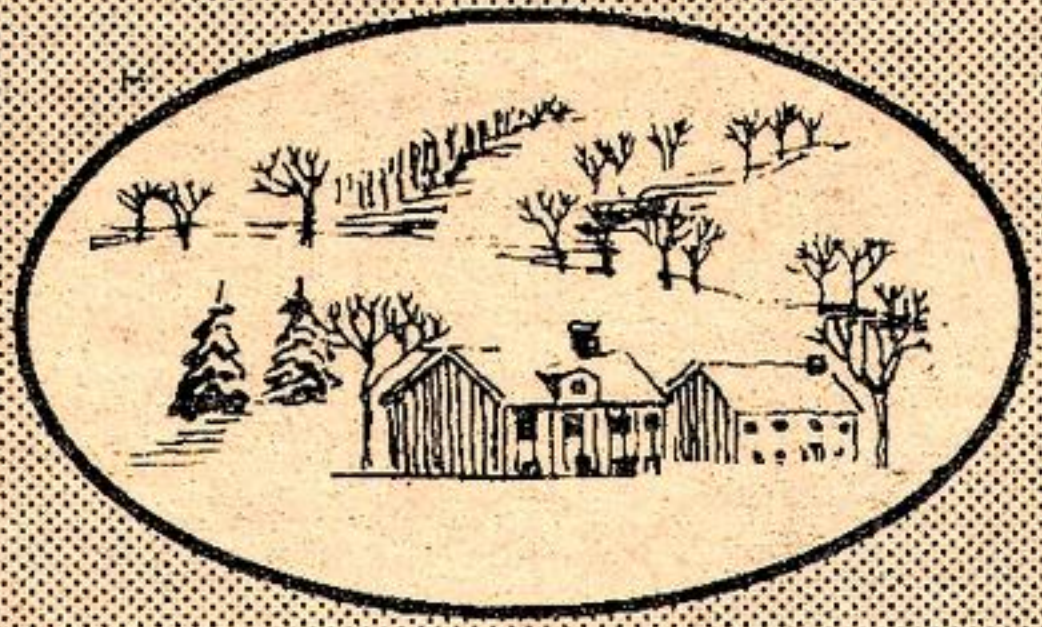


Highlights of History

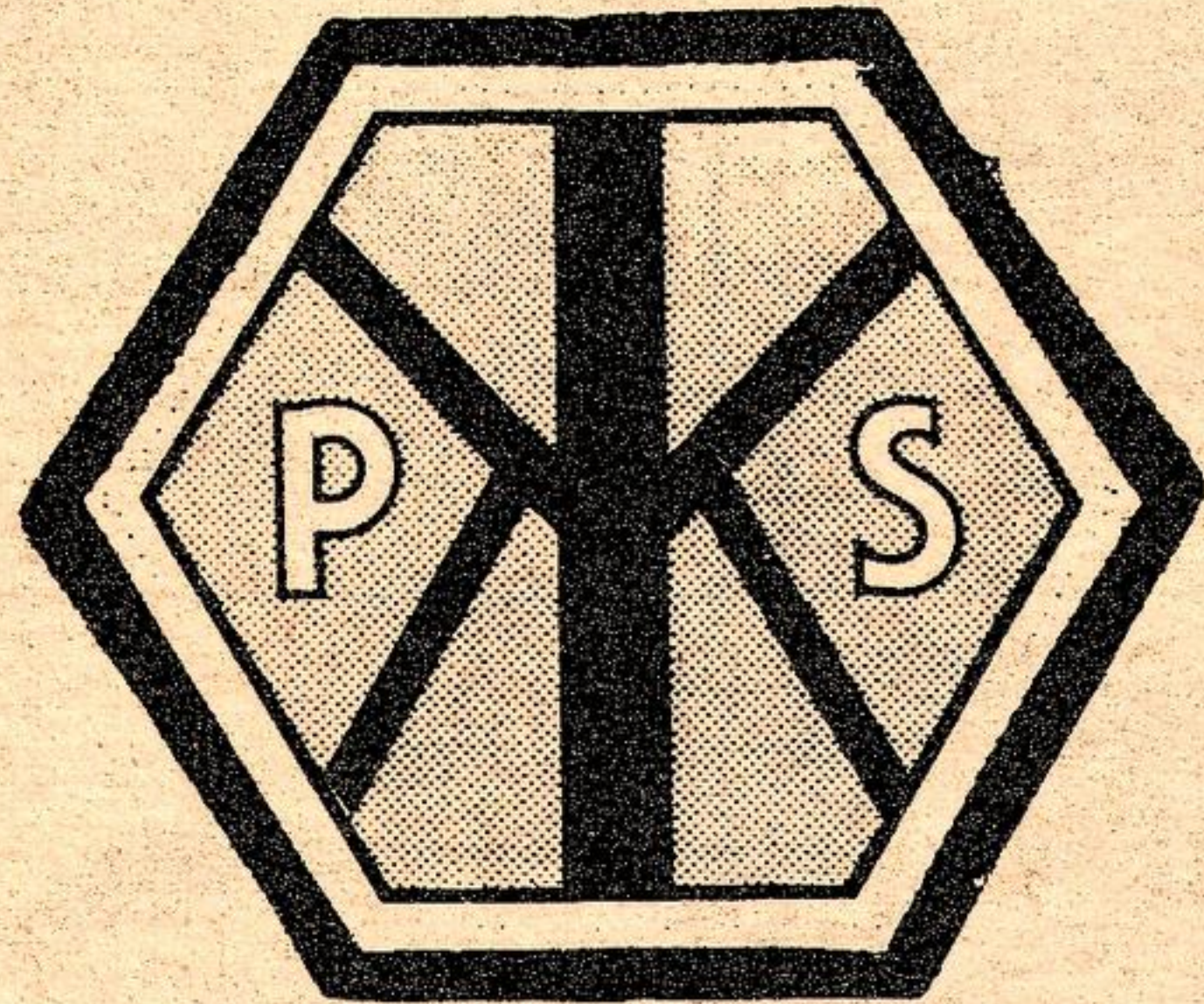


This is the hill where water seemed to flow up-hill. That would surely be an illusion. The hill is not a high hill. It follows the Taunton Road, on one side is the farm of Roy Berry and on the other side is the older Chatterton home, now the residence of John Berry. At the bottom of this hill, the upper reaches of the Wilmot Creek flows merrily along. It is a beautiful stream and for many years has provided great spawning gravels for the migrating rainbow trout. Most of this water makes its way on its own to Lake Ontario. On the south-side of the bridge and still a little farther on, a water-diversion was accomplished many years ago. While the Wilmot had its millponds along the way, beginning with the Leskard Mill, it did not supply water to the Orono Creek. The Orono Creek had supplied water for several mills along its banks, including the mill of Eldad Johns, operated by James Dyer; the Hooper Mill, and later the Tucker Mill. This mill at the south end of Orono, later was owned and operated by the late Harry Rowe. The late Mr. Rowe had purchased this mill in 1911. However a water crisis had arisen on these ponds much earlier. The cutting down of the forests had considerably lessened the flow of water through Orono. It was for this reason that Francis Squair, a miller himself had suggested diverting water from the Wilmot Stream to the Orono Stream.

In the spring of 1863 the diversion was begun by local labour. The levels had been suggested by Squair, but because of some disagreements with Tucker, who had built the mill, Squair was not one of the signing parties to the diversion. The diversion was completed in four months; by using shovels, and horses with scrapers. It traversed a distance of two miles and in its course had to in, some places travel through hills. There were skeptics then as there are now. This was a remarkable feat of engineering. When the last shovelful was removed there was the canal. It was six feet wide and two feet deep. The water flowed as quietly as all canals do and

tumbled into the Orono Creek. There would be plenty of water to drive the water wheel in the Orono mill. Well, it is 1990 and water still flows eastward to the Orono Creek. The mill is gone; but the canal flows serenely along. If, sometime, you would like to witness some of this canal, then walk slowly along the road that passes the Senior Citizen's Complex. Of course, it is not six feet wide today, nor does it average any great depth but