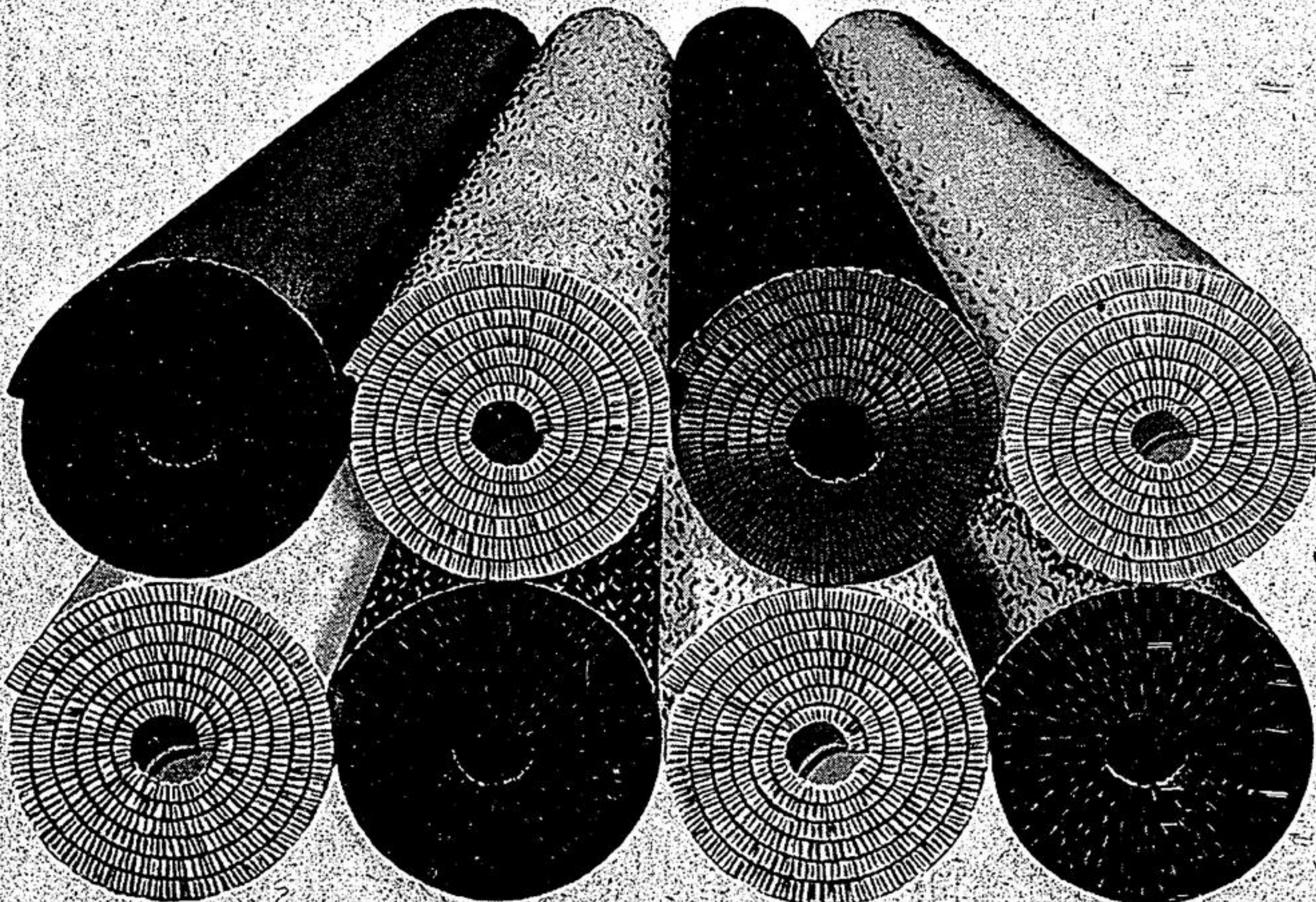


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### Motorcycles too noisy

## Complaints against club

(Continued from page 1) limit on how many were admitted at the gate. "Otherwise you could have 10,000 people."

Councillor Jim Doble suggested that the club be given a chance. "The club

is trying to abide by all the rules," he said. However, residents owning property in the vicinity of the park disagree, and spoke strongly against granting the group a permit.

A lawyer, Mr. Pinelli appeared as spokesman for the landowner immediately to the north. He termed the event "a fairly ambitious proposition" and said that the burden was on the applicant to prove that a license should be granted.

He said that the likelihood of 1000 tents on the property will result in a great deal of congestion, and that noise and sanitary facilities could contribute to "a social disaster." He also told council that there was no indication of the number of toilet facilities available and that the club should have presented all the arrangements to council.

Mr. Pinelli predicted traffic tie-ups as well.

"You can't expect people to spend three days on the property," he said. The club's proposal to help with the policing was also criticized by him. "It's just asking for trouble, getting civilian club members to police the property. If that's not asking for trouble, I don't know what is."

Other property owners cited unfortunate experiences for which they blamed the previous patrons of the park and told council they anticipated nothing but trouble in allowing such a large group of people to camp there.

"We've had people cut down our fences, light fires in our bush, and just cause a tremendous amount of trouble," said Charles Simmons. Another landowner said flatly, "I can't see it. Last year they had an airplane land in my oat field. They had an air show—it was unbelievable."

A neighbour to the south complained about

loose horses coming over from the park. "I had 20 mares of his charging through my fields," charged the man. He also said he didn't like the idea of seeing those bikes there. "That's not the place," was his opinion.

