

## Housing near airports

# Anti-noise guidelines

STOUFFVILLE — New government housing guidelines will make living near an airport more bearable in the future.

Town council received notice from the Ministry of Housing that in order to protect residential development in this area from future aircraft noise, noise attenuation features must

be included in the construction of new dwellings in the 30-35 NEF contour level.

The Ministry of Housing has also announced an amendment to the ministers zoning order on the North Pickering Project. "On the request of the Town of Pickering, the zoning order will be lifted on five hamlets, those

being Claremont, Green River, Cherrywood, Cherrywood East, and the Martin subdivision."

The zoning order will not be lifted until public input has been heard, with March 31 being the deadline for making submissions.

New developments are presently possible in the 0-30 NEF contour level, and with the research done by C.M.H.C., in an attempt to standardize housing construction around airports, it is now felt that development can be allowed in the 30-35 NEF zone with noise abatement features.

The five hamlets mentioned above, fall into the 28-30 NEF zone and development will now be allowed in these areas also, with noise abatement features.

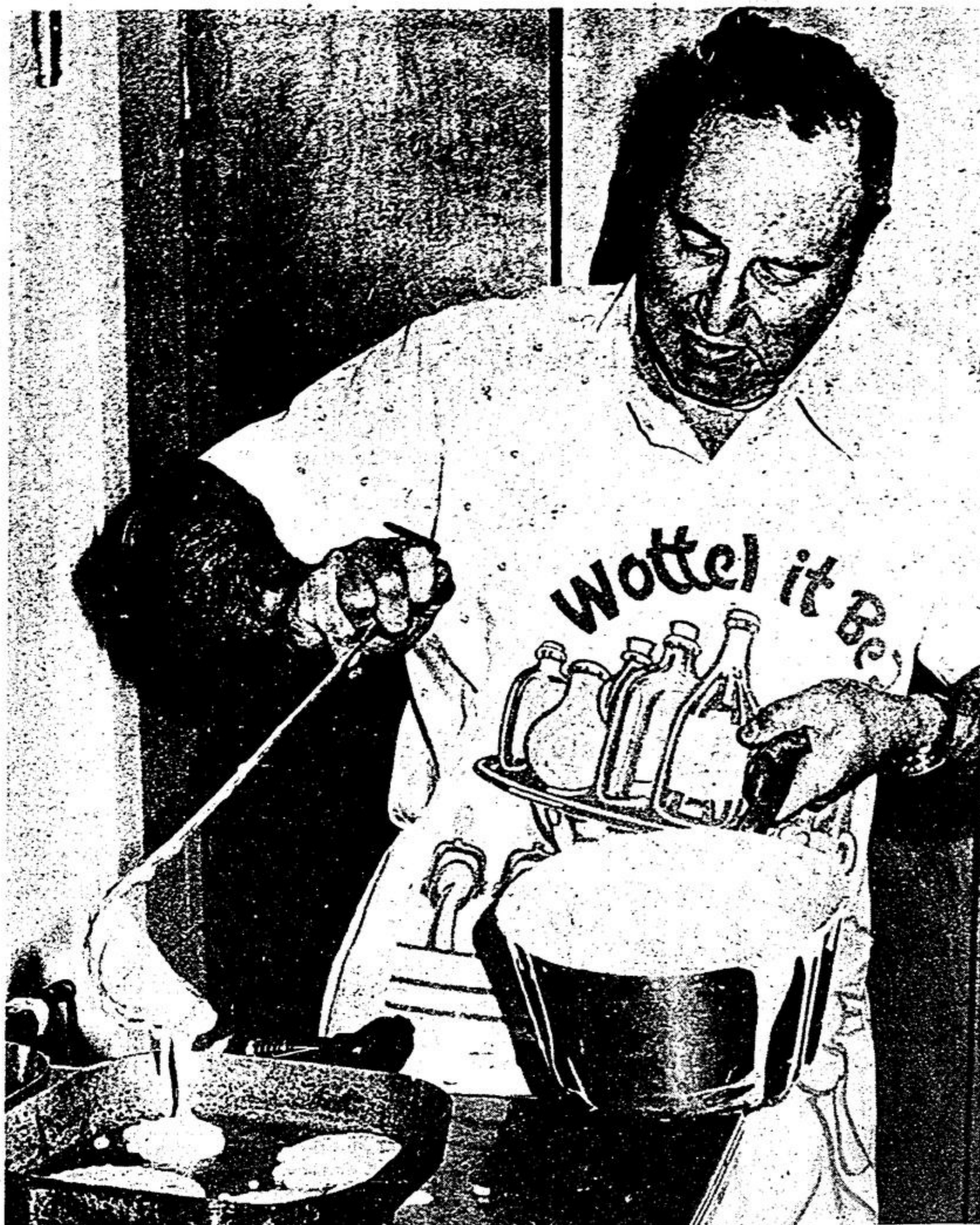
Developers who formerly dealt with the Ministry of Housing will now deal directly with the local municipal government.

