

Scouts quiz politicians

UXBRIDGE — Does the Township get half of the money our parents pay for a new car? That was one question that caught local municipal officials off guard when the first Uxbridge Boy Scout troop visited the Council Chambers, Thursday evening.

The Scouts sat in on a number of committee meetings involving members of Uxbridge Twp. Council, then took part in a question-and-answer session.

The politicians fielded queries on subjects ranging from services for rural residents to the function of the press at Council meetings.

When questioned about the car tax, Council members quickly set the record straight on just how they spend the tax revenue they do receive.

Only about 27 cents of every tax dollar actually goes into Twp. coffers, Administrator Ron Kester confirmed. Over half of the total goes to the school board to cover educational costs and the remaining 25 per cent helps finance

Durham Region's police force.

Councillor Ian Morrison noted that even youngsters living in rural areas such as Leaskdale and Zephyr should still feel part of the Uxbridge community.

"Always say you're from Uxbridge Township," Councillor Morrison told the lads, "even if you live in one of our hamlets. It's all part of Uxbridge."

The Ward 5 representative, serving as acting Mayor in place of the absent Bill Ballinger, stressed that they should feel free to use all facilities located within the Town, including Uxpool, the arena and public library.

"They're all your facilities to use," Councillor Morrison said.

And the boys learned that the last avenue of appeal for a municipality and its citizenship is the Ontario Municipal Board. It's where cases go when they can't be resolved at the local level, planning and development committee chairman Sandy Ewen explained.

Skaters mix fun and exercise

UXBRIDGE — Ladies are invited to combine fun and fitness in a Skatercize program at Uxbridge Community Centre.

levels of skating ability.

Skatercize is especially good for muscle tone in the legs, hips and waste, she added.

The classes run every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 to 10 a.m.

Although Skatercize members form a precision team that skates at the masters level, new members needn't be put off by the competitive aspects.

"It's mainly for fun and good exercise," organizer Cheryl Leask explained. Session are geared to all

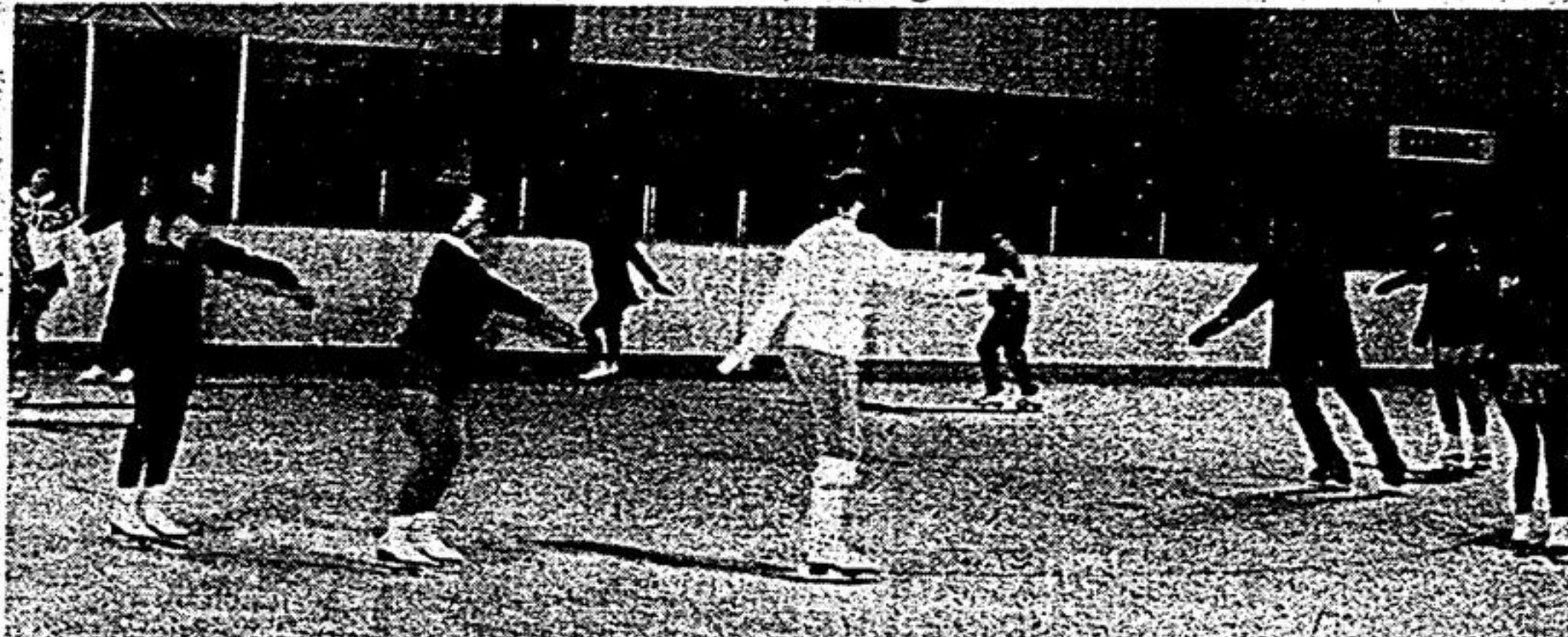
enize. Joanne McNeill, Cynthia Nidd, Dorothy Simpson, Jean Watson, Susan

