

Gravel hearing continues

UXBRIDGE TWP. — It's the council of the Twp. of Uxbridge and an estimated 20 gravel companies, all fighting to preserve their own destinies.

While the application, currently before the Ontario Municipal Board, appears on paper as an Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw, it has boiled down to the municipality vs. big business—the gravel business.

Testimony by witnesses has been heard but the argument by solicitors goes on. The hearing, now switched to Toronto, resumes Feb. 24.

On Friday, R. D. Jennings, counsel for Consolidated Sand and Gravel, charged that the township's restrictions, if approved, would 'strangle' the industry. He said insufficient provisions had been made for future expansion.

Wm. Parsons, solicitor for Uxbridge, said gravel operations were being carried on at the expense of the taxpayers who pay the bills for road maintenance. He said the companies 'looked on expansion of pit properties as a 'divine right' and were asking the Board to condone it.

Of the 52,000 acres in Uxbridge, over 4,000 is held by gravel firms, the hearing was told.

Home-owners to air complaints

STOUFFVILLE — Residents of the Ponderosa Development, wishing to air their complaints concerning faulty workmanship on homes in that area, have been called to a public meeting Sunday evening at eight o'clock.

It will be held in the auditorium of St. Mark's School on Elm Road.

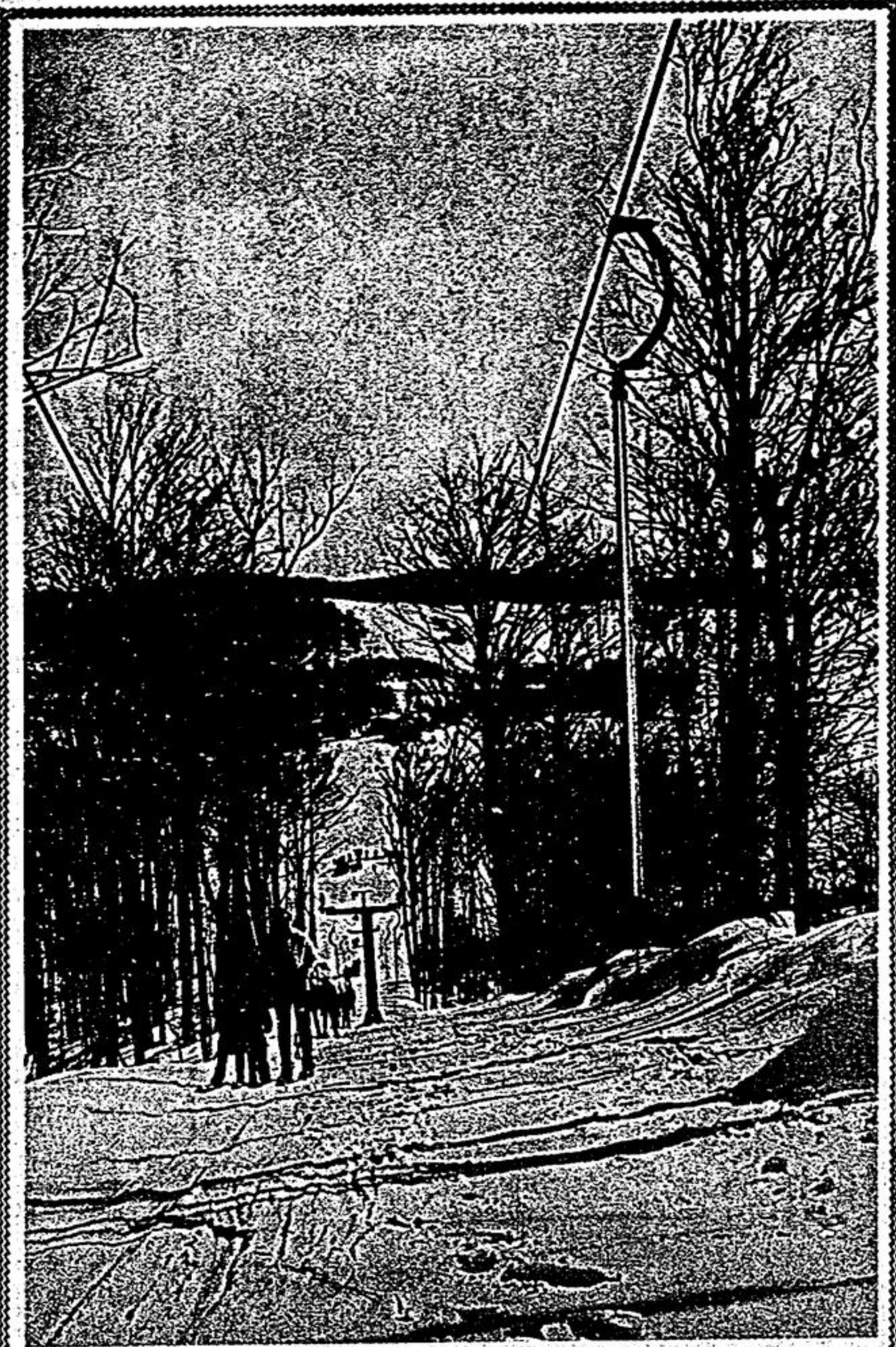
Court case proves costly

WHITCHURCH TWP. — Municipalities are learning that court cases with gravel companies can prove costly.

Recently, Uxbridge Township incurred a debt of \$1,100 when its bylaw before the Ontario Supreme Court was quashed by Judge J.J. Moorehouse.

In the Whitchurch vs. Jas. Sabiston case, also lost by the township, the legal fees have reached \$2,800.

Council has delayed its decision on an appeal, pending a receipt of the transcript and advice from a second solicitor.



New \$40,000 T-Bar installed at Sky-Loft

A new \$40,000 T-Bar, installed at Sky-Loft Ski and Country Club in Uxbridge Twp., was set in motion officially, Sunday. The mobile 'lift', 1,250 feet long, was christened by Bill Newman, M.P.P., Ontario South. —Peter Harris.

Disposal site discussion rejected by twp. council

Discuss Ballantrae development

WHITCHURCH TWP. — A seething councillor Merlyn Baker sat speechless as a recorded vote defeated his motion to bring the issue of the controversial Bremner disposal site before a public meeting in the Vandorf hall.

Councillor Baker had recommended a date of Feb. 17 for the gathering and asked that several officials from various departments at Queen's Park be invited to attend.

He was supported by councillor Gordon Ratcliff.

Other members, including reeve Stewart Burnett, deputy-reeve Norman Barnard and councillor Betty van Nostrand argued that

