

# Manpower Letter A Bad Joke -- Paul Dick

After being advised by letter from the Minister of Manpower and Immigration Bud Cullen that a new data base has been devised for the purpose of determining the amount of Canada Works Program Phase II funding required by each constituency, Paul Dick sent a return letter last week saying that the new system does not recognize the unemployment problem existing in Lanark - Renfrew - Carleton.

"I want to assure you," the PC MP wrote to the minister, "that I am not pleased, and in fact I am most displeased. Of all the organized county jurisdictions in the province of Ontario, the two which are at the bottom end of the scale, on average incomes, are the counties of Renfrew and Lanark. In both of these counties, we are under-industrialized and have severe deficiencies of work opportunities. Your letter strikes me as a bad joke," Mr. Dick told the minister.

In his letter, the minister advised that each constituency automatically qualifies for a possible \$100,000 worth of Works program funding and those with greater than seven per cent unemployed will receive an additional per capita allocation.

According to the minister's new data base, the labor surplus rate for Mr. Dick's constituency is 5.7 per cent. The surplus includes the number of Unemployment Insurance beneficiaries plus the numbers of unemployed Inuit, status Indians, non-status Indians and Metis as compared to the total labor force in the riding.

The period taken for the beneficiary count is November 1976 to March 1977, since the larger part of the Canada Works Program Phase II funds will be spent during the winter months, the minister explained.

According to Mr. Dick, the 5.7 per cent figure is ludicrous. The Ontario average is fully one and a half per cent over what you have given as a percentage for Lanark - Renfrew - Carleton. I want to point out that Lanark - Renfrew - Carleton has one of the highest unemployment rates in all of Ontario, and we tend to pull the Ontario average up, rather than reduce it, and therefore it seems impossible that your figure of

5.7 per cent has any relationship with reality," said Mr. Dick in his letter.

The MP pointed out that he contacted the six Canada Manpower Centres in his constituency and obtained these figures for an indication of the unemployment situation in their areas: Perth area manpower office, 15.8 per cent; Carleton Place - Almonte, 10.7; Ottawa (March - West Carleton), 7.4; Arnprior, 7.4; Renfrew, 11.8; Pembroke, 8.9 per cent.

"You will note that these un-

employment rates are considerably higher than the Ontario average (7.2 per cent in June) and that the Ontario average is higher than the figure which you have allocated for our constituency."

Mr. Dick requested that the minister's staff take another look at Lanark - Renfrew - Carleton with a view towards coming up with an unemployment figure closer to that which the MP obtained from the manpower centres.

In his bid to get the minister

to come up with new figures to give this constituency "a fair share of assistance," the MP charged that any manipulation of the statistics to give a better appearance would only harm the government's credibility.

"I want to point out that one of the reasons that governments are held in such low esteem by the public in general, is that they feel that governments 'cook the books,' work things to their own advantage and do not face up to reality," Mr. Dick advised.

"People mistrust government

because government has given us reason for that mistrust — declaring that Lanark - Renfrew - Carleton's unemployment rate is 5.7 per cent is a prime example of how the credibility of government is undermined drastically."

A large section of the constituency (in Renfrew County) is designated under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as an incentive area because of the depressed nature of the local economy, the MP pointed out.

"If Statistics Canada and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion understand that we have a high unemployment rate and depressed economy, why is it your department does not come up with similar figures?" Mr. Dick asked.

The people in this constituency don't want handouts and don't want to live on unemployment insurance, he added, they want jobs.

"We should not have to beg for what our proper share should be," he concluded.