Congestion of traffic at Aurora Side Road and Don Mills was another concern. "It's worth your life to cross there," said a resident, and added "any more traffic and it would be intolerable."

A resident who had lived across the park for 35 years said the park was OK until the motorcyclists (motorcross events had been held in the park in recent years) shattered the quiet. Many others made the same point, and a lot of the residents also complained about the loudspeakers in the park.

"I would like to see the gate locked and never opened again," said one. Mr. Bentley told council there would only be at most 100 motorcycles in the event, and that there is no noise from these street machines. He mentioned that some of the events would be held with the motor off.

Another club official said "The last thing we want to do is have trouble with the local people. We want to improve our image, we're not trying to be a pestilence."

In the end council unanimously rejected the club's application on the basis that their arrangements, such as washroom facilities, police protection, etc. were too nebulous.

"It's too bad," said Bill Kamps, "you're paying for what happened in the past."

Councillor June Button told the club "The area is not suitable for your type of event or rally."

Jim Doble felt that if the club had applied sooner, the details could have been worked out. "Under normal conditions, I would have approved it," he said, "my conscience tells me to vote for your club."

Councillor Becky Wedley also regretfully turned the application down. "You're paying for the kind of noise made by a totally different kind of motorcycle," she told the club representatives. "Young people like you should be encouraged." She also mentioned that she had visited Olympia Park four times last year following noise complaint, and had found nothing wrong at all.



There have been a number of grass fires in our area recently as the hot weather finally sets in. The two firemen above, Don Doner, left, and Jim Rennie, help to put out one of

them. Walt Smith, head volunteer fireman, estimated that he has had over 10 calls in the past few days. He hopes people will be careful when starting fires.

## Recreation summer programs in doubt as result of budget cuts

STOUFFVILLE — Two Recreation Committee summer programs are now in doubt as a result of budget cuts.

Members of council Monday voted to allow only an 8 per cent increase to the budget. The request was for \$49,000 and this then was chopped to just over \$45,000. The 1976 budget was \$42,000.

Councillor Bill Kamps, a member of the committee argued in vain that "we have cut it to the bone."

For the first time this year soccer is being offered and the committee were planning a self-help program where youngsters would be taught the basics of various sports and an expansion into Stouffville of the playground programs which have operated in Ballantrae and Vandorf for the past few years.

The soccer league seems fairly safe but the two parks programs are endangered.

Councillor June Button was the leading opponent of the parks programs. "The town and the taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for babysitting. Why we have to pay money out for playgrounds in a park I'll never know."

Mr. Button added, "There is so much recreation that should be self-supporting, children don't have to be spoonfed all the time."

In addition, Mrs.

Button argued, a playground program had been tried in Stouffville some years ago and it failed because of a lack of interest.

Mrs. Wedley countered that when the programs in Vandorf and Ballantrae were publicized in The Tribune last summer many parents in Stouffville had phoned her to complain because no similar program was operating in the village.

Mrs. Button said she had received no complaints but added, "I'll take any complaints any time anybody wants to call me."

Councillor Eldred King introduced a motion that the committee be granted an 8 per cent increase. The motion carried.

Mrs. Wedley later submitted a press release to The Tribune stating

that the cuts "are making it questionable as to whether we can continue."

The release continued, "I would appreciate all parents with children ages 8 to 12 who want the parks kept open with supervisors to please write to me at RR3, Stouffville and very soon as plans must be made in the next two or three weeks if we are to proceed."

Mr. Lewis explained that the whole idea was to have it all outside, and likened hiding the beer garden inside to sneaking a glass of wine in the cupboard.

"I want to create an outdoor atmosphere," he said, and continued ruefully, "although you have us so scared now, we'd fence the whole thing."

Councillor June Button had a different reason for taking a no-beer stand. "I am against the beer garden because it's our centennial year, and everybody should be happy," she said.

"People who lived here for generations are upset at the controversy. Centennial celebrations should be an occasion of fun — some of our own library board is against it, (the beer garden). There shouldn't be this hassling, we shouldn't have this controversy," she declared.

Mr. Lewis replied that the fund-raising committee fully supported the beer garden.

Gordon Ness, the president of the newly formed Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, also spoke in favour of beer in the park. "We fully support the library fund-raising committee," he informed council, "and have unanimously passed a resolution asking council to reconsider." He pointed out that the people running the event were all well-respected

citizens. "It won't lead to all the murders, traffic accidents and rapes that Mr. McNalley feels this would lead to," he said.

Mr. McNalley explained that he did not mean that these things would necessarily happen in Stouffville, and stated again that he didn't wish to force his moral views on anyone. "The community was founded by people of Mennonite stock, and they built churches, not taverns," he said by way of explanation.

Just as many people would be alienated if permission for the beer garden was withheld, contended Mr. Lewis, who said the street dance would in that case have to be cancelled out. "There would be too many problems with people going in and out with beer," he said.

Councillor Doble couldn't see the logic of that. "I can't see why you can't have the dance without consumption of alcohol," he said.

Councillor Eldred King remarked that he had never seen a beer garden at a country fair, and that "the whole thing is totally out of whack." He felt that council was put in a no-win situation. "No matter what decision you make, someone will say it's wrong," was his opinion. Mrs. Wedley pointed out that this was politics.

The matter of reconsideration of the beer garden decision was not even brought to a vote, since it was obvious only Bill Kamps was in favour.

"Council has made a bad decision," commented Mr. Lewis. "When talking to the Tribune later, Mr. Lewis said that he anticipated no difficulty in getting a liquor license for holding the event in Latham Hall. "But I'd feel better if I had that piece of paper in my hand right now," he joked.

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