale

The Oopkick buttons, only source of revenue, are going on sale around town this week, and area secondary schools are in the process of selecting their candidates for carnival queen.

As last year, the carnival gets underway on a Thursday night, Feb. 12, with a 7 p.m. carnival queen dinner and dance. Location and admission price aren't definite yet.

Action at the Mill Pond begins Feb. 13, when evening activities will include skating, crowning of the queen and — possibly — a skydiving performance from the Canadian parabolic skydiving team.

Youth dance

The evening will also offer a youth dance at the Richmond Hill arena and dancing and skating for adults at the Mill pond.

The big day, Feb. 14, starts at 10 a.m. with a series of children's races involving all ages from tots to teens.

It's not known for sure whether Pooh Bear will be able to make it this year, but if he does he'll be on hand for the racing events.

Elementary school hockey will start at 11:30 a.m., and girls' and boys' high school hockey competition is to be held throughout the afternoon.

Judging of ice sculptures, a sleigh ride, broomball games, toboggan races, log cutting contests, tug of war,

Skating party

Old-time garb is appropriate for the skating party, which starts at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes as well as for best dancers and skaters.

A sleigh ride and dance, tentatively scheduled for 8:30 p.m. at the Richmond Hill golf club, winds up a busy day.

You can sleep in Sunday, as the pancake breakfast at the Mill Pond lasts from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Then it's an afternoon of athletics, starting with elementary school curling followed by junior and senior cross country skiing.

School bands

From noon until 3 p.m., there's more skating and entertainment will be provided by school bands.

Then there's snowmobile racing and a figure skating exhibition, and to wrap it all up is a community folk service.

Refreshments — hamburgers, hot dogs and such — will be available throughout the carnival, and organizers say they'll keep the prices just as low as possible.

The organizers, a volunteer committee headed by Bill Ruttle, are calling on town residents to let their Christmas lights glow during carnival week and to get the family busy making snow sculptures in the front yard.

Worry over Sunday closing law

York Region has yet to draw up an official plan, but there was concern last week it may soon have an official theme song: "Never on a Sunday."

At least where certain businesses are concerned.

Showing the most concern was Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury. Her territory covers a wide tourist

area. She was worried about many small businesses there which are dependent on the tourist trade, being forced to close because of the recent government ruling on Sunday closings.

End to closing law has brought a quick end to plans for Sunday openings in supermarkets and department stores in Ontario.

To make sure the same thing didn't happen to smaller businesses, Mayor Rolling moved the region go on record and write the solicitor-general, telling him York region is unhappy with the legislation.

It is unfair to certain businesses and clarification of the bill is needed, she said.

The motion also asked the region be allowed to pass a law that "reflects the conditions in our area."

Copies would be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Tourist trade

Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora felt the same, citing Sunday closing problems with a milk store in Aurora. The matter should be investigated, the mayor said.

Regional Solicitor Ted Oakes said under the Municipal Act, a business "essential to the maintenance and development of the tourist industry," could operate on Sunday.

However, the present legislation applied mostly to large stores; small businesses were largely able to operate.

Mayor David Schiller of Richmond Hill said Mayor Rolling's motion suggested the power to regulate such matters be handed back to the municipalities.

The act, he felt, already made that provision in certain areas.

Roman move

Mayor Tony Roman of Markham felt council was "getting overly excited." It should deal with requests as they came in, with each municipality drawing up its own regulations.

He then suggested Mayor Rolling withdraw her motion.

"Fine," said Mrs. Rolling, "just as long as we get the show on the road." Chairman Garfield Wright also suggested each municipality examine its own particular area to see what could be done and what had to be done.

Weekday use of schools

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Youth groups and senior citizens should get the facilities free, but it was "silly to believe there are no extra costs and that these should be transferred to the taxpayers."

He suggested the matter be sent back to the planning and building committee for another look in that direction.

But his motion was subsequently lost.

Sim abstains

Inadvertent villain of the piece was former chairman Donald Sim of Markham.

He abstained from any discussion of the matter, because, as a member of Reesor Park Badminton Club which played out of one of the schools, his small membership fee gave him a "pecuniary interest."

This immediately prompted comment from several sources that paying for senior citizens and similar groups, was one thing, but paying for Mr. Sim's badminton games was out of the question.

Trustee Cribar said no one "ever suggested the facilities were free."

"Nothing is free," he concluded.

Markham Trustee McMonagle wondered how much had been collected in fees for use of schools last year and was told a total of \$33,000.

Trustee Donald Cameron of Vaughan said, however, the sum had been used for administrative costs, and they had

spent \$221,000 to operate the schools. Therefore, if they charged some groups and not others, they would be charging their own administration.

Opposes charge

Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham said administration costs were "out of proportion" to what they were getting, so she was against any charge.

"Have we ever hired extra staff for community use of schools?" asked Aurora's Norm Weller.

Superintendent of Business, George Ford, said he didn't know.

Trustee Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury was concerned about light costs.

Did they turn them down? How many schools left their lights on?

Ford said use of lighting facilities varied; use of lights helped reduce vandalism.

He said, also, heat was turned back when not in use.

Stephens loses

An amendment to the original motion by Trustee John Stephens of Markham that would, among other things, allow a fee schedule in certain areas, was lost.

Richmond Hill's Warren Baillie said he had "waited 14 years to see a motion like this passed. I believe the \$33,000 is used up in administration costs, so we have to get away from nuisance fees."

"It's a shameful waste for municipalities to duplicate these facilities," he said.

Hill town wants representation

Richmond Hill council believes all York region municipalities should be represented on the regional council's planning committee.

At present, three of the nine municipalities do not have representation on the committee.

Council's decision was an endorsement of a Whitchurch-Stouffville resolution, which said authority to approve subdivision plans recently was moved from the provincial government to the region.

Each municipality should have a representative taking part in subdivision discussions, the resolution stated.

Councillor Andy

Chateauvert opposed endorsement of the resolution, arguing "if we're going to start that kind of meddling, we should push for representation on all the committees of the region."

Mike Burnie, expressing the majority view, said "planning is the most important committee, and I would hate to see Richmond Hill not have representation. It's as simple as that." Mayor David Schiller said even though some municipalities do not have a voice at committee meetings, they still have a vote when any committee recommendation comes before the full regional council.

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Notice of Change of Rates Effective March 15, 1976

As a result of a 21% increase in the wholesale cost of power at January 1, 1976, the Hydro-Electric Commission of the Township of Vaughan has applied for approval of the Township for an increase in retail rates. The new rates will be about 18% higher than those now in force, and will be applied on bills rendered on or after March 15, 1976. A typical residential bill on old rates, and on new rates is shown, for a normal two-month period, where average energy used is 1500 KWH.

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