



Better than blowing bubbles through a pipe is blowing handfuls of suds from the Civic Square fountain. The fountain is in young Ken Hudson's side yard and he was first on the scene to make the most of the froth from detergent someone deposited in the water. —Sheila McLeod

## Kentucky Lions are coming to town

STOUFFVILLE—The Kentucky Lions are coming to town.

Arriving tonight (August 9) by special bus, Lions club members from Hodgenville, Ky., and their wives, will be the guests of the Stouffville organization until Sunday.

The thirty-eight Kentuckians will stay at the homes of local members and the Stouffville club plans to accord the visitors a full measure of Canadian hospitality.

On Friday, the group will spend the day relaxing in cot-

tage country, followed by an evening barbecue at the home of Les Parker south of Claremont. At the request of some of the visitors, tours planned for Saturday will include stops at local farms. An evening banquet and dance, to be held in the Ambassador Lodge, Preston Lake will climax the activities.

Last October a contingent of Stouffville Lions who visited Hodgenville was given a tremendous welcome by the townspeople.

The local club hopes to reciprocate the warmth of that reception.

## Refinish council chambers

YORK REGION — Although the council chambers at the regional offices in Newmarket have been in existence for only two years, council approved a furniture refinishing expenditure of \$2,030.

"Do you mean to tell me that after only two years the furnishings in the chamber have to be refinished?" asked Mayor Margaret Britnell of King Township, at a meeting last week.

Commissioner of Engineering William Hodgson told her that if the tables were not refinished now, there is a "good" chance they may start cracking.

Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora also criticized the engineering committee's recommendations, along with the position of the council tables. "People attending council meetings shouldn't have to look at the backs of their elected representatives," she charged.

"Since when did the commissioner of engineering have a chance to look at the furniture," echoed Mayor Britnell. "If refinishing is not carried out in the immediate future, the veneer surface will continue to check and crack, thus deteriorating to such an extent that refinishing will not prove satisfactory," an engineering committee report pointed out.

PRESTON LK.—A 17-year-old girl drowned in Preston Lake, north of Gormley, Sunday.

The body of Piedad Calero who came from Ecuador to Canada eight months ago, was recovered at a depth of eight when swimmers at Preston Lake Park formed a human chain in making a search of the water.

George Lamrock, manager of the Park, has denied allegations made by Miss Calero's brother, Ramon, that lifeguards refused to help him search when he expressed concern that he could not locate his sister whom he had last seen the swimming area.

"He did not beg for help for twenty minutes as was reported," Mr. Lamrock informed the Tribune. "Our beach patrol took immediate action."

Mr. Lamrock added that during the initial search, Mr. Calero disappeared, despite repeated announcements requesting him to come forward, there was no response. "When we found nothing and he didn't appear again, we concluded it was a hoax."

There were two drownings at the Park last year.

Following a coroner's inquest, recommendations were made to increase the number of lifeguards and upgrade safety equipment at the privately owned swimming area.

A resusitator, was not mentioned in the recommendations and there was not one available when Miss Calero was pulled from the water.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council also expressed its concern when Mr. Lamrock applied last year for permission to increase trailer accommodation at the site. The increase was approved and it was felt that more trailers would result in less day usage, which Council believed overburdened the beach facilities in the park during peak holiday weekends.

