



FIRST SIGNS OF spring are evident in the country as snow, still deep, bares grassy knolls and the icy expanse of Fairy Lake seen from the First Line, Esqueving, near Smallwood Acres. The intrusion

of Acton into the former wilderness is evident in Lakeview subdivision across the lake.—(Staff Photo)

Nassagaweya Twp. opposes hydro line suggests alternate route for project

Nassagaweya Township Council Monday endorsed opposition expressed by the Planning Board to a 740 foot hydro right of way angling across the township.

A Planning Board brief, reviewed by Councillor Alan Ackman, noted the township didn't want the hydro line at all but if it were necessary, it asked the line be directed parallel to side roads and concession roads.

Maps presented by Mr. Ackman detailed the hydro proposal for the line to enter the township in the north where No. 7 highway bends to go to Rockwood. It would continue in a straight diagonal line cutting the Guelph Line at the north east corner of lot 30 and leave the township between lot 24 and 25 on the Puslinch boundary.

The Planning Board brief noted the hydro line appeared to follow lot lines throughout its entire length around Lake Ontario, with the exception of a part of an adjacent township and Nassagaweya.

Opposing the diagonal line across the township, it was

pointed out such a line would create irregularly shaped property, destroy many aspects of conservation and reduce property values.

Opposition to a transmission line in the area of the Blue Springs Creek was also indicated by the Grand River Conservation Authority which noted the creek was the only one in the entire system still pure enough to drink.

Mr. Ackman pointed out the route proposed by the Ontario Hydro would mean the demolition of over 40 homes, barns and other buildings. By contract another route studied would affect only two homes and two other buildings.

The proposed route would also completely triangulate 10 100-acre farms and estates, and in addition could angle a further eight 100 acre farms for a total of complete and partial damage to 1,800 acres of some of the township's most valuable land, buildings and natural resources.

Mr. Ackman reported the Board felt routes designated A1, A2 along with B would create

the least damage to the people, property and environment of Nassagaweya. Route A1 passed from the township's west boundary between lots 23 and 24 to the lot line between the third and fourth concession, then directly north to the boundary and east to intercept the original projection of the line.

The councillor emphasized, as did the brief, the township would "prefer not to have this line through the township or as an alternative would prefer to see this line buried. And the routes outlined in this report are only being indicated as unhappy alternatives, and in order to minimize damage should it not be possible to avoid such a line in the Township entirely".

The brief suggested the route proposed by the Hydro "would be a disaster not only for the environment, the resources and the people of Nassagaweya but also a disaster to the recreation, anti-pollution and conservation interests of the people of Ontario, now and in the future".

Sonin's SOS helps oldster

Somewhat of a record for mass kindness was rung up when Ray Sonin of the CFRB's "Down Memory Lane" program, combined with the Toronto Transit Commission and the Bell Telephone Company, came to the rescue of an old age pensioner who left her purse behind in a street car. In the lady's purse were her old age pension and welfare for the month - in cash - all the money she had in the world.

Sonin put out an SOS for help over the air which was speedily answered. CFRB listeners from all over Toronto responded with offers of money. To emphasize the kindness, the people who offered the most money were, like herself, old age pensioners who had pooled their own meagre resources.

The TTC phoned Ray Sonin and suggested that he contact the Lost Property Offices at the end of each line. They eventually found the purse at the Russell terminal with the money intact. Ray then tried to contact the lady but her line was busy with callers offering help. Here the Bell Telephone stepped in, interrupted one of the calls and got him through with the good news to the gladdened pensioner.

Open euchre, supper planned by Golden Age

By Mrs. Elsie Reed
The main business item at the Golden Age Club meeting on Tuesday last was finalizing plans for the pot luck supper to be held on March 17. Some of the men were asked to come in the afternoon to set up tables in the Luxton Hall and some of the ladies to prepare them. It is hoped everyone would bring their choice dish and be ready to eat by 6.30 p.m.

A good crowd is expected and a pleasing program to follow the supper. The ladies are asked to trim and wear an "Easter bonnet" for the Easter parade as part of the program.

It was also decided to hold an open euchre for anyone over 60 to come on April 7 at 2.30 p.m. and enjoy the games with the club, with the opportunity of joining the club later if they wished to. It was thought many folks about town would like to come and all they needed was a chance to "break the ice".

Anyone wishing to come, please contact Mrs. George Fryer or Mrs. Don Reed.
Prizes have been donated and a pleasant afternoon and lunch is anticipated.