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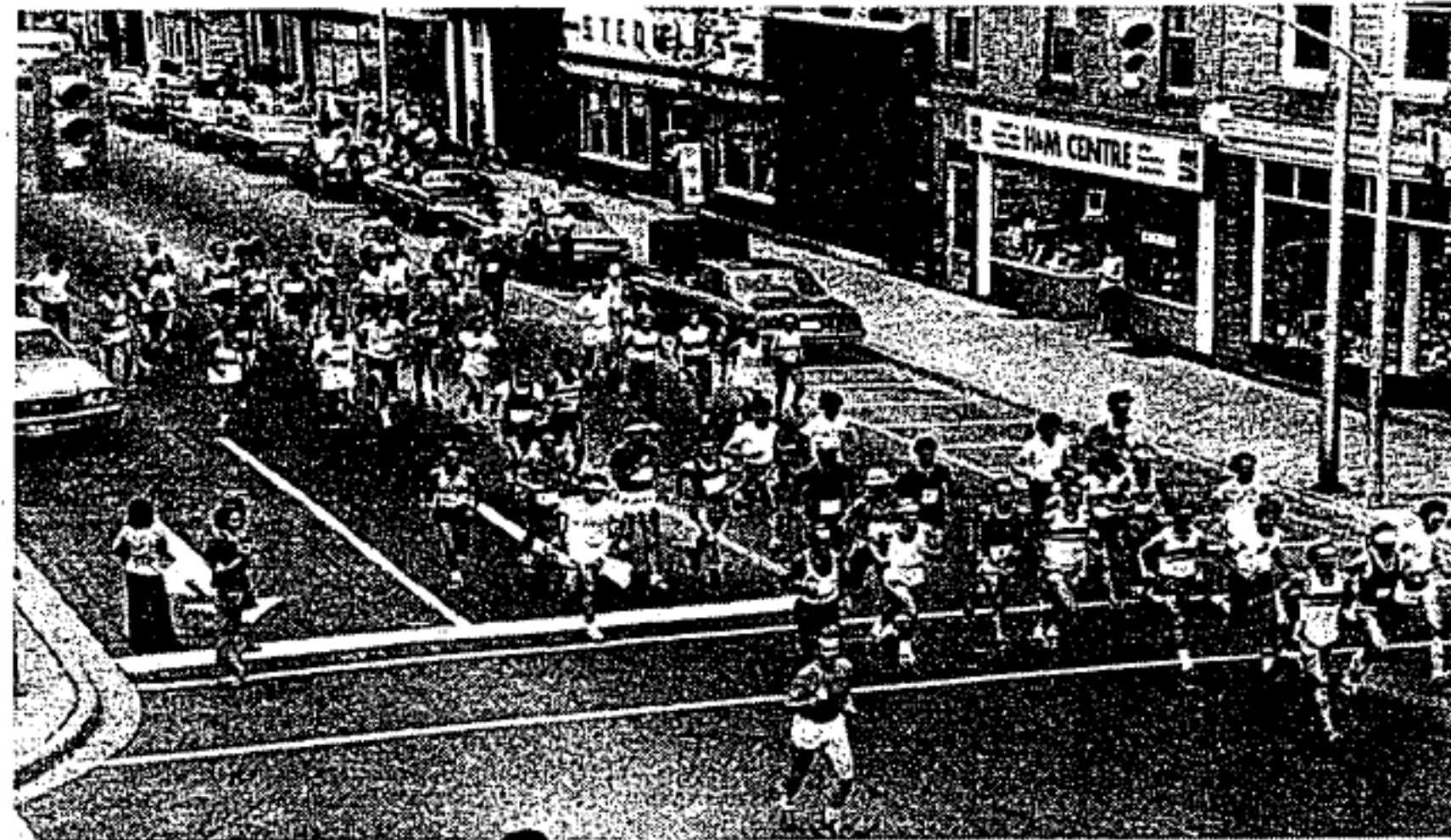
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# Local Company Caught In Middle Of Dispute



**GLEN TAY BLOCK Road Race** runners get the green light to begin this year's event, last Thursday evening, with the start-finish line in front of Perth Museum on Gore Street. Sixty-two runners started

the nine and a half mile race and 61 of them completed it. The youngest competitor was 12-year-old Tom Bowes, of the Pioneer Track Club.

