



The OFY sponsored summer playground for Musselman's Lake area youngsters turned out to be more than just lollygagging around. These youngsters, from right, Andrew Reid, Doug Oldham, Billy Thompson,

Annette Reid, Lorna Dunbar and Derek Stem (three at left unidentified) were kept busy doing exercises to a record which urged them "Go you chicken fat, go."

Summer playground for youngsters proves to be good-natured bedlam

BALLANTRAE — The Ballantrae Community Centre is a noisy place these days. Every weekday between 30 and 40 youngsters congregate there and turn the place into a chaotic, but good-natured bedlam.

The centre was donated for use as an Opportunities For Youth summer playground for lake area youngsters. From our visit there last week it appears to be an unqualified success as the students in charge

calmly handle what would ordinarily be a nerve-wrecking experience.

Getting that many children, ranging in age from five to 12 years of age, together from 9:30 in the morning to 3:30 in the afternoon is the sort of thing that could lead to a total disaster but everything was surprisingly well run.

One reason is the bewildering number of activities offered: hiking, baseball, ping pong, checkers, chess, crafts, art, and calisthenics.

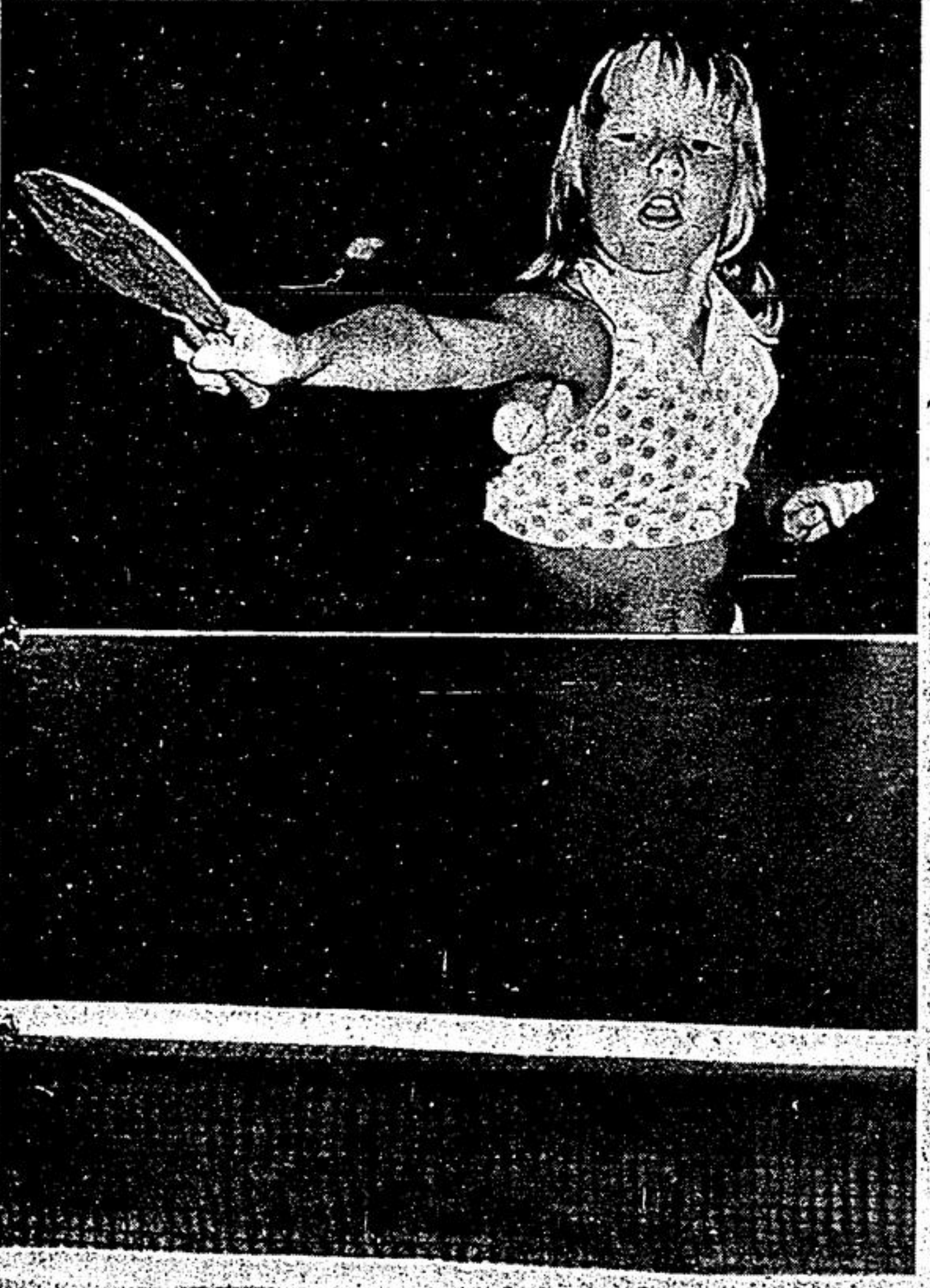
Although many OFY projects have been accused of being "rip-offs", this one definitely isn't. It would be difficult to find a harder job than supervising that many children for a full day.

