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Spring-users fear highway traffic

CHALK LAKE — There's such a demand for fresh spring water at Chalk Lake that some long-time users feel a road safety hazard has developed.

Visitors to the Scugog Twp. spring worry that a passing car could collide with vehicles that are often lined up along busy Durham Regional Road 23.

Adrien Lavoie, a Pickering resident who has been coming to the site for about four years, was concerned when he saw a motorist "double park" directly in front of the spring on Saturday afternoon.

He later instructed the driver to move his vehicle out of range of the nearby highway traffic.

Ivan Mark of Ajax, who makes the trip to Chalk Lake once a month, said Saturday was the first time he'd seen any real congestion around the water pipe.

Mr Mark wasn't aware of any traffic concerns, but said pedestrians are responsible for keeping it a safe place to visit.

"The traffic has the right of way so we are the ones who should be careful," he said.

He favored the "commonsense approach" over other proposed solutions such as construction of a laneway to provide suitable parking away from the roadway.

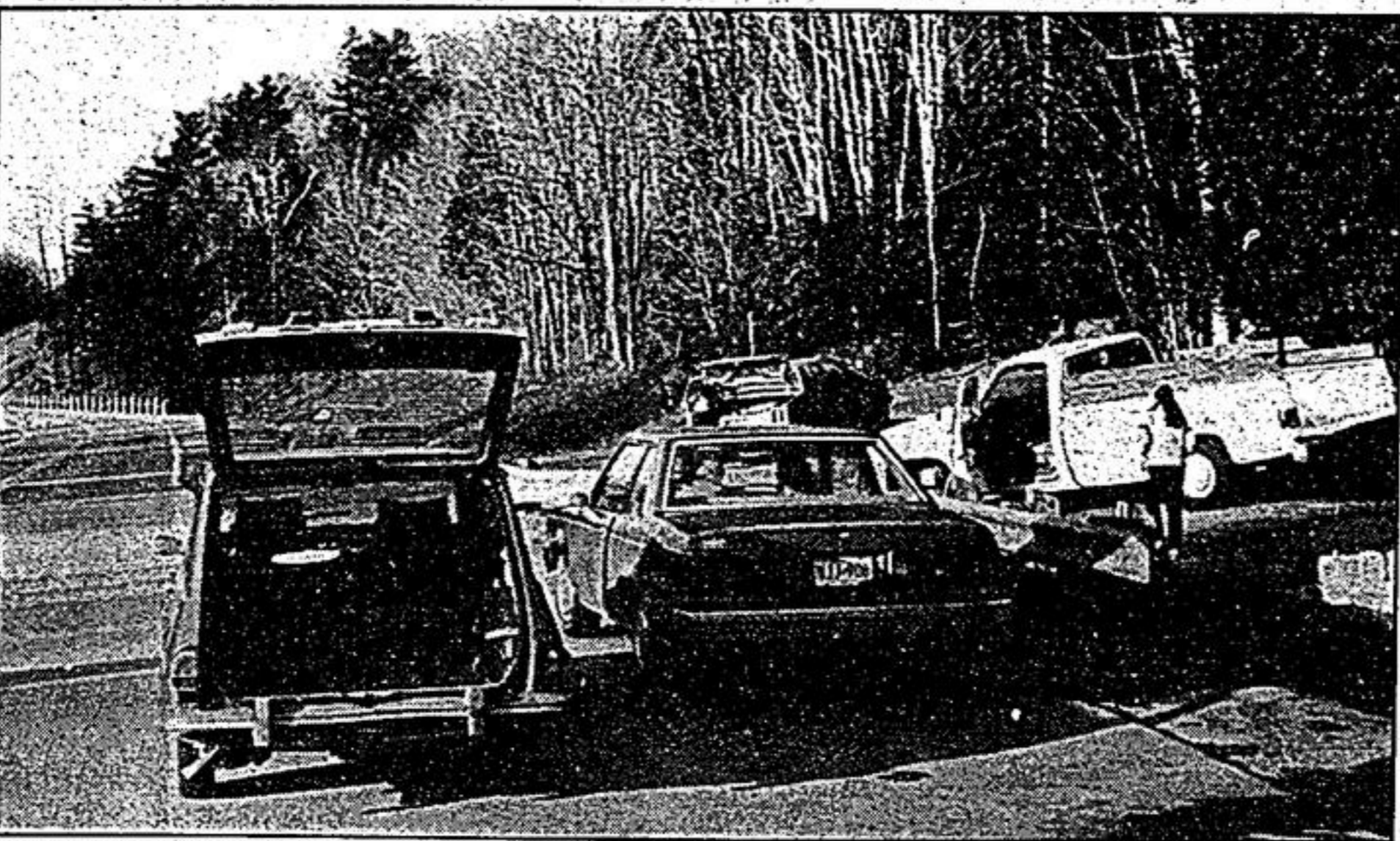
Other spring-users questioned on the weekend said some sort of laneway might be a good idea, providing it was located on the same side of the road as the pipe.