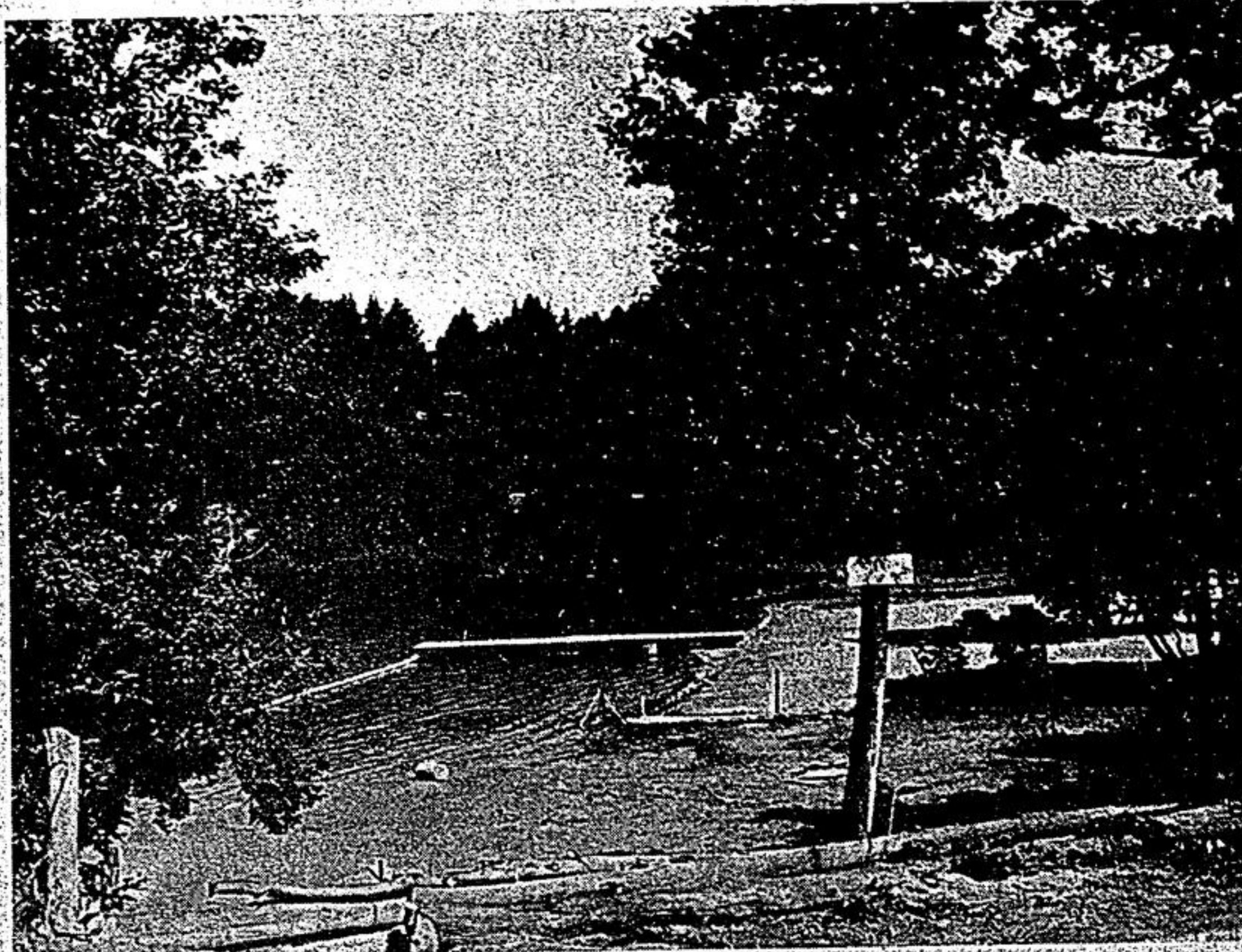
On the day of the accident Mr. Lamrock said 288 cars were admitted, averaging 4½ persons per car.

The Department of Tourism does not set any restrictions on the number of persons using the Park nor are operators obliged to supply lifeguards on open waterway beaches.

We have a beach patrol of six persons. Four are qualified lifeguards and safety signs are posted on the beach," Mr. Lamrock pointed out. "We take more than adequate precautions, not because we are compelled to but as a moral obligation."

## Girl drowned at Preston's Lake

# Owner denies laxity by lifeguard crew



The 'golden' sands of Churchill Beach, at the east end of Musselman's Lake, are a seasonal area stake their claims. Ownership is being debated as residents in the area stake their claims. —Sheila McLeod

## Ratepayers 'battle' over use of Musselman's Lake beach

MUSS LAKE — The most coveted water frontage in Whitchurch-Stouffville, it appears, is a 66-foot section of Churchill Beach on Musselman's Lake.

The lethargy of a summer council session was shattered, Thursday, when residents from the Lake's east shore area battled verbally over the sandy strip.

Mrs. Alex Recska of Shalamar Restaurant led the attack against the Churchill Drive Ratepayers' Association which is attempting to establish the right to maintain that section of the beach exclusively for its members.

Some individuals in the Association, Mrs. Recska claimed, would not accept that the 100 feet of shoreline cordoned off next to the disputed area was privately owned by Shalamar, and had resorted to harrasing herself and her family.

