

Fear worker exodus due to high gas costs

STOUFFVILLE — Instead of people travelling to work, the work should be brought to the people. This, according to Town Mayor Eldred King, is one long-term solution to the current high cost of fuel that's hitting every commuter who drives into Toronto each day.

Mayor King was commenting on a discussion at York Regional Council, Thursday, related to the spiralling price of gas and oil that, in the opinion of Georgina's Michael McDonald and King's Margaret Britnell, is posing a real hardship on people employed in Metro.

Unless some solution is found, Mr. McDonald predicts a mass exodus of residents back to Toronto.

Regional Councillor Carole Bell of Markham also voiced concern, estimating the cost of

commuting to the city each day at \$2,500 a year.

"People will indeed move back to Toronto unless public transport is made available," she said.

Aurora Mayor George Timpson said he recognized the problem, but felt it should be dealt with nationally. He suggested the Region send a representative to Toronto, in February to attend an upcoming Energy Conference there.

Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe of Richmond Hill criticized the topic's introduction. "Are we to make a study of everything that happens to be an every day problem?" he asked.

Joe Dales, Mayor of Georgina, said his municipality had organized car pools for commuters at the township's

Civic Centre. "Perhaps other municipalities should do the same," he said.

Regional Chairman Bob Forhan explained that the

Province is currently reviewing transportation services in southern Ontario and a report would be made public when completed.

Legal fees

Town in 'black'

STOUFFVILLE — Whitchurch-Stouffville paid out \$30,857 in legal fees over a ten month period in 1979, Town treasurer Edward Blackburn told The Tribune. However, despite the fact solicitor costs in the area of 'general government' went over budget by some \$2,450, the total expense ended up in the 'black' by about \$6,000. This was because \$12,000 had been set aside for 'planning' and only \$4,000 was spent.

In commenting on the cost, Mayor Eldred King explained that considerable funds had been reclaimed by the municipality through charge-backs. He suggested that a

maximum of \$20,000 would be a more realistic figure, excluding special hearings that come up from time to time.

The Town, he said, now has a policy whereby would-be developers must make a substantial deposit to cover all legal fees before the project is considered. In this way, taxpayers not affected by proposals, aren't saddled with unnecessary costs.

As for the municipality, hiring a lawyer full-time, Mayor King says Whitchurch-Stouffville isn't ready for this. It would mean setting up an office and hiring a secretary plus other expenses that would prove no benefit, he stated.

Serious fire

STOUFFVILLE — No one was injured despite the seriousness of a fire, Sunday morning, at the home of Don and Terri Surman, 45 Manitoba Street, Stouffville.

The blaze originated in a wall behind the fireplace in the family room. Since no flame was visible, no one knew of the fire until smoke was spotted billowing out from the eave-structure. Mr. Surman awakened his wife and children. Tammy, 12 and Deborah, eight along with their pet cat, escaped outside.

Don and Terri described the

response by the Fire Department as "just super". They were on the scene in minutes, Terri said, and soon had the blaze under control.

The house is equipped with smoke detectors but their alarms didn't sound because there was little smoke.

Don and Terri Surman and children only moved into the home four months ago and had recently done considerable decorating. "Now we're back to square one," Terri said. Still, they're thankful. At 5 a.m., the result could have been much worse.

Keep program

STOUFFVILLE — The organization involved in the recent Swedish hockey team tournament, points out the excellence of Whitchurch-Stouffville's volunteer

recreation program. Mayor Eldred King stressed this week. And he for one, wants this kind of co-operate effort to continue.

Mayor King feels that the setting up of a municipal Parks and Recreation Department would "kill" volunteer interest and make the operation totally dependent on a full-time staff.

He said that while assistance may be lacking in some areas, he described as "great" the self-help operation related to programs like minor hockey, soccer, softball and the figure skating club.

"This is what community is all about," he said. "I believe the municipality should provide the facilities rather than just someone to sit back and dream up stuff", he concluded.

Meeting

GREENWOOD — An all-candidates meeting, sponsored by the Greenwood Ratepayers' Association, will be held Monday, Jan. 28 at 8:30 p.m., in the Greenwood Community Centre.

Invitations have been extended to Party representatives - Doug Dickerson (Liberal); Scott Fennell (Conservative); and Geoff Rison (N.D.P.). Mr. Fennell is the M.P. for Ontario Riding.

Lake businessmen

Reject bylaw

MUSS LAKE — Two prominent resort operators at Musselman's Lake, have filed formal objections related to Whitchurch-Stouffville's recently approved amusement bylaw.

Vern Davies of Cedar Beach and Max Ewart of Glendale Beach, have asked that their businesses be excluded from these regulations.

