

Take gravel firm to court

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Uxbridge Twp. Council will take action through the courts against the firm of Timbers Bros. Sand and Gravel Limited, R.R. 1, Claremont.

The decision, May 17, followed receipt of a letter from solicitor Willard Estey, pointing to the fact that after eight months of deliberations, no agreement between the municipality and the company had been signed. The site in question is located on conc. 6, about two miles north of the Pickering-Uxbridge townline.

The Bylaw Enforcement Officer has been instructed to serve notice of violation on the firm with court proceedings anticipated within a week.

Crime rate climbing

YORK REGION - Crime in York Region is up by seven percent over 1970 it was revealed at a meeting of Police Commission, May 17.

A total of 1,929 offences under the criminal code were committed in the first four months of 1971 compared with a total of 1803 for the same period last year.

An increase of 88 counts of break and enter, have been reported; 30 of car theft; 38 of theft over \$50.00; four of possession of stolen goods; five of wounding and an increase of 12 sexual offences.

But a seven percent jump is lower than the general increase in North America, said Police Chief Bruce Crawford.

Seven new homes

STOUFFVILLE - With the signing of a site plan agreement, Ar-Jel Developments Limited will commence construction of seven new homes on the former wrecking yard site, Stouffer Street.

The proposal was discussed briefly at a meeting of Planning Board, May 4.

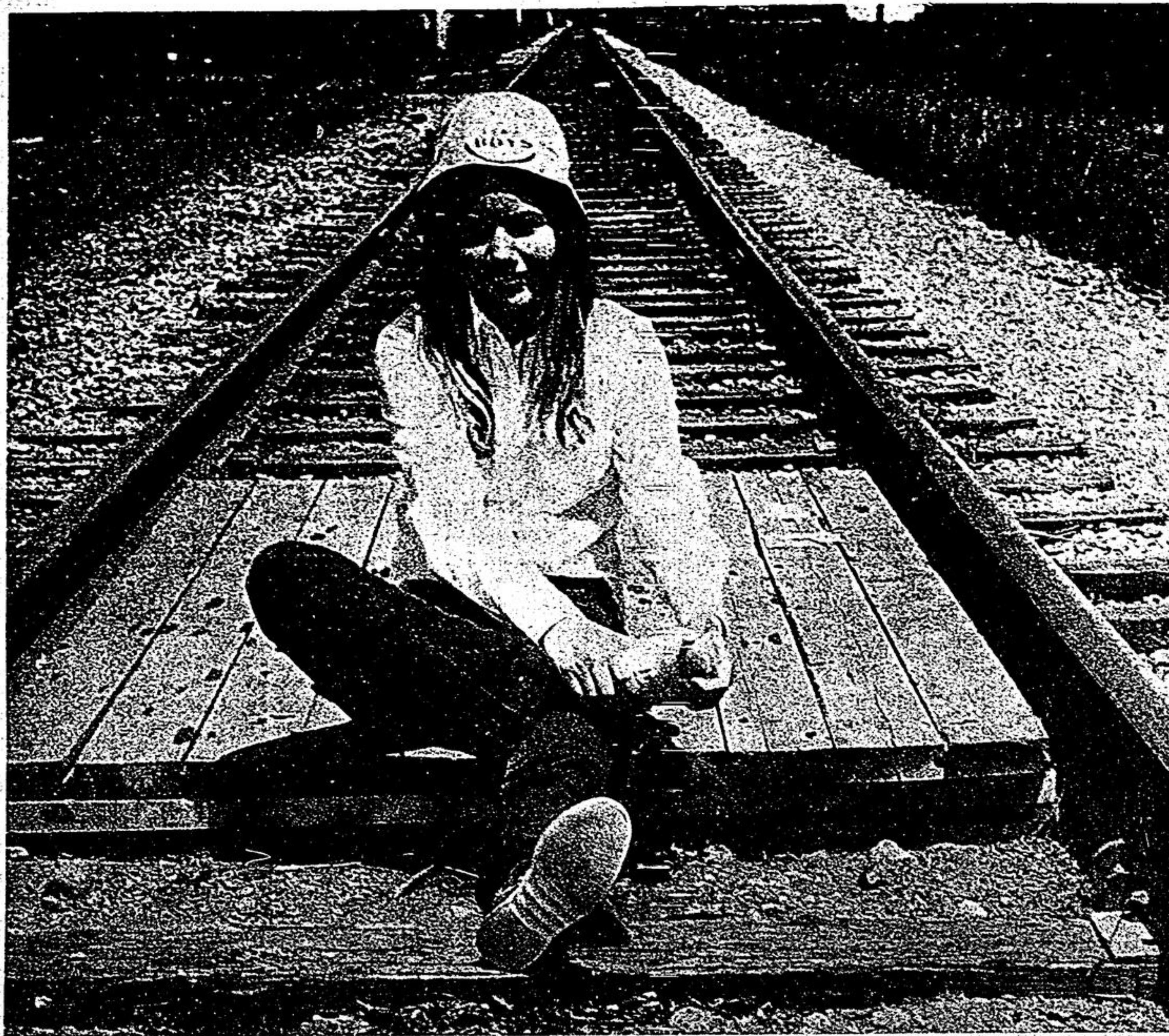
Although originally, it was suggested that five lots would provide each home with a wider frontage, developers argued that anything less than seven would be 'economically unfeasible'.