The deed to the Shalamar property establishes the owner's legal right of access to the adjacent 66 feet, she added.

Although there was a charge to use Shalamar's beach and facilities, she had never, contrary to the Association's claims, tried to collect money from Churchill Drive people outside the private area. "We leave them alone," Mrs. Recska added, "but they won't leave us alone."

Mrs. Kathleen Guran also claimed that the tenant of a representative present denied Gordon Saunders, whose the Association. Members had put up a barrier, and a seven dollar fee was being requested for the use of the beach, she said.

"I've consulted my lawyer and he says I have frontage to the high water mark," she informed Council.

Less vocal than the two ladies, Churchill Drive representatives presnet denied the allegation. There was no barrier across the beach, Raph Wise, vice-president of the Association assured Council, only trees that had been cut down and the seven dollars was not a charge for the use of the beach, but to effect improvements to the area through

the ratepayers' group.

While each party staked its claim to the controversial strip of sand which, according to a bylaw, was expropriated by Whitchurch Township 20 years ago, council members attempted to relate lot lines and high water marks described by property owners to a recent survey map of the Churchill shore area.

Gordon Saunders, whose residence is next to the Guran property, made Council aware of a significant factor related to the dispute. Back in 1945, he explained, the people who then owned Shalamar backfilled the lake, which was six feet from the road, to about ninety feet at that eastern point. "As a result, the high water mark receded and the contour of the shoreline changed completely. What the Township expropriated, he said, was, in fact, 5000 tons of dumped sand.

A resolution passed by Whitchurch Township in 1953, giving the Churchill Ratepayers permission to maintain and use the area was reviewed. It was noted that there was nothing on file which gave the Association exclusive and legal rights to the beach.

"I believe," concluded Councillor Merlyn Baker, "everyone in Whitchurch-Stouffville has the right of access to it."

The statement, however, failed to conclude the arguments and accusations, which continued with renewed vigor until councillor Jim Wong cut in on his embroiled constituents.

"All this hassle is unnecessary," he told them in exasperation. "The summer season is coming to an end, surely all parties concerned are adult enough to live in harmony."

He urged them to accept the fact that each had the right of access to the 66-foot section of beach until it could be proved otherwise, and that the 100 feet adjacent was legally the exclusive property of Shalamar and that there should be no more harassment to any party.

Finally, reconciled to the terms of truce, the delegations went in harmony.

## Ordered to repay over \$5000 in thefts

STOUFFVILLE — An 18 year old Stouffville youth, and a 19 year old companion, have been ordered by Judge H. W. Jermy to make restitution in the amount of \$5,196.00 following conviction on eight charges of break, entry and theft, dating back to October, 1972.

Edward Dennis Myers, Edward Street, Stouffville, and Gregory Tant, with an address listed as only York County, entered pleas of guilty in Ehitby Provincial Court.

Myers must pay \$75 per month to cover an amount of \$2,588.00. Tant must pay \$100 per month. Myers' payments were lessened and spread over a longer period because he is

married with a family. Both must report to a probation officer once a month, and must remain at their present place of residence and employment.

The list of break-ins include the Uxbridge tannery, Champion Farm Equipment Ltd., Brougham, and Uxbridge Twp. cottage; the Goodwood Game Preserve; the Port Perry Fairgrounds; and the Oshawa Gun Club.

At the Goodwood Game Preserve, 11 partridges and 22 pheasants were stolen and subsequently killed and eaten. The loss at the Uxbridge tannery was estimated at \$3,848.00. Goods, valued at \$524, were later recovered.

## Canada Games

# Stouffville skier wins bronze medal

STOUFFVILLE—Sheldon Sugden, a 21-year-old water skier from R.R. 4, Stouffville, has won a gold medal for Ontario at Canada Summer Games in British Columbia.

