

Photos and Story

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Recreation booms

Norfolk Township has always been known as a predominantly agricultural community, but as the Nanticoke development grows, and hundreds of thousands of people move into the region to work in industry, more and more people will be looking toward the unspoiled beauty of Norfolk Township for quiet vacation spots.

Hectore Verhoeve, Chairman of the Recreation and Community Services Committee of Norfolk Township Council, is in charge of the recreational programs in Norfolk Township and is constantly trying to find more ways to involve people in enjoying the facilities available.

"I attended a recreation convention in Niagara Falls recently," said Mr. Verhoeve, "and they told us that it won't be long until most people will be on a 30 hour work week. This type of thing will increase the need for recreational facilities immensely."

"People like us in the Township of Norfolk will have to be able to handle the influx of these people coming in."

The Long Point Region Conservation Authority are making plans to expropriate land to put in a new camping park at the Watson Dam near Courtland.

"If we can get the Watson Dam park open in the north, while we already have Deer Lake in the middle of the township, Port Rowan and Long Point in the south, with highway 59 running right down the centre of the township it is an ideal situation for vacationers coming into our area from the city."

"We are even getting people coming up to Deer Lake to swim from Long Point," said Mr. Verhoeve,

"because of the way the lake is coming up the beaches there."

"This is why we must have the facilities available here to attract the people down from the new city site," he said. "These people will come down here for their recreation, and will leave a lot of money that will stimulate the local economy."

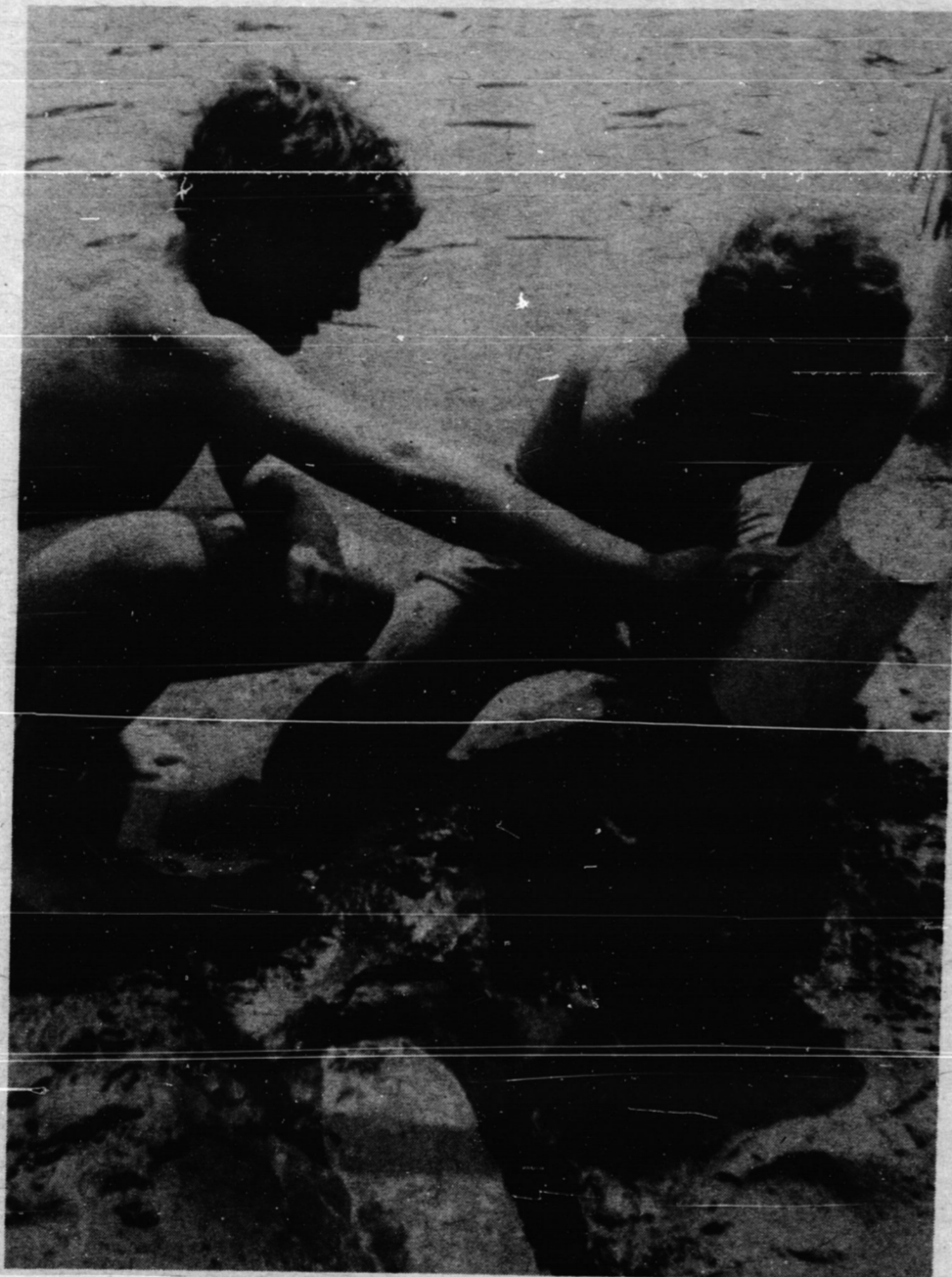
The Norfolk Township, Recreation and Community Services Committee, in conjunction with Program 13, has instituted a summer recreation program to help local people enjoy the facilities in the township more.

