

### Two local ladies push women's rights

MARKHAM — Two Markham women are members of the Liberal party's standing committee on women, who are working to have the distaff side recognized by the candidates for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Irma Melville, Palatin Cr. and Gail Newall, Southdale Dr., are both delegates to the convention to be held this coming weekend in Toronto.

"Issues affecting Ontario women should be a priority in the campaign if every Liberal Leadership candidate," a press release from the committee stated.

The committee met Nov. 30 with the leadership candidates to outline concerns in the areas of family law, child care, education, equal pay.

"International Women's Year has made many people sensitive to women's issues and women delegates especially will be listening closely to what the candidates have to say about these issues," the press release said.

### Animal pick ups down in town

STOUFFVILLE — The number of animals picked up in the municipality by Kennel Inn, the new canine control agents, in the past three months dropped to 98 from 126 in the first quarter.

Although there were 28 less animals taken in, the number euthanized increased by three, to 48. This in spite of the fact that, according to the quarterly report, "all animals were kept well beyond the normal five day period to allow for maximum adoption."

Among those animals impounded were 75 dogs, 29 of which were destroyed, a monkey, two chickens, and two rabid skunks.

The number of emergency calls increased in the second quarter from seven to 13 but the number of regular calls dropped from 146 in the first quarter to 96.

Among those animals euthanized were the two rabid skunks, two chickens, two birds and 13 cats.



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### Local lawyer says he has no vendetta

MARKHAM — Lawyer Paul Mingay, a co-owner in the Markham Fitness and Racquet Club, says he has no desire to become involved in a vendetta with Town Council.

He explains too, that he has no objection to the construction of an indoor pool; rather, quite the opposite. He feels the Markham - Unionville area requires such a facility. But at that point, the project should end, he observes—nothing more, at least not now.

The local solicitor admitted he had written a letter to the Ontario Municipal Board, asking that he be informed personally if and when a Public Hearing is held on the matter. While not a formal protest, Mr. Mingay says he's not sure what the O.M.B. may conclude from it.

Mr. Mingay claims that anyone really interested in fitness courses, can enrol in classes offered by the Parks and Recreation Department at the High School. "They have a tremendous program going there," he said. "Of course," he added, "if people want something push like saunas and whirlpools, that's something else—but they, as individuals, should pay for it, and not place the burden on the taxpayers."

### Two youths convicted in theft

STOUFFVILLE — Two Metro area youths were remanded for sentence by Judge Ian Munro last week after pleading guilty to a charge of break, enter and theft and possession of stolen goods.

Patrick J. Lindsay charged with the Dec. 24th break-in at the Grant Ford Mercury Sales in Stouffville, and Roderick Gordon Leslie Jones charged with possession of a stolen Lincoln and other items from the Stouffville auto dealership, were remanded for a pre-sentence report.

With respect to the proposed pool, Paul points out that it was he who was instrumental in organizing a local committee to get it rolling. One of the meetings was held in his office, he said.

"They made a decision, so why don't they get on with it?" he asked. He suggests that if the Town continues to procrastinate on the issue, "they'll miss the boat." "Then, they'll likely blame me," he noted.

### Uxbridge road subsidy trimmed by province

UXBRIDGE — Road subsidies from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications will be \$298,000 in 1976, or two per cent less than last year.

The allocations across the province are all reduced at the same rate from last year. Snowmobile letter Uxbridge council referred to a letter from sideline 5 resident John Richmond to Durham Regional Police last week. Mr. Richmond wrote complaining of snowmobiles flying over a steep embankment nearby and landing on the road.

department. Cost for renting the lot is now \$1,000 a year.

Dog by-law Third and final reading to a dog control by-law was approved by council, but not without some criticism by Councillor Mac Meyer. While the regulation stipulates that any person may take dogs to impounding stations, Mr. Meyer said the law has been abused by persons picking up hunting dogs for free. He said he could "personally guarantee" that three dogs have been lost in the area recently in that way.