Mobile observatory

WHITCHURCH - A mobile observatory, thought to be the only one of its kind in North America, will be established on a permanent site at conc. 6, Whitchurch.

This is the plan of Larry Foster, Uxbridge and Bill Dobson, Richmond Hill. The completion date is set for mid-June.

The unit will consist of two telescopes, 14 feet high, 12 feet



Near the end of a 20-mile hike

Fifteen year-old Megan Weir was one of the 1,567 persons who participated in the 'Hike For Happiness', Saturday. And she completed it too, walking the 20-mile distance in six hours. A Grade 10 student at Markham Dist. High School, she is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Chester Weir, Unionville. Here, she takes a breather on the Kennedy Road crossing, before embarking on the last leg of her trip. The 'hike' raised \$24,000, a co-operative venture sponsored by the Family Life Centre and Union Villa. —Jas. Thomas.

Police break up ruckus on Main St.

STOUFFVILLE - Reserves from the Vandorf and Markham detachments of York Regional Police, broke up a ruckus on Main Street, late Friday night, before it could develop into a major brawl.

The trouble appeared to start in a parking lot at the rear of the Dr. Mitchell and Smith Medical Offices and overflowed onto the road and sidewalk where an estimated 40 young people soon congregated.

The majority of lads were only sideline spectators, wanting no part in the fracas.

Two boys were questioned at the scene and two others were nabbed on Second Street in an unsuccessful attempt to escape on foot. Several vehicles were searched.

Two youths have been charged with consuming liquor while under the age of 21 years.

In the mood

STOUFFVILLE - A pro-Canadian fan got a little bit carried away following the Stanley Cup game, Tuesday.

He wrote 'Yea Montreal' on the large display window of Neville Appliances, tripping the sensitive burglar alarm system, thus alerting the owner who in turn called police.

Plan mass appeal sports aid program

STOUFFVILLE - A co-operative appeal will be made through the council, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, calling for increased financial assistance for all organized sports programs in the Area.

The recommendation, placed in the form of a motion, was approved at the annual meeting of the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, May 13.

Discussion on the subject was raised by Wilfrid Morley, a past president. He termed the \$200 Town grant for minor hockey and the \$25 donation to the Figure Skating Club 'a disgrace'. In addition, he said the minor ball program had received 'absolutely nothing'.

Mr. Morley referred to the \$17,000 budget in minor hockey as 'big business'. "Surely," he said, "a Town of 11,000 can support sports to a greater extent than it has".

Douglas Davis, chairman of the softball house league in 1970, said a recreation budget was required to cover all phases of sport.

Edward Grimshaw, local O.M.H.A. convenor suggested that if an approach was made to council in the proper way, such a request would undoubtedly be favorably received. He said he had attended a recent committee meeting of council to discuss plans for a Pee-wee hockey banquet and found members very considerate.

Mr. Morley admitted the Association had been lax in not submitting its application for increased financial help when the new Town Council was first established.

Secretary Keith Sutherland urged a more co-operative approach and this suggestion was later placed in the form of a motion and approved.

