

Highlights of festival Fun Run

Old Firehall Sports is again sponsoring the Unionville Festival 5k and 10k Run. Organizers expect at least 450 runners this year competing in 12 categories, including a family class where as many as 30 families are expected to enter.

Prizes will be awarded in all categories with medals and merchandise gifts donated by local businesses. Pins will be given to all runners.

The run will start at Old Fire Hall Sports on Main Street and the finish line is at Crosby Arena, where post-race refreshments will be served and the awards ceremony held.

The following is an article contributed by Shannon Homer, 13, who has been running for the past seven years and is one of the children who make up over half of the Festival Run entrants:

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It's Unionville Festival time again! I hope you are entered in the 5k race Sunday morning, June 5. Lots of fun and prizes for kids and adults. If you have not signed up yet, make sure to be at Crosby Arena at 7:30 a.m. to register.

Here is a run-through of the 5k or 3.1 mile course. Pre-registrants check in by 8 a.m. to receive your name tag, pin and, if you were among the first 300 to register, your free T-shirt. Warm up well 10 to 20 minutes before the race.

At 8:30 a.m. sharp, runners will be lined up at Old Firehall Sports Store on Main Street. Start well back or you may get trampled by the hot-shots!

BANG! The gun goes off and you are running north on Kennedy Road, across the bridge and past the library. Don't go too fast or you'll have nothing left for the end.

Up past the Fire Hall, the pack has thinned out. By now you should have settled into your pace.

The 10k runners go straight up the hill, but the 5k crowd turns left at 16th. Enjoy the short downhill across the creek before going up the other side. It's a long stretch past York Downs Golf Course, but you can see lots of runners both ahead and behind you.

Turn left at Village Parkway corner. It's tempting to stop, but you're more than half way now. From Becker's to the Arena, it's all downhill or at least flat.

