

## Hardball Cafe expansion concerns councillor

Last Monday town councillors tentatively went along with Nino Giangrande's request for a new liquor licence to go along with a planned expansion to the Hardball Cafe.

But Ward 2 councillor Ron Furik would rather have waited to sanction the proposed addition, because he's worried about reports of unruly behaviour at the licenced pool room-restaurant.

"I'm led to believe that on numerous occasions there were altercations," Mr. Furik said. "That's a concern to me, especially with the bingo clientele."

The Hardball Cafe complex, on Highway 25 just south of Campbellville Sideroad, also houses a large and popular bingo hall.

Mr. Furik said he has received complaints of "excessive noise" and "gangs congregating" numbering "as many as 100 people at a time."

The councillor suggested Milton obtain a report from Halton Regional Police on the site prior to sanctioning additional liquor sales. "I understand it's been really unruly up there." If that proves to be the case, Mr. Furik added, "I'll be damned if I want it to be expanded."

"I'll be able to afford to solve the problem with the expansion," Mr. Giangrande said. The extra business will mean more personnel, including security, on site, he noted.

The admission policy will be changed too, Mr. Giangrande added, so that no one under age 19 will be allowed access after 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Furik was not satisfied.

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Ian Beith displays a group photograph that will help him to remember his experience as a page at Queen's Park. The Moffat boy wanted to get his foot in the door of politics.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Ian gets jump on political career

A 13-year-old Moffat boy has started his political career early.

A Grade 8 student at Hitherfield Preparatory School in Campbellville, Ian Beith recently spent four weeks as a page at Queen's Park.

Ian's reason for participating in the Legislative Page Program is simple. "I'm interested in politics," he said. "I'd like to be a politician when I grow up."

The teenager was among 28 Grade 7 and 8 students who were accepted into the program out of more than 300 applicants.

The students worked Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. delivering messages to members of provincial parliament (MPPs). Participants also learned provincial government procedures including the law-making process.

Among themselves, the students held pretend debates, Ian said. Tutors at Queen's Park helped keep them up with their school work.

Ian, who lives on Second Line, was paid travel costs and earned \$15 a day in the program. He also took home a certificate, group photo, and had his picture taken with the MPP in his riding.

It was an experience Ian said he recommends to other Grade 7 and 8 students interested in learning more about how government works.

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## Man found guilty in purse snatch at Carriage Square

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hind on a bicycle and grabbed the purse from her hand.

The impact of the September 23 purse snatching knocked the Millside Drive woman to the ground and she injured her wrist. The purse contained

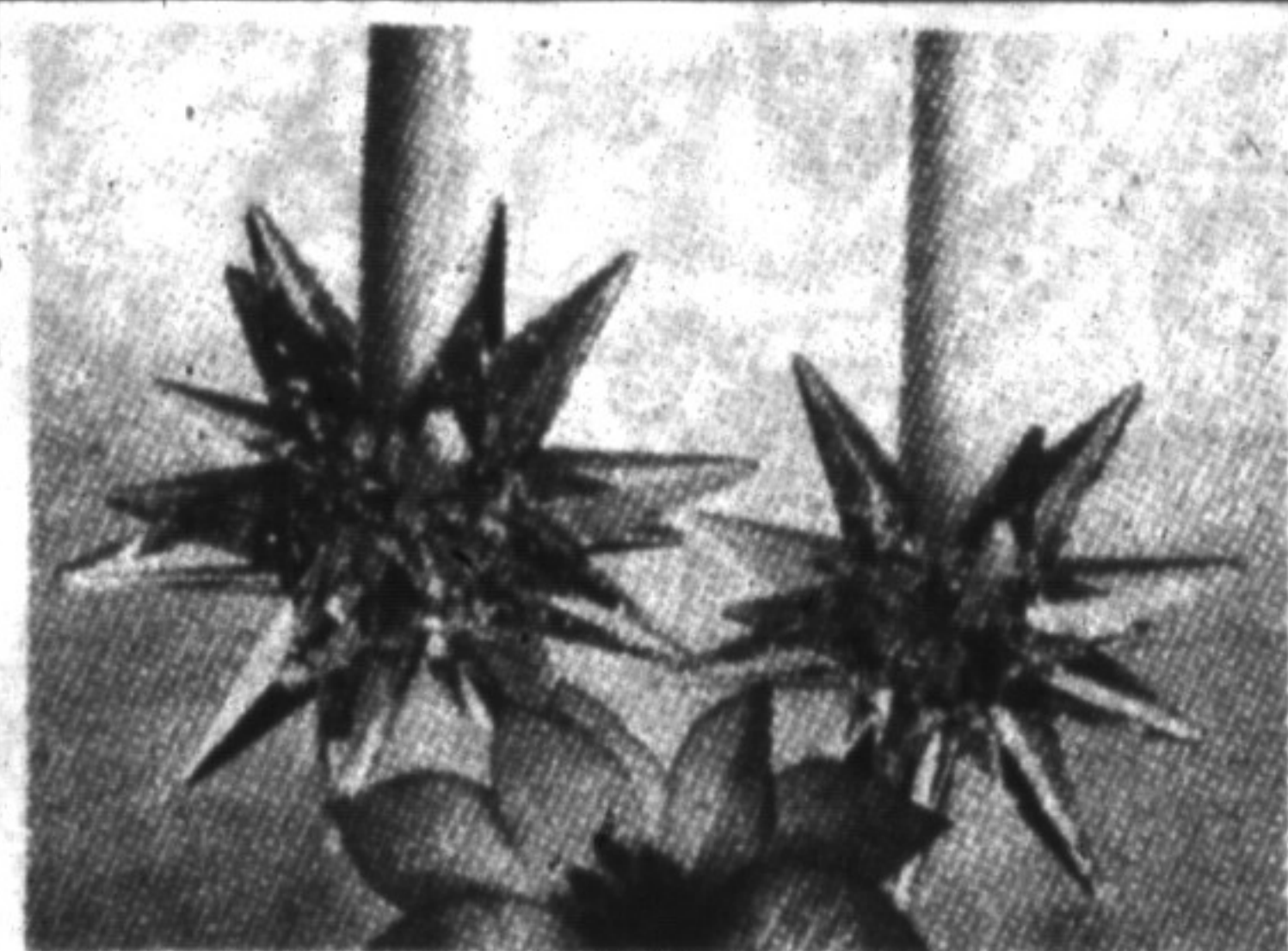
\$25, identification, and some bus tickets.