drill 55 single wells, a storage tower, be erected to serve not only the subdivision, but other adjacent homes already there. Reeve Burnett noted that the cost of a tower would only be charged back on the lots, raising the price to the purchaser.

the time was too short and government personnel could not guarantee their presence on only two weeks' notice.

Reeve Burnett suggested a date in March but Mr. Baker argued against further delay, claiming the need for action was urgent. He admitted however, that he had contacted no one with regard to their availability at that time.

Mr. Barnard said it was unlikely that the politicians would be inconvenienced by a pre-selected date since their policies would be subject to public criticism.

Bylaw officer Marshall Miller said a solution to Metro's liquid waste problem was under discussion with a remedy contemplated within six months.

Councillor Baker said he had lost faith in such promises. He noted that the use of the Bremner site had gone on now for several years. He said thousands of gallons of waste were being dumped there daily.

OFFER - \$2,800,000

May move Fair into township

MARKHAM — The Markham Fair Board has received four offers, ranging as high as \$2.8 million, for the Fair site at Hwys. 7 and 48 in Markham, it was revealed at the annual meeting of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, Jan. 28.

The bids are from private development firms, interested in obtaining the property for the construction of residential, commercial and apartment projects.

A committee of Board members, headed by Howard Cosburn, has already met with officials of the Markham Town Council to discuss the future of the Fair at its present location.

The committee has put forward three proposals: to carry on as at present; to acquire additional property to be used for parking; or to sell and re-locate elsewhere.

The greatest problem faced by the Board, according to Mr. Cosburn, is the lack of sufficient parking space. He stated that many would-be visitors returned home last year because of the traffic situation.

It was suggested that additional property to the south and west be obtained for parking facilities, but, the problem of access to this land from both the Fair grounds and the highways would make this an expensive proposition.

The second alternative is proving the most attractive, according to Mr. Cosburn. If the grounds could be sold for a good price, the Board could purchase 100 acres in or near Markham, thus providing a Fair site of 50 acres, which would be larger than the present property in its entirety, plus 50 acres for parking.

With the prices offered it would be economically feasible to buy the new land and erect new buildings and a racetrack, he said.