The letter noted that the City of Mississauga has guidelines that contain the

provisions that the issuance of any building permits within the noise sensitivity zone must be approved by the city building department and the Ministry of the Environment, and that the developer notify all prospective tenants or purchasers of the land that the lands lie within these noise sensitivity zones. It is suggested that local councils should have similar guidelines.

Council was of two minds regarding the letter, with councillor June Button pointing out that the Governments assumption that the airport would go ahead would bring increased building costs to developers and councillor Bill McNally noting that these costs might drive potential home builders away from the area.

Councillor Jim Doble felt that letter was a clear indication that the Government intended to go ahead with the airport proposal while the mayor felt that the airport would not be going ahead.



Bill Maier, treasurer of the Stouffville Christ Church, concentrates as he deftly pours in some pancake batter onto the frying pan. Bill was helping out at the church's pancake supper last

week, which saw 122 adults and 52 children attend. It was the church's most successful supper, as they received twice as many people as they did last year.

Keith Bolender.

## Armed men rob Claremont bank

CLAREMONT — Three men, one carrying a gun and the others holding knives, robbed the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Claremont last Monday afternoon.

The bank's manager, Gloria Dumond, told The Tribune in a telephone interview that three men came into the bank around 2 p.m. Monday, and waited until the bank's customers had left.

"One of the three then walked up to our teller, Mrs. Spang, and pulled out a gun," Mrs. Dumond commented. She then stated that the other two had knives.

Close to \$6,000 was rumoured to have been taken, but Mrs. Dumond would neither confirm nor deny the figure.

Mrs. Dumond, who has been manager of the bank since September, commented the building does have a silent alarm system which was triggered during the robbery. Police arrived just minutes after the three fled, she said.

## Waste Management's \$35,000 gift

# Inquiry into donation ends

The royal commission looking into a \$35,000 donation by Waste Management Inc. reported to the Ontario Progressive Conservative party concluded last week.

The hearings hinted at corruption in high places, and doctored documents.

The commission centred on the donation, made on July 24, 1974. At the time, Disposal Services, a subsidiary of Waste Management, was seeking permits for two landfill permits at Maple; and York Sanitation, another subsidiary, needed a permit to expand an existing landfill site at Highway 48 in Whitchurch - Stouffville.

A week later, approval for the smaller of the two Maple sites came through, to the Town of Vaughan's indignation that certain conditions weren't met.

In March, 1974, Disposal made an agreement with the government to stop dumping at the smaller Maple site until an environmental hearing was concluded.

Needing another site, Disposal turned to York Sanitation and the Whitchurch - Stouffville dump.

At the royal commission Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliff testified on behalf of the town, which opposed the dump site.

John Swaigen, a lawyer from the Canadian Environmental Law Association, who represented the local group POWR — Preserve Our Water

Resources, filed with the inquiry a copy of the brief. POWR had planned to submit to the Ontario Ombudsman.

As well he submitted depositions from local residents — former Ward 3 Councillor Merlyn Baker and Keith Hutchinson, who lives directly south of the dump. Both gave evidence about the pollution they experienced from the site. They also talked about the lack of law enforcement.

It was brought out at the commission that traffic and tonnage to the York site doubled, and the ministry of environment, reasoning the garbage had to go somewhere began taking doubled the allowable tonnage.

However, York apparently began taking garbage at double the allowed rate, at which time the townspeople started to complain.

The ministry knew York was taking too much, but felt it couldn't prosecute because there were no scales at the site.

When scales were installed York submitted reports in line with the legal limit. The ministry, however, checked the reports in the spring of 1976 and discovered that York had been classifying substantial amounts of oily fabric (shredded car parts) as clean fill when it should have been included in the garbage figures.

Twelve charges of over-

dumping were laid that September, and last spring York was fined a total of \$14,000, the largest such penalty yet imposed in Canada.

