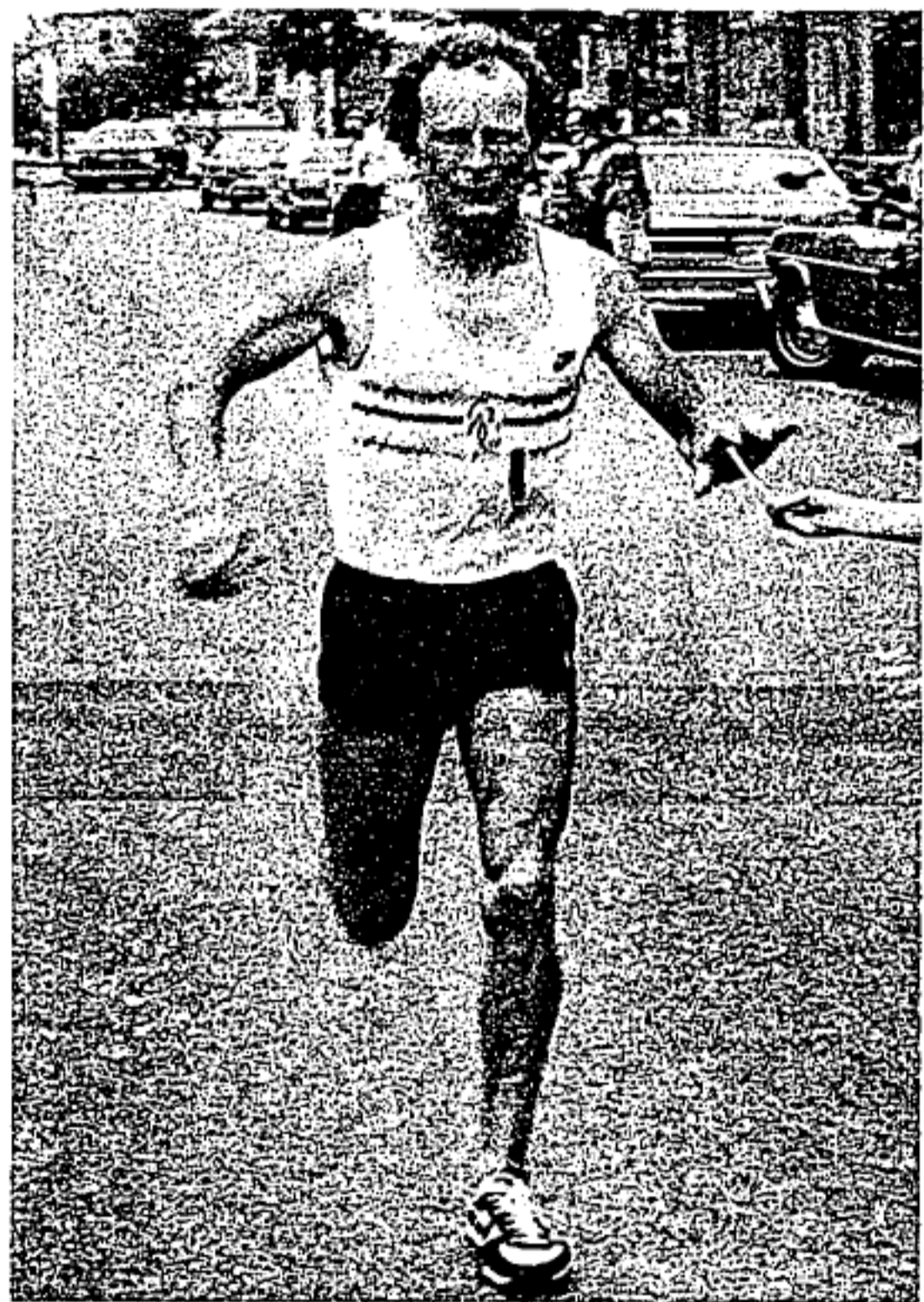
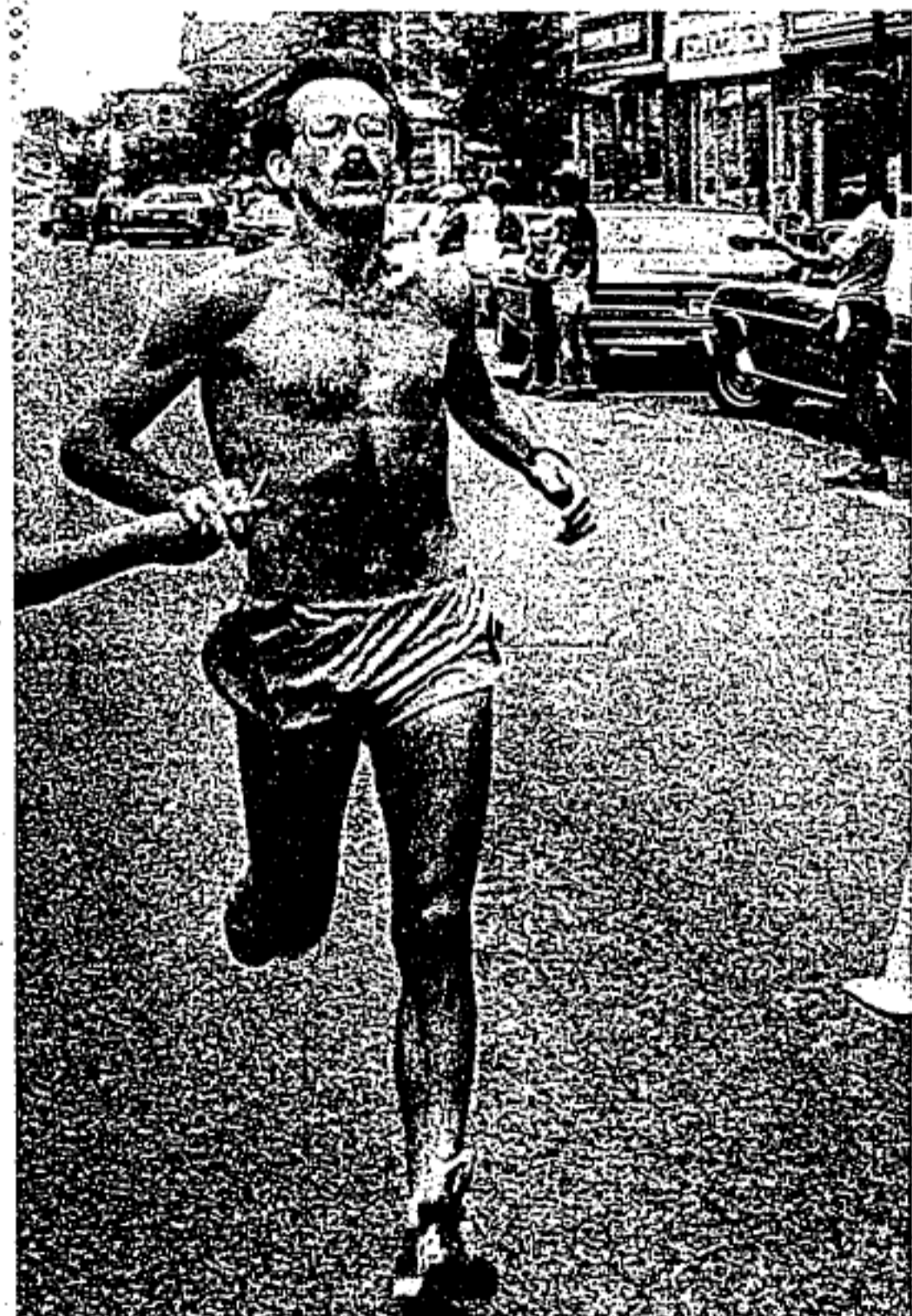