In a letter aired before Council, Jan. 15, it was explained that amusement machines have been a part of their seasonal operation for many years. "We have abided

by all laws, enforced good behaviour and paid the reasonable licence fee imposed on us by your government. However, this bylaw is far too rigid; the licence fee is excessive and the operating hours unrealistic".

The requirement, the letter stated, calls for an area of 100 square feet for each machine. This amount of space is not practical, the correspondence read.

At councillor Bill McNalley's request, the matter was referred to discussion in committee.

Take action

STOUFFVILLE — In recent weeks, several Stouffville area women have been on the receiving end of obscene phone calls. On a number of occasions, police have been notified.

However, there's another way. Ken Gilmour of Bell Canada says any persons harassed in such a manner, should contact Bell's business

office, using the number listed on the customer's telephone account. When the situation is fully explained to a service representative, he will attempt to identify the source from which the calls are being made.

Bell treats such matters very seriously, Mr. Gilmour said, and will do everything in its power to halt the practice.

Tax deadline

STOUFFVILLE — Senior citizens who qualify for tax credits, must make application before March 31 of this year.

Forms are available at the Town municipal office, 19 Civic Avenue.

To be eligible for the maximum of \$100, one must meet the following criteria: (1). Own and occupy your home. (2).

Seventy years of age or over. (3). In receipt of old-age security benefits and the monthly guaranteed income supplement. (4). The continuous owner and occupier of your residential real property in Town for the past five years. (5). No income in excess of \$4,378 if single or, as a married couple, your total income is not in excess of \$8,516.00.

Fred Crawford

Fair president '80

MARKHAM — Markham Fair is still eight months away but work behind-the-scenes has already begun. No one is more aware of this than Fred Crawford, this year's president. Fresh from his election at the annual meeting, Jan. 16, he has already set up dates for committee discussions.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said, "I consider the position a real challenge".

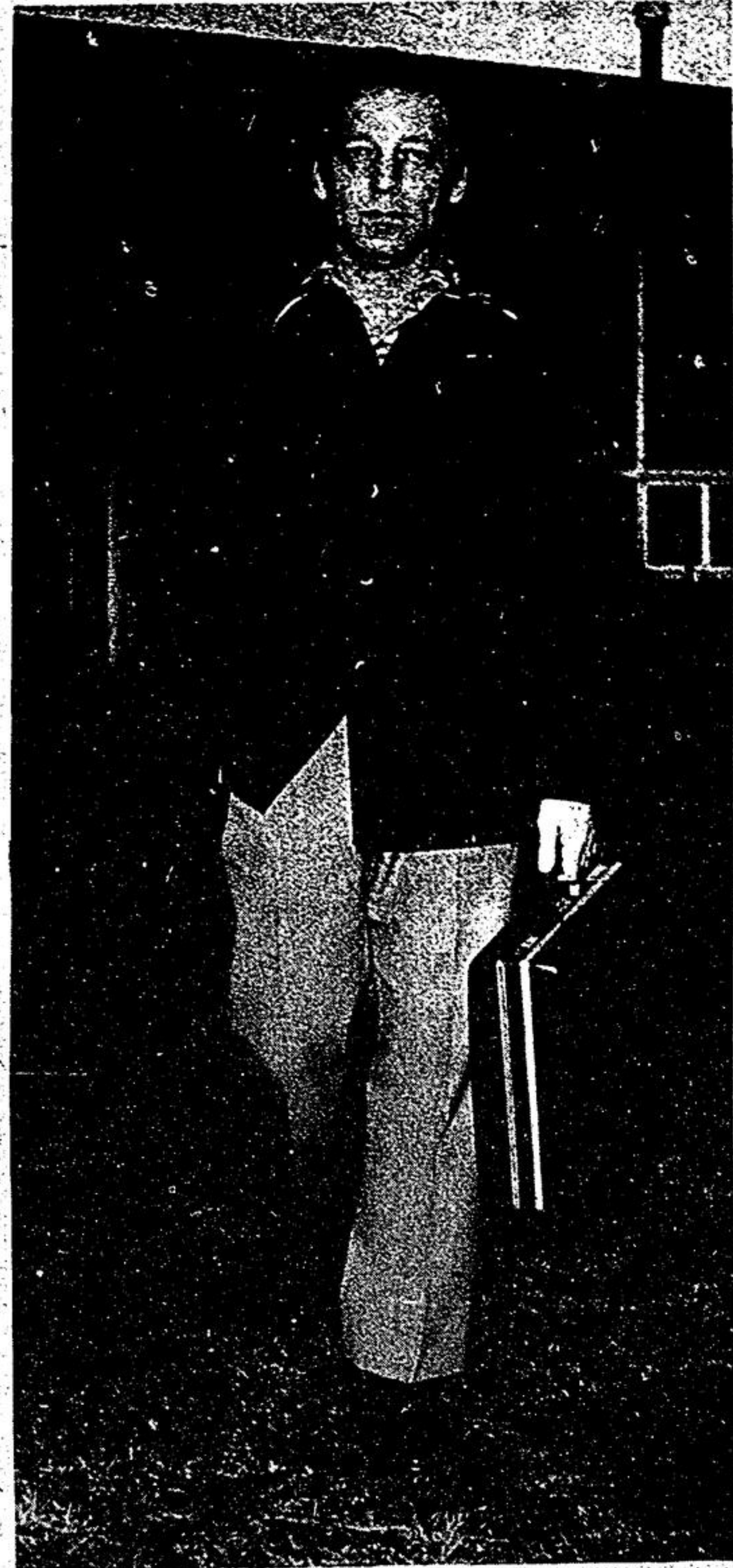
A manager at the Bank of Nova Scotia branch, Kingston Road and Midland Avenue, Scarborough, he recalls how, back in 1970, he was approached by Rodgers Gardham concerning the possibility of a director's post. He was the Scotia Bank manager in Unionville at the time.