Aggregate study Uxbridge's successful court fight to control gravel pits is one of the items on the agenda of a provincial committee reviewing the aggregate industry, according to Councillor Bill Ballinger.

### Reject budget approval

MARKHAM — The Town of Markham has refused to endorse a resolution that would give them authority over Board of Education spending.

The resolution, received from the Municipality of Port Hope, called for a change in legislation that would allow council to reject a requisition, for education costs, that exceed a ten percent increase over the previous year's budget.

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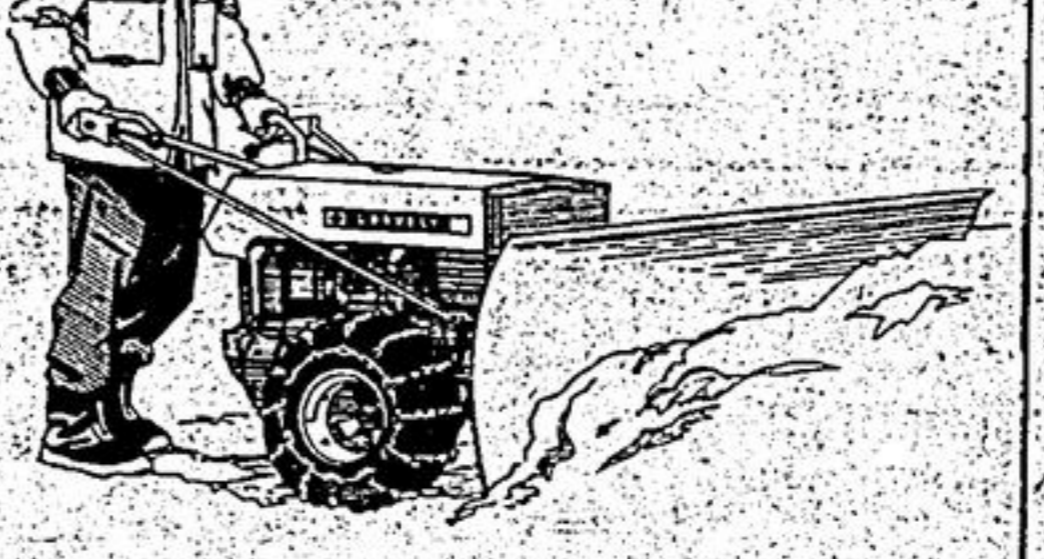
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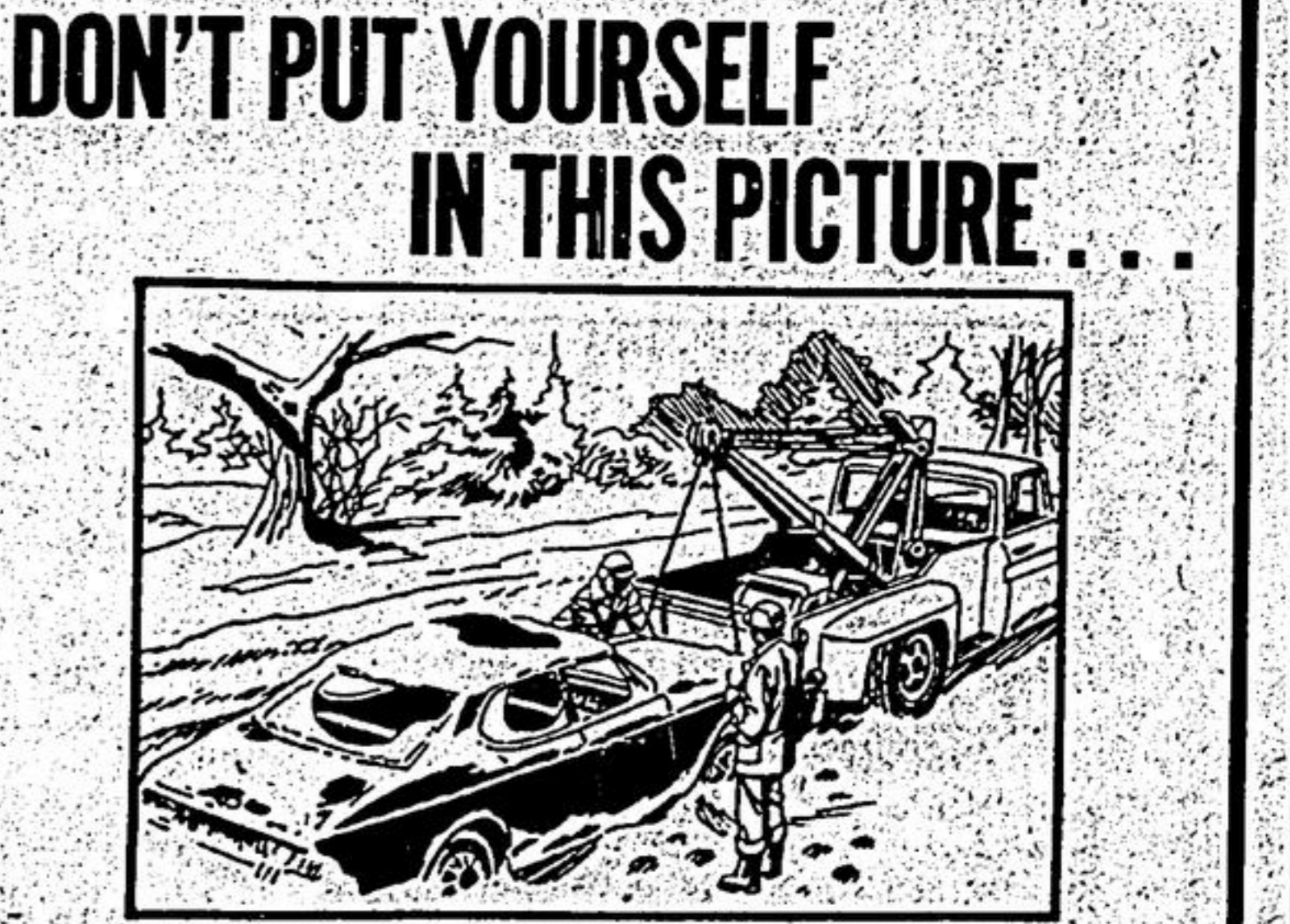
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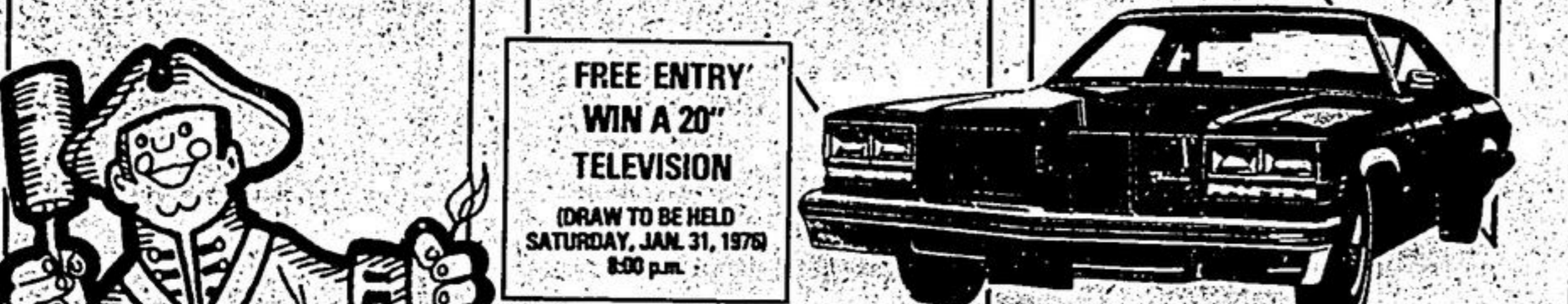
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