Program 13 is a means used by the Ontario Ministry of

Culture and Recreation to help fund local area's recreational programs. It replaces last years Opportunities for Youth program and is largely involved with students.

Councillor Verhoeve and the Norfolk Recreational and Community Services Committee have hired two public school teachers to set up the program.

Jack Fick, who teaches at Houghton Public School, and Bill Babby, who teaches at Courtland, are the co-ordinators for the summer program. Anyone interested in any of the programs can get in touch with Mr. Fick at



Some folks go to the lake for good clean fun, but not these guys. They make no bones about it, right from the word go they are in for the dirty stuff.

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875-2845, and Mr. Babby at 842-5653.

Part of the summer program's swimming lessons at Courtland, Deer Lake, and Port Rowan. Also involved is supervised playground time, and summer sports.

There are now 180 children registered and taking swimming lessons under the program.

One-hundred and fifteen children take lessons at Deer Lake from 9:30 a.m. till noon five days of the week. Two instructors and two assistants handle the classes at Deer Lake.

At Port Rowan 50 children take lessons down by the docks from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., from one instructor and one assistant.

At Courtland 25 children take lessons at the Messecar gravel pit from two assistants and two instructors between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The instructors for the program are Gary Downs of Houghton, Karen Franklin of Port Rowan, and Richard VanMaele of South Middleton. The assistant are Collett

and Colleen Bondy of Langton, and Laurie Darlington of Wycombe.

Another part of the summer program is supervised playground activities in Port Rowan, Walsingham, Courtland, Langton and Fairgrounds. The playgrounds are supervised each morning from 10 a.m. till noon.

Twenty-five children are registered with the playground in Port Rowan; where Mary Lynn Ennes is the supervisor; in Walsingham, 10 children are registered and Debbie Wraight is supervisor; 29 are registered in Langton supervised by Karen Bondy; 15 are supervised by Penny Ferguson in Fairgrounds; and 19 are registered with supervisor Gail Reed in Courtland.

There are also a number of special events planned in conjunction with the summer recreation program. On

Wednesday July 23, a Fun Olympics will be held at the Backus Mill in Port Rowan for the children registered in the playground program. On July 29, these same children

will also be putting on a parade along Main Street in Port Rowan.

With all these activities planned for the children it would seem that the adults have been left out of the summer recreational program, but this is not the case.

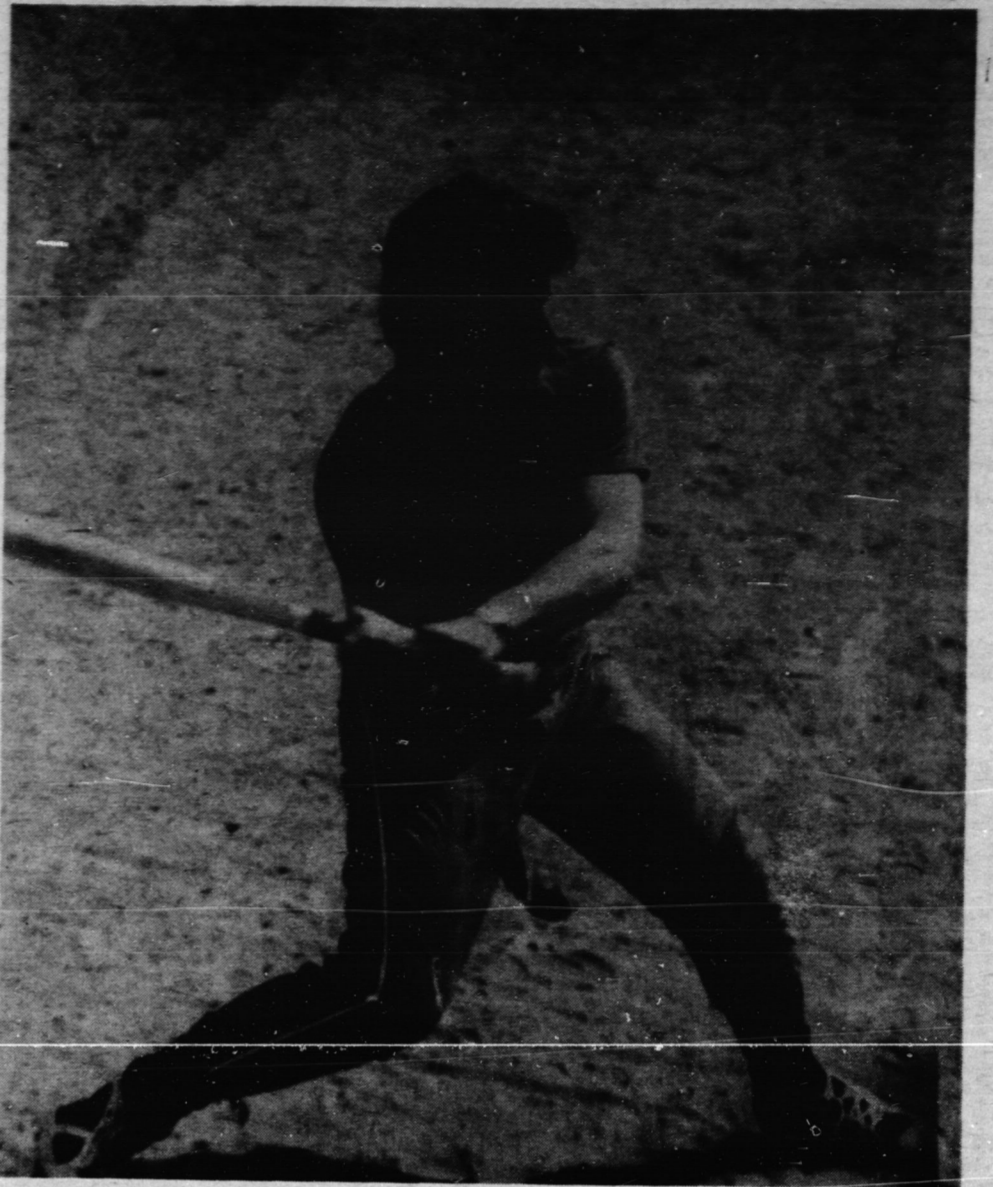
An introductory course in canoeing is planned for adults at Deer Lake. This course will be held one night a week during the last week of July and the first two weeks of August.

