

Lions Centre, Park pride of Jarvis area

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the latest addition to their facilities is a \$40,000 flood-lit set of tennis courts. Jiggs Montague, heading the committee in charge of construction of the three double courts, says construction was started last fall and he is optimistic they will be ready for use next month.

JARVIS — In the Jarvis area, when the discussion turns to summer recreation and outdoors activities, local residents point with justifiable pride to the Jarvis Lions Club Community Centre and park in the centre of the village, just south of No. 3 Highway.

The local Lions have been associated with the complex for 23 years, and

While the Lions Club generally spearheads drives for funds for the park and Community Centre, president Don Mitchell is quick to point out that the whole community is very involved.

Both the building and the grounds are maintained and operated by the Lions Club, with the aid of a grant from the City of Nanticoke, and a six man committee is responsible for the hall, while a 15 man committee oversees operation of the park. Dave Doughty is in

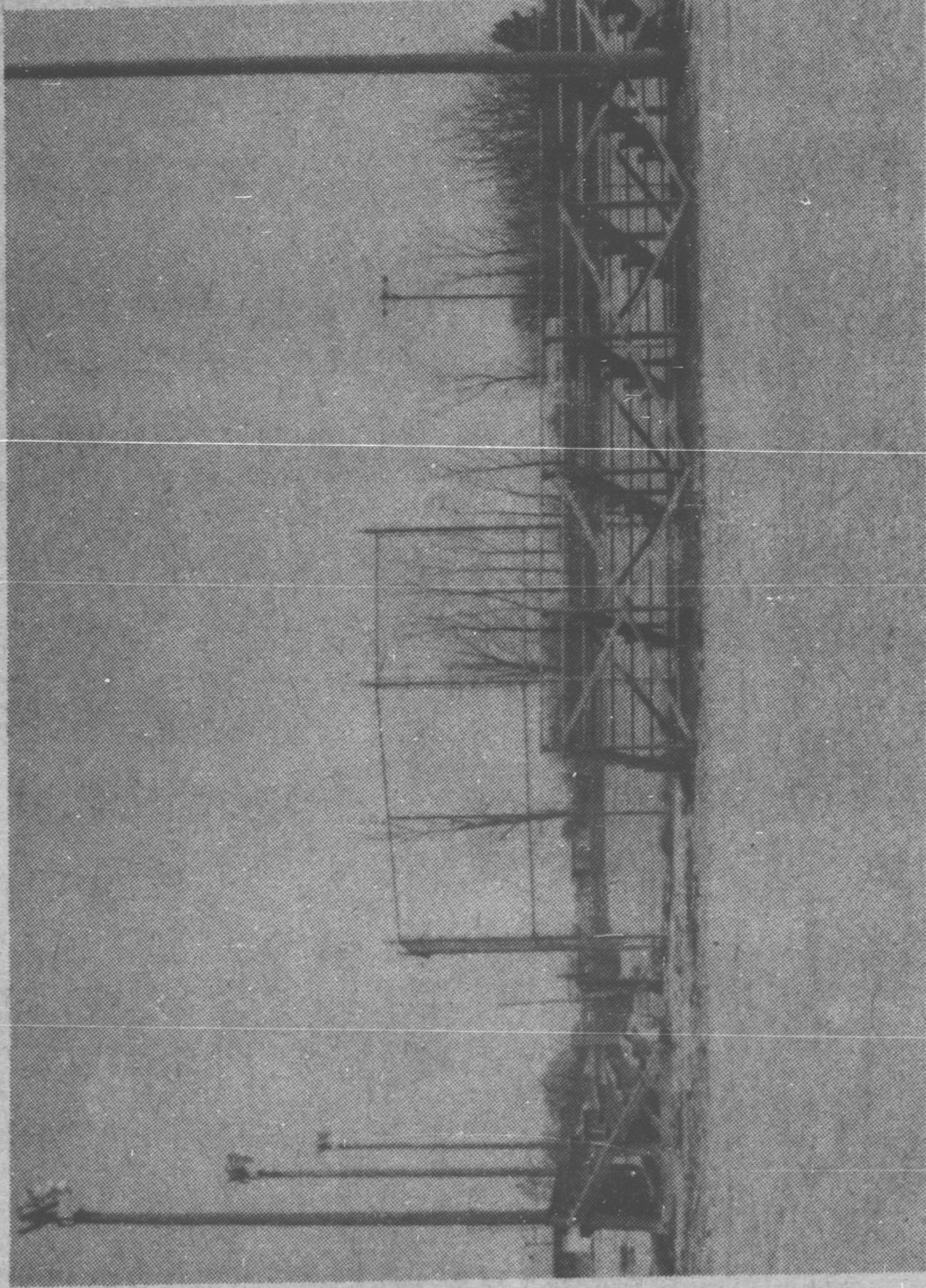
charge of the grounds, while Ted Oldham looks after the hall operation. Both are Lions members.

While Mr. Mitchell did not have figures as to current budgets for the operation of the park and hall, he did say that pretty well all of the Lions Club's funds are used in the complex. "During the past two years, for instance, we've spent about \$10,000 in redecorating the interior of the hall," he said.