## Ottawa Runner Tops Field In Glen Tay Block Race

Mark Randall, of the Ottawa Kinsmen Harriers track club, did not break the record for the winning time in the **Glen Tay Block Race**, set by Doug Scorrar last year, but no one seemed disappointed.

A large crowd cheered Randall last Thursday evening as he ran past the finishing mark at 48:57, three minutes and 27 seconds behind Scorrar's 1976 winning time of 45:30. Scorrar did not take place in this year's race because of a knee injury.

All 61 finishers in the race, which started and finished in front of the Perth Museum, completed the 9.4 mile course in well under two hours. The last time recorded was 109 minutes, 54 seconds.

The race was much better organized this year compared to the 1976 contest when runners had to make their way through a maze of traffic to get to the finish line. This year, Town Police blocked off Gore between Herriott and Foster so participants had a clear, safe path on the last leg of the race.

One record was set this year by Bill Allen of Napanee, in the Masters category (over 40 years). Bill, a member of the Eastern Ontario Olympic Club, had a time of 51:02.

The youngest runner was Tom Bowes, 12, a member of the local Pioneer Track Club who finished 56th with a time of 80:44.

Race organizer Tom Graham said the variation in ages of competitors was just one of the interesting sidelights of the race. He also noted some of the different professions represented.

"In total, there were about 20-30 different people who help organize this year's race and they did an excellent job," he said. "We had help from the local CB radio club and assistance from the town police and

OPP that helped to make everything run smoothly."

Usually during or just after the race the organizers can think of something that they should have done, or something that was done wrong. But not this time, according to Mr. Graham.

"We were really pleased with the overall results," he added. Seven entries were registered in the Masters division.

The Junior Men's category was won by Bob Graham of the Ottawa Kinsmen Harriers with a time of 50:55. Mark Randall topped the Seniors division.

The fastest woman in the run was Bev. Code, also of Ottawa Kinsmen Harriers, who finished in 42nd place with a time of

68:26. Bev's grandfather was the first person to ever win the **Glen Tay Block Race**, when it started 70 years ago.

Bev was one of eight entries in the Open Women's division. Three of these were Perth runners: Barb Kent, Leslie Henderson and Laurie Henderson, all of the Perth Track Club.

The only two Perth entries in the Senior Men's category, Nick Moxon and Stan Earl, both had good showings with times of 53:36 and 55:37 respectively.

All participants were presented with T-shirts and the top winner in each of the four categories received a medalion on behalf of Perth Legion Branch 244, which sponsored the event.

## Eyesores Irk Council

Three houses under construction in Perth have been neglected by their contractors for some time and Town Council is fed up with the situation.

"These places create an unsightly mess on the streets and something should be done," Mayor Bill Warren said at Council's August 9 meeting.

The three houses referred to are more than half completed, but have been left idle by builders for several months. The lots have not been taken care of, and weeds are overgrowing the properties.

Councillors agreed action should be taken, but were not sure what could be done. Dr. George Vaughan suggested the Town write letters to the contractors requesting that the homes be completed.

Town Clerk Tom Kent pointed out that Perth does have a By-law requiring building and yards be put in a safe and clean

condition, but it has only been enforced once since its inception in 1971.

The penalty for not complying with the bylaw is a \$25 fine for a first offence and a fine of not more than \$100 for further offences.

Councillor David Crowley added at that point that the By-law be quoted in the letter to the contractors.

### THEFT WARNING

Town police issued a warning Monday to motorists advising them to be sure to remove their keys from their parked cars.

The town has not had a serious car theft problem, a police spokesman said, but that doesn't mean your car cannot be stolen.

The majority of vehicles that have been stolen in Perth have been ones with their keys left in the ignition, police said.

## B.C. Fuss Over Wampole Product Sold To Winos

There has been a big fuss in a west coast community this summer over a product manufactured by Wampole Ltd., of Perth. A 2,400-member community organization in Vancouver and the Vancouver press has been in contact with several local Wampole officials regarding the distribution of rubbing alcohol.