There is also a group planning volleyball for adults later in the fall.

According to Bill Babby, one of the co-ordinators of the program, the response to the swimming programs in its second year of operation, has been tremendous.

"We are very fortunate to be able to use Deer Lake and be able to work along with the Long Point Region Conservation Authority in this way," said Mr. Babby.

The township is not charged at all by the L.P.R.C.A. for the use of Deer Lake.



Courtland wedding

Saturday, June 28, was the date for the wedding of Clarence (Jake) Millen and Shirley Gray. The wedding mass was held in Courtland United Church at 4 p.m. followed by a reception and dinner for approx. 100 at the Courtland Community Centre.

Miss Gray wore a long pink dress of sheer over satin. Her headpiece was a shoulder veil held at the crown of the head with pink and yellow roses. She carried a cascade of pink and white roses. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Jack Umpherson of Aliston.

Mrs. Shirley Millen, sister of the groom, was matron of honour. She wore a long yellow dress of sheer over satin with a yellow coloured bodice lined with pearls. Her headpiece was made up of small pink, blue and white Forget-Me-Nots.

The other bridal attendants were Mrs. Margaret Delaney, sister of the bride, who wore a long blue dress with a flowered bodice and matching headpiece, and Mrs. Kay O'Brien, who chose a floor length gown of pink and red with matching accessories and corsage.

George Millen, brother-in-law of the groom was best man. Ushers were Fred Empey and Jerry O'Brien. Following a trip up North to Manitoulin Island and back by way of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Millen will reside at R.R. 2 Courtland.

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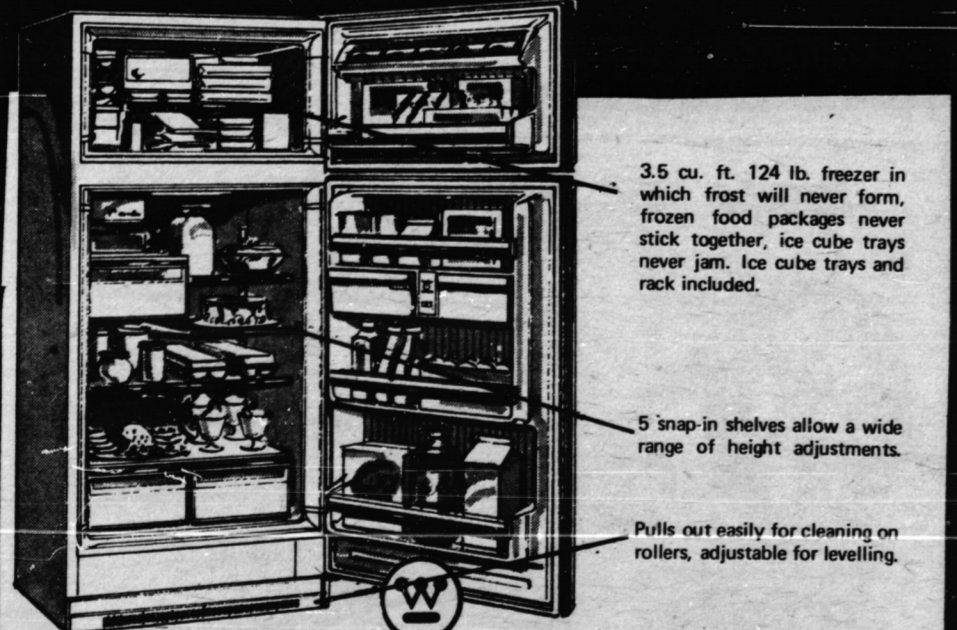
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