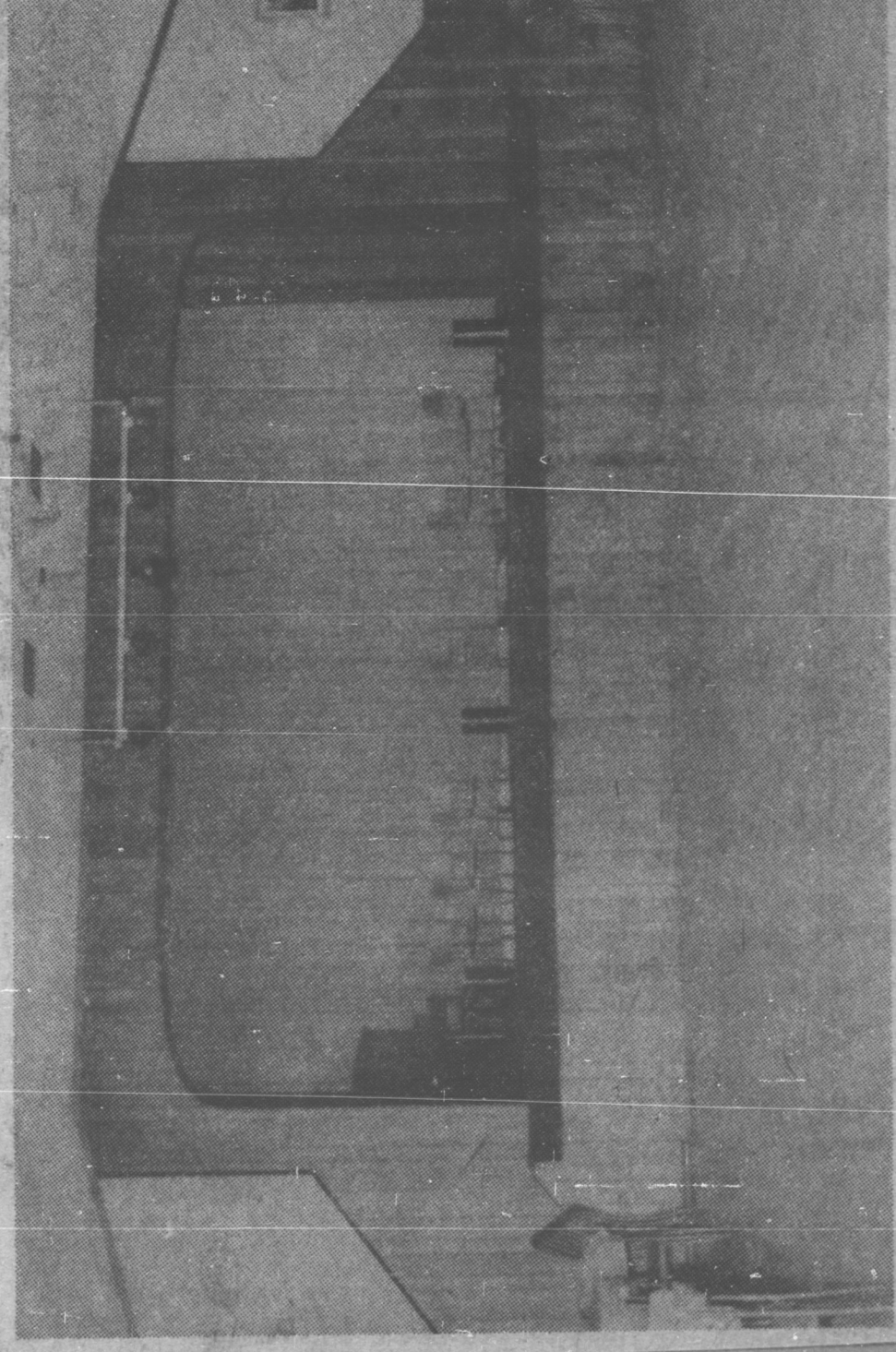
It seems that in order to keep the facility in tip top shape, there's always something that needs doing. "We installed new flood lights in the ball park about five years ago," said Mr. Mitchell, "and from the looks of the bleachers, they're going to have to be repaired or replaced before long."

The Community Centre, built in 1954, has full kitchen facilities and is capable of seating 300 persons for a sit down dinner or about 225 for a dance. "We certainly haven't had any trouble renting the hall, as a matter of fact, if you want it on a weekend, you've got to speak for it about six months ahead," said the Lions president.

The Lions Club holds their twice monthly meetings in the Hall as well as a number of fund raising functions throughout the year, and while they are responsible for the operation of the building,



While Jarvis has no OASA fastball teams entered this year, the area is justifiably well known throughout Ontario as a real hotbed for the sport. Three years ago the Lions Club installed a new set of lights for the park which is well used for minor ball during the summer months. (Nanticoke Times Photo)



A \$10,000 renovation job, completed in the past two years makes the Jarvis Community Centre an excellent meeting and banquet hall. Full kitchen facilities are provided along with a large auditorium and stage area. (Nanticoke Times Photo)

they pay their rent just like anyone else. "The Hall is available to anyone on a rental basis and can be used with or without kitchen facilities," Mr. Mitchell said.

There are a number of church and ladies' groups available for catering for meals if they are required.

Probably the busiest spot during the summer months is the softball area, where a minor ball program provides recreation for youngsters both on a House League and All-Star basis. While Jarvis

has no OASA fastball entries this season, the town is well-known throughout Ontario in fastball circles as a real hot-bed for the sport.

At any rate, the whole complex is a facility that is well used, and most warm summer evenings if you see the glow of flood lights from the south part of town you know that someone is either playing ball, or this year hopefully, working out with a tennis racket. Either way, it beats playing stickball in the street.