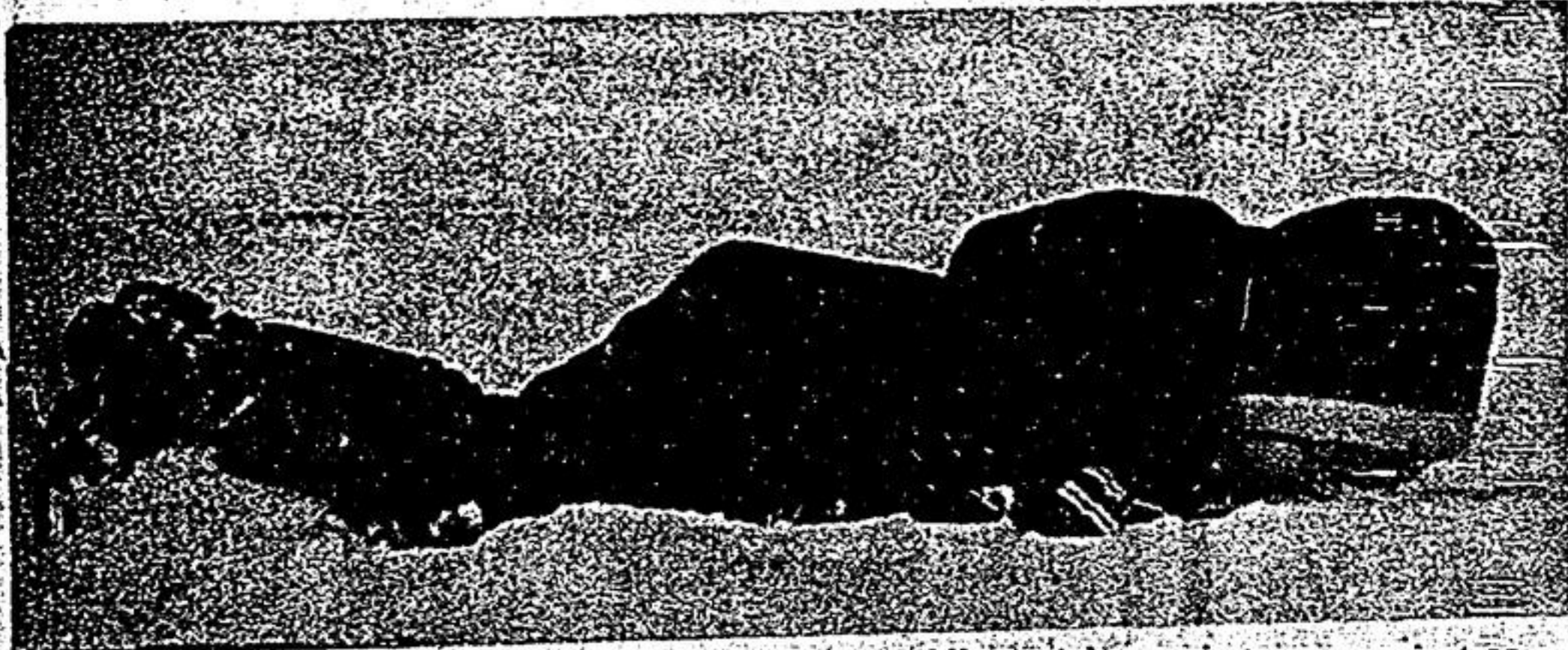


Spills and chills when kids tackle snowy hills



While some kids love the thrill and adventure of skiing or tobogganning some are just as happy to lay on their face in the snow.



When going downhill on a toboggan sitting down gets boring what can you do? The answer to Chris Bell, Billy Blundell and Joe Lentini was pretty obvious. Go down the hill standing up.



Dennis Landry, 9, expertly negotiates a ski jump with his "hotdog" skis. Dennis was unconcerned about the awesome height of the jump.