"You're just pooped at the end of the day," Vicki Woodhouse told The Tribune, "but they keep you on your toes," she added with a laugh.

The organizers have gone to great lengths to obtain a variety of activities and many people have responded

generously to their requests.

The student supervisors are: Cindy Elson, Vicki Woodhouse, Rob Hardy, Dave Blizard, Joanne Wedley, and Anne-Marie Hetherington.



As well as organized activities the summer playground offers a multitude of other activities. As well as ping pong, played here by Christine Muir, there is a choice of baseball, art, checkers, chess, etc.

—John Montgomery



Chantel Simbirski turns a potato chip pail into a work of art right before your eyes. The pails were donated and after being painted and wallpapered on the outside they make excellent storage containers for children.



Vicki Woodhouse, one of the OFY staff members, talks to Lorna Dunbar and Angelique Grootenboer. For some reason

Angelique appears to be fascinated with her toes.



There's nothing like an exciting game of musical chairs to keep things interesting. This appeared to be a particularly popular game. Participants are, from left,

Monique Grootenboer, Cheryl Simpson, Andrew Vonks, Doug Kelly, and in back, Billy Thompson and Cheryl Oldham.

Uxbridge homeowner pays \$92 more

UXBRIDGE — The average homeowner in Uxbridge will pay about \$92 more in municipal taxes this year.

At the last meeting of township council, a rating bylaw was passed to bring the 1975 tax scale into effect. Overall, the mill rate looks like this: 141.9 mills in the former Uxbridge Township; 111.6 mills in the former Scott Township; and 151.2 mills in the former Town of Uxbridge.

On an assessment of \$4,000, a resident of the former Uxbridge Township will pay about \$567 this year; while those in the old town area will have to come up with a little over \$600.

The tax bill has been thoroughly thrashed out at committee meetings, and caused little debate when presented for formal approval. Due dates for the installments will be September 5 and October 31, with a 2 percent discount for those who pay the whole amount owing before the first date.

The actual increase in the town area is 23 mills this year, or \$92 on the average assessment. Of that sum, \$42 represents the increase in taxes demanded by the

Board of Education. The remaining \$50 goes for municipal and regional expenses.

Councillor Bill Ballinger expressed himself as pleased with the rates.

"When we see education up \$42, I don't think council has anything to be ashamed

of with a jump of \$50," he said.

Some confusion arose over a supplementary rate for water billing. This originated at the regional level and raises the combined mill rates to the figures given above. Its purpose is to raise, in Uxbridge, about

\$64,000 for water and sewer purposes.

Ballinger was concerned that people would be paying twice for the water: once on their taxes and once on their water bills. He pointed out that the year's billing in the town water area will rise from \$48 to \$136.

Clerk Ron Kester and

No tavern

Hamlet restaurant approved

GOODWOOD — It may be some time yet before a restaurant is built in this village.

The proposal was discussed again at a recent meeting of planning committee, and considered by council. It originally called for a building to be built at the northwest corner of Highway 47, and the Third Concession.

"We've completely revamped the thing," said Planning Committee Chairman Bill Ballinger. "It's now for a restaurant only, with no tavern."

would support the plan, but only on the basis of no tavern.

"I think a tavern in a hamlet would cause a lot of complaints," he said.

The committee recommended that a building permit be issued to Mr. Don Barter, the prospective builder, provided he enters into an agreement "to alleviate the drainage problem" and pay all costs. Council voted to accept this recommendation.

The plan was originally proposed some time ago, but poor drainage in the area has proved a stumbling block

so far. Some engineering studies are presently being conducted.

To reinforce council's views, councillor Eleanor Todd proposed a motion that the Official Plan be re-examined with a view

to designating areas where a tavern might be acceptable. The motion further stated that it will be a policy of council that taverns are not compatible with hamlets.

The motion, carried after brief discussion.

VANDORF —

Ministry of Housing has given draft approval to the Lawrence Hennessey subdivision in Vandorf on the condition the number of lots be reduced from 45 to 36.

