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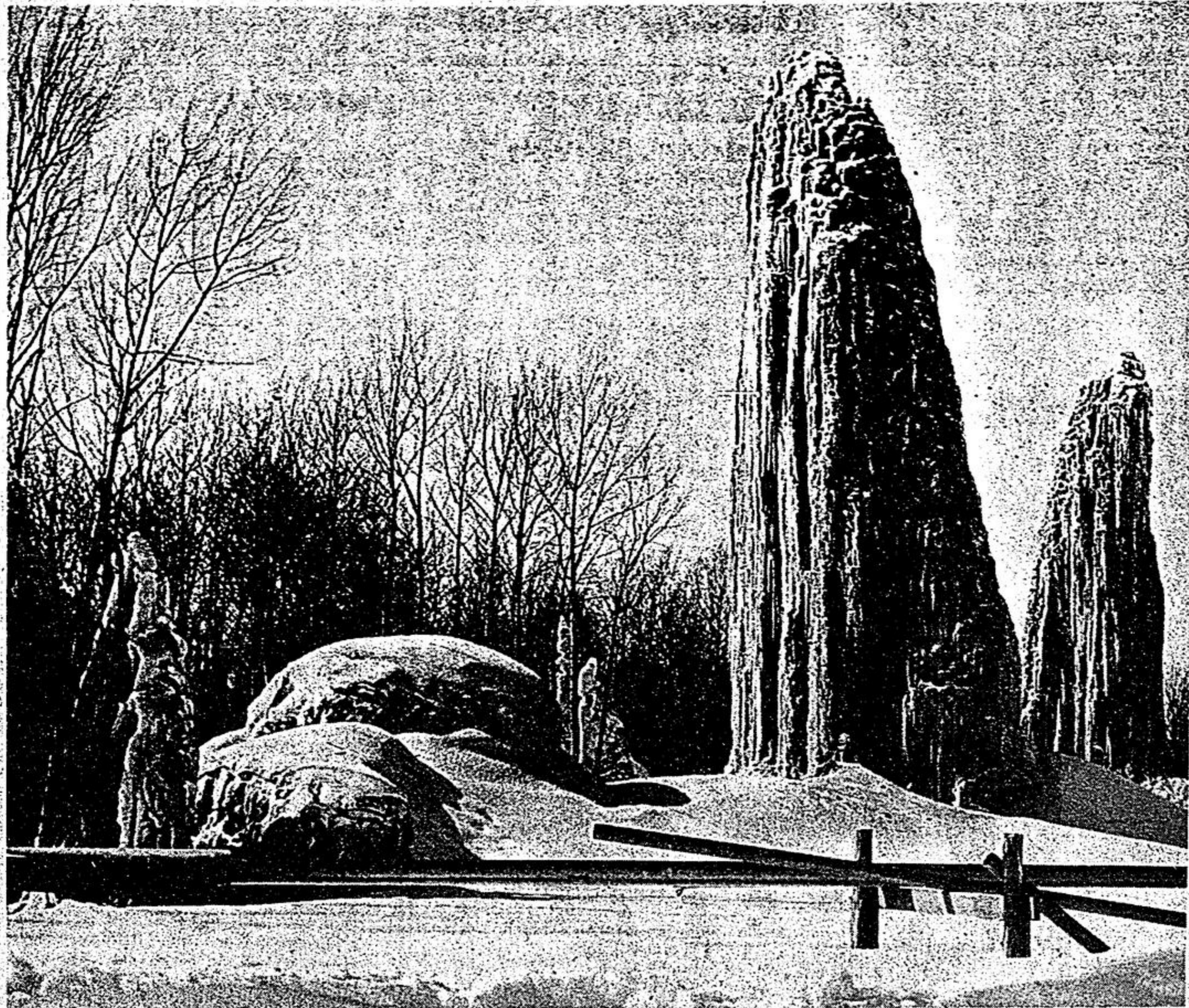
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Beauty or beast wonders Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor

Beautiful to look at but! Glacier-like pinnacles extending fifty feet in the air on property north of the Aurora Road near Conc. 5, Whitchurch-Stouffville, are actually frozen effluent from King Cole Duck Farm, R. R. 3, Newmarket, Ward 1

Councillor Charles Warden is fearful that with the arrival of milder weather, the ice cones will melt and pollute the nearby Holland River. — Jim Holt.