from Wilmot Creek to the Orono Creek the water still seems to have flown up-hill. When the original workmen found this was possible, a large celebration was held; even to roasting an oxen. Perhaps the annual beef barbecue in the Orono Park could be a further occasion to commemorate the hydraulic capabilities of our forebearers. They say water will seek its own level. With some help, it did just that. Where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer there may be time for some "levelling". One of the greatest humanitarians of all time was the common ploughman "Robbie Burns". In his poem, "Is There For Honest Poverty" he pens these most appropriate lines:

"For a'that, an' a' that,
It's comin' yet for a' that,
That man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that."



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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

As the New Year approaches I'm writing to assure you that the NO GANARASKA DUMP COMMITTEE is alive, very active and expanding its efforts in 1991.

Many people in our community might be under the misconception that the withdrawal of Durham Region's plans to seek a site for their landfill negates the need for our committee. This is not the case. A small battle in the "war against waste" has been won, with our assistance. However, at a recent meeting, the committee members reaffirmed that we continue our activities with a slight adjustment in our priorities while remaining ever vigilant with respect to protecting the Ganaraska against possible waste disposal sites.

Paralleling the change in the Region's priorities, our major efforts will be aimed at expanding our recognized role in actively promoting waste reduction by example and innovative educational efforts.

We will be working in co-operation with several environment groups in Durham to organize an Umbrella Committee that will help focus efforts to research and develop new alternatives to waste disposal and at the same time collectively aid communities imperilled by corporations and jurisdictions planning to "Dump in Durham". Currently, Courtice, Newcastle/Laidlaw and Port Granby appear to need such support.

The other main thrust of our committee will be to develop a well researched, formal presentation to The Advisory Committee on the Environmental Bill of Rights. This committee has been formed by the Minister of the Environment, Ruth Grier, for the purpose of assisting the Ontario Government in their efforts to develop a new law that will more accurately deal with the past difficulties