

Budding gymnasts show off skills



Outstretched arms, fingers, and tongue combine to help Carsten Von Enckevort keep his balance during a delicate maneuver on the balance beam during pre-school gymnastics class held at St. Mark's P.S.

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The cartwheels may have been a little crooked and the somersaults somewhat lopsided, but the enthusiasm was unmistakable when 18 tots showed parents and friends what they had learned in preschool gymnastics class.

The kids were winding up their lessons, which are held at St. Marks and sponsored by the York Region Y, with a little display last week.

"The objective is not to make them into instant gymnasts," smiled Pat Linley, who heads the program. She explained that the 10 week course is designed primarily to encourage development of balance, co-ordination and general fitness in her young charges. "You know how unco-ordinated little kids are," she commented, "this gives them a start and will hopefully get them into gymnastics."

Pat and her two assistants plan to carry on the classes (a new one starts next week) and are encouraged that several of their little pupils are signed up for a repeat session. They hope this is due to enthusiasm for gymnastics but know that there may be other reasons as well. "The class lets them work off energy," said Pat.

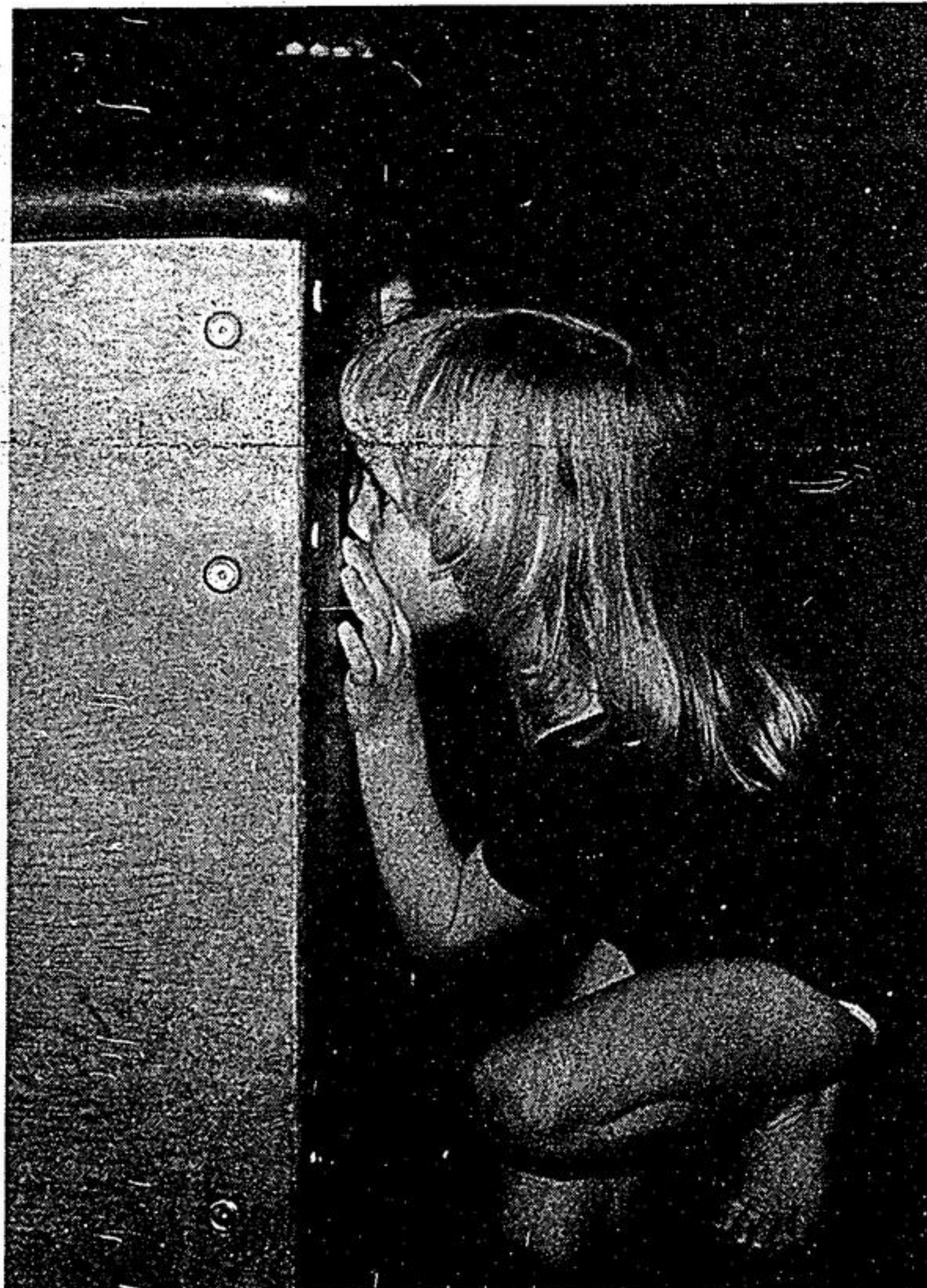


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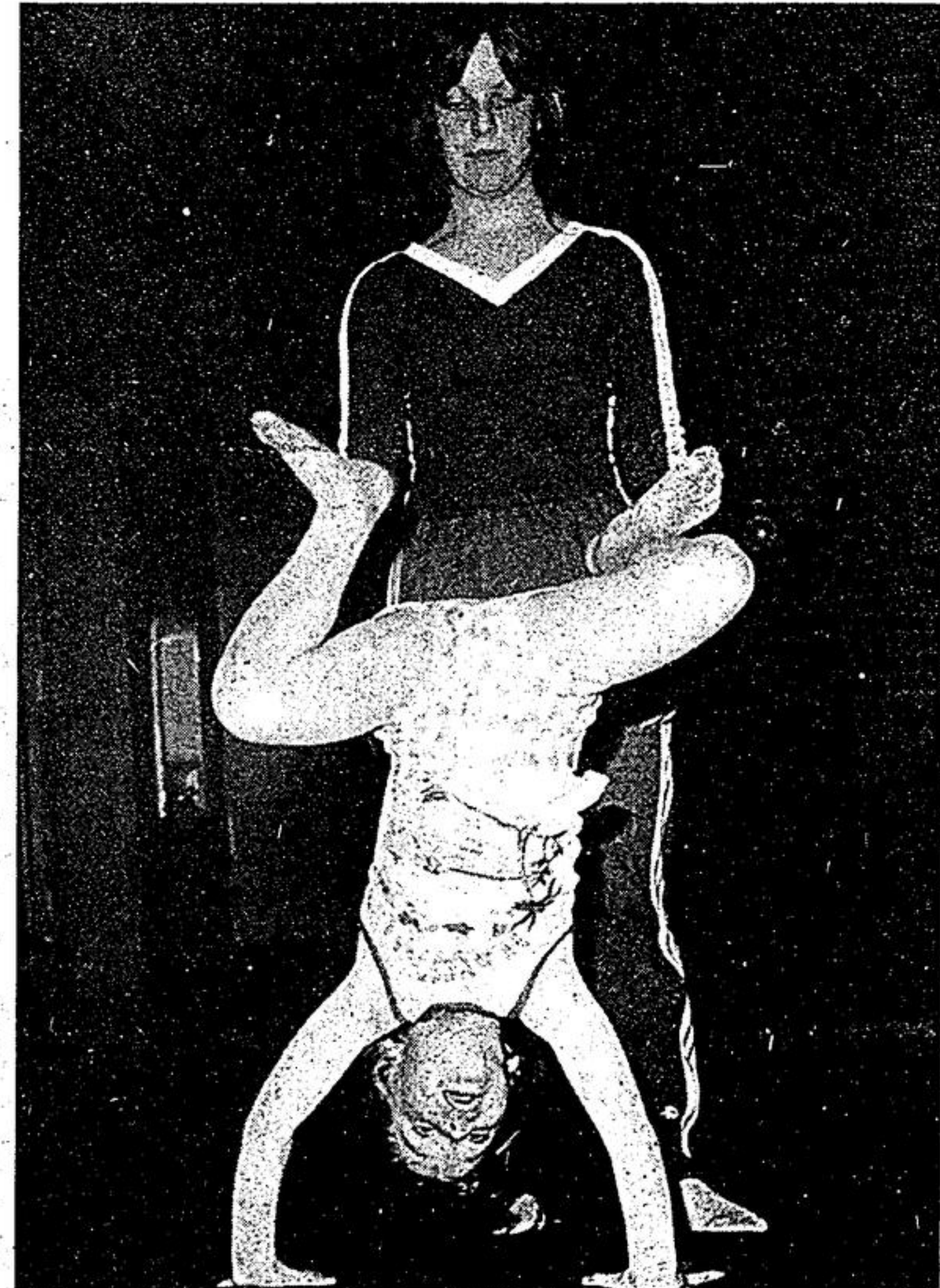
When you're only three feet tall, a two and a half foot high box horse can present problems. Here Dayna Larman, encouraged by head coach Pat Linley, makes a good try at it.



