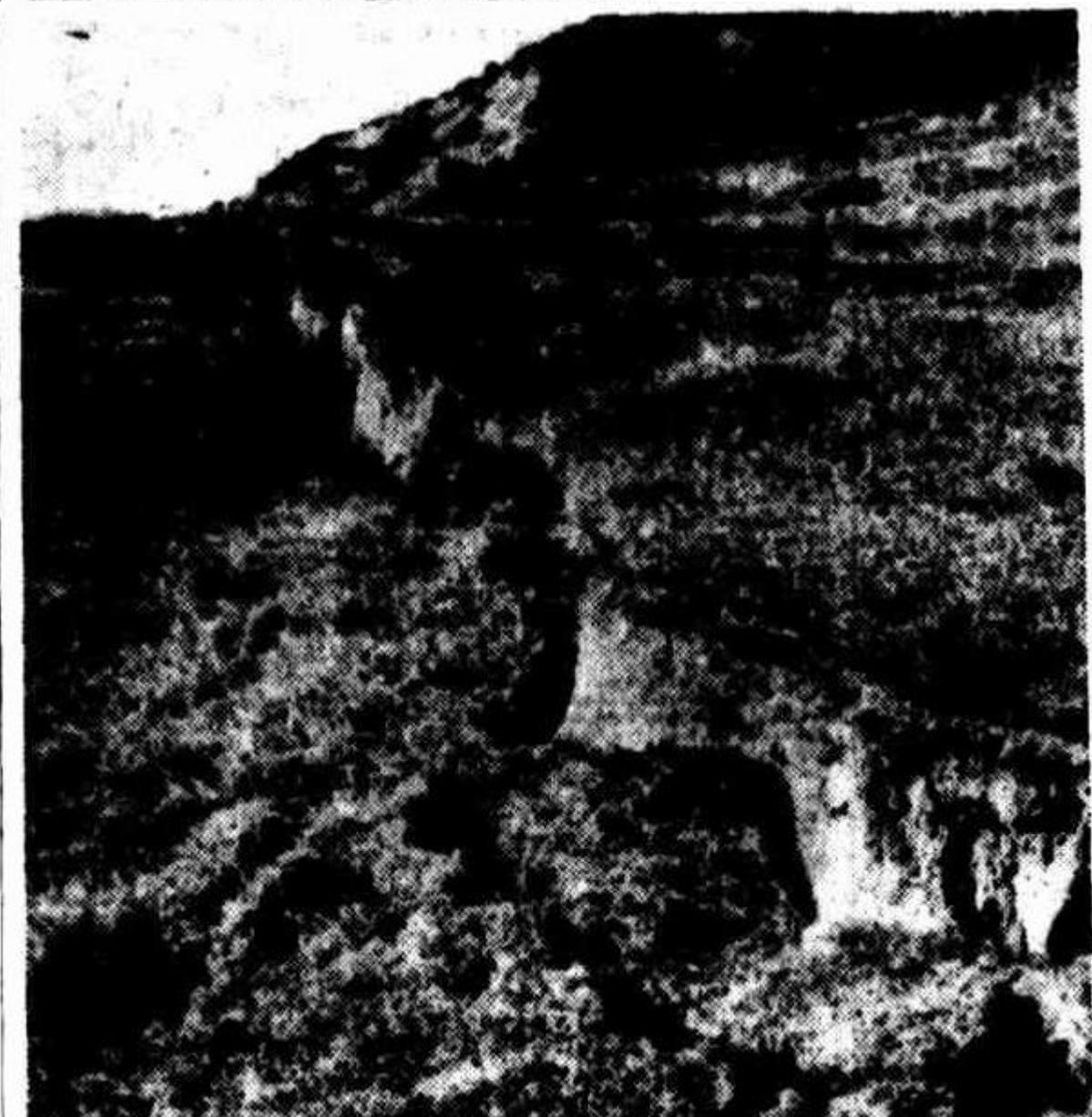
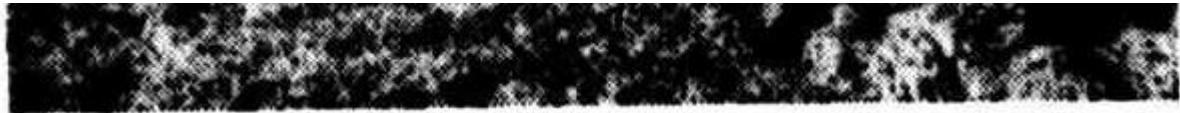


**SOIL MOVEMENT NEAR TOWNSHIP**





A movement of surface soil from the 250ft hill overlooking the mining township of Boolaroo will be investigated by Government geologists next week.

No serious concern is felt for the safety of the million-gallon water surface tank on the hillside (top photograph) nor for the houses near the foot of the hill.

Engineers who examined the hillside yesterday said the movement, which began during the heavy June rains,

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appeared to have ceased and only further heavy rains would aggravate the trouble.

The lower photograph shows fissures, some of which are 7ft deep, below the water tank, which serves Boolaroo and Teralba. The hillside has changed from a gradual slope to a series of terraces.

Authorities consulted by the Lake Macquarie Shire Council said the movement was not due to underground mining in the area.

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