Now it's arsenic!

STOUFFVILLE — Now it's arsenic — in a well three-quarters of a mile from the water supply for the Village of Stouffville.

This is the claim of the Concerned Citizens Committee following tests conducted by Dr. W. Joseph McDougall, President of Advanced Environmental Systems Inc., New York.

Dr. McDougall made his findings known at a press conference, Friday, held at the home of former Town councillor Becky Wedley, Ballantrae.

Samples taken from three wells showed an arsenic level 39 times the permissible amount allowed by the Environment Ministry, Dr. McDougall said.

"I can't imagine anyone not being alarmed," he stated, when asked if there was cause for concern, "the Ministry must, in the light of this evidence, address its own standards."

Results have subsequently been turned over to York Region's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Owen Slingerland. Fran Sutton, a member of

the Concerned Citizens Group, said the Ministry had conducted tests the same day as Dr. McDougall's firm had conducted theirs but, up to Friday, had refused to reveal the result. "I called them several times," she said, "but they've obviously decided to keep their findings secret."

Dr. Slingerland, contacted by The Tribune, Monday, declined comment on the arsenic report, saying he hadn't yet had an opportunity to study it. He said the information had only been submitted to his

office that morning. Mayor Eldred King did not attend the news conference, Friday. He said he'd been invited but on learning the Medical Officer of Health would not be present, he declined.

Mayor Eldred King

"No mistrust"

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Eldred King has made it clear — there is no feeling of mistrust with regard to water sampling and analysis by the Environment Ministry as far as Council is concerned. The problem, says Mayor King, "the Ministry's tests aren't done often enough and don't go far enough."

In a letter to Environment Minister Keith Norton, dated Jan. 28, 1982, Mr. King states as follows: "The Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville emphatically expresses again, there is absolutely no mistrust regarding the Ministry's present sampling and analysis procedures. The Town has never indicated we disagreed with any test results of your Ministry. Admittedly, there has been a difference in thought as to what we should monitor. As a result of many

meetings, we have respectfully submitted many pitfalls in the present monitoring system. This was, I emphasize, presented with total respect and with no other reason than the deep concern and fear that exists in our Town. We do not mistrust; we are sincerely and respectfully seeking and sharing our constructive concern. We do, however, expect you to take whatever action and exert your authority, to give us the protection we deserve."

New book

MARKHAM — Ron Moran, former Ward 6 Councillor and Regional Councillor, Town of Markham, has written a book entitled: "Municipal Councillor — How To Become One"

Public sale is expected in about nine months with 25,000 copies available coast-to-coast. It will contain 275 pages, 28 of these with illustrations.

The initial script took only six weeks to complete. The rewrite task took 2½ months.

"There's nothing like it on the market," Mr. Moran told The Tribune.

The Dickson's Hill resident spent 6½ years on Markham Council before losing out to Mayor Tony Roman in the election of 1980.

'Scenic' tour

STOUFFVILLE — York Regional Chairman Bob Forhan has invited members of Town Council and senior staff personnel to participate in a bus tour of York "to study areas of development and employment being created."

As to Whitchurch-Stouffville's contribution to this sight-seeing expedition, Councillor Charles Warden has, with tongue in cheek, recommended a visit to the

York Sanitation landfill site. "Maybe we could tour the dump," said Warden, "it's the only way we'll get in".

On another issue, the Town is in receipt of a brochure from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food entitled "How Does a Gas Utility Change Its Rates?"

Councillor Bill Kamps has suggested Whitchurch-Stouffville publish one of its own called "How Must a Town Close a Dump?"

Stouffville High

Absent staff 'false report'

STOUFFVILLE — Complaints concerning staff absenteeism at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, voiced by several parents, have been discounted by Principal Michael Muir.

Contacted by The Tribune, Friday, Principal Muir declared the situation "no better and no worse than ever." Seldom, he said, are there more than two teachers away on any given day. He backed this up by checking the "on duty" roll, Friday, and finding only two of 48 staff members absent.

"I challenge anyone who says absenteeism is excessive. We have nothing to hide."

