



'Teen Pick of the Week'

Seventeen year old Lois Hamilton, Baker Avenue, Stouffville is The Tribune's teen pick of the week. Lois, a Grade 12 student at S.D.S.S. enjoys an active life, both in and out of school. She's a member of the Senior Band, the Ski Club and serves as a Prefect. Her friendly smile and pleasing personality makes her a

favorite with customers in the Stouffville I.G.A. where she is employed on a part-time basis as cashier. Following graduation, Lois plans to enroll in a nurse's training course, later to serve in one of the smaller city hospitals, preferably Kitchener.

— Jim Thomas

"Good fortune or initiative"

Many programs completed

MARKHAM — In his inaugural speech, Jan. 9, Mayor Tony Roman told his audience that "due primarily to the Era of Change, council could not concentrate on some of the essential needs of its ratepayers."

He said the reason for this apparent neglect was that "priority had to be given to preparing reports on the pros and cons of new proposals" from other levels of government.

He listed these policies as the Toronto Centred Region Plan and its effect on Markham (a critical point in this announcement being the possible loss of land south of Hwy. 407), the status report on the plan (which implied there could be a possible stagnation of community growth within the Town), the Gore and Storie re-

port on central services for Markham and York Region; the joint Federal and Provincial Pickering Airport proposal and its effect on Markham; the new community proposal of North Pickering and its effect on Markham; the Hydro Corridor proposal through Markham; regional government east of York and Markham's possible loss of lands and assessments.

But the Mayor added later, that in spite of the problems that confronted council, "we were able to accomplish programs and projects for the benefit of the ratepayers." He attributed these successes to either "fortune or initiative."

He outlined council's achievements over the last two years and emphasized stabilized taxes; industrial develop-

ment (the greatest ever with commercial and industrial growth reaching over \$20 million in 1971 and 1972); constructing, staffing and equipping the new Thornhill fire hall; the nearly completed 25-metre indoor swimming pool for Thornhill; the Markham Unionville area arena presently under construction; parks and recreation expansion programs; road construction; expanded town services; and the completed Transit Study.

Mayor Roman expressed some concern over a communications gap between council and ratepayers.

"During the course of the election a great deal of press was given to lack of communications between the two bodies," he said. He did not disagree with his ac-

cusation, however, but he argued that "with the workload of a previous council you can appreciate the difficulty we had in communicating, more often."

He did admit later, that if council is to carry out new programs there will have to be a better system of communication.

"There will definitely be a better line of communications established and we will review and report as to what will be the best method of communicating with taxpayers in our Town, on a regular basis."

However, he made no commitment as to what form these "better communications" will take.

Back in December, Council held a caucus meeting to vote on Councillor Ron Moran's proposal that the members meet Mondays rather than the customary Tuesday evening in order to give the local press the opportunity to publish results of council meetings the same week.

However, Councillor Moran's motion was voted down and meetings will be held as usual.

Need farm record system

YORK REGION — This is the week to make a decision about farm records if a change is to be made. Records for taxes are usually on a calendar year and a list of livestock numbers, feed on hand, and machinery are necessary if records are to be any use. So the start of a year is a good time to set the system.

With more complex taxes, many people are anxious to get someone else to do the job. The only thing wrong with this is in trying to get

it done for the lowest possible price. Getting good, accurate accounts and tax returns takes time and training. Really low cost farm accounting services are often short on both ingredients.

I'm surprised to hear people often say that they know how to do their books and taxes better than their bookkeeper. First, I hope they have a better system for choosing their doctor than their bookkeeper and secondly, if they are right, then they

should keep their own records and probably hire a good accountant to file tax returns.

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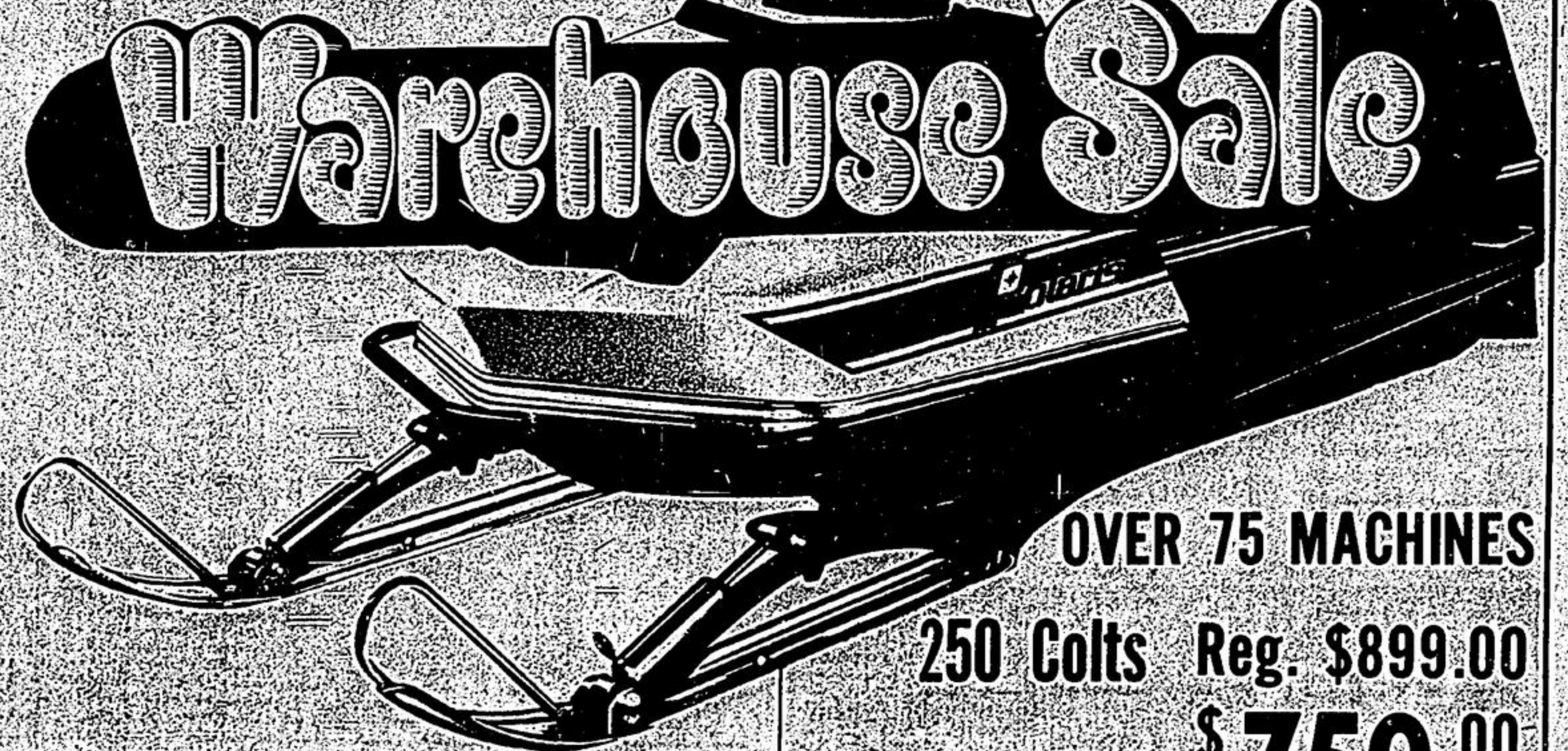
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