Another problem is that cars are frequently parked on both sides of the highway, making it quite narrow for drivers, some users claimed.

Durham Regional Police Staff Sgt. Doug Aird of 26 Division, Uxbridge, said the high traffic volume has necessitated heavy police presence along the Regional Road 23 corridor, between

Scugog and Uxbridge Twps. "Due to the congestion there (Chalk Lake Spring) we have to try and keep the speed of the traffic down," Sgt. Aird told The Tribune. "We're policing it all the time."

He said he doesn't feel the vehicle build-up was to blame for a traffic fatality that occurred near the spring earlier this year.



Visitors create traffic congestion at Chalk Lake spring

The open spring at Chalk Lake attracts an almost steady flow of visitors, including Pickering resident Adrien Lavoie, seen in right photo collecting water Saturday. The spot has become so popular that traffic often ends up on or near Durham Regional Road 23, as



was the case with a vehicle in left photo. Police acknowledge there's a potential safety hazard and they continue to monitor the area. —Chris Shanahan

Santa's coming to Town

UXBRIDGE — Santa's getting ready for a special visit to Uxbridge this Saturday, Nov. 24.

The local business community is again sponsoring the annual Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade.

It gets underway at 11 a.m. from two starting points, Uxpool and Uxbridge Secondary School.

Organizer Jack Scott said he expects as many as 80 floats and 10 marching bands.

Entries will be welcomed up to parade time. Theme is "Fairy-tale Christmas."

For further information contact Bill or Joan Scott at 852-6227.

Dayliner future remains uncertain

CLAREMONT — Plans to revive the Peterborough-Toronto dayliner train service, which would include a stop in Claremont, remain in doubt following the announcement of massive federal spending cuts.

While recent reports indicate the Progressive Conservatives plan to keep their commitment to resume the Via Rail line, a Transport Canada Official said the government may decline if it's not financially feasible.

A \$3.5 billion reduction in federal spending announced recently by Finance Minister Michael Wilson included a \$93 million slash from the Via Rail budget.

Ontario Riding MP Scott Fennell, a long-time supporter

of a resumption of the service, said Wilson's announcement may delay its return.

"The government is cutting out the fat and as far as the dayliner goes, they (the ministry) are looking at cost and more efficiency," Mr Fennell said.

The 100-kilometre line was one of several across Canada cancelled in July of 1981 as part of a gradual Trudeau government plan to slash \$100 million in federal subsidies to Via Rail.

The Peterborough-Toronto route included stops at Claremont, Dagmar and Myrtle.

Mr Fennell, who feels the dayliner service can be a

money-maker, planned to discuss the matter with Transport Minister Don Mazankowski.

UXBRIDGE TWP. — A plant that will supply millions of butane lighters to the North American market is expected to begin operation in March of 1985.

Installation of manufacturing equipment will begin next week at Tokai of Canada's new Uxbridge Twp. factory, according to site superintendent Max Stanford.

It's located on Durham Regional Road 30 at the site of the former Lazy Lake Trailer Park.

Although production will get underway in March, an official opening ceremony will not be held until June.