The committee and Fair Board will give the proposal further consideration.

Recommend single crosswalk

STOUFFVILLE — A single pedestrian crosswalk, for the intersection of Main Street and Civic Avenue in Stouffville, has been recommended by the Dept. of Transport.

The decision, contained in a letter to council, has been filed, pending a meeting with department engineers next month.

While the matter was not discussed, it is understood that some members would prefer the 'walk' at the corner of Main, Market and Mill Streets.

The location, when finalized, will be protected by signs and pavement markings in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act. The Department also recommends the addition of an overhead illuminated sign, similar to the type used in Metro.

At the present time, Stouffville has two downtown 'courtesy walks', where the right-of-way is retained by the motorist. Officials indicated instances of confusion in these areas, increasing the accident potential.

There was no information in the report telling the time of day or evening the survey was made.

Students had master key to high school

STOUFFVILLE — A 17 year old student and two juveniles, holding a master key to the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, have been charged by police, following a break-in at the building on the night of Jan. 26.

Gary Brian Oliver, Loretta Crescent was arrested by constables, Tom Wauchope and Harry Davis. The key has been recovered.

Police said nothing was stolen from the school although a quantity of food was consumed in the cafeteria.

Breathalyzer evidence convicts driver

MARKHAM — Evidence obtained through a breathalyzer test was used in court, Friday to convict a Markham man of driving while impaired.

A check made on Richard Wannop, Joseph Street, showed an alcohol content of 1.7 and 1.5.

Police said the accused was stopped following the receipt of a private complaint. Mr. Wannop, they said, was observed driving in an erratic manner on Hwy. 48 around 11 p.m. He entered a plea of guilty.

Judge Russell Pearce levied a fine of \$100.

Bus service turned down

STOUFFVILLE — A request for a village bus service, to transport Grade 7 and 8 students from the east end area to the High School, has been turned down by Superintendent, Ronald H. Hall, Area 2, York County Board of Education.

A copy of the letter from Mr. Hall to all parents who signed the petition, is published on Page 2 of this issue.

Armed robbery

Two men jailed

MARKHAM TWP. — Two men were sentenced to jail terms, Tuesday, following conviction on charges of armed robbery, registered by Judge Russell G. Pearce in Richmond Hill Court.

The pair, along with a companion, were arrested following a break-in last November at McQuay's Service Station, Don Mills Road near Buttonville.

In their attempt to escape, the car went out of control on the Main Street of Unionville and rammed a hydro pole. Money and stolen goods were scattered over the roadway. A revolver was found in the auto.

Ernest Moreau, 21, of Toronto received a three-year penitentiary term. Timothy Thayer, also 21, of Scarborough was sentenced to 18 months determinate and 15 months indeterminate in reformatory.

A third man, David Vent, 20, of Toronto, has elected trial by judge and jury.

Assaulted tenants; jailed four months

STOUFFVILLE — The 52 year old owner of the Mansion House hotel has been sentenced to 4 months in the Don Jail following conviction on separate charges of common assault filed by three girls, all tenants at his premises.

Norman Cassimiri had originally been charged with indecent assault following a fracas, Jan. 24. This was later reduced following consultation with the Crown.

The plaintiffs, Penny Blundell, Caroline Egan and Faith Perrier appeared in Richmond Hill Court, Friday, but were not required to testify. Cassimiri entered pleas of guilty.

Some confusion occurred part-way through the case when the accused indicated through his solicitor that the facts, as related, were not correct.

Judge Russell Pearce ruled against an adjournment but agreed that the girls could take the stand.

The lawyer suggested his client was in a highly emotional state and did not fully appreciate what was going on. He said he had not had time to fully

acquaint himself with the case and requested permission to withdraw.

"Never has anything like this ever happened in my court before," said the Judge. "I know this man; I also know his emotional state. I intend to proceed."