Muir suggested that parents who harbor such concerns should contact him personally. "If we can improve, I'm all for it," he said.

The principal said that except for emergencies, work is supplied in advance by the teacher who expects to be away. In this way, the supply

person doesn't enter the classroom 'cold'.

Unlike some schools, Stouffville always has a supply teacher on hand, fully qualified to conduct a lesson, Muir said.

He'd like to add more names to the list, however, and would welcome anyone who might assist in this regard. The most difficult positions to fill on short notice are Phys. Ed. and Shop.

Principal Muir said staff co-operation has been excellent, creating a very friendly atmosphere within the school. Seldom, if ever, he said, can students complain of "nothing to do" or use this as an excuse to miss class. "They (the students) don't skip through the cracks around here."

As for his own role, Mr. Muir said he's required to attend several meetings every month. This forces him to be away from the school about one-third of the time. He also coaches a Midget basketball team.

A two-level administrative system (principal and vice-principal), allows one or the other to be out of the building without impeding the school's operation, he said.



MICHAEL MUIR

Reaction positive

Hold secret vote on school plan

STOUFFVILLE — A proposal, put forward by principal Michael Muir, to make Stouffville High a "community school," has met with mostly favorable response, the staff administrator told The Tribune this week.

It's principal Muir's plan have only four periods per day and encourage adults in the community to share whatever courses may prove a benefit. He feels he has time between now and September to implement the program.

"The majority of departments are very enthusiastic and I've heard little adverse comment from the students,"

he said. A staff vote, by secret ballot, was planned for Monday.

Muir doesn't anticipate a great surge of adults if and when the system goes into effect. He looks on it as a long term project with numbers gradually increasing as word gets around.

The principal is a strong advocate of the four-period plan, claiming too much time is lost switching from room to room and subject to subject;

more work would be accomplished during longer periods, easier to accommodate part-time students, improve homework habits with only four subjects per day; students less likely to skip 75-minute classes; a student would miss fewer periods if absent through illness and a common lunch hour would allow in-town students more time to go home and those who remain more time for sports and club activities.

Six students all-star band

STOUFFVILLE — Six students from Stouffville Dist. Secondary School auditioned to participate in York Region's All-Star Band Concert at Mary Lake Shrine near King City, March 7 and all six were selected.

One of these, Eric Evans of Grade 11, topped all fifteen contestants in the clarinet section. Peter Samuelson, music director at S.D.S.S. told The Tribune. He will be joined by another Grade 11 student, Cheryl Simpson of Ballantrae.

Other participants from

Stouffville High are: Holly Armitage, Grade 13, flute; Denny Assinck, Grade 12, trombone; Carrie Armitage, Grade 11, tenor sax and Sean Lynch, Grade 11, French horn. Denny Assinck will also play in the stage band.

There were 160 applicants for 60 available positions, Mr. Samuelson said. Other students are from Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Thornhill, King City, Woodbridge and Newmarket.

Time of the concert is 2:30 p.m., with tickets available from the school or at the door.

