

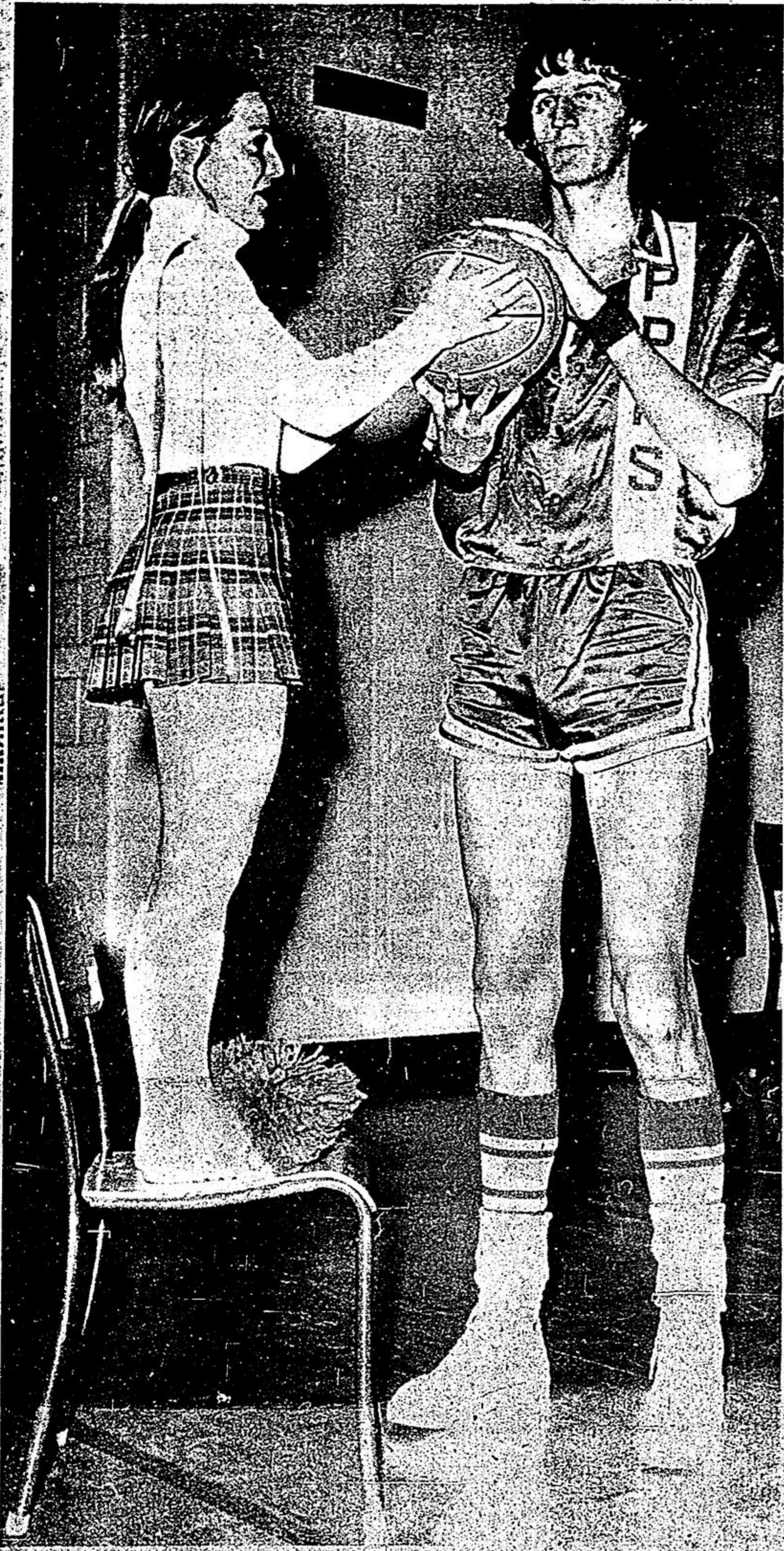
**Snowmobile Races
at Fairgrounds
Jan. 13 - 12:30 p.m.**

**The
Tribune**

MARKHAM

**Figure Skating
Runoff, Jan. 13
Unionville Arena**

MARKHAM - UXBRIDGE - WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1973



How's the air, way up there?

When 18 year old Jim Zoet of Port Perry strolls onto the basketball floor, rival teams shrink — both mentally and physically. And no wonder. For Jim stands an even 7 feet tall, giving him an obvious advantage over opposing players. He participated in a tournament at Markham District High

School, Saturday. The preliminaries, however, included a formal introduction to pretty M.D.H.S. cheerleader, Jane Watson, so, to get on 'speaking terms', the sprightly teenager climbed atop a chair.