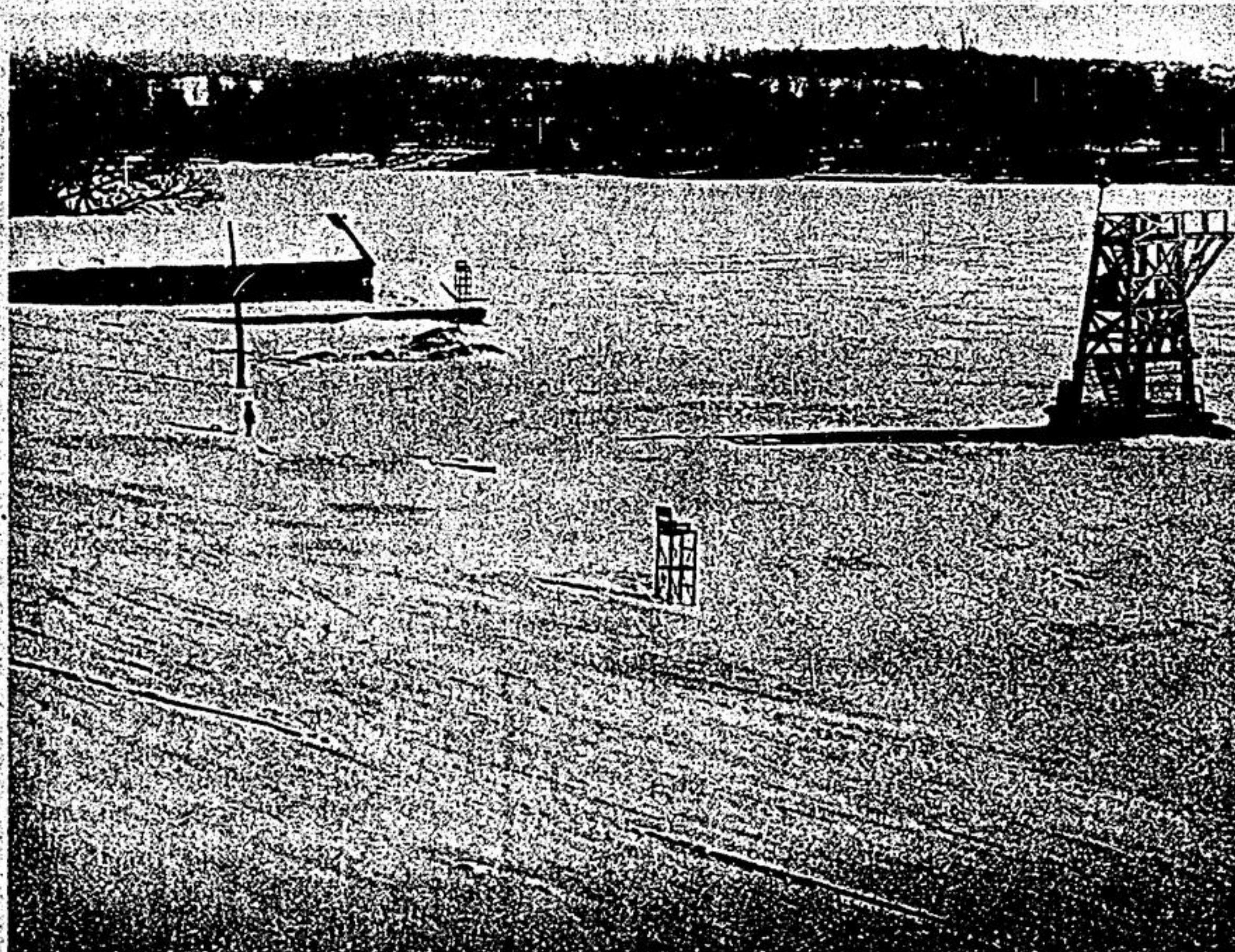
Following a 10 minute adjournment, the case continued.

According to evidence, Mr. Cassimiri entered the girls' rooms, made suggestive remarks and grabbed them, pushing one against the wall.

In his defence, the accused was described as a man who had been in trouble before, mainly due to consumption of alcohol. He should not be regarded as a danger or a day-to-day problem to society, the solicitor said. He noted he had approached the first girl only after tenants had complained of her making too much noise. He admitted that his client's better judgment was tainted because of drink.

In passing sentence, Judge Pearce described the offense as a very serious situation.

THE CHANGE IN SCENES WITH THE CHANGE IN SEASONS



A small boy and his toboggan was the only sign of life at Cedar Beach, when a Tribune cameraman visited the lake area Sunday. —Jas. Thomas.

Snow to sand, toboggans to boats

The change in seasons means a change in scenes. And nowhere is this more evident than at Musselman's Lake.