Culture - Recreation

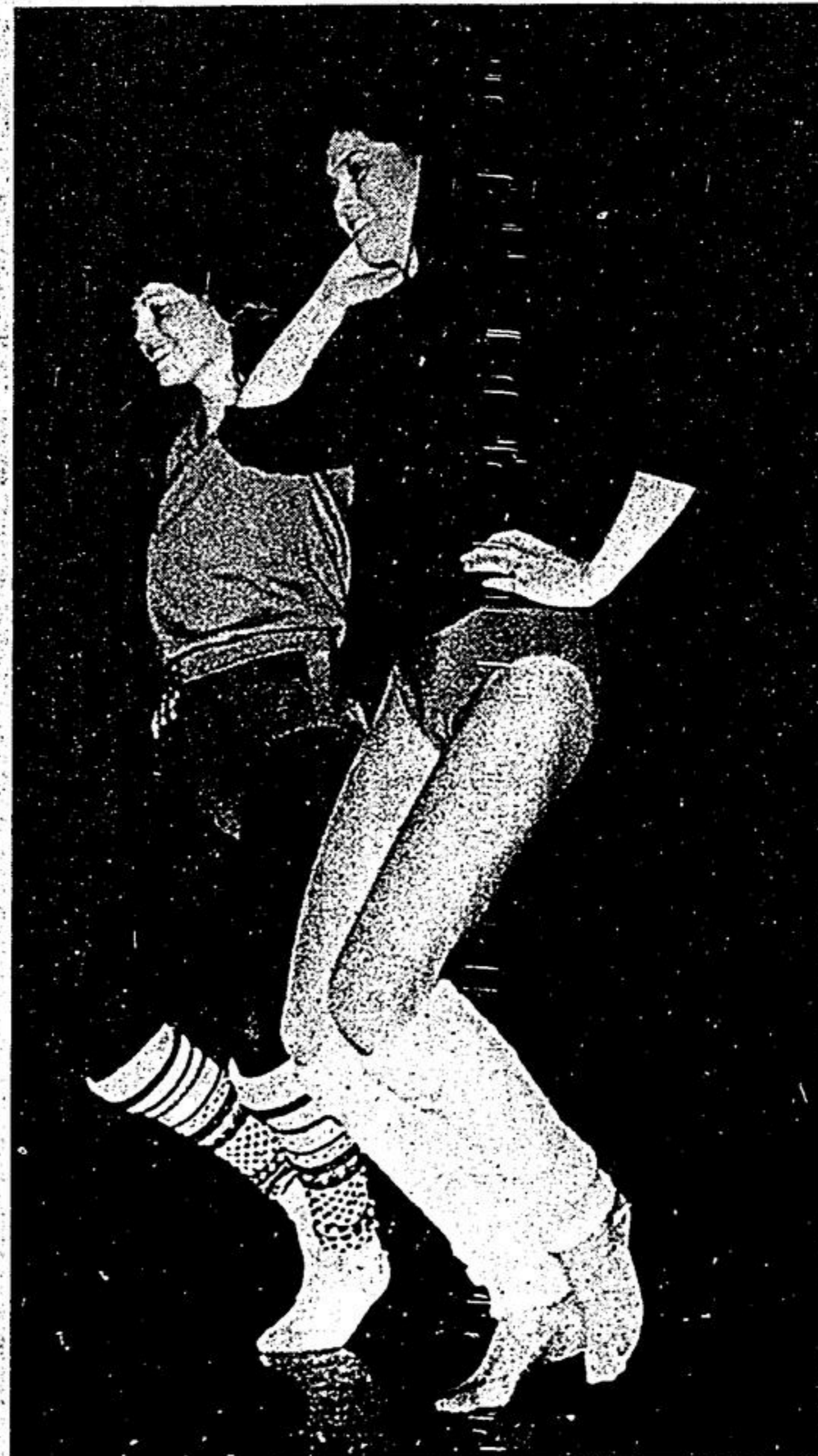
Town approves appointments

STOUFFVILLE — In keeping with recommendations contained in the Culture and Recreation Master Plan, community centre boards have been established in Stouffville, Lemonville, Vandorf and Ballantrae for 1982.

They will work in conjunction with a 12-member recreation committee, one from each community board, six appointed by Council at large and two, members of Council.

Appointed by Council are John Hutchinson, Cliff Dunkeld, Cliff Glover, Daphne Goldman, Ralph Wise and David Summerfeldt.

Community centre board members are: Stouffville — Robert LeMotte, Wm. Murphy, Lloyd Jennings, Marjorie Bowes, James Hobbs, Ronald Graham, Harry Schell, Councillors Bill Kamps and Tom Wood; Lemonville — Henry Nauta, J. Douglas Streit, Robert Lowe, Bruce Burton, Pat Courage, Councillors Jim Rae and Bill Kamps; Vandorf — Donald Joyce, Ronald Preston, Dawn Noble, Reta Alcorn, Peter VanNostrand, Councillors Charles Warden and Jim Sanders; Ballantrae — Lynne Wise, Pierre LeBel, David Maxwell, Kim Rogers, Jane Forfar; Councillors Tom Wood and Wilf Morley.



Students sponsor show

Their nights to shine — the student-sponsored High School Variety Show goes on stage, Thursday and Friday evenings, March 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. Two of the dancers sharing the spotlight are Cheryl Martin (left) of Ballantrae and Christine Hodgins of Stouffville. — Jim Holt.