General contractor for the project is Beer-Con Industries Limited of Scarborough. Architect is Leslie Rebanks Architects of Toronto.

Kajima International Inc. is serving in the capacity of supervising engineer for the Uxbridge project.

More than 30 men have

been employed at the site during peak work periods, about half of them local people.

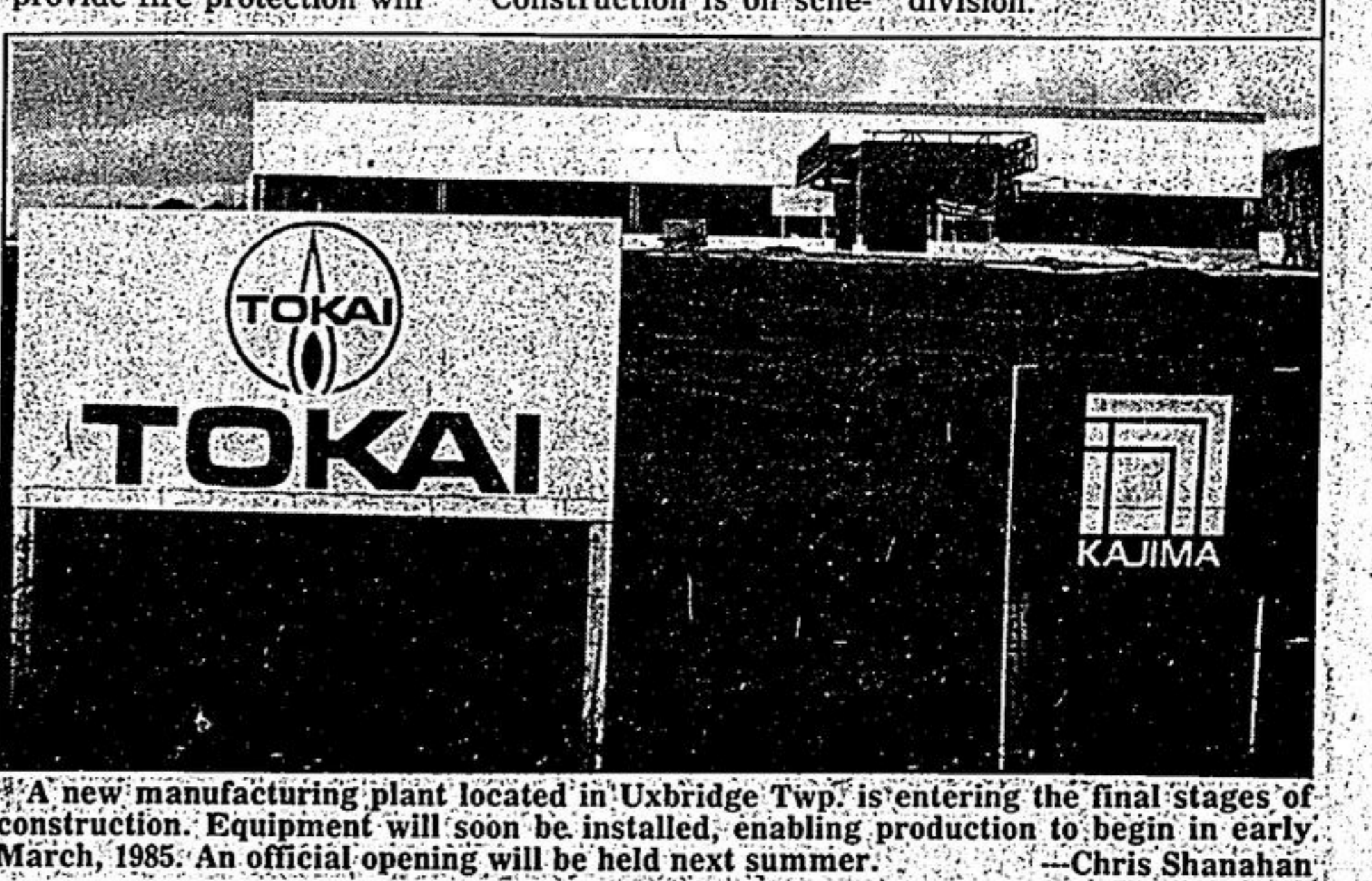
Work on a pump house to provide fire protection will begin this week and continue during the winter months. A diesel pump will arrive at the site next month.