The rhythm band has begun to practice for future programs and a quilting is to be done later when the weather gets more favorable for the ladies to get about. Many March birthdays were noted including Mrs. Bob McEnery, Mrs. Cutts, Mrs. Agnew and Bob O'Hara. Mr. and Mrs. Max Milne will be celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on March 14 and their family invited the Golden Age Club to the celebration in the town hall, Rockwood on that date.

Winners for euchre were ladies' Mrs. McEnery, Mrs. Davidson; gents Mr. McEnery, Mrs. Wilds; crokinole, ladies' Harold Bell, Miss Annie Akins; gents Mr. Davidson, C. Cutts.

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Suggests licence on race tracks

A \$10,000 licence on race tracks?

That's the solution Sixth Line resident Peter Bowman offered Esqueving council Monday evening, to the problem of raising money to help build a pavilion for Hornby Park.

"And with two race tracks in the township you could give the other \$10,000 to minor sports", he added.

Mr. Bowman's property is adjacent to the proposed Golden Horseshoe Dragway on the Sixth Line just north of Highway 7. Together with other residents of the area, he is pursuing court action in an effort to have construction of the dragway halted.

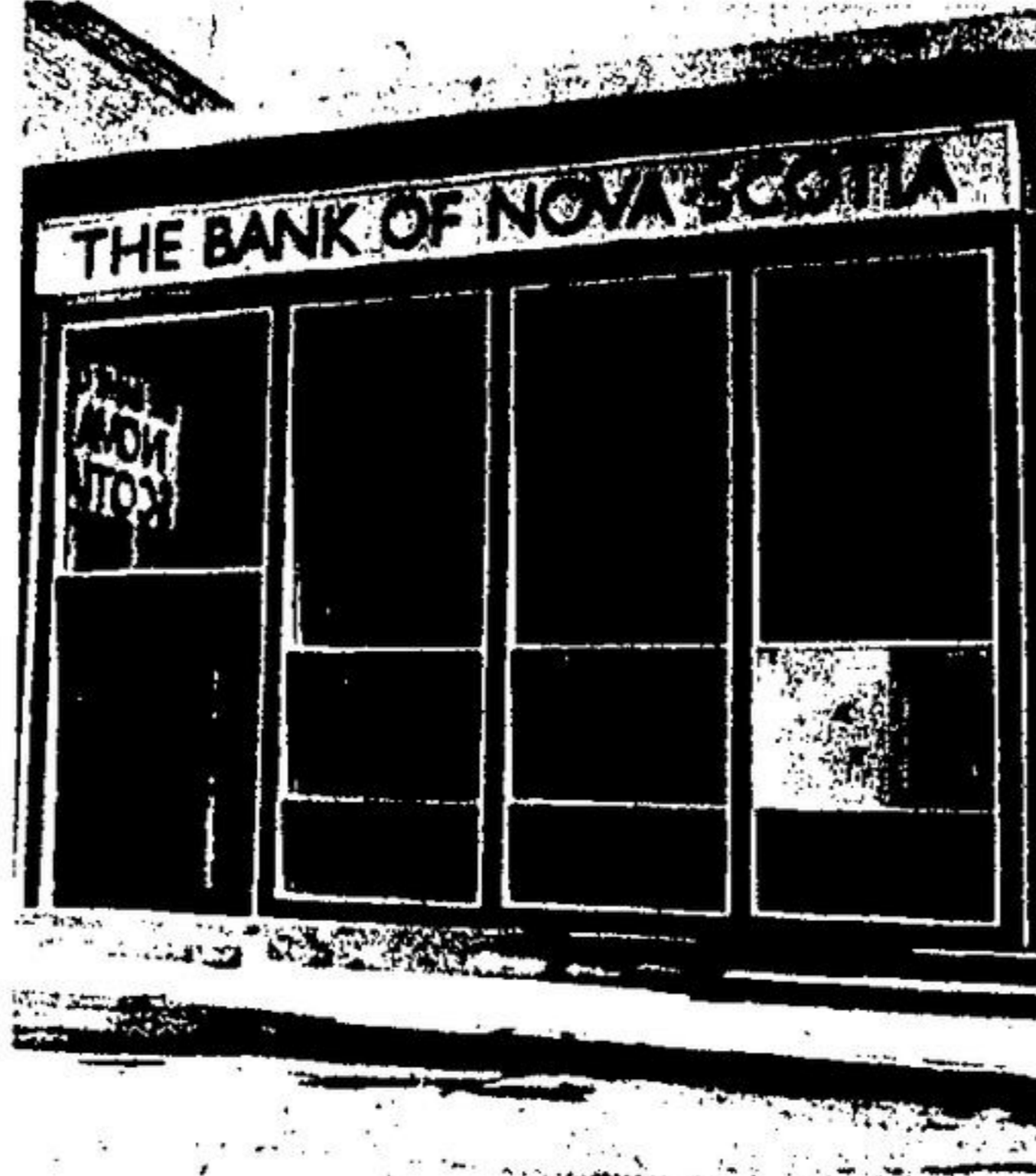
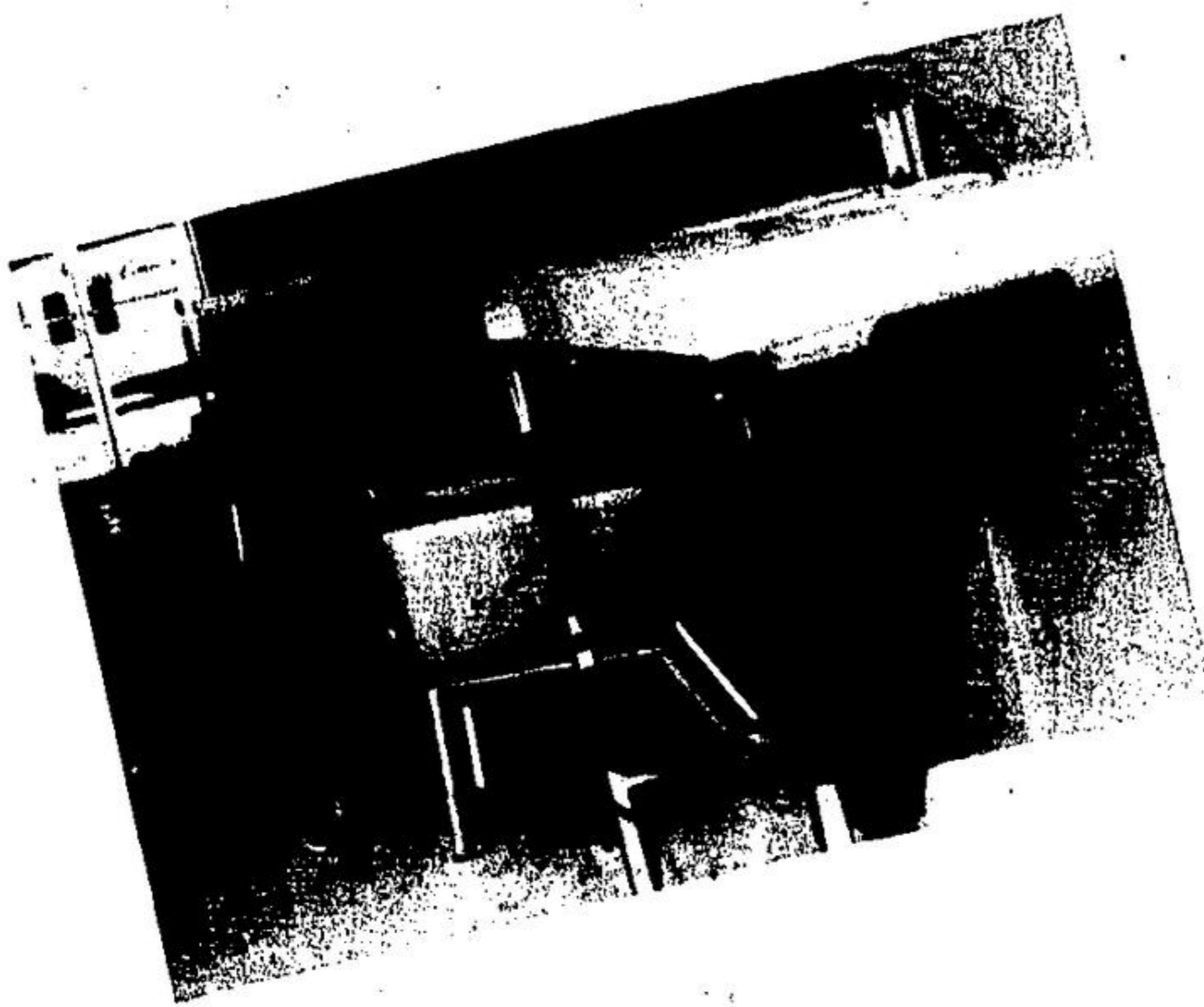
Council, however, decided to take the money for the pavilion out of the township's capital reserve fund.

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