The citizens' group, the Downtown Eastside Residents Association, has charged that the rubbing alcohol intended for medicinal uses is the most popular brand of "poison" among skid roaders this summer.

According to the Development Manager at Wampole, Bernard Elliot, "We don't want to see the product abused, being used for something other than what it's intended for, either, and we're very interested in seeing this resolved."

The citizens' group, representing residents of a low income district of Vancouver, say that Wampole's rubbing alcohol appears to be the most popular among winos in that district and have asked if the company can put something in the product to make it undrinkable.

Mr. Elliot said Tuesday he wrote a letter to the organization informing them that four of the five ingredients in the rubbing alcohol compound are added to give it a bad taste.

"We don't add those denaturants, they're put in the ethyl alcohol according to federal government regulations at the distillery," Mr. Elliot explained.

"Nothing more can be added, if we are still going to label the product Rubbing Alcohol Compound," he said.

Mr. Elliot is curious about the fact that Wampole has been singled out in the organization's protest because, as he pointed out, their product is no different from any other company's.

"They make it sound, to me, like there are no other Rubbing Alcohol Compound products around and I don't see how that can be," he said.

Part of the uproar is the result of a distribution error that resulted in a west coast distributor obtaining an oversupply of the Wampole rubbing alcohol. The organization claimed the distributor, Bromley Wholesale Drugs, was then flooding the market with the large supply, with the result that the drug was being sold openly to winos for drinking.

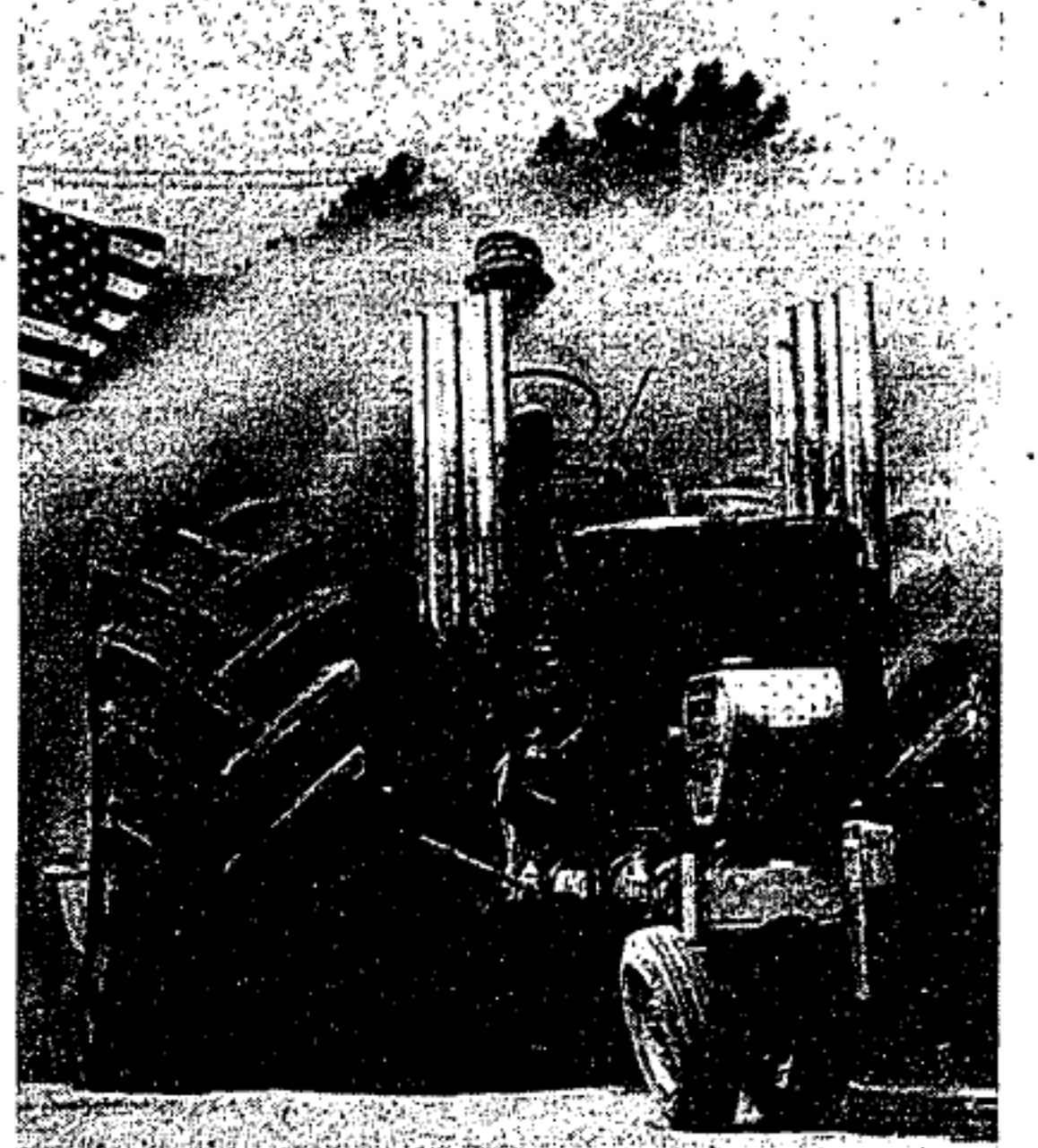
The secretary of the association, Jean Swanson, has written to Wampole Ltd. twice this summer in an attempt to obtain the names of distributors to whom the company ships its compound. In the second letter, dated August 8, the secretary says government officials told her an unauthorized shipment of rubbing alcohol was the source of the problem.

