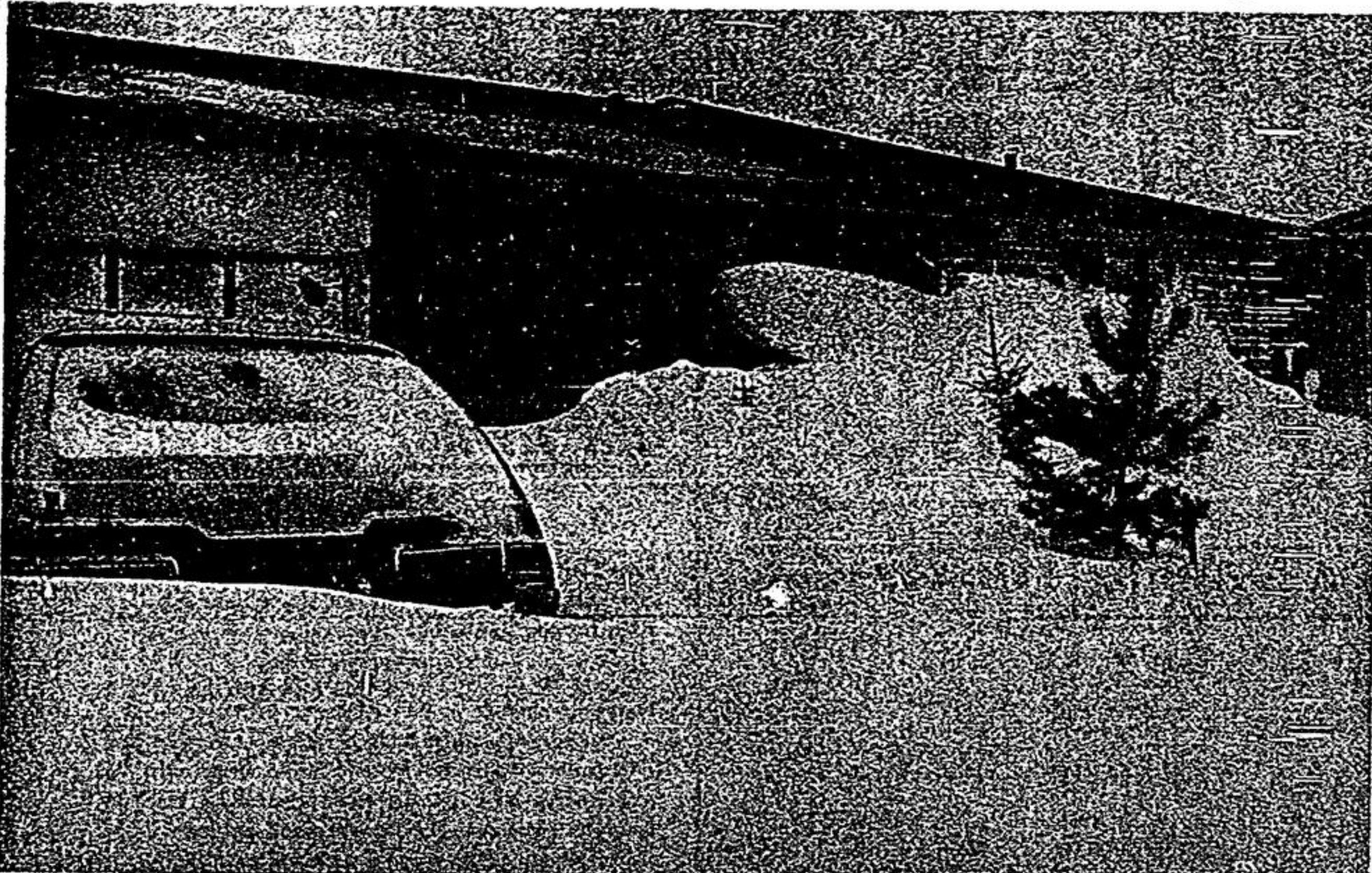


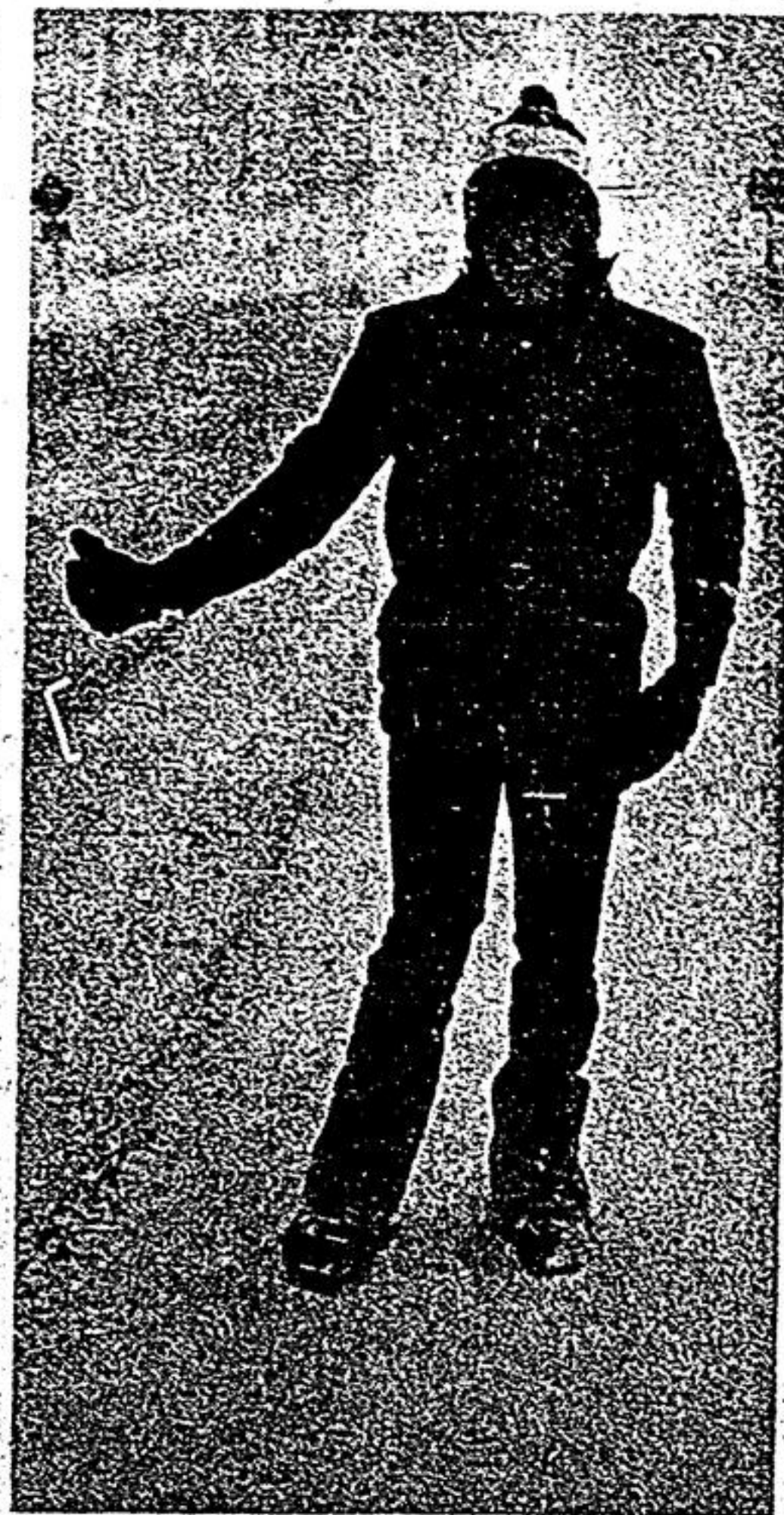
Havoc caused by spring snowstorm



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pimar and family of Manitoba St. woke up Friday morning to find the snow drifted up above their front door. Friends phoned them to ask if they were still alive. —Ted Wilcox



Doug Strudwick of Stouffer St. works to dig his car out of the snow. A letter carrier in Markham, Mr. Strudwick gets the mail through Thursday morning during the height of the storm. —Ted Wilcox



Ian Clark of Dickson's Hill braved the elements Thursday and was trying to hitch a ride into Stouffville. —Don Bernard

'Happenings for Little People'

Gives kids independence



Stacey Kettle illustrates the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" story on the flannel board while Steward Todd looks on. No parents are allowed at the story hours which gives the little ones a chance to gradually get accustomed to functioning without their parents before they start school and make the big break. —John Montgomery

Registration for the third session of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Library's highly successful "Happenings for Little People" program will be held April 15 to 19.

A total of 75 children from three to five years of age are accepted for each session. The program of stories, crafts, movies, puppets, games and singalongs is, according to Librarian Lynn Robbins, designed to "give kids some independence and a little bit of a learning experience."