First Place



Second Place



Third Place

Deep River runner Bob Tapping was the first man across the finish line of the 9.1 mile **Glen Tay Block Race** held here Thursday, upsetting last year's winner (Muya Wachira) handily, in 47:47.7 minutes. Second place post was earned by perennial favourite Doug Scorrar, and third place was Perth Runner Mike McPherson, who came in at the 48:35.4 mark. Top female runner of the day was Ottawa's Chris Bowly, who was followed by Anne Wardlaw, and Gail Walton.

350% hike in licence fees in the works?

There is a fishy furor brewing over Ministry of Natural Resources plans to increase the cost of non-resident fishing licences in the province.

While Ministry of Natural Resources officials say they are studying the possibility of raising the non-resident fee, they would not confirm a story in a Rochester, New York, newspaper that says the fees will increase 350 percent next year.

The newspaper article from the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle fell into the hands of local lodge operator David Lister who is concerned a huge fee increase will drive away American fishermen.

Mr. Lister operates Dalhousie Lodge and was given the newspaper article by a visiting U.S. fisherman.

Written by outdoor writer Floyd King, the article states that non-resident fishing licences will increase next year from \$15 to \$50, making the non-resident licence the most

expensive on the North American continent.

The outdoor writer quotes Minister of Natural Resources Alan Pope, in the article.

On top of the increase, says the article, non-resident anglers will also have to buy special muskellunge and lake trout stamps in order to fish for those species.