—Jim Thomas.

Markham approves legislation to prohibit snowmobile races

MARKHAM — Organized snowmobile racing, at the fairground's track in the old town of Markham, could be headed for an exceptionally short season.

And the problem facing the promoter, Warner Burger, isn't a shortage of snow. It's people vs. noise, and as Markham council has learned, the two don't mix.

Following a weekend of competition, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, a flood of complaints poured in, prompting members to meet in special session, Jan. 3.

Although opinion on the issue was divided, the majority agreed to amend the present by-law. Once approved by the Dept. of Transportation, races as such will not be permitted without written permission from the municipality.

Mayor Tony Roman explained that when the original by-law was instituted in April of 1972, the racing aspect of the problem was not considered. He said residents were informed that council did not have the power

to step in and halt the program. "But after Saturday and Monday my telephone hasn't stopped ringing," he said, "the least we can do is amend the by-law."

But not all members agreed that the issue should be finalized so quickly. Ward 6 councillor Ron Moran noted that there were two sides to consider. "Council should obtain two points of view, one from the residents and another from the snowmobilers." He urged only two readings because the sport of snowmobiling is fun. While admitting that he would not want to live next door to such a raceway, he termed action taken so swiftly would show a total disregard for freedom of speech.

Councillor Roy Muldrew recalled the town's verbal agreement with the Fair Board in December, condoning the races as long as the noise factor did not pose too great a problem.

"We should give the Fair Board an opportunity to live up to this agreement," stated councillor Bud Bonner, indicating

that the organizer also deserved some consideration.

"Our first obligation is to the people of Markham," argued councillor Muldrew.

Councillor Bob Adams agreed, saying competition of this kind should not be tolerated close to a residential area. "The noise factor must be incredible," he said.

While those opposed to the venture were expected to turn out in force, only six were present at the meeting. One gentleman 'unleashed' a recording of the engine noise via tape, shaking the very rafters of the building. A lady said that while the races were on, she couldn't hear her television set.

Like Ron Moran, Ward 5 councillor, Alma Walker felt the matter was being concluded too quickly. She asked that the by-law amendment be given further study.

The vote, however, favored immediate action, and a third reading was passed. Approval of the change is now awaited from the province.

Better pay "a bloody lie" charge ex - York policemen

Former officers describe department morale "low"

YORK REGION — Irritated over a Tribune editorial, (Jan. 4), that attributed mass resignations from the York Regional Police Department to "inability to cope with pressures of change", and angered by statements related to Police Chief Bruce Crawford, that Constables left to accept higher-paying jobs, ex-officers have replied, flatly denying both claims.

Reasons for quitting vary greatly. All admit to absorbing sharp salary cuts.

While none of the spokesmen specifically requested an increase, each was assured this right would be respected.

"Over-regimented" was the way one former officer put it, "we were treated like kids". He described morale on the force as "low". "Before the regional department was formed, you enjoyed your work, you were complimented on your work, it was good to be a policeman. Now, you never see the Chief, the men are even losing contact with each other, as well as with the public."

The ex-constable recalled one incident where he was involved in a chase with a motorcyclist and the cruiser suffered minor damage. "The sergeant got into a real tizzy about it. I was expected to pay for repairs out of my own pocket. I thought he was kidding."

The spokesman said that under the old municipal setup, it was common practice to allow a 10 mile per hour leeway when operating radar in a 30 mile zone. Now, it's been reduced to 5 or 6. He charged that officers had been threatened with a switch to midnight shifts if they didn't produce more tickets. "It's no longer traffic enforcement," he concluded, "it's public persecution."

Another officer, with over 12 years experience, said he was irritated when a man was recruited from the Toronto Har-

bor Police was promoted to plain clothes, within two months. "There I was, slugging my guts out, and never given the chance. Finally, I said, what's the use". He estimated that since regionalization, up to 65 men had resigned. "You can't teach veteran officers to go out and stick it into the public". He admitted that 'new faces' could be 'regimented' into the system more easily.

The Constable voiced anger over repeated statements that resignations had come about due to offers of better paying jobs. "That's a bloody lie," he said. He noted that one officer had taken a salary drop from over \$11,000 to \$6,600.

"I took a drop of \$4,000," said another Constable, "does that sound like I left for a better position?" He said that under regionalization, statistics seemed most important rather than improved public relations. "We were often told before going out — if you can't lay a charge, you're wasting your time."

