

# Trailer park at Cedar Beach rates five star endorsement

**BY JIM THOMAS**  
**CEDAR BEACH**—"It's more than we ever expected," said Jim Mullin of Long Island, New York, "the facilities are excellent".

"This is living and I love it," stated Paula Moore of Toronto.

"Real great", agreed sixteen-year-old Lori Piercey of Labrador City, Newfoundland.

These and other positive comments were offered as I talked with some of the more than 500 tent and trailer residents at Cedar Beach Park, Musselman's Lake, Saturday. There wasn't a single complaint, despite the fact some had been "on the road" several weeks and had stopped off at many similar sites across Canada and the United States.

Vern and Audrey Davies are the people responsible for making this trailer park (and associated amenities) run smoothly. Of course they have help. They're the first to admit they couldn't do it alone.

Regardless, they're the folks who make things happen and their patrons, be they one-night tenters or summer-long campers, appreciate the response.

The history of Cedar Beach goes back more than 50 years. The trailer park was added in 1963 "quite by accident", Audrey recalls. "One family wanted a site for two weeks," she explained, "and when it came time for them to leave, the whole area was filled." The operation's been growing ever since.

In the past 20 years, Cedar Beach has hosted families from almost every country in the world. Multi-colored license plates resemble a who's who in North American geography.

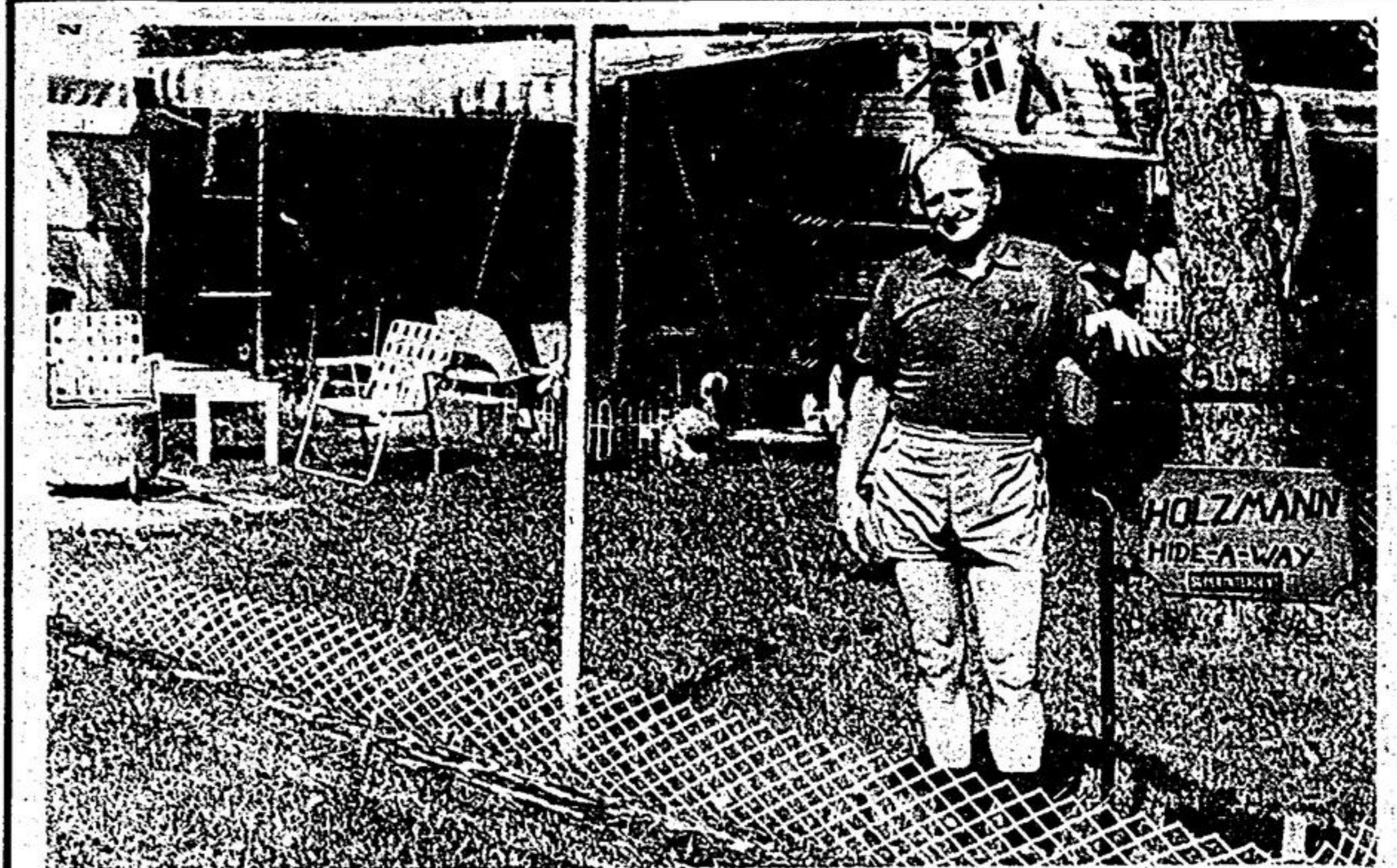
Despite all the problems that must go with an operation so large, Vern and Audrey can always find time to step aside and chat awhile. They're on a first-name basis with almost every guest.

Is the Cedar Beach bath-

ing area private? I asked. That had been the idea several seasons ago, Audrey admits, but they didn't have the heart to shut out visitors who'd been coming close to 50 years. So they let them come in—until the parking lot fills up and that's it; no more. This policy keeps everyone happy.