Judge Robinson also ruled voir dire evidence heard December 3 in connection with the case wasn't admissible because it prejudiced Mr. Hostrawser's right to a fair trial.

The voir dire hearing was held within the trial

to determine if certain evidence presented by the Crown could be admitted.

Mr. Hostrawser remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in court January 25 for sentencing. The maximum penalty for such a theft is two years in prison.



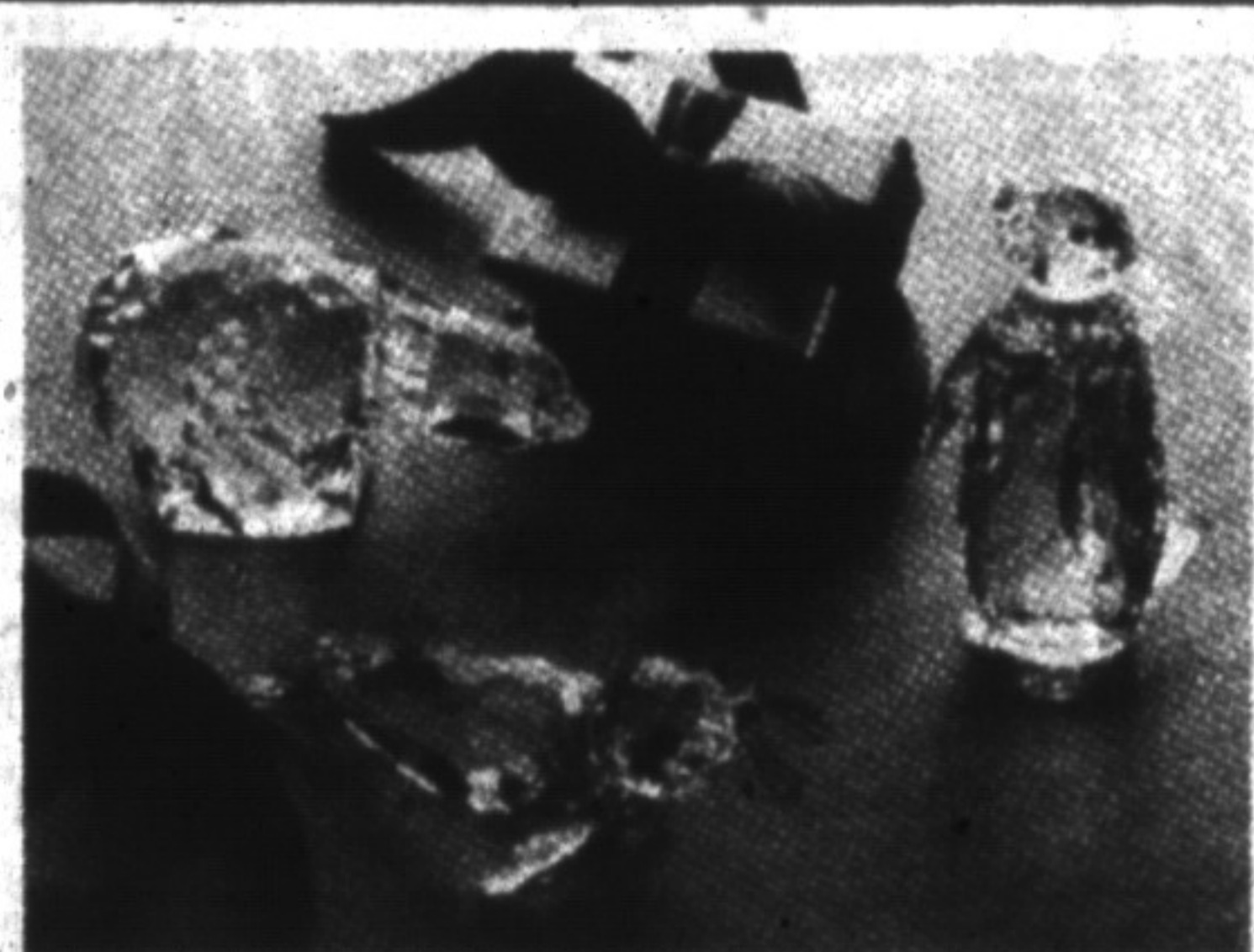
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