She said a Bromley Company official has stated that they have sent back 90 cases of rubbing alcohol that should not have been shipped to them. Federal regulations restrict most distributors from obtaining more than 48 eight-ounce bottles of rubbing alcohol per month. In May and June, Bromley received 600 bottles from Wampole.

Officials at the local industry say they are no longer filling orders for Bromley.

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**LOCAL TRACTOR PULL** enthusiast Mac MacPhail can hardly be seen in this photo, taken last Saturday at Perth fairgrounds at the annual tractor pull competition, as the dust flew and engines roared for most of the afternoon.

## No Incentive For Smiths Falls Rejoining County

As far as Smiths Falls is concerned, Lanark County restructuring has been shelved and can stay that way until officials of that town believe it will be worthwhile to rejoin the county.

"It will cost us another \$10,000 per year to belong to the county," Smiths Falls Mayor Fred Aboud said in a telephone interview Tuesday. "We expect to get something in return."

The separated town, accepted the original "King Report," the county restructuring study report prepared by Donald King, of the Toronto consulting firm Stevenson and Kellogg, with provisions for expanded town boundaries and reduced county council membership.

County council trimmed the original report's approximately 100 recommendations down to 40, then further reduced it by about half of that, removing all of what observers considered to be the main and most controversial items in the report including all those concerning boundary changes. County council approved in principle the watered-down report in March.

At that time, the town of Smiths Falls said it was prepared to negotiate re-entry on the basis that the town would be able to annex land from neighboring Montague Township for future development.

Those two municipalities have since concluded negotiations for their own for an annexation.

"As it now stands, according to Mayor Aboud, "The restructuring question is in county council's ball park and county council knows there has to be some incentive for us to consider re-joining the county."

Commenting on the size of county council and restructuring recommendations concerning the operation of the county government, the Smiths Falls mayor said he feels "the whole system needs modernizing."

He did not elaborate, but did say that, with 30 members now, there are too many representatives sitting on the council.

A couple of other Ontario counties that have encountered the same problem have made their councils less cumbersome by eliminating deputy Reeves. Some Lanark County councillors are in favor of doing the same here, but no action has been taken on it yet.