The question was raised whether the ministry acted improperly in the delay of checking the reports, or if there was any undue influence brought to bear on the politicians or officials.

Mr. Swaigen commented that "There didn't seem to be

any direct evidence of corruption," but he did add that it is a very difficult thing to prove.

He figured it would be at least another month before any decision from the commission would come down.

York Sanitation's application to expand the Highway 48 site was approved by the Environmental Assessment Board and by the Ministry of the Environment.

## Population increase

STOUFFVILLE — The Mayor's Report on Population Allocation has been released by the Region.

The report, covering the next 23 years up to the year 2001,

## Sue town over land

The Town of Whitchurch - Stouffville is being sued by developers who own an 86 acre parcel of land in Cedar Valley.

The suit is the result of an abortive attempt on the part of the developers to rezone the parcel from rural to industrial.

Mayor Gordon Ratcliff is also named as a defendant in a second suit concerning the same matter.

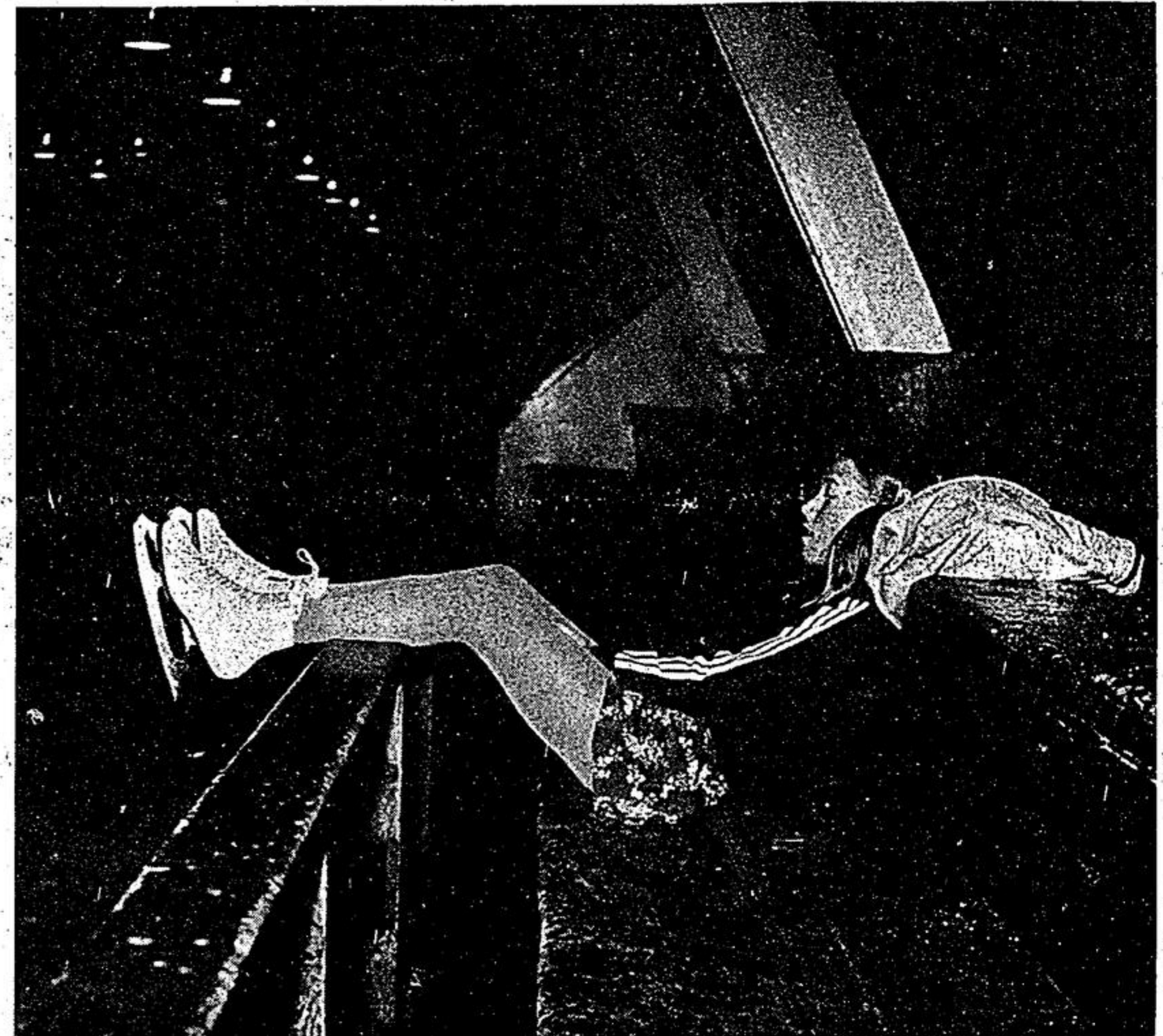
calls for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to grow to a maximum population of 20,000 people.