Bud Bonner, councillor (Ward 4), Town of Markham, said he was doing his own survey and when complete, intended placing the facts and figures before the Police Commission. "Something is obviously wrong," he said, "many of the fellows who are quitting have a heck of a lot of policing experience. I have a high regard for them, and I'm satisfied they cannot do the job properly under present conditions."

Hotel doomed

GOODWOOD — Unless someone comes up with \$70,000 to preserve the old Goodwood Hotel, the structure will be demolished. The deadline is June 30. In its present state, the building is considered a safety hazard.

New plant for Pickering

PICKERING — Pickering township's serviced industrial area has 'landed' yet another industry — this one on a 42-acre site.

It was revealed, Monday, that Link Belt of Canada would build a 225,000 square foot plant in an area set aside for this pur-

pose. It was noted further, that the C.N.R. would construct a spur line to the site, since shipments of materials to and from the factory could be best accommodated by rail.

Several other land purchases are pending, council learned.

Don Deacon urges use of 'People Power'

YORK-CENTRE — People power, if organized, can prove a very potent force in persuading governments to alter unfavorable courses of action, says Don Deacon, M.P.P., York-Centre.

The government, points out Mr. Deacon, can be made to change its mind if enough people want it to.

The local member uses the Cedarwood project as an example. Inspired by the success of the Stop Spandina group, and the People or Planes organization, a number of persons have banded together in the hope of halting Queen's Park's "proposed monument to urban sprawl," he observes.

Until the federal decision

on the airport is handed down, Mr. Deacon notes, the province has agreed to delay further expropriations of land in the Cedarwood area. Now, an attempt is being made to arrange a public meeting on Cedarwood with Premier Wm. Davis. At present time, no reply to the request, had been received.

"Once the meeting date is set," said Donald Deacon, "I urge all citizens to attend; for this government decision affects all of us, not just the people whose homes are threatened."

The member concludes: "If the decision of the government is allowed to stand, the principle of urban sprawl, with a 600 yard wide greenbelt as a 'sop' to conservationists, will have been established."

Approve L.I.P. grant for Boy Scout camp

BALLANTRAE — A recent report from Barney Danson, M.P. (York North) confirms that a \$15,603 federal contribution will be made through an LIP (Local Incentive Program) for Woodlands Trail Camp, R. R. 4, Whitchurch-Stouffville, west of Ballantrae.

The camp is sponsored by the Boy Scouts of Canada Greater Toronto Region and, through the program, six people will be employed to improve facilities, including the clearing trees and bush to provide more space; renovating sleeping accommodation to improve quarters for younger children; creation of a fire-break along the north property line, and the widening of roads for transporting of equipment through the site.

Home looted

MARKHAM — While the owner was absent on vacation, thieves entered his Markham area home and stole more than \$1,600 worth of personal belongings.

Sidney Livingstone told York Regional Police that when he returned to his residence, he was missing a portable television, set, a portable radio, a watch, a fur coat, a parka and other miscellaneous items.

Local skaters to Vancouver

UNIONVILLE — On Saturday, a contingent of seven figure skaters, all members of the Unionville Club, leave for Vancouver to compete in the Canadian Championships Jan. 16 to 21.

Participants include Ricky O'Neill, (Novice Men's); Angela Watson (Novice Ladies); Cheryl Richardson (Jr. Ladies); David Porter and Barbara Berzowski; Michael Bradley and Linda Roe (Sr. Dance Pairs).

Fair Board annual meeting

MARKHAM — The annual meeting of the Markham Agricultural Society will be held in the board room of the Markham arena, Jan. 24 at eight o'clock.

Business will include the election of officers for 1973 and the presentation of a financial statement, covering last year's operation.

The president-elect is Ellis Britton of Claremont.

Susan Pearson

Advanced 4-H Honors "tremendous effort"

AGINCOURT — Susan Pearson, 20, a member of the Agincourt 4-H since 1965, was the recipient of the organization's highest award, Saturday, at Achievement Day in All-Saints Anglican Church, King City. She was presented with the Advanced Honors Certificate, representative of 18 completed projects.