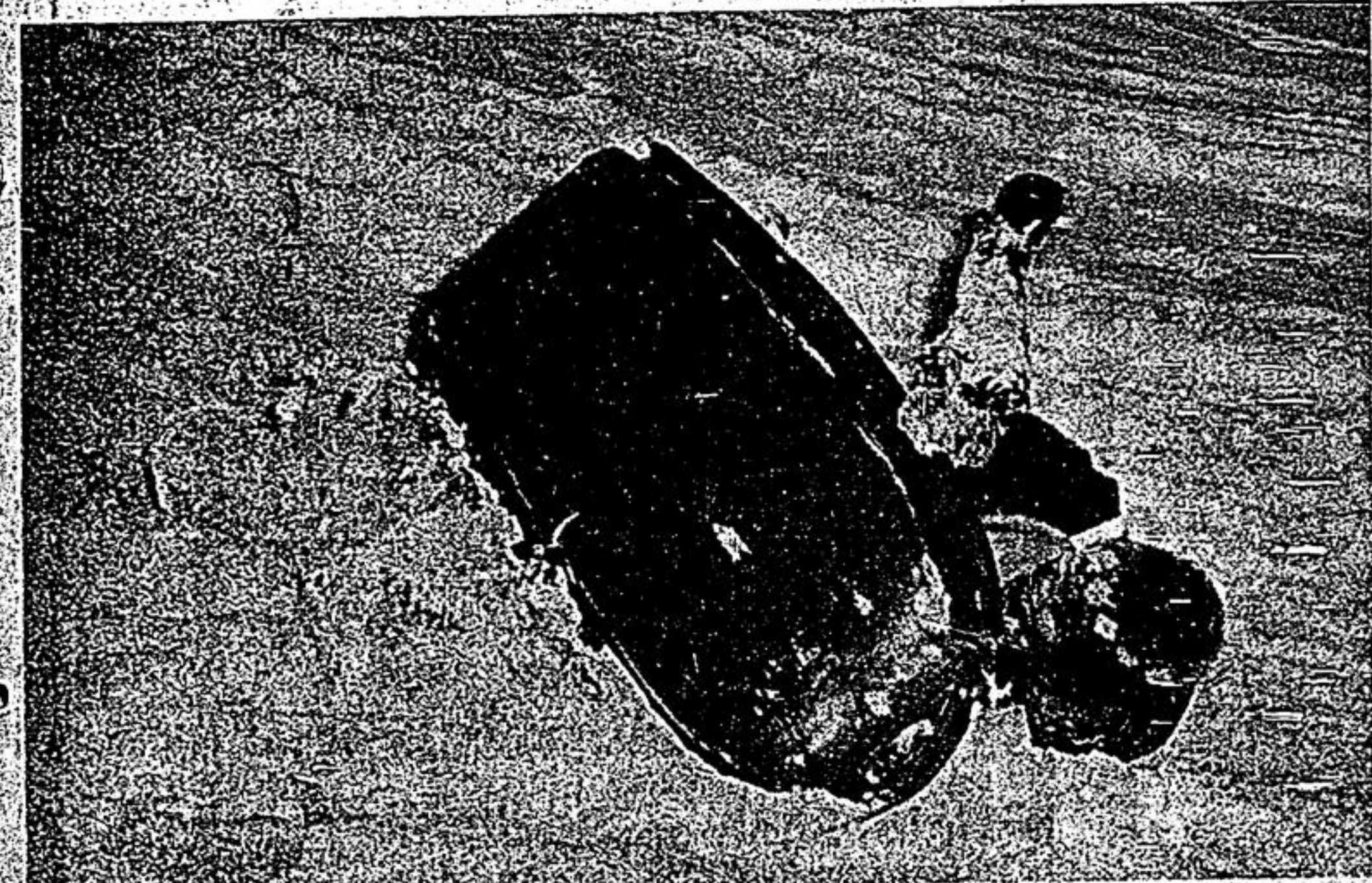


Whoa!! Well that's one way to stop a toboggan.