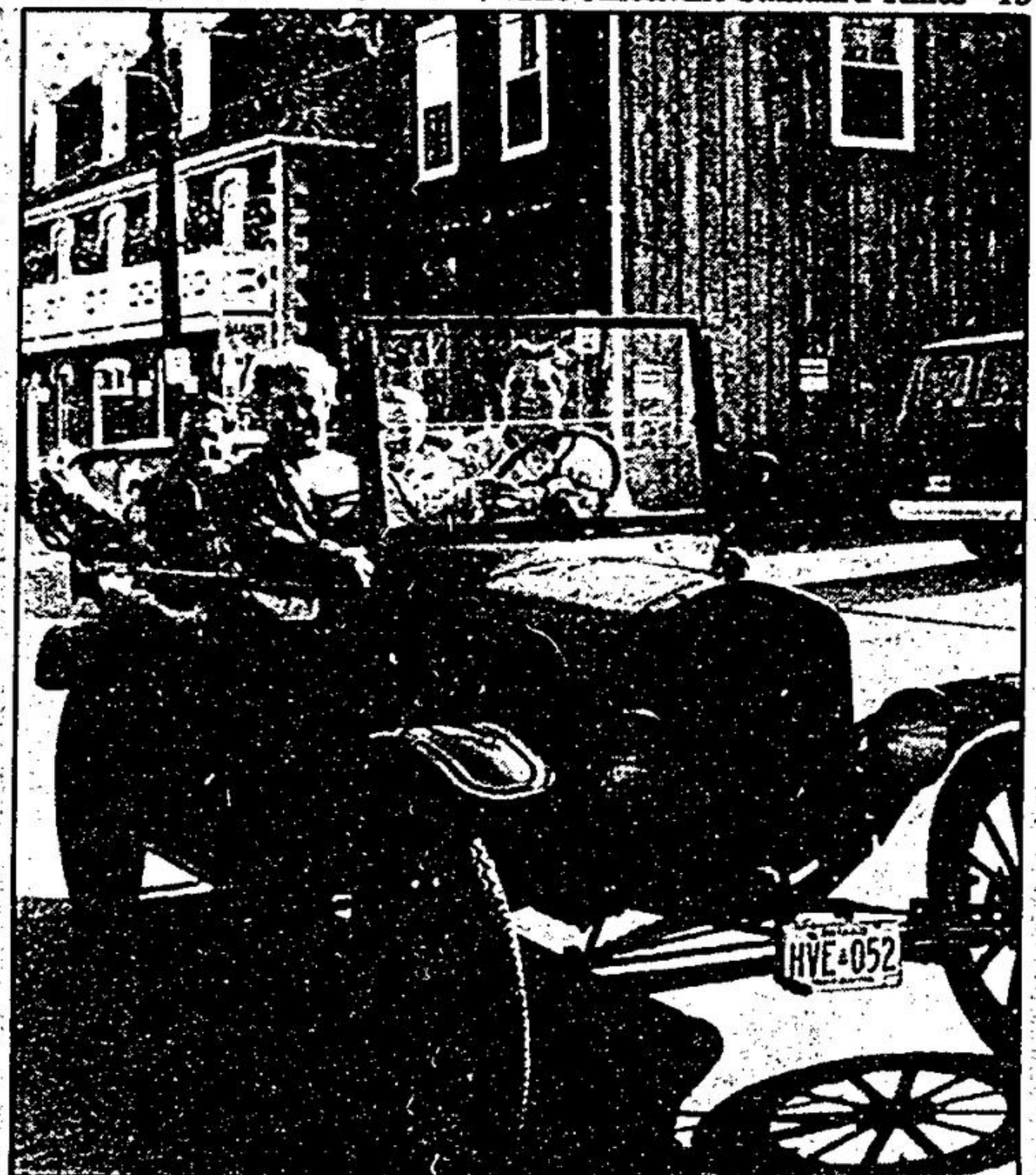
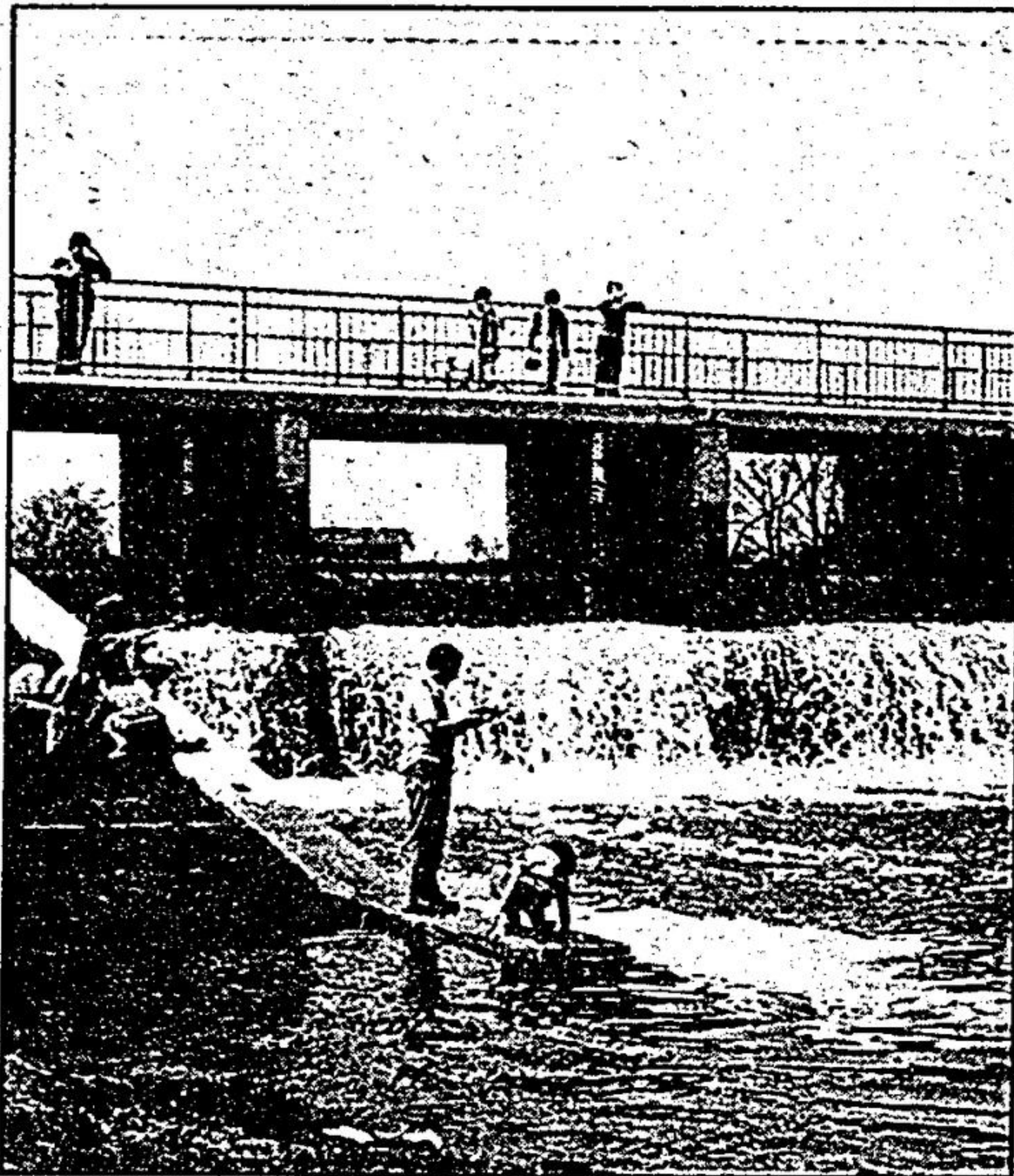
We are turning right at the bottom of Carlton Road. Begin picking up your pace at the pond. This last 400 metres seem like a million, but hang in there. You can see the finish. Everyone is cheering you on. Now, sprint into the chute!