Marathon hike raises \$24,000 - 1,245 finish

Boy 4, completes route

UNIONVILLE - \$24,000! That's a lot of money by any standard. But \$24,000 in pennies, nickels and dimes is something more unusual. Particularly when it's raised by people willing to risk blistered feet and fallen arches to help their community.

But that's exactly what happened as a legion of 1,567 men, women and children left Crosby Arena to participate in the 20-mile 'Hike For Happiness'.

Approximately two hours after the last hikers started up Kennedy Road, the first runner 'panted' across the finish line. And by six o'clock that evening, 1,245 people had filtered back to realize a record-breaking contribution in pledges. Proceeds will be equally divided between the Family Life Centre and Union Villa.

For many, the 'Hike For Happiness' was a family affair. Parents, walking hand in hand with their children were a common sight all along the route.

For others, the 'Hike' was a group project. One of the most successful of these was the Bethesda Lutheran congregation in Unionville who entered a team of 35 people and collected over \$625.00.

Not to be outdone by their elders were the 'Purple Herby's', a team of six Grade 9 girls from Markham District High School.

Upon completing the 20-mile 'Hike' the 'Herby's' were presented with a \$100 prize donated by Bramalea Construction. At their request, the money was turned over to the Association for Retarded Children.

And although the majority of walkers ranged in age from 10 to 15 years, the very young and the very old were not left out. At two years, Donald Vincent of Markham was one of the youngest to take part. He succeeded in walking a total of two miles and raised over \$13.00. At the other end of the spectrum, Mrs. Eva Bancroft, a resident of Union Villa, walked a total of 13 miles.

Fifteen prizes were given away to contestants. Eighteen year old Ken Young, a Grade 13 student from M.D.H.S., completed the walk in 2 hours and 25 minutes, to claim the prize for the first runner to finish.

The youngest boy and girl to complete the 20-mile trek were 4 year old 'Geordie' Ledson of R.R.1, Milliken and 6 year old Dianna Pierce, Wilson Street, Markham.

And although she didn't win a prize for being the youngest or the fastest, eight year old Suzie Barcoz has to be the most determined of all. Special congratulations to this little girl who completed the walk despite the fact that she suffers from cerebral palsy.

Better late - -

STOUFFVILLE - There's hardly a week goes by that someone, usually from the Scarboro area, doesn't phone or write, complaining about the late arrival of The Tribune.

But mail delays can also occur much closer to home.

Like Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hirsch, Stouffville, R.R.4. They sent a Christmas card, Dec. 11, 1970, to their good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Amede Boivin, Stouffville, R.R.2, a distance of about three miles.

It arrived, May 6, 1971, a delay of five months less five days.

Main Street count

Local traffic - 92%

STOUFFVILLE - Ninety-two percent of all motorists, entering Stouffville from either the east or west, stop somewhere within the commercial area to do business.

Only eight percent of drivers pass right through without stopping anywhere.