This summertime "community" of close to 2,000 offers everything—swimming, wading, tennis, volleyball, softball, horseshoes, shuffleboard, bingo, movies, dancing—even a parade. This procession of folks and floats was held Sunday, with Town Councillor Margot Marshall and Toronto Alderman Tom Clifford official judges. They seemed to enjoy the involvement as much as the participants.

As Jim Mullin of Long Island, New York put it: "It's more than we ever expected". All leave with the same satisfied feeling and the majority will be back.



There are 520 trailer sites at Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake. Three hundred of these are permanent locations, with many owners spending the winter in

Florida and the summer here. Superintendent of the park east of the Ninth Line is Bent Holzmann. He's been coming to Cedar Beach for the past five years.



Nineteen-year-old Anna-Marie McSharry is a trailer park receptionist-cashier, the third season she's held

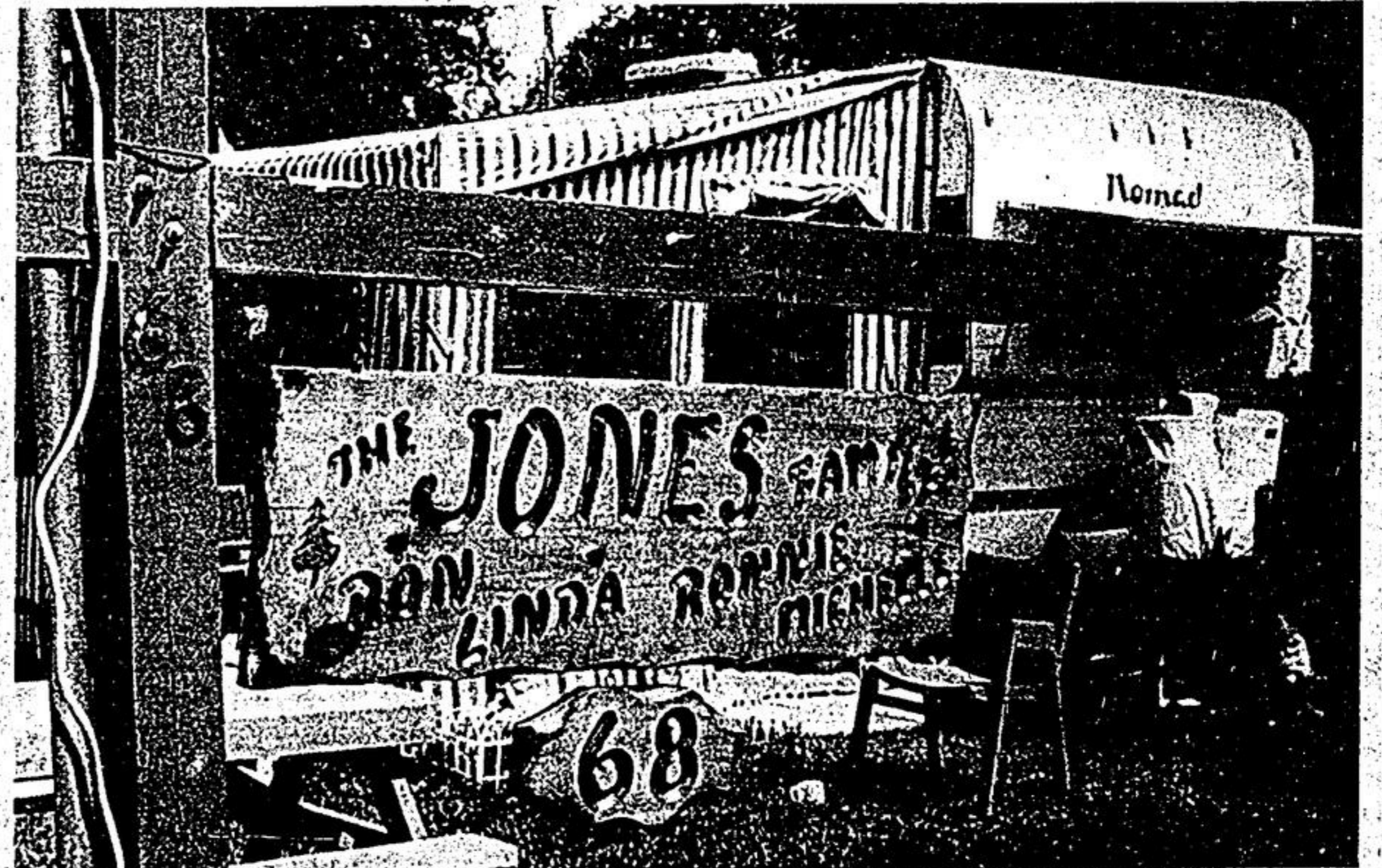
this position. She's planning to attend Concordia University in the fall.



All dressed up in preparation for Sunday's Trailer Park Parade are Jennifer Stargratt, eight and Susan Manley, twelve. They helped make up the Wizard of Oz float that won second prize.



This pretty girl is 16-year-old Lori Piercey, all the way from Labrador City, Newfoundland. She was travelling with Michael and Ann-Marie Walsh and family. Lori described the park as "real great".



Like the sign says, here lives The Jones Family—Ron, Linda, Ronnie and Michelle. An atmosphere of friendliness prevails at each trailer park site as neigh-

bors visit back and forth. Many have been coming here since the park opened in 1963.



Paula Moore's trailer site on Parklane Road features models of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Mrs Moore's been coming here four years. "This is living," she says.



License plates from all 48 states and all provinces of Canada are familiar throughout the grounds. Many transient travellers are here this summer for a first

time while others have been here many times. This particular family is from Long Island, New York. —Jim Thomas.