There's nothing quite like a cold shower of snow to wake you up.

—John Montgomery



Five year old Raymond Mosey takes a Hollywood stunt man style flip on his toboggan.



Gabriele Petramala takes an exciting spill on the hill beside Parkview Home. A favorite spot for local youngsters interested in outdoors activity.

Local star enjoys the pros

STOUFFVILLE — Except for a broken thumb and not getting to play as much as he'd like, Bill Hassard of 1901 Lloyd Avenue has been having a great time playing professional hockey this year.

We asked Bill what it was like playing pro hockey. "It's a lot different from junior because they're all very good players — they're all big and they're all strong," he said. "You have to be on your toes all the time — it's much quicker."

The club Bill plays for is a farm team for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Bill said, "I'd like to make it to the big league if I can, but lately I've only been playing one or two shifts a game. He'd like to play more."

Being a pro "is a good life really, I guess," Bill said.

Bill's biggest adjustment, when he started in October, he said, was playing against men much older than himself. Bill's only other experience in that regard had been in playing with his father (Bob Hassard), who prefers not to have as much body contact now. "I didn't know how they'd act when they got hit," Bill said.

Down in the part of the U.S. where he's playing, Bill is finding that "people don't know anything about hockey; they're all football crazy."

"You get on a plane and they look at you and know you're a team of some kind," Bill said. "When you tell them it's hockey they say, 'Hockey — that's a sport played on ice — with skates' or something, isn't it?"

The team Bill plays with, Oklahoma City, now ranks first in their division, with 39 games remaining in the season.

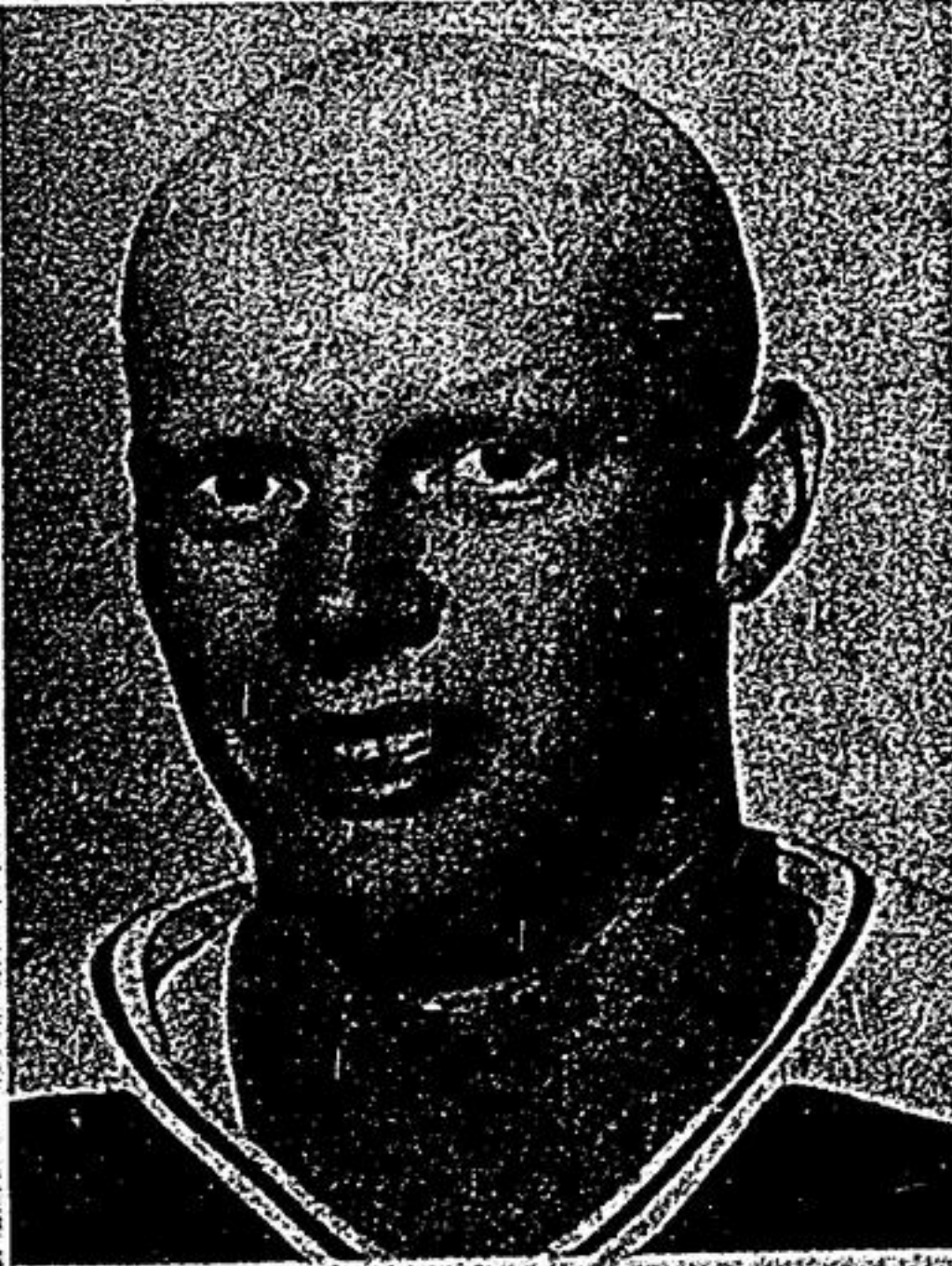
Bill finds the city "really nice," although "I don't like it as much as here," he said. "It's kind of warm all the time."