ANYTHING YOU CAN DO... After watching the 'big' kids demonstrate what they learned Devon Glover decides to give this gymnastics thing a try herself. She was quite proud of this version of the headstand even though she couldn't figure out how to get the other foot off the ground.



After vaulting over the box horse for 10 weeks, Wanda Lynne decided it was high time to find out what was inside. However, despite numerous surreptitious peeks she never did solve the mystery to her satisfaction.



Development of balance and co-ordination, rather than perfect form, are the objectives of the program. Here Drea Glover making up with enthusiasm what he lacks in expertise, turns an abbreviated cartwheel.



Peewee championship

Hetherington Electric captured this year's Peewee house league championship. The boys surprised their coaches by presenting them with plaques thanking them for the job they did. Not to be outdone, the coaches turned around and gave each boy a plaque of their own. The team, bottom row left to right: Eddie Roberts, Brent Lehman, Don Caterer, Peter Foulds, John Jameson, Gary McMullen. Top row: coach Ted Coward, Steven Hall, David Elliott, Ken Johansen, David Darling, Craig Brunton, assistant coach Wayne Brunton and Steven Hoover.

Numerous teams dropped

Stouffville will be having softball this year, however, there won't be near as many teams involved as in previous years.

The final registration was a much greater success than the first one, but it was still not enough to field a full complement of teams.

In last Thursday's registration 180 boys and girls came out in Stouffville, with 100 in Pine Orchard and Vandorf combined and 80 in Ballantrae.

Many from Stouffville signed up for T-ball, and the town is expected to field four teams. They also will probably suit up a squirt boys and squirt girls team, one peewee girls and two peewee boys.

However, there will be no bantam house league teams as only two girls and four boys showed up for that division in Stouffville.

Stouffville usually has 13 teams in house league, but this year they will come no where near that total.

Things weren't much better in Ballantrae, although the officials have yet to figure out what teams will or won't be playing.

In Vandorf their registration will allow them to have only three teams, instead of the usual six. The same situation is in Pine Orchard. Vandorf did get a number of Bantam girls, but with no other area fielding a team, the Vandorf girls may be required to go into all star ball. The all star teams will be decided later in the season.

Molly McManingwell, organizer of the house league, was naturally disappointed at the turnout.

"It was much better than the first, so I guess a number of the kids realized we weren't fooling when we said that last Thursday was the final registration, but it still wasn't good enough."

She commented that the softball organizers fully intend to stick to their commitment of not letting in anyone else after the final registration. She realized that softball won't be as large this year, and that maybe when the kids find themselves bored this summer they'll make sure to register on time next season.

Unionville ice carnival

Features world champions

UNIONVILLE — The Canadian Figure Skating Club is a hive of frantic activity right now. More than 400 volunteers and skaters are getting ready to present Ice Fantasia '78, a skating show which will feature not only club members of all ages, but also World Pair Champions Barbara Underhill and Paul Martini and the Canadian Junior Dance Champions, Joanne French and John Thomas.

The carnival, which will be held at Crosby Memorial Arena, is a family show that will appeal to all ages.

The first half will feature the Muppets with Kermit the Frog, Sweetums, Fozzie Bear, Miss Piggy and Gonzo. There will also be "in the good old days" skating party called Les Patineurs.

Every year one country or ethnic group is featured. This year Ice Fantasia salutes Scotland and presents highland dancers and Scottish country dancers.

Highlight of the skating extravaganza will be a musical skating version of Annie, with Daddy Warbucks and Miss Hannigan.

The show will close with the startling, pulsating rhythmic of Star Wars.

Tickets, priced at \$2.50 and \$3.50 may be purchased at the arena or phone: 297-1854, 887-5571, or 293-9592

Showtime is Friday, April 14 - 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15 - 4:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m., Sunday, April 16 - 2:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Minor hockey annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association takes place on Thursday, April 20 at Latham Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

Any amendment proposals to the constitution should be submitted to Bob Dart or any hockey executive at least five days before the meeting.

Election of officers will also be on the agenda and all interested parties are urged to attend.