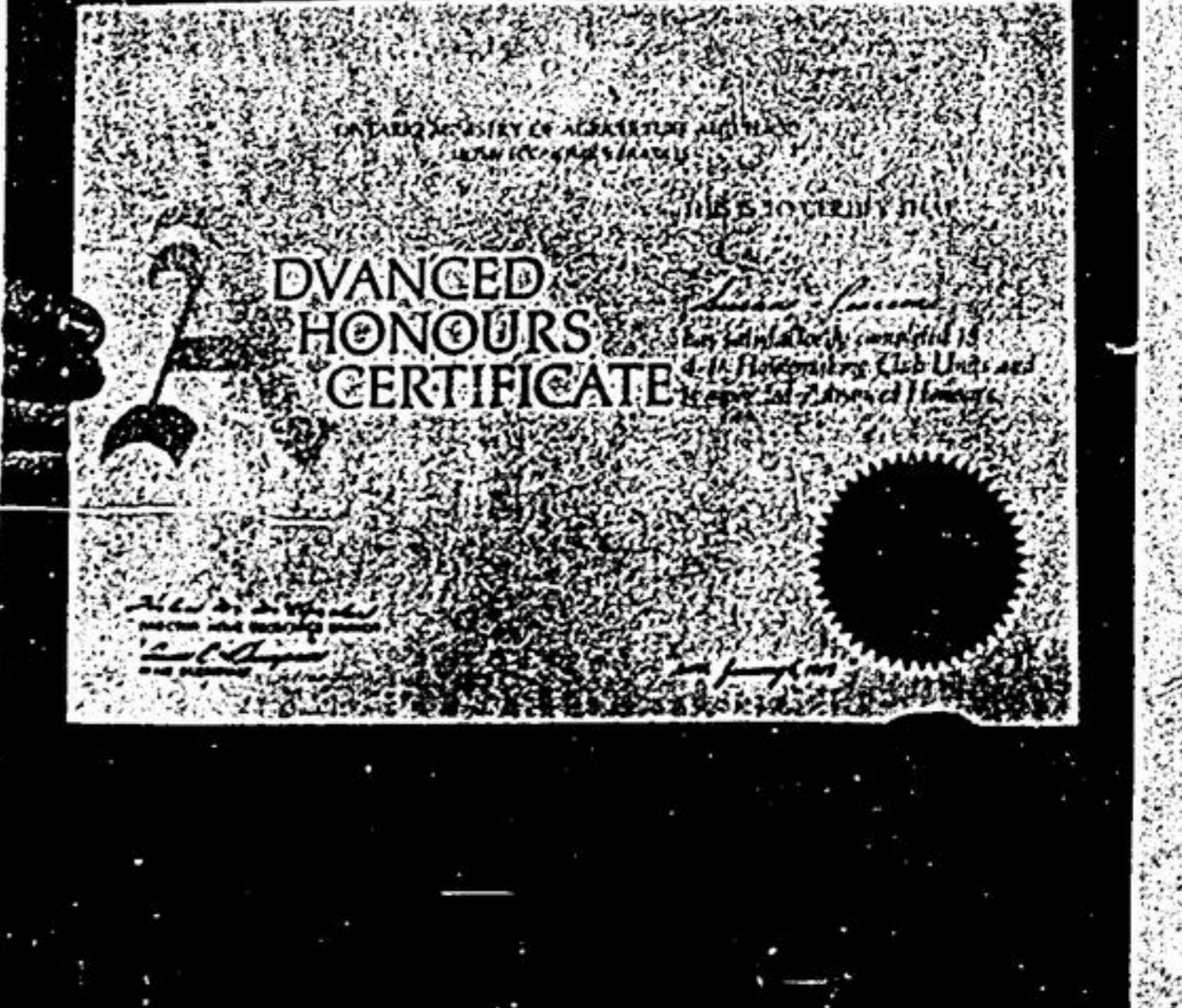
The accomplishment was described as "a tremendous effort." A similar diploma was presented to Debbie Gordon, of No. 2, King.

The theme of the program was "Block Printing". Leadership Awards, extending over a 5-year period, went

to Mrs. Harold Harcourt, Stouffville 2; Mrs. John Irwin, Nobleton 2 and Mrs. A. Cruickshank, King 1.

Provincial Certificates were won by Jean Miller, Stouffville 1; Shirley Foster, South Vaughan; Belinda Beaton, South Vaughan; Kathryn Payne, Richmond Hill and Roberta Grogan, Nobleton 1. They represent 12 completed projects.

Six projects earned County Honors for Debbie Cotter, and Debbie Rumney, King 2; Norma Jean Taylor, Debbie Peldzus and Phillipa Reekle, Nobleton 1; Cornelia Vermeer, South Vaughan; Karen Fawcett and Janet Orser, Temperanceville.



Susan Pearson of Agincourt 4-H Homemaking Club, holds her Advanced Honors Certificate, presented Saturday at Achievement Day in King City. The diploma represents 18 completed projects. —Jim Thomas.