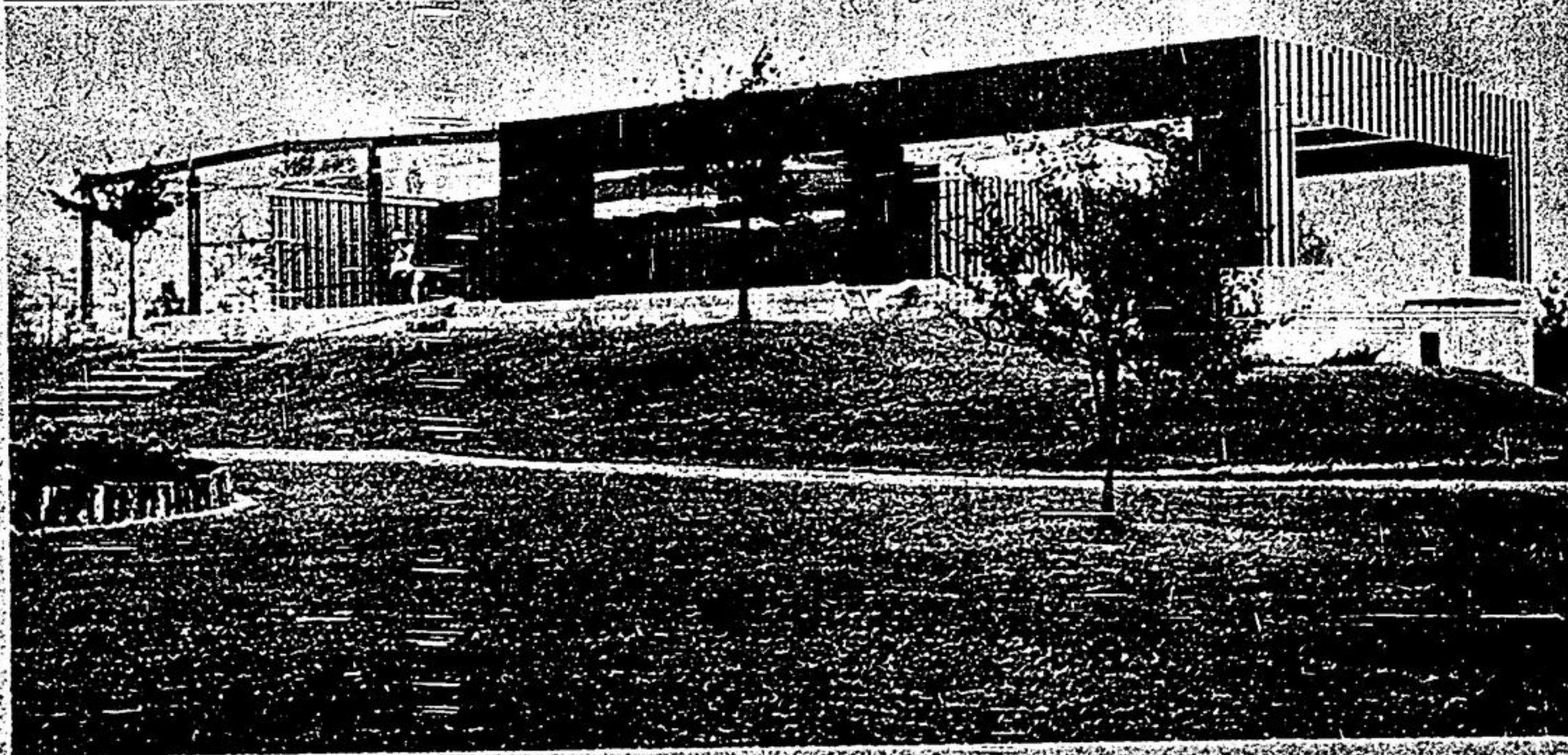
Sheldon, one of four water skiers representing the province at the games, gained a berth on the team following trials held at Morrisburg, Ont., where he won a gold and two silver medals.

He was the only member of the team to win a medal in the British Columbia meet. Performing in the trick skiing event, only one trick separated the first three placings in a close finish. Forty competitors

participated in his class.

Sheldon has been water skiing since he was 5 years old and was coached by his father, Bill Sugden. His older brother, Gary, was twice Canadian Boys champion and Sheldon also held the same title. His trick skiing mark in the boys' division still stands.

The accomplished skier is a graduate of Stouffville Secondary School who graduated with a B.A. degree from the University of Toronto this year. He will enter first year law at Western University in the fall.



Work is progressing steadily on the new club house facilities at Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club with expectations for the building to be operation in the month of September. The new structure is entirely steel, concrete and glass construction. Following the disastrous fire of last winter the club is reviving

rapidly and besides offering members one of the finest and pleasant private facilities of its kind in the area, the new building will provide excellent facilities for banquets, weddings, receptions and social gatherings.