The article goes on to say Ontario will also have a new rate structure for short-term licences for non-residents.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Queen's Park said discussions have taken place concerning new non-resident licence fees, but did not recall what figures were considered.

Plans to change the licence fees are in the works, he said, adding that the province is considering three types of licences for non-residents — a four-day licence, a 21-day licence and an annual licence. The spokesman added there

is sentiment across the province on both sides of the issue, noting some areas feel there should be a hefty increase, while others do not.

Dalhousie Lodge owner, Mr. Lister, says he has also tried to get concrete information from Queen's Park, but has been unable to do so.

"I just hope they don't go that \$50 route," says Mr. Lister. "It's sure beyond the five and six restraint guidelines." He says 95 percent of his

trade consists of Americans in family groups.

It would deter them from visiting Ontario, he says, if expensive fishing licences have to be obtained for all members of a family.

"This would really be a knock to the small entrepreneur like myself," said Mr. Lister, who bought Dalhousie Lodge in 1971.

He described local fishing as not particularly good and said the American visitors

would likely stay home rather than pay exorbitant licence fees.

Mr. Lister, who described his operation as a modest one, said American visitors at his lodge pour over \$30,000 annually into the immediate region.

Mr. Lister has dropped off a copy of the story which appeared in the Rochester newspaper to the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Natural Resources and at the office of local MPP Doug Wiseman.

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Nutrients from Perth lagoons causing cattail growth

Sewage damaging Tay Marsh

By Patricia Rivera
Nutrients being discharged from the Perth town sewage lagoons are contributing to the creation of "a major problem" in the Tay Marsh, a study done this summer by the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority reveals.

The nutrients, says Colin Lachance, the project manager for the ecology survey crew, are accelerating the growth of cattails in the marsh, to the point where they are choking out other aquatic plant life, and threatening the diversification of wildlife in the marsh.

Mr. Lachance emphasizes that the problem with the effluent is related to nutrients such as sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium being

washed into the waterway. There is not a problem with coliform, or fecal matter, and the extensive water sampling which he and his crew did this summer shows that the lagoons are treating the sewage successfully in this regard.

"It's a matter of unbalanced competition, where extra nutrients are going into the marsh. Cattails are like weeds, and they grab them and eat them as fast as you can give it to them," he said, noting that as a result they crowd out other species.

Already, it is estimated that trappers and bullfrog catchers who work the marsh have lost "several thousand dollars in income because of the situation.

Mr. Lachance, who carried out the study as a follow-up to the Tay Marsh Master Plan (which he wrote as a thesis for his undergraduate degree in physical geography), suggests that the problem can be resolved easily and cheaply.

He says that a fourth lagoon cell should be created, where the effluent now emerges from processing, into the Tay River at a spot referred to as the Tay River oxbow.

The lagoon could be created by planting cattails in that marshy area, so they will feed on the nutrients, and the water which is washed on down into the river will contain a much lower amount of the elements. "They should put the cattails in, let them seed and get root on the bottom, then

cut channels and crossways through them so the water won't race through them," but will meander instead.

This would help suppress the further growth of cattails in the 800 acre marsh below

there (about half of which is owned by the authority). Then other procedures would be implemented to start eliminating the cattails already matting the marsh.

Some of this type of work is

already being done by Ducks Unlimited, which is cutting through the plant growth to open pot-holes of water for waterfowl.

Mr. Lachance said that another

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Locals win competition

Two of the three writers who have their scripts chosen for production by CBC-TV following a writing contest held earlier this summer, are Perth area residents, the CBC announced during a reception in Ottawa Tuesday night.

The two writers are Mike Sobol, the director of store operations at Balderson Cheese, who has extensive experience in theatre management; and Steve Hostetter, who is currently employed with Callender and Associates, and who has some previous experience in writing.

Producer of the three 30-minute programs (tentatively to be called "Thirty Minute Theatre") Janet Evans said Tuesday that the plays were chosen for a number of reasons.

She said they are programs which lend themselves to production within the capabilities of the production facilities in Ottawa; they reflect Ottawa Valley life; they complement each other as a trio; and they are successful as a half-hour format.

Explains Ms. Evans: "It's not easy to write something that works in a half hour. Especially with drama, it really takes more than half an hour to resolve itself. With the lighter material it can be more successful as a half hour."

Mike Sobol's play, "The Last Laugh", is a comedy about a head writer of a Canadian soap opera who starts losing touch with reality.

Says Mr. Sobol: "He has a weird writing style, and his

apartment is filled with mannequins — each is a character in the show. He acts out the scenes with the mannequins. It's a bizarre lifestyle."