They play in a beautiful arena seating 14,500, but they don't get a whole lot of spectators, Bill said.

Mixed champs

STOUFFVILLE — In the Wednesday Night Mixed Bowling League a team comprised of three couples recently emerged as champions in the first series.

They were: Bob and Ena Campbell, Rex and Marie Tolton and Joe and Joan Jones.



BILL HASSARD

Top juv hurt in recent play

STOUFFVILLE — A Saturday night, Stouffville put out a lackluster performance in Pickering and still came away with a 3-0 win.

After 20 games, Stouffville remains undefeated, having had one tie against Wexford to spoil the perfect record. Stouffville has scored 165 goals during the 20 games and have allowed 28 for a 1.4 goals-a-game average.

Stouffville hosts a much-improved Uxbridge club on Friday night at 8 p.m.

Craig Walte returned to action with two goals. Mike Wightman also counted a pair, with the single to Doug Taylor. On

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Over 200 skate in "Skate-a-thon"

STOUFFVILLE — On December 30, around 200 skaters participated in the 24-hour "Skate-a-thon" which was held at the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's rink.

More than 200 entrants began the marathon session, and 24 hours later, 48 skaters were still on their feet.

The top money earner proved to be Earl Crowder of Baker Avenue, also the oldest participant. (Mr. Crowder's comments about the experience are featured in a story on page one.)

Total proceeds for the event were estimated at \$3,145.39.

Besides Mr. Crowder, who brought in \$114.90, others to raise large amounts included Nancy Wilson (\$95.28) and Tim McNeil (\$94.50).

Mrs. Alice Hamm skated for 12 hours and earned \$50.40.

The 48 skaters to go the distance and receive trophies for their efforts included: Greg Roy, Randy Smith, Kelly Glenn, Mike Holder, Susan Thomas, Jim Greenshields, Dave Keyllor, Bill Hamm, Richard Bartley, Elizabeth Harris, Rick Sooley, Mark Herrold, Rick Ryckman, Richard Prentice, Andy Leitch, Joan Turner, Dale Knabb, Ed Sidworth, Brian Lehman, Brent McLeod, Debbie McConnell, Scott McLeod, Sandy McLeod, Gord Barker, Heather Maynard, Kelly Morris,

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