## Five People Hurt In Truck-Van Collision

A Hull, Quebec, motorist was charged with failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failure to wear a seat belt following a single car crash on a Ramsay Twp. Road, Saturday, Aug. 13.

Perth OPP reported Louie Bertrand, 52, of 66 St. Jacques St., Hull, was eastbound on the township road, about one mile south of Clayton Village, when his car swerved off the road, striking a tree.

Bertrand sustained only minimal injury but his car was written off at \$2,000.

Earlier Saturday morning, a collision between a pick-up truck and a van resulted in injuries to members of a Carleton Place family.

Treated at hospital and released were Dennis Miller, 29, of Lake Park, RR 2, Carleton Place, his wife, Diane, 28, and their two children, Cheryl, 7, and Tina, 3. All received minor injury.

A passenger in their car, Jeff MacIntosh, 16, of 131 McDonald St., also of Carleton Place, sustained minor injury as well.

According to police, Miller's pick-up collided with a van driven by Arthur Boast, 28, of 107 Bridge St., Almonte, on Highway 29, about three miles north of Carleton Place. Boast was also slightly injured.

Damage totalled \$2,000 to the pick-up and \$1,000 to the van, said police. Boast has been charged with impaired driving.

Thursday, August 11, 39-year-old Gerald Edward Traynor of Westport was charged with careless driving and failing to report an accident after his car struck a rock cut.

Police said the man was traveling on County Road 4 at

about 2 a.m. when his car failed to negotiate a curve, left the road and slammed into the rock cut.

Traynor was not injured. Damage amounted to \$1,000.

The previous day, Wednesday, August 10, OPP charged Warner Robert Giles, 69, of RR 2, Almonte with failing to stop, as a result of a single car collision on County Road 16, approximately four miles west of Almonte.

Giles was southbound on a township road, said police, when he entered County Rd. 16, apparently causing a rear collision with a station wagon, operated by Daniel John Stewart, 39, of 172 Elgin St., Almonte.

Stewart's car swerved off the road and into a rock in a south ditch. The driver suffered minor injury. His vehicle had \$1,000 damage.

## Car Hits Steer

A steer that caused \$1,500 damage to a car when the two collided was able to walk away from the accident, but police believe it was probably badly injured.

Gary Wayne Mousseau, 34, of RR 6, Smiths Falls, told Perth OPP that he was driving on a Beckwith Township Road about four miles east of Franktown when the steer ran across the road, shortly after 9 p.m., August 11.

The car struck the animal, incurring a heavy toll of damage but the driver escaped unharmed.

Police said no charges were laid.

## Local Girl At Games



SUSAN GIBSON

Local track and field star Susan Gibson, of RR 1, Lanark, is in Newfoundland this week competing on the Ottawa Valley Junior Softball Team in the Canada Summer Games.

The Ottawa Valley team won the provincial finals over 22 other teams in June.

Susan, who plays centre field, is 21 now and this is her last year of junior competition.

In September, she begins a four-year college course at Simon Fraser in a physical education program, kinesiology.

"It's a very technical, scientific study of human movement," Susan explained. "It could lead to a career in coaching or teaching."

In the meantime, she still has a couple more competitions ahead of her. As one of Ontario's top young javelin throwers, Susan will vie for the provincial title at Kitchener-Waterloo Aug. 26 and 27, then she will compete, Sept. 2, 3 and 4, in Sudbury at the Canadian Senior Nationals.

The Perth Collegiate graduate is modest about her athletic accomplishments. She won't say how good she is, but she admits she loves every minute of the competitions.

### CLARIFICATION

We wish to clarify that Robert Gerald Dixon, of 81 Drummond Street, Perth, reported in last week's paper to be charged with an indecent act, is not Robert J. W. Dixon, Jr., owner of Reliable Cab Service, or Robert J. Dixon Sr. of 103 Wilson St. W., Perth.