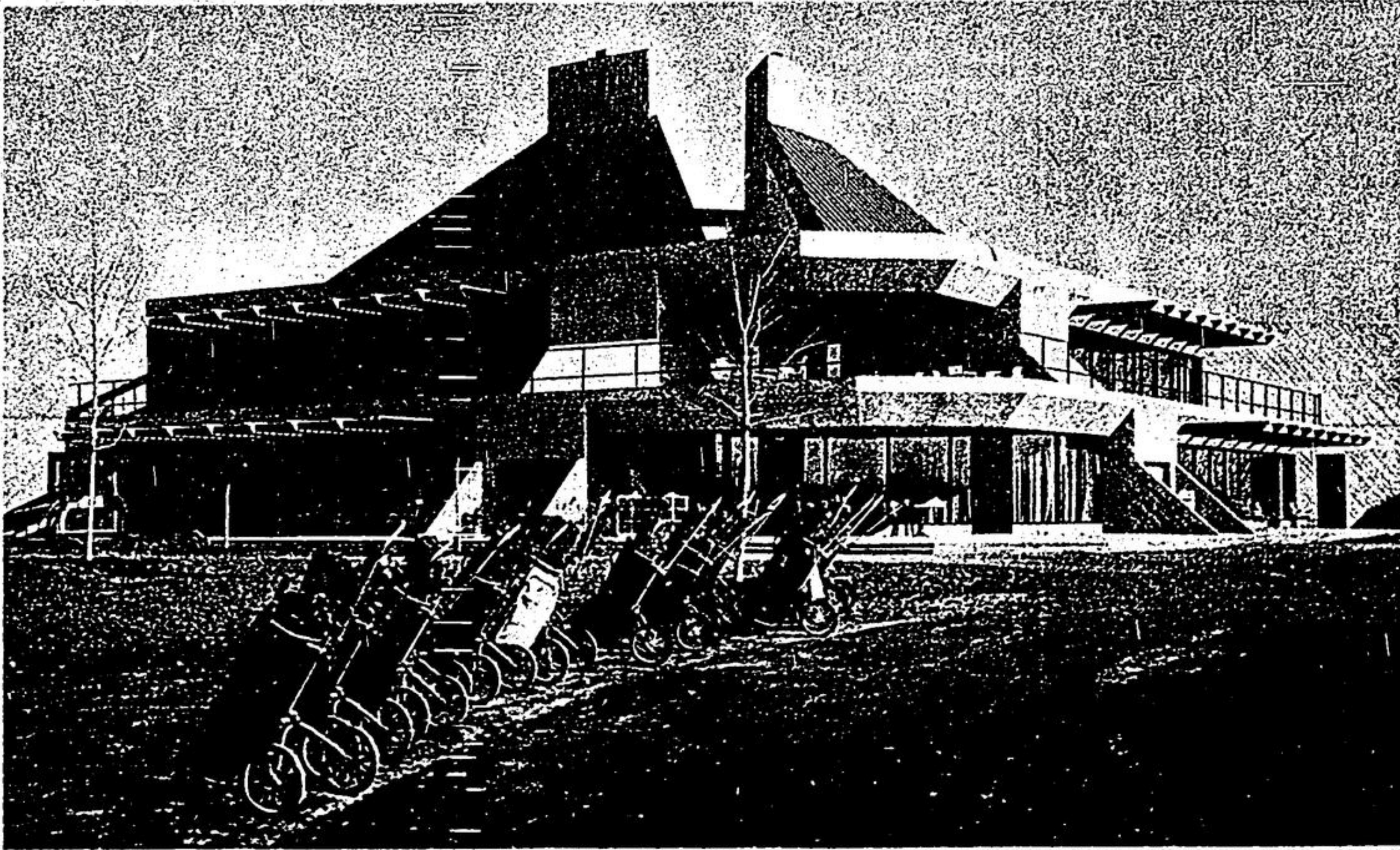
These were the findings in a survey, conducted March 26 and April 26, by the Region of York.

A breakdown follows: On March 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., 2,000 vehicles entered the area between concessions 9 and 10. Of these, 91 percent stopped and 9 percent continued straight through.

On April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2,600 vehicles entered the same area. Of these, 92 percent stopped while 8 percent continued on.

Mayor Ken Laushway, on learning the result, agreed that since by far the greatest majority of motorists entered Stouffville to do business, nothing good could be accomplished by re-routing cars around the town, via the Bloomington Road. "The basic traffic problem here is our own," he said.

A third 'count' will be taken some time during the holiday vacation period, Mr. Laushway said.



Magnificent million dollar clubhouse for York Downs Course

The new 18-hole York Downs Golf Course, located west of Kennedy Road in the Town of Markham, was officially opened this month. A focal point of the layout is this million dollar clubhouse.

constructed almost entirely of slab cement. Membership at York Downs now stands at close to 700.

—Jas. Thomas.

Hockey (yawn) too late

STOUFFVILLE - The hour of 11 p.m. is too late for boys 13 years old and younger to be leaving the arena. Keith Sutherland, principal of Orchard Park Public School told the annual meeting of the Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, May 13.

Mr. Sutherland said it was not uncommon for Bantam age boys to arrive home at 11:30 following House League games, Monday nights. He said many appeared very tired the following morning.

The concern voiced by principal Sutherland over this problem was also shared by some parents, the meeting was told.

The only suggested solution was to obtain additional ice time on Saturdays. But at \$30 per hour, the executive was not optimistic that the cost could be covered.

The total budget for 1970-71 was almost \$17,000.