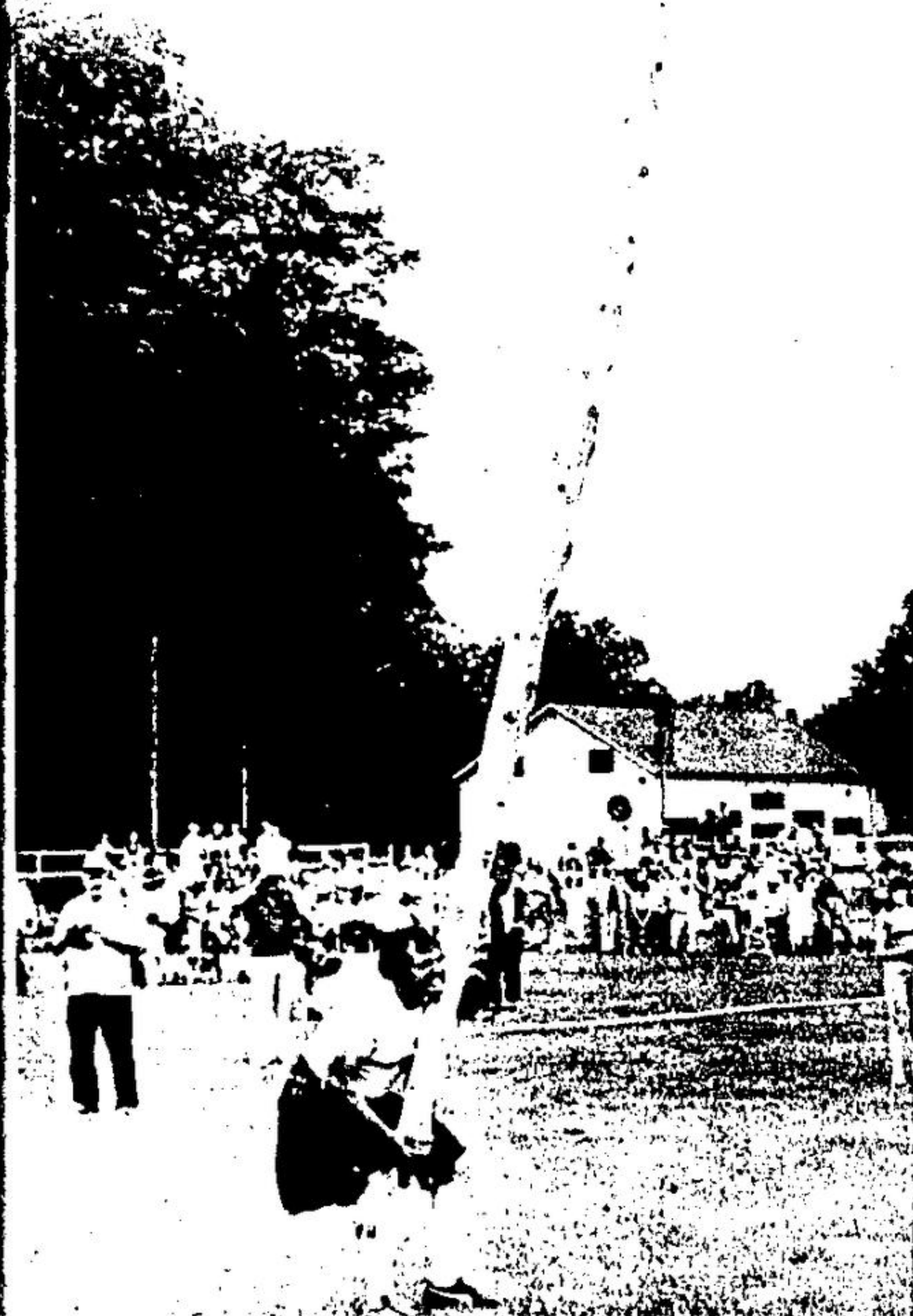


Pipers hailed the Highland Games

New Canadian hammer throw record set

Grunts, groans at the Fairgrounds Fling



Dave Harrington came all the way from Old Chelsea, Quebec, to compete in the Speyside Highland Games. He is the Canadian champion in Scottish heavy events. It took some time to prepare for the caber for tossing because it was too heavy. The pole averages a weight of 150 pounds.



More than 350 dancers took part in the Highland Dance competitions this year on a 72-foot stage. Because of a mistake at the Scarborough post office, no numbers were issued to the competitors in Scarborough and the surrounding area. Sandy McAllan, one of the games' organizers, said the games committee figures that about 50 to 60 dancers failed to make the games for that reason.



Dave Harrington, Canadian champion in the heavy Scottish heavy events, broke his own Canadian record in the Scottish hammer throw Saturday, the first time a record has been set at the Speyside Games. Mrs. Harrington threw the hammer 81 feet, three inches, breaking his old record of 78 feet, three inches. He injured his back in the 56-pound weight for height competition, and

The weather was perfect Saturday for the 5th annual Speyside Highland Games, but attendance was down a little from last year.

The temperature was warm, although clouds and a cool breeze kept it comfortable for the competitors in all the events. Estimates make attendance equal to what it was two years ago. There were over 350 highland dancers competing, along with 18 bands.

The number of dancers was down this year from what was expected because of a postal problem, Sandy McAllan, one of the games organizers, said. The post office failed to deliver the numbers for the dancers in Scarborough and the surrounding area, and Mr. McAllan said that as a result, the games committee believes that between 50 and 60 dancers who would have attended the games failed to appear.

