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Mayor fumes over cards

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Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury said she is not responsible for cards sent out to residents stating: "Say yes to Sunday shopping."

"The bunch of chickens are too ashamed to even say who sent these cards but I am very distressed and want no part of this. The Region of York has already turned down this bid and this card sending is a dreadful form of misrepresentation," she fumed.

There have been large ads printed in local newspapers during the past few weeks paid for by the Committee for Fair Shopping, a group representing the major food chains.

Although there is no indication on the cards as to who is responsible, Mayor Sainsbury said she didn't know about it and called those responsible for sending them dictators.

"This is the beginning of anarchy and I won't be a part of their crime."

The mayor is furious her name, postal box number and telephone number were used without her permission and said her stand is with the region where she sits as Stouffville's voice.

"More than 70 per cent of people in Whitchurch-Stouffville have clearly indicated they do not want Sunday shopping and I will not dictate other people's Sundays."

"I wish I had legal action but they are too ashamed to print their responsibility of these cards."

Stouffville minister leaving for Chatham

Rev. Craig Pitts is resigning from the Stouffville Pentecostal Church after eight and a half years of service.

The pastor will hold his farewell service this Sunday

before he takes over the senior pastor position at the Evangel Community Church in Chatham, Ontario. He will be serving a congregation of 300 and will be working in a multi-staff environment.

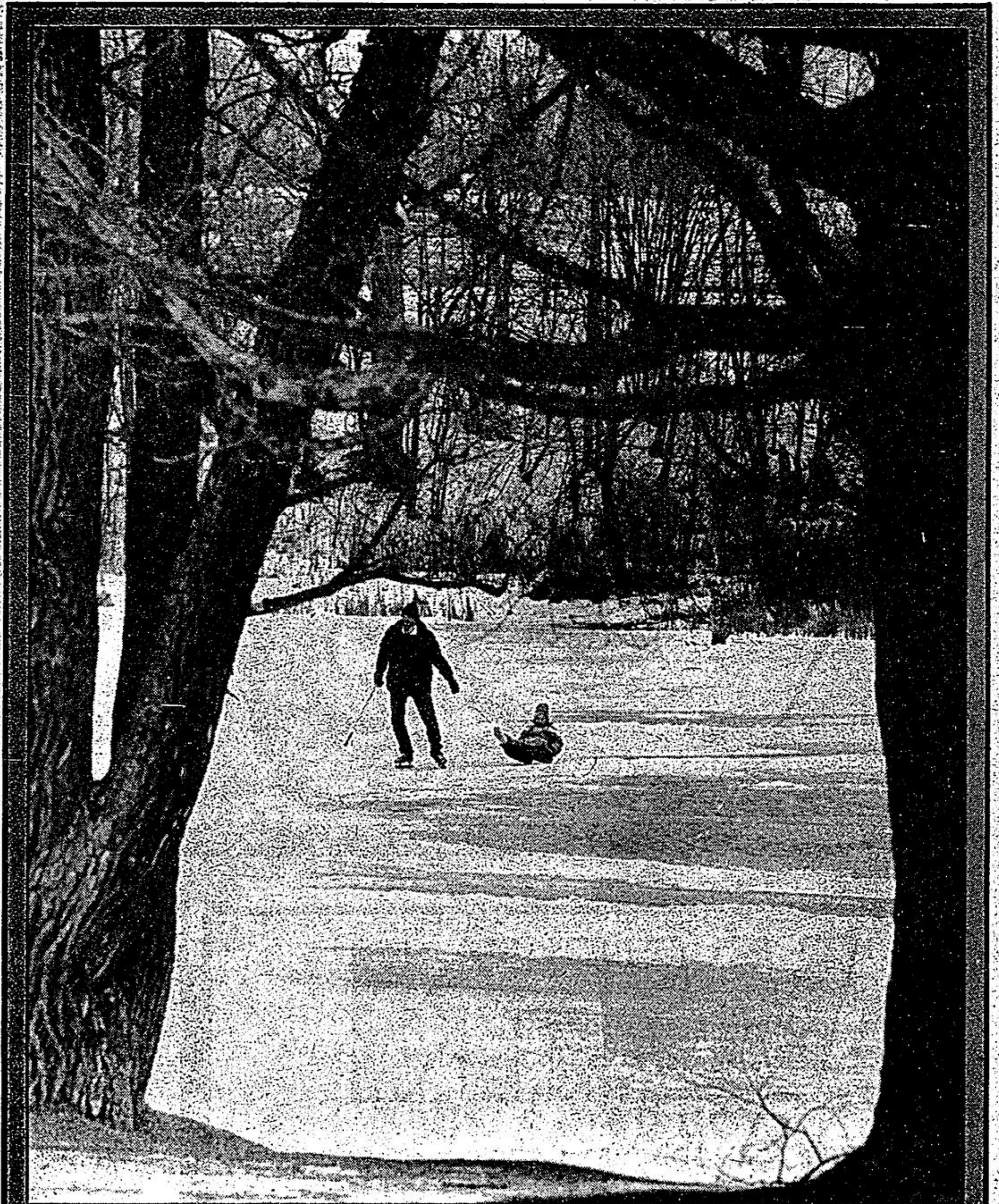
Although excited about his new challenge in Chatham, Rev. Pitts admits he will miss Whitchurch-Stouffville and the 200-member congregation he and his wife Dorothy have worked with for nearly nine years.

"We've thoroughly enjoyed Stouffville. This is a strong, healthy, caring church and the people have always reached out in love to the community."

Noting the church's recent barn renovations as a "real commitment" to improvement, he says a lot of things have been built up, including the 1985 building program when the facilities were "enlarged greatly."



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Winter promenade

The Markham Family Life Centre's annual winter promenade took place in Elgin Park in October. The summer time wedding ceremony is also held there.

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Clay clean-up a model job

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department spent five gruelling hours cleaning heavy clay off McCowan Road, Tuesday after York Regional Police reported dangerous conditions.

At about 10:20 a.m. the brigade answered a call from York Regional Police and reported to the 7th Conc. south of Stouffville Rd. to clear the road of messy clay.

According to Fire Chief Bill Brown, construction trucks were transporting fill to a nearby site and the spillage turned the road into a danger zone.

"Wet clay is as slippery as ice. It was scary to watch some loaded trucks going sideways down the road," Chief Brown said.

Motorists were losing control of their vehicles "for no apparent reason" and the volunteer fire department hosed down the mess with the pressurized pumps.

Although there were no reported accidents, Mr. Brown said he saw some very close incidents.

The York Regional Engineering Department, police and fire crews helped with diverting traffic for the five hours of cleanup. Chief Brown said the region

will go after the contractor to cover costs of cleaning up the mess.

Correction

In a story in Wednesday's Stouffville Tribune there was an error about the Markham Stouffville Family Life Centre's financial situation. It was regarding the York Region United Way campaign total for 1989.

The organization raised \$2.2 million for its member agencies, not \$22 million as reported. The Tribune regrets the error.