The former village of Stouffville is slated to have a population of 9,000 persons, a figure that the Town's official plan predicts may be reached within the next five years. The rural areas, including the hamlets, will have a top population figure of 11,000 people, the hamlets themselves accounting for 4,000 persons.

The mayor feels that some of the figures may be readjusted in the future, possibly bringing the former village to a population of 13,000.

The entire Region of York is expected to grow to a population of 575,000 persons.

The present population of Whitchurch-Stouffville is 12,500.



## All tuckered out

Getting ready for competition is an exhausting business, Katherine Woodhead finds. Here she is taking a little breather after some hard skating. All that work paid off for her though

— Katherine placed first in the gold interpretive dance at the Upper York Interclub Skating competitions held in Stouffville last Sunday.

Annegret Lamure

# New PUC gets support

STOUFFVILLE — Council's stand calling for the establishment of a Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Utilities Commission has received support from a government committee.

The town further requested that the new commission, which would replace the Stouffville Public Utilities Commission, would continue to serve only the former village and the remainder of Whitchurch-Stouffville would continue to be served by Ontario Hydro. The situation would be reviewed every three years.

The government Committee on Restructuring of Public Utilities has completed a report which agrees with the stand taken by the town.

Council felt the local commission could not afford to purchase the assets of Ontario Hydro at an estimated cost of between two and two-and-a-half-million dollars.

The local utility, which now serves 2,000 customers, would have to take on another 3,000 if it took over the rural areas now served by Ontario Hydro.

The steering committee report has not yet been officially released to the public. The report is to be sent to Ontario Hydro and from there to the Ontario Cabinet where a final decision will be made.

The committee further recommends that effective Jan. 1, 1979, a new three member commission be appointed by town council and that the mayor

or his delegate would automatically serve by virtue of his office.

Membership on the commission has been frozen since 1971 when the town came under regional government.

"It seems reasonable," the report states, "to wait for a few years before creating a lower tier utility. Future growth may well make it a more viable proposition."

If the commission were expanded to include the rural areas of Whitchurch-Stouffville there would be a considerable increase in the rates paid by residents of the former village, 2.946 cents per Kwh as compared to the present rate of 2.588 cents per kwh now paid.

Added to this would be the cost estimated of a quarter of a million dollars to construct a new hydro commission office and garages.

Commission member Ken Laushway predicted the interest alone would add \$40 to the hydro bill of each customer if the rural lines were purchased at Hydro's asking price.

The eventual takeover of all of Whitchurch-Stouffville services by the local commission appears inevitable as Ontario Hydro are determined to get out of retail-service but the three year review period suggested would give the town time to conduct negotiations and perhaps come up with a more favourable price.

## Bus driver charged

A Stouffville man has been charged with contributing to juvenile delinquency after students from Thornlea Secondary School and Don Head Secondary School were bussed February 10, but several were not dropped off at their destination.

Police said the accused man picked up a number of students at Thornlea S.S., to take them to Don Head at Richmond Hill, but failed to drop off all the students when he reached that school. He then drove the remaining pupils

to Mr. Do-Nut at Richmond Hill Plaza, and later returned them to Don Head but again failed to drop them all off.

He then returned to Thornlea Secondary with ten students, but the students did not attend school.

It is alleged that the accused man was carrying liquor in the bus at the time, and a warrant for his arrest was taken out at 3:15 p.m. Feb. 10.

George Wilfred Rodda, 30, Lot 17-18 Conc. 7., R.R.4, Stouffville, was arrested at Don Head Secondary School.



Hundreds of people came to the Stouffville Lion's Mardi Gras held in the park last Saturday afternoon and evening. Attractions included sleigh and cutter rides in the park. The team up ahead is

pulling Gord Lewis's rig, fully laden with excited youngsters and their parents. For more pictures see page 11.

Annegret Lamure