A Canadian national record in a heavy event was set at the games for the first time. Dave Harrington of Old Chelsea, Quebec, who is Canadian champion in the Scottish heavy events, broke his own record in the 22-pound Scottish hammer throw.

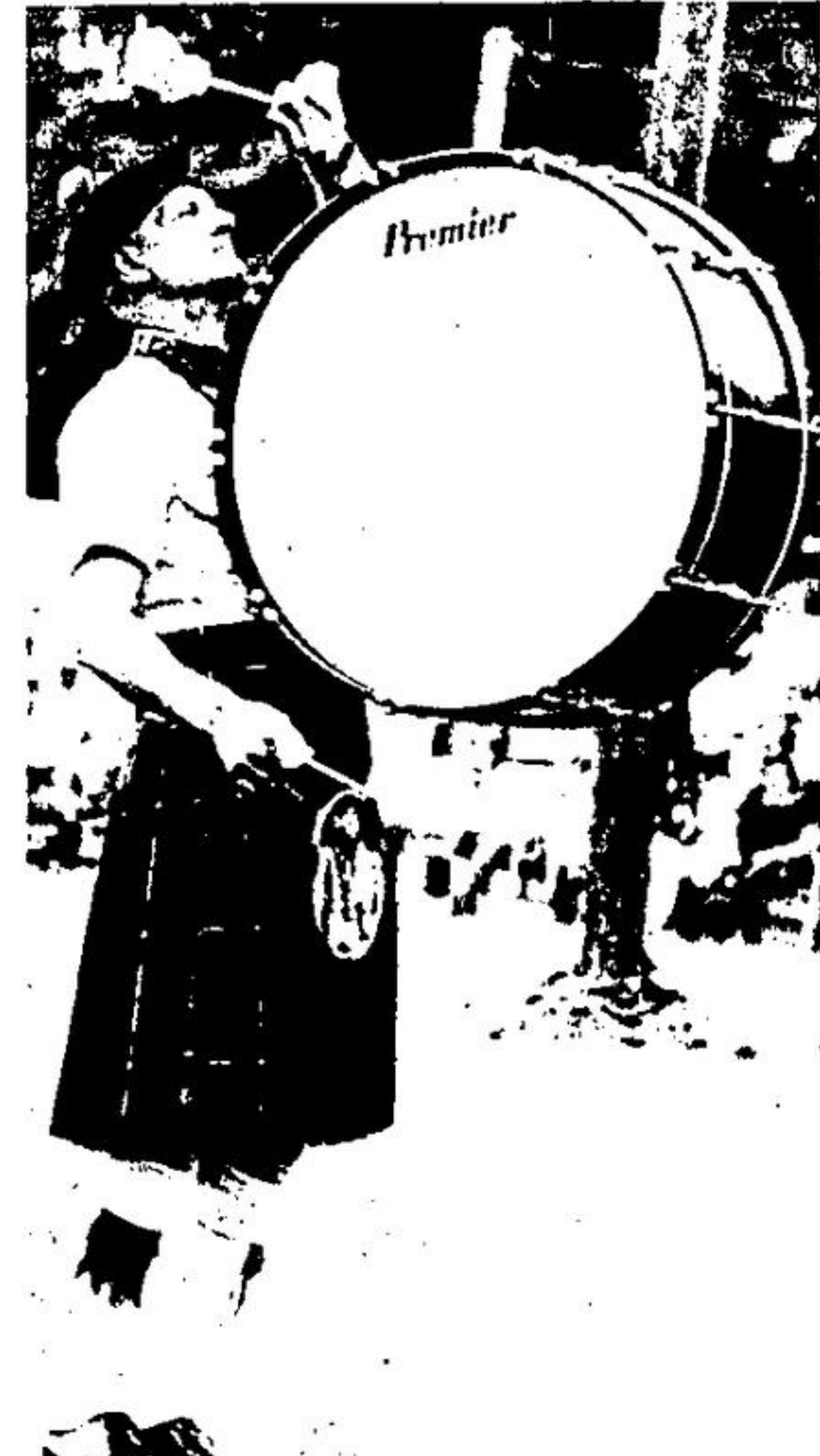
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Mr. Harrington's old record was 89 feet, 11 inches. The new record is 91 feet, 3 inches. Mr. Harrington injured his back in the 56-pound weight for height competition, and may not be able to compete in the heavy events at the Port Elgin Highland Games next week.

The winner of the caber toss was Dave Theriault from Elora. The winner of the 56-pound weight for distance was Dave Harrington with a distance of 39 feet, three inches. Winner of the 56-pound

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Sensel Kent Robinson, head instructor in the Japanese martial arts in Georgetown, broke six cement blocks with his bare hand at the highland games Saturday. He had hoped to double his previous attempt of four blocks, at last year's games, but had to settle for six.



Pipers are not the only competitors in the musical line at the Highland games. Drummers also compete, and this fellow from the TTY band flourishing his drum sticks was just one of



Dan Markovic, a member of the Metro Police department, was the overall champion in the heavy events at the highland games Saturday. Here he is shown putting the shot. Other heavy events included the 22-pound Scottish Hammer Throw, tossing the caber, Farmer "Marks" walk carrying 414 pounds, and throwing a 56-pound weight with one hand for height.



These drummers were competing in the individual drum competitions. Pipers, drum majors, drummers and dancers all have a chance to compete on an individual basis at the games.

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The massing of the bands is the highlight of any Highland pipes and drums for the presentation of prizes. Georgetown Girls Pipe Band and Lennox Branch 120 Pipe Band represented