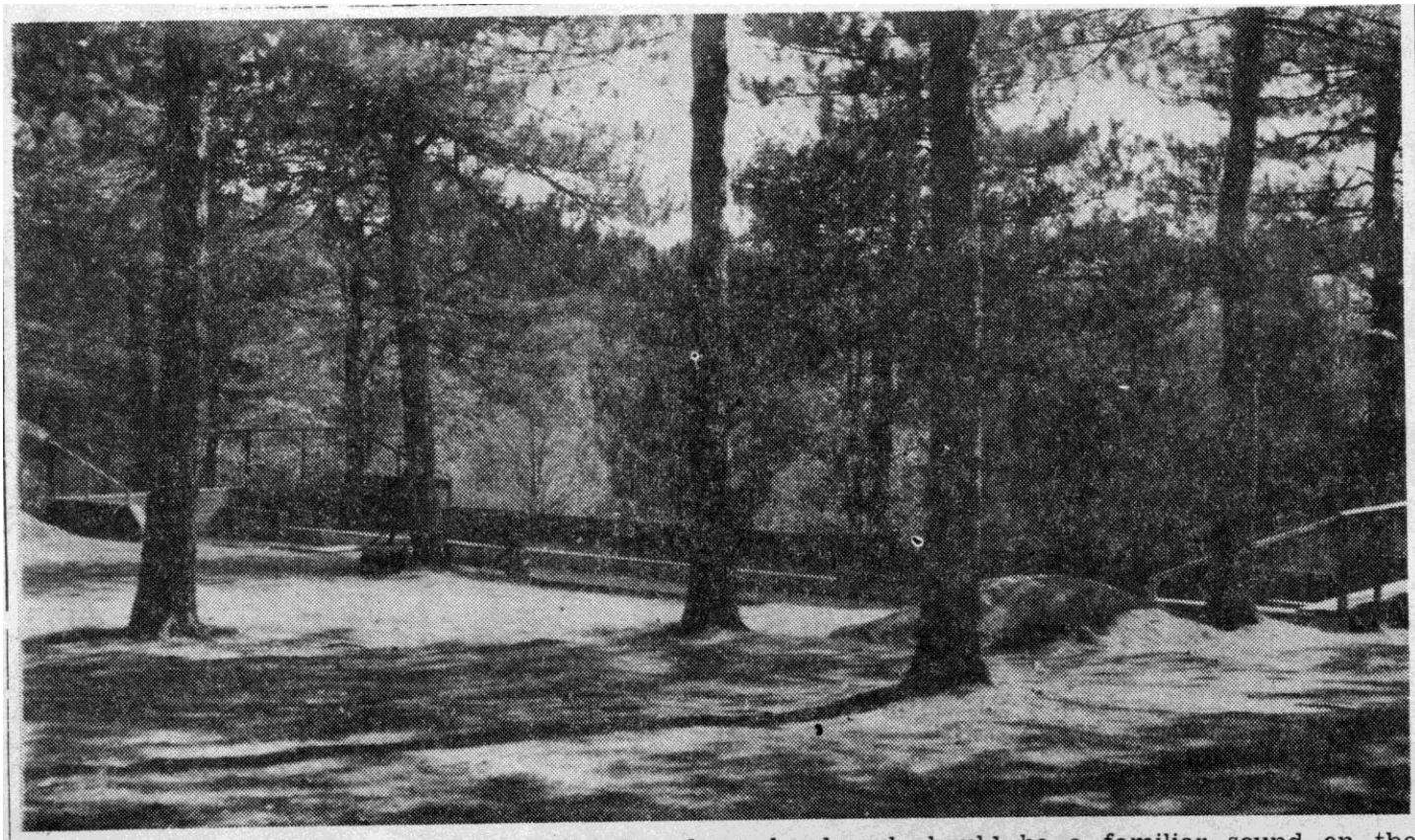
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Out of the Past

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The click of hardwood balls are again a familiar sound on the “Bocce Ball” courts located at Runkle Lake Park. Spear headed by Vic Schiavo and Natale Tirapelli, a group of locals of Italian descent volunteers have rehabilitated the two courts which have not seen any activity for many years. With a contribution from the City of Crystal Falls for purchase of materials, the volunteer laborers built new wooden backstops and the hard-packed dirt court surfaces which had weeds sprouting up were reconditioned to “exacting” standards. Runkle Lake Park was opened in 1938 and through the years the local Italians who take the game very seriously have had competitions on the courts resulting in “spirited discussions” on the finer points of the rules and behavior of the combatants.

A section of Ski Hill Road between Crystal Avenue and West Superior Avenue will be widened to provide a 40’ wide road bed by Crystal Falls Township crews. A large portion of the rock out-cropping on the east side of the street will have to be removed to facilitate the widening.



COURTS REPAIRED — The click of hardwood on hardwood should be a familiar sound on the south end of Runkle Lake Park next summer as the local gentry of Italian descent and their converts to the game begin their revival of interest in Bocce Ball. The two courts were rehabilitated by Vic Schiavo and Natale Tirapelli with assistance from several other bocce artists, and the financial ai dof the city. The volunteer laborers spent $270 in materials to get the two courts in shape. They had not been used for years and weeds had sprung up through the hard-packed dirt court surfaces and the wooden backstops were showing signs of rot. (Drill Photo)