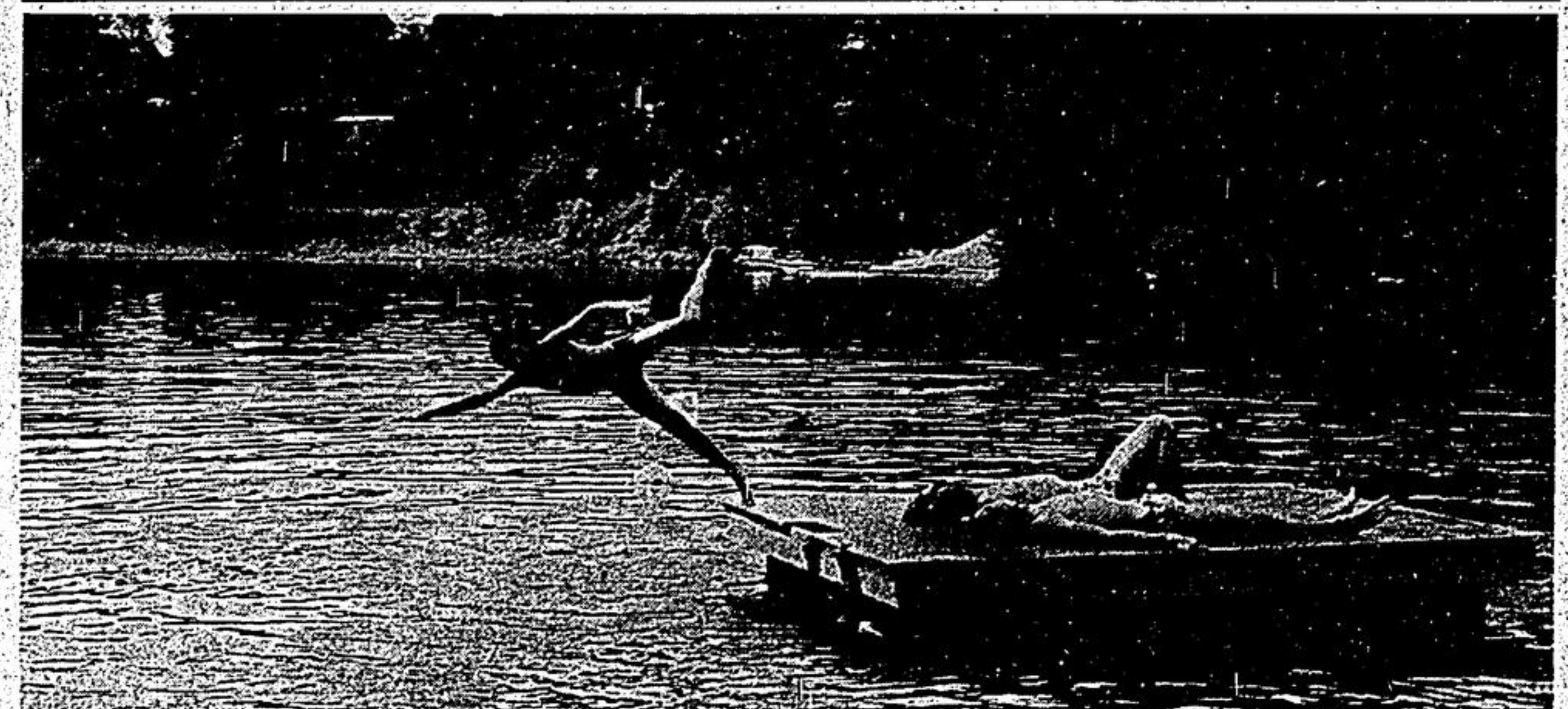
Mayor Carl Puterbaugh explained that the extra money raised through taxes will be applied against water billing, so that the taxpayer will only be shelling out once.

After brief debate, council unanimously passed the tax bylaw. Tax bills should be going out to ratepayers around the beginning of August.

Two of the requirements deal with reducing the expected noise from Highway 404.

A detailed report must be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, indicating the techniques of noise abatement such as the use of berms, double glassed windows, etc.

A report to the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority outlining the means whereby storm water will



For most of us the recent heat wave has been a long torment as we grumble from one air conditioned building to the next. But as this picture shows the scorching days are

not a hardship to everybody and in fact there are those lucky enough to be able to actually obtain some enjoyment from them.

—John Montgomery

Legal action threatened against park

UXBRIDGE — The private picnic area on the north side of County Road 1A is causing headaches again.

Council received two copies of letters to the owner of the picnic grounds. The letters, sent by the Durham Regional

Health Unit, advised that the sanitation facilities are inadequate. The second letter threatened legal action unless the

situation is remedied before the park is used again.

"The picnic area has been the subject of complaints from neighbours for some time,"

"There's not only a health problem, but also they're charging money to let people in," said councillor Eleanor Todd. "That makes it a public park, not a private one."

Puterbaugh agreed that people are being charged, but pinned his hopes on the Health Unit.

"If these people don't smarten up, I think the Health Unit will take them to court," he said.

Councillor Todd pointed out that the Health Unit has been threatening to do so for some time, but no action has resulted. "Things have changed lately," said the mayor. Council took no action on the matter.

Planning Board members made no comment.

Mayor Dr. Carl

on the matter.

Hennessey subdivision gets draft approval

listed 21 conditions or amendments that must be met before approval of the final plan will be granted.

A hydrologist's report satisfactory to the Ministry of the Environment is one of the conditions.

The ministry has

be conducted from the site, and how they will minimize erosion and siltation both during and after construction.

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