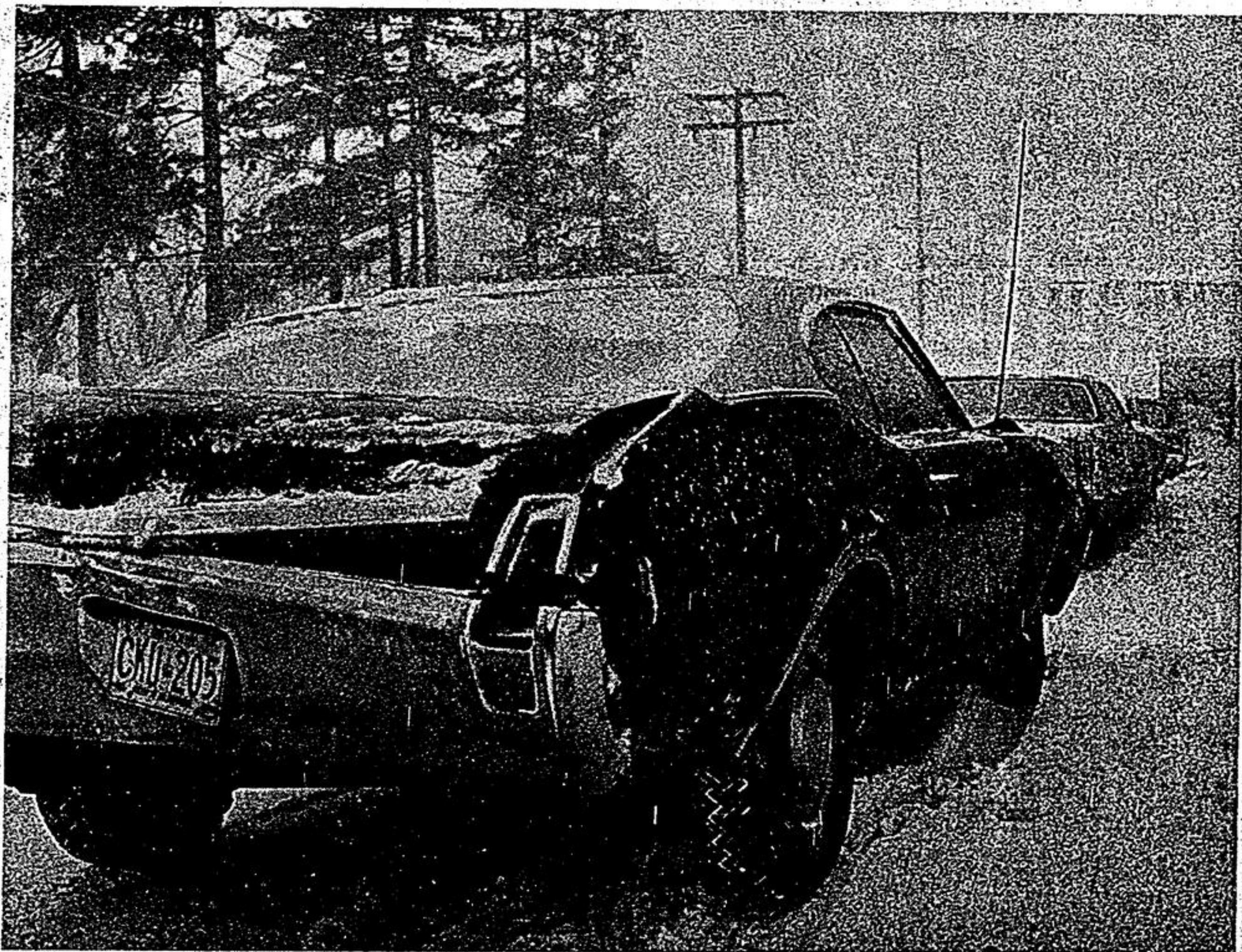
Mrs. Robbins feels that if children "find an enjoyment of the library at this age they always will" enjoy it.



All the commotion and excitement seems to have worn out Brenda Hachey who is shown here taking a moment out for a long, restful yawn. According to Mrs. Robbins quite a few youngsters are in tears the first day of the program but they quickly get over it.



Program Librarian Barbara Smith reads to the attentive youngsters. Mrs. Smith usually conducts the sessions which are held three mornings a week. The program also gets the children used to taking books out of the library. At the end of each period they are given time to choose books on their own. "You'd never guess what they'll take," commented Mrs. Robbins. She says many youngsters choose books strictly because they like the size or color. Some will take big books every time and others will always choose little ones.



Literally hundreds of accidents were reported during the storm including this collision near the Ringwood corners. Seven cars were stopped in this row. Numbers of abandoned cars also dotted roads and highways. —Ted Wilcox



High winds and blinding snow also created problems with icing car engines. Dan Gibson (head under hood) tries to start this car on Mallard St. Glenn Gibson is behind the wheel lending a hand. The owner of the car, Bruce Wilson, showed up a short time later to lend a hand. —Don Bernard