The play written by Mr. Hostetter is a drama called "Burning Permits", which is about "a wild Lanark lad being set right by his elders."

The third segment chosen for production was written by an Ottawa freelance writer named Phil Tilney, who is well known to CBO Morning radio listeners.

Over 180 entries were received in the contest, which was open to writers in the Ottawa Valley.

Ms. Evans says that when she read the scripts, the front pages had been removed from the plays, so that she would not know who the writers were. "All I had was a num-

ber," she said, adding that when she had made her selection and discovered that two of the three writers were from Perth "It was quite a shock."

"I thought that it was really quite something that out of the 180, two of the finalists were from Perth."

Mr. Hostetter's drama, which she further describes as "illustrating the inter-dependence of people living in rural communities," will be produced this fall in the Perth area, and the CBC will be seeking both some male and female actors, and a farm kitchen location.

Mr. Sobol's comedy will also be filmed this fall (the plays will likely be aired early next year), and he is looking forward to seeing how the material is handled.

Perth escapes storm damage

The violent summer storm which swept through the Perth area Monday afternoon unleashing torrents of rain and hail left a tangle of downed hydro and telephone lines and fallen trees in its path.

Joanne Graham, manager of the Bell Canada business office in Brockville which services the Perth, Lanark, Smiths Falls and Brockville area said there were 500 reports of telephones being out of service after Monday's storm.

Ms. Graham said falling trees, lightning and wind were responsible for the damage, the majority of which occurred in the Brockville area.

Ms. Graham said there were "an awful lot of trees down" in the area and crews were "working diligently" to restore telephone service.

As of Tuesday afternoon there were still 200 telephones out of order in the area and Ms. Graham said it could be as late as Wednesday evening before all of the repair

work was completed.

Douglas Campbell of the Ontario Hydro office in Perth said "that was a hell of a storm." When asked which areas were hardest hit, Mr. Campbell replied, "It was a very broad front storm. You name the place and it was hard hit."

Mr. Campbell said Hydro crews worked for hours removing literally thousands of trees which had come into contact with or had downed electrical lines in the Perth service area.

At the peak of the storm 7,000 to 8,000 customers, or a total population of about 25,000 were without electricity. Mr. Campbell said Tuesday that all service had been restored, but that possibly the power might still be out in some cottage areas where no one was around to report a power failure.

Mr. Campbell said 20 poles were broken by high winds and falling trees in the Perth service area. In addition about 15 to 20 transformers were

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Perth Fair attractions promising a good show

One of the feature attractions at this year's Perth Fair will be Ottawa's singing policeman, Domenic D'Arcy, who has written a number of songs about the characters he has met while on patrol.

The fair runs from September 2-5, and Mr. D'Arcy, who has a number of records to his credit, will be one of many major attractions.

Mr. D'Arcy will be performing on September 3, which has been billed as Youth Day.

This year's 138th edition of the fair will be officially opened by Balderson-area resident Ralph Barrie, President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

The annual fair parade leaves Sunset Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed

by sky divers, fireworks and a celebrity tug-o-war at the fairgrounds.

In addition to a wide array of agricultural exhibits and contests, the OPP Golden Helmets will perform on September 4, in front of the grandstand and there will be a rocket show that afternoon.

There will be a baseball throwing competition on the final fair day, along with a microwave oven demonstration by local home economist Jean Riddell.

The fair weekend promises to be an outstanding event of interest to the entire Perth and area community and will once again attract thousands to the fair, the motto of which is, "A tradition built on excellence."

Fiddling, step-dancing competitions here on Sat.

The annual Central Canada Fiddling and Step-Dancing competitions will be held this Saturday at the Perth Community Centre.

The competitions were nearly abandoned when a sponsoring group pulled out last year, but the Perth and District Old-Time Fiddlers Association came to the rescue and is sponsoring the competitions this year.

"We didn't want to let it go for one year and then start again next year in case interest died," said one of this year's organizers. "We're hop-

ing to break even this year," he added.

A number of competitors have already registered for the contests and others are expected when registration opens at the Community Centre this Saturday at 8 a.m.

Playdowns start at 8:30 a.m. with the finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Hal Botham, of CJET-CKUE radio, will act as MC, with Bob Ranger as the standing fiddler.

Over \$2,500 in prize money is on the line, along with trophies in all categories.



A spectacular blaze which could be seen across Perth last Thursday afternoon engulfed a barn at the north end of Isabella Street destroying the structure. The structure was owned by Perthmore Developments and contained 3,000 bales

of hay stored in the barn by a neighbouring farmer. Police say juveniles playing with matches started the fire and damage estimates could run as high as \$100,000.

—Photo by Patricia Rivera