

Green River News

# Three to Quebec for snowmobiling

By ROSE COOK GREEN RIVER  
The snowmobile season has been too short for three Green River area residents, Frank Clark, John Cook and Lavern Orr enjoyed several days snowmobiling in Shawville, Quebec.

Prayer meeting is March 12 at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. A. Jenkins. The Ladies Aid will meet, March 20, at the home of Mrs. Pegg, Whitevale. Mr. Strachan of Ontario Bible College, is the guest speaker at the morning service in Whitevale and the evening worship at Green River, March 17 and 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Postill and son Brett were guests, Sunday, at the home of her parents. The occasion was Robert's birthday.

Mrs. Norman Saxon and sons Michael and Jason, spent the weekend with Mrs. Frank Clark. Cathy Michell was a weekend visitor with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Michell.

Mr. Henry Gray and Miss Ida Gray are moving to a new home in Markham.

To Japan  
Mr. Harold Dixon, Main Street East, is on an extended overseas trip that will take him to several far east countries including Japan.

Craft Sale  
A Craft Sale is planned for Union Villa, Unionville, Saturday March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Residents in the area are invited.



Teacher, Diane Stuart (standing) gives some suggestions to students, Diane Gould and Sharon Tranmer, during a tutorial session in the basement of Stouffville United Church. Teachers are providing help to Grade 13

students who come to the church and sign up. Classes have been arranged in any subject not being taught at the high school. Don Barnard

Editor's Mail

# Money wrongly spent

Dear Mr. Thomas,  
So much has been said and printed about the current dispute with our local teachers and whether or not we are for or against the teachers that further discussion would be redundant.

I should point out that every household in our area could hold back the educational portion of their taxes until the teachers have fulfilled their contracts. Or, I could suggest that we see

to it, that our children attend school each day whether or not there are teachers there to cope with the chaos that would result. (There were four teachers present Thursday, February 21st, 1974 with Grade 13 and a few Grade 12 students in attendance.)

I am sure that there are many parents who can relate how their children had a difficult time during their years at S.D.S.S. but, once attend-

ing a place of higher learning with teachers possessing that intangible gift of bringing out the best in each pupil, he/she acquired higher marks and sense of achievement than they ever received at S.D.S.S.

Much thought should be given to the composition of the school board. School board administration is a million dollar operation and should be administered by people