HURRAY! You've finished! When you have cooled down, don't forget to stretch a little so your muscles don't get sore. Join the other runners upstairs at Crosby Arena for refreshments and prizes. It's been worthwhile, hasn't it? Good luck everyone!

Did you know

Did you know that in the late 1800s:

- gypsies came to Unionville to trade horses?
- Indians put on medicine shows at Crosby Hall?
- farmers had a parade, once a year, to demonstrate new farm implements?
- Unionville north of the bridge, near St. Philip's Church, was called "New York", and south of the bridge called "Brooklyn"?
- in "New York" there used to be two hotels, a candy store and a drug store?
 - one had to travel by train to Markham?
 - the pond would freeze 20 inches deep. Farmers would cut it in large chunks and take it home to put in their milk houses to keep milk in summer?
 - mail was delivered Christmas morning until 11 a.m.?
 - in 1907 postage was .01 cents?
 - in 1910 there were about 500 people in Unionville?



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The Unionville Festival

U is for the unforgettable time I have.

N is for the horses "noah"

I is for yummy ice-cream at the Unionville Festival

O is for "Oh I'm scared" in the haunted house.

N is for Nelson ice-cream.

V is for the pretty vases that are on sale.

I is for the interesting things I see

L is for lovely pictures they have for sale

L is for for laking cold ice-cream

E is for everything that I can do at the Unionville festival.

Unionville Festival

On a warm summer day,
We can go out and play.
For the Unionville Festival
is on the track.
And it will soon be back.
It's also a day where you
can walk down the street,
And have no problems
with cars in fleets.
There's lots of candies and
ice cream cones
Haunted houses with creaky
bones.
It's a day filled with lots
of fun,
And it's a day where
you can run.
A jolly day filled with
exciting times,
A day where you would
spend more than a dime.

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Bicycles banned as well

Visitors to "Our Town" during Festival are cautioned against bicycle riding on Main Street Unionville.

The main artery is closed to all vehicular traffic including bicycles so that visitors may enjoy a leisurely stroll without the hazards of moving vehicles.