Elected in 1971, his direct association with the Fair has been in the area of gate admissions and concessions. He doesn't admit to being an agriculturalist but rather an economist. He hopes this knowledge will prove a benefit.

The year ahead is Markham Fair's 125th anniversary and while no program format has yet been planned, he'd like it to be in keeping with this milestone. He'd also like to see three or four major attractions on opening day, similar to the "Sky Hawks" parachute team of '79.

Fred Crawford is loud in his praise of the newly elected directors, describing them as "extremely high calibre". Those named to the senior board for a three year term are - Mary Cosburn, David Morrison, Glen Mowder, Terry O'Connor, Dennis Seeley and Bill Snowball. Marjory Walters will fill the unexpired one-year term of the immediate past-president, Mac Cosburn. Junior directors are - Ray Beare, Stephen Lewis, Marion Norton, Karen Risborough, Ken Snowball and Cathy Case.

Officers for 1980 are: President, Fred Crawford; 1st Vice-President, Dennis Seeley; 2nd Vice-President, Bill Walker; Secretary -



Fred Crawford, Parkway Avenue, Markham, is the new President of Markham Fair. His election followed the annual meeting of the Markham and East York Agricultural Society, Jan. 16.

Jim Thomas
Manager, Gerald Mann. The Executive Committee includes - Fred Crawford, Dennis Seeley, Bill Walker, Jack Walters, Barry Little plus three past-presidents, Rodgers Gardham, Harvey Brown and Mac Cosburn.

Markham Fair

Net profit - \$31,000

MARKHAM — The Markham and East York Agricultural Society (Fair Board), has never pretended to be a profit-making organization. If income equals expenses, the directors are happy.

Last year's Markham Fair was the exception, perfect weather and record crowds realized a net profit of \$31,886.00.

"It's been tremendously satisfying," President Mac Cosburn told the largely attended annual meeting. He thanked everyone for their co-operation and support.

The auditor's report, described as "glowing" by the president, showed a total income of \$322,577 against expenses of \$256,908. Gate admissions brought in \$123,475

compared with \$74,499 in '78. Concession receipts totalled \$48,733 and rentals, \$19,627.

The Fair's operating costs were \$124,664. A sum of \$51,272 was paid out in prizes; \$10,965 for races and \$8,413 for other attractions.

Alan Wall of the Ministry of Agriculture, described the Markham Fair as one of the best in the country. "Fantastic" was the word he used. Facilities for livestock shows are excellent he

said, not only during the Fair's four days but all-year round. This observation was supported by Livestock Director Harvey Brown. He said dispersal sales had been arranged for most weekends plus space for storage.

Rodgers Gardham, thinking back to the mud problems of '77, commented, "last year, it rained dollars".

Fair dates this year are Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Ideas wanted

STOUFFVILLE — The Stouffville Lions Club is anxious to undertake a major project in Town, director Gary Hoy informed The Tribune this week and committee members (Community Betterment) are looking to the people for suggestions.

Mr. Hoy said one of several

ideas is a recreation complex, but nothing definite had been decided.

Others on this committee are - Don Caudle (chairman); Ivan Harris and Mike Follett. Recommendations will be welcomed by any of the above, Mr. Hoy said.

Reject metric

Dominion Stores Ltd., with a supermarket located in Markham, wants no part of the change-over to metric weights and measures.

has postponed the conversion indefinitely, claiming too much opposition from consumers.

On top of this, Dominion Stores in Peterborough and Sherbrooke will return to imperial measures immediately, in fact, the meat scales were reverted, Tuesday. The vegetable scales will be changed next month.