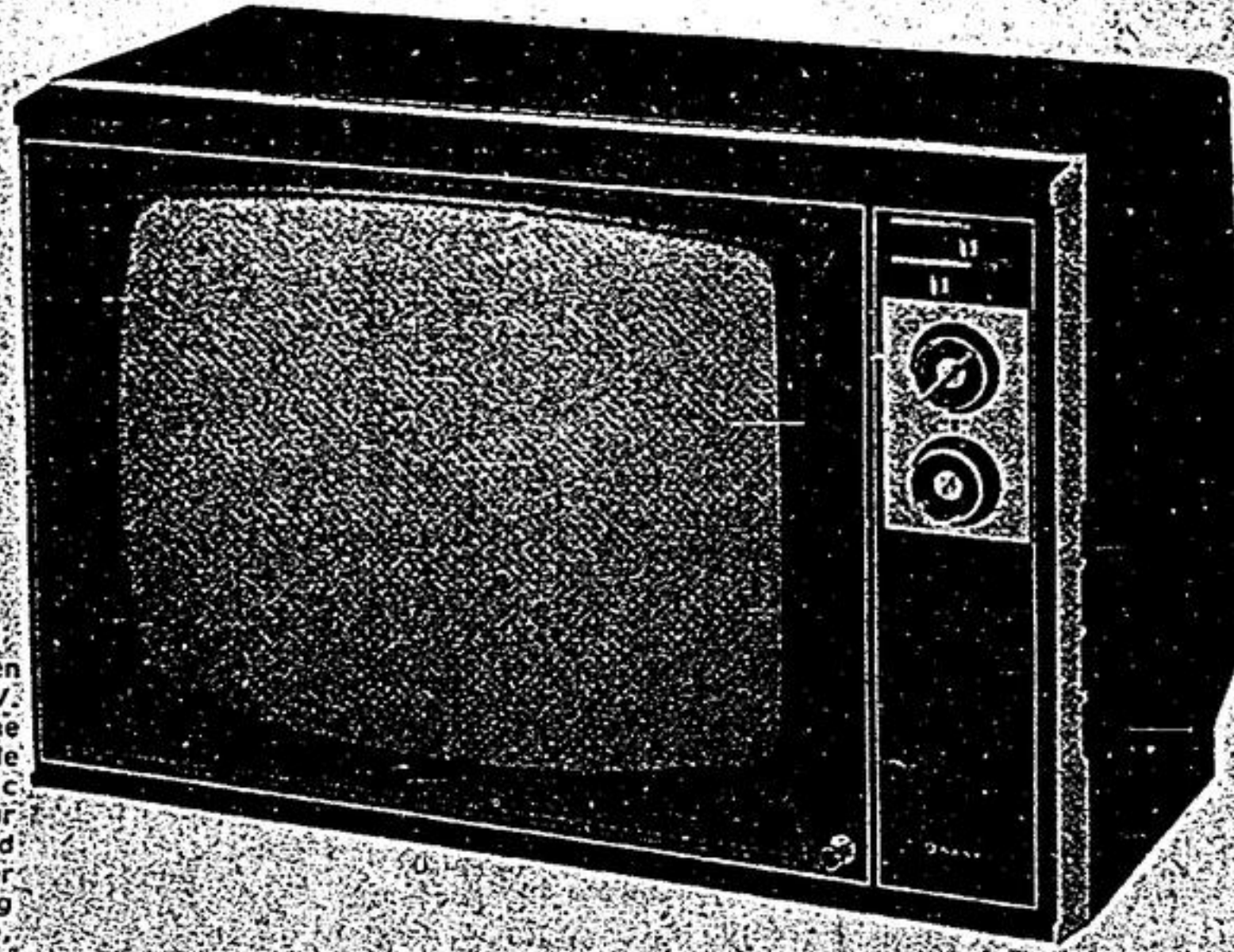
who have the ability to execute such a business.

The right to dissent is not in question, but the right to play havoc with a pupil's future is. We, as parents, and our children, as students, expect, and should receive an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. AND THIS IS SOMETHING WE HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING.

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## Cut administrative frills

Dear Editor

We once thought that our children were out of school because of a board-teacher salary dispute. How we wish that

was the case. Two things have become clear—

1) Our Board gets essentially the same money from the province and through our taxes as

other Boards in Ontario.

2) Our teachers are essentially asking for parity in wages and working conditions with their surrounding colleagues.

Now York County is not exactly a depressed region. We expect our children to get the same education and atmosphere as the other students in Ontario. We ask one simple question—

What kind of budgeting doesn't allow for priority spending like normal wage increases and school conditions first? The answer is obvious—Poor management budgeting. Somewhere in the ineffable mess of our budget, the money that should have kept our schools open has been juggled or allocated wrongly. And which employee group not yet taken care of will close up next? The public school teachers? The janitors? The secretaries?

The York County Board has been charged with spending our money to educate our children, not oil an administrative bureaucracy with masses of senior staff and luxuries. The Board must do this with the tax money we have already given them by cutting all administrative frills. Then our schools can do what they're meant to do—EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN.

It must negotiate the Pupil Teacher Ratio to get a provincial average number of teachers in front of our students. It must pay all our employees parity with the surrounding boards. And it must do this with the tax money we have already given them by cutting all administrative frills.

Editor's Note: WEB is a large number of concerned citizens who have instituted researches and studies into the problems in York County through public meetings with both sides represented, and conference with the provincial authorities.

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