Construction is on schedule and the project "is really going well," commented Christopher Fazio, a project superintendent with Kajima's construction division.

Ontario Riding PC said Federal Members in ridings affected by the train line, including Mr Fennell

and Allan Lawrence of Durham-Northumberland, have been lobbying for a resumption in service.

Construction continues



A new manufacturing plant located in Uxbridge Twp. is entering the final stages of construction. Equipment will soon be installed, enabling production to begin in early March, 1985. An official opening will be held next summer. —Chris Shanahan

Sandford youth killed in single-car crash

SANDFORD — A 19-year-old Sandford youth was killed early Sunday morning in a single-vehicle accident on Conc. 4, Uxbridge Twp.

Brian Harwood was driving south on Conc. 4, north of Sideroad 10, when his vehi-

cle went out of control, left the road and struck a culvert, Durham Regional Police report.

Mr Harwood was thrown from the car and crushed when the vehicle rolled on top of him, according to

Staff Sgt. Doug Aird of 26 Division, Uxbridge.

The accident occurred at approximately 2:25 a.m.

Mr Harwood was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital. He was the vehicle's only occupant.

Sell airport land, MP says

PICKERING — Federally-owned lands at the site of the proposed Pickering Airport should be sold or leased to private citizens, says Ontario Riding MP Scott Fennell.

Mr Fennell would like to see expropriated homes in hamlets on the fringe of airport land revert to private ownership.

"There are homes in Brougham, Green River and Altona that are now owned by the government but could easily revert to private ownership without any effect on any airport that could be built in the future," explained Mr Fennell, whose riding includes the site of the now-shelved airport.

And farms located on actual airport property should be leased on a long-term basis to farmers who would work the land, he said.

The Progressive Conservative MP feels the private ownership of homes

would result in a feeling of permanence in areas disrupted by expropriation.

"It would help bring roots back into those communities," he said.

Mr Fennell, who feels Metro Toronto doesn't require a second major airport, is promoting his plan

in meetings with Transport Minister Don Mazankowski. These preliminary discussions are dealing only with the acreage controlled by Ottawa, he noted.

Plans to build Pickering Airport on 18,000 acres of expropriated land west of Brock Road were first

announced in 1971. Another 25,000 acres was to be used for a satellite town and service roads leading into the airport.

But the provincial and federal governments finally bowed to massive public resistance in 1975 and shelved the project.

Lions host rabies forum

GOODWOOD — A high incidence of rabies has prompted the Goodwood Lions Club to again host a public information night on the topic.

The special meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 26 at the Goodwood Community Centre. It begins at 8 p.m.

Charles MacInnes, representing the Ministry of Natural Resources, will be guest speaker. Ann Barrett,

animal control officer for Uxbridge and Scugog Twps., reports there have been four more sightings of potentially rabid animals in the past week.

Three of these cases involved foxes displaying the type of peculiar behavior associated with the killer virus, she said. One sighting was at Centre Road South, Uxbridge; another near Wagner's Lake; and a

third, south of Greenbank. Mrs. Barrett said a skunk, shot in the Goodwood area on Saturday, is now being tested for the disease.

Residents should ensure their pets are vaccinated each year and are kept under control at all times, the animal control officer advised. Phone number of Uxbridge Twp. Animal Control is 852-7295 or 840-1987.



Tractor pullers honored at banquet

Top performers on the 1984 circuit were honored Saturday during the Central Ontario Tractor Pullers' Association awards banquet at Sunderland. Don White (left) of Whitevale captured the 5,200 and 6,000 modified tractor classes. Don's pictured here with Uxbridge competitor Glen James, who placed a close second in the 6,000 modified pull and came third at 5,200. —Chris Shanahan