Stores in twenty-one cities were to make the switch this month. However, Ron Huntington, Minister of State for Small Business and Industry

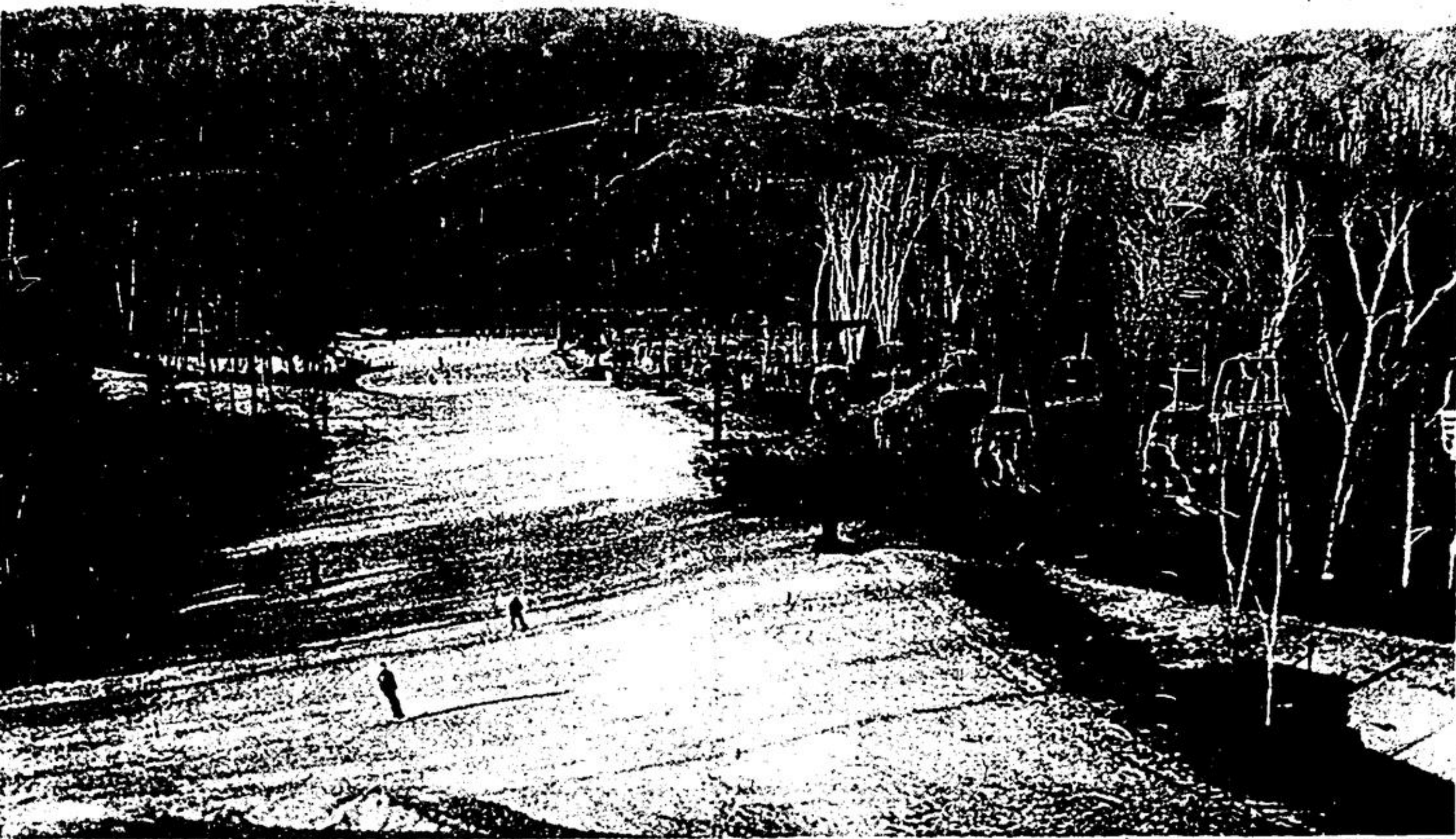
Construction

MARKHAM — Work is underway at the 85 acre I.B.M. site near the intersection of Victoria Park Avenue and Steeles in the Town of Markham.

commodate close to 2,000 employees.

A speed-up in construction is anticipated with the approach of spring. Alex Barton, Markham's treasurer and industrial commissioner told The Tribune. He noted too that I.B.M.'s move to that section of Town had prompted other firms to follow.

When completed, 2½ years from now, the complex will include one million square feet of floor space and will accommodate



Man-made snow helps Dagmar Ski Resort through a weird winter

Although relief's in sight, it's been a tough winter on ski resort operators in all parts of the province and Dagmar in Uxbridge

Township is no exception. However, snow-making equipment has made it possible to keep at least one slope open. With a good fall on Wednesday and more on the way, busy weekends lie ahead.