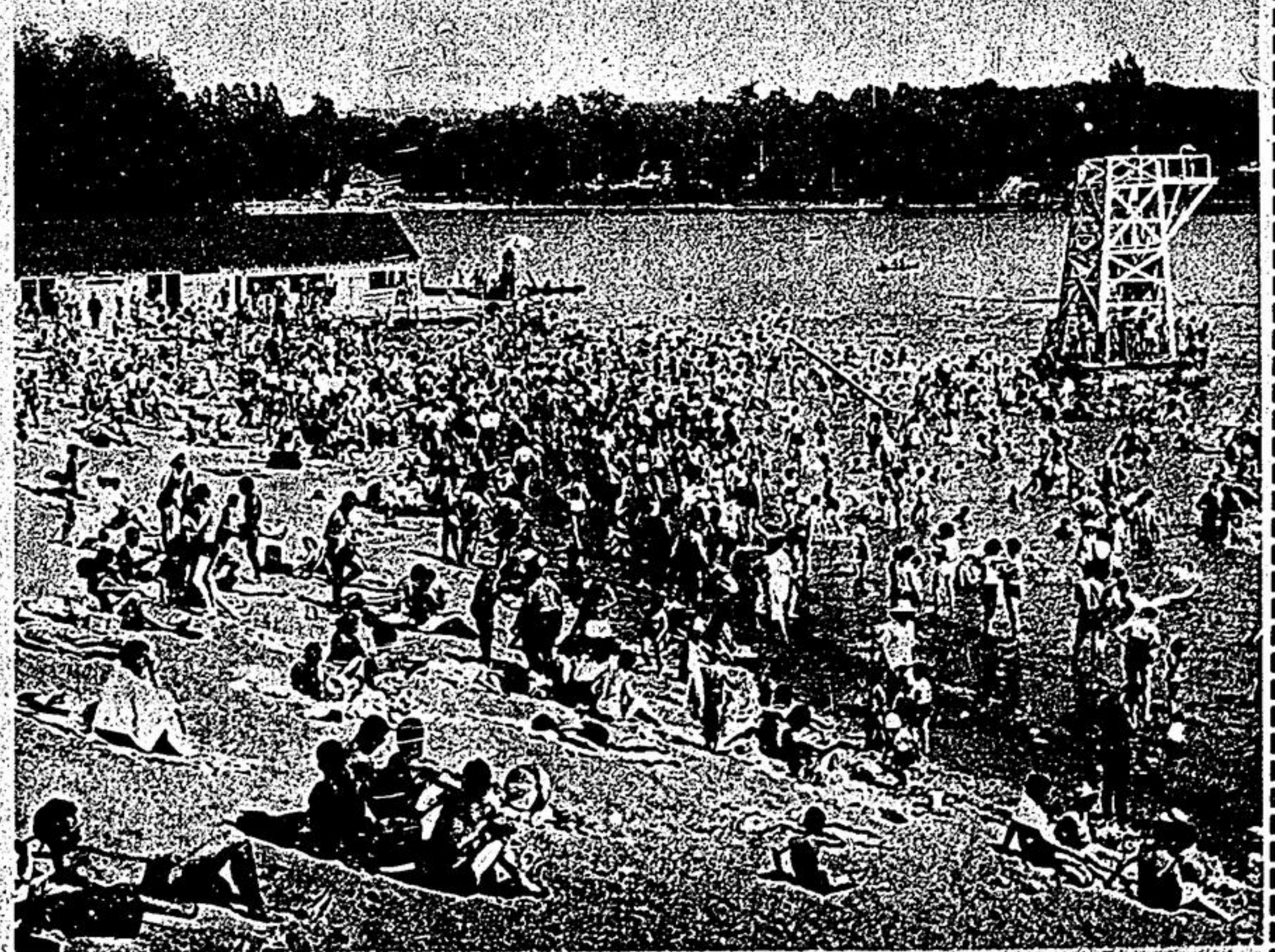
Last summer, on a hot mid-July Sunday, a Tribune cameraman visited the lake's north side at Cedar Beach and took the picture shown at right.

Last Sunday, the same cameraman returned to the same site and took a similar photo of the same area shown at left.

Quite a contrast.

The only sign of life was a small boy tugging his toboggan through snow up past his knees.

But the approach of spring foretells of warmer days ahead when the snow gives way to sand and toboggans to water skis.



Here is the same location on a hot Sunday afternoon last July. Hundreds of people lie on the sand or frolic about in the water. Quite a contrast. —Jas. Thomas.