Humphrey and Wanda Lintner. Instructor is Michael Sanderson.

Some participants come from areas outside Uxbridge Twp., including

Claremont and Stouffville. For more information contact Jean Watson at

852-6002; Charlotte Hemington at 852-7801; or Cheryl Leask at 852-3686.



Instructor Michael Sanderson (third from right) conducts a drill during a Skatercize class last week. Ladies from Uxbridge Twp. and surrounding communities partake in a fitness

skate twice weekly. Pictured in front of circle formation are, from left: Cheryl Leask, Jean Watson and Bev Mackenzie.

—Chris Shanahan

Council news

UXBRIDGE TWP. — John Kegel, R.R.-1, Goodwood, appeared before the works and roads committee Thursday to express concern over public use of a private road.

Mr. Kegel, owner of Goodwood Farms Limited, claimed Sideroad 10, between Conc. 2 and 3, Uxbridge Twp., is a haven for drinking and other rowdy behavior.

An agreement was made between Uxbridge Twp. and Goodwood Farms limiting public access to this unopened road allowance. It was approved by Council later in the evening.

Bulletin board

Councillor Sandy Ewen feels a bulletin board isn't an effective way for Uxbridge to advertise its community events.

"I don't think it's a necessity," he said Thursday of the Brooklin Bulletin's proposal to supply such a board for the Town.

The councillor was also concerned about the expense, but was informed that advertisers would support the sign at no cost to the municipality.

Parks and recreation committee chairman Ian Morrison argued that such a board can prove beneficial to the community if it's regularly serviced and located in a strategic spot.

The Twp. decided to invite a company representative to discuss the proposal.

Heritage signs

The Twp. works department will investigate the purchase of heritage road signs to mark the entrances to each community within Uxbridge Twp. Roads superintendent Lorne Wall will check the quantity of signs required and report back to the works and roads committee.

Parade funds

The Twp. will donate \$100 to the Uxbridge Twp. Santa Claus Parade Committee to help fund the 1984 event. The finance and property committee supported the expenditure and it was later approved by Twp. Council. The Santa Claus parade will be held Saturday, Nov. 24. It will begin at 11 a.m. from Uxpool and Uxbridge Secondary School.

Theme this year is 'Fairy-tale Christmas'. Anyone wishing information on parade entry should contact Bill or Joan Scott at 852-6227.

Good crowd

By Elsie Boland

GOODWOOD — There was a good turnout at the Goodwood Women's Institute meeting in the Community Centre last Monday evening, Nov. 5. Mrs. R. May was in charge of the program on 'farming' and Elva Symes had the reply to the motto. A lovely lunch of assorted sandwiches was served after the meeting. Next gathering will be the Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 3. A potluck supper will be held so just bring a dish of food with you. The 'Merry Mixers' of Markham will handle the program.

A large crowd attended the Goodwood Christian Women's Club meeting Friday morning, Nov. 9, at the Community Centre.

A great thank you to all the people who helped in any way to make the Goodwood United Church anniversary supper such a success.

The U.C.W. meeting was held at Mary Mitchell's house last Wednesday afternoon.

Bingo will be held tonight (Nov. 14) in the Goodwood Community Centre beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Nov. 18 there will be a potluck dinner at Goodwood United Church after the service. This dinner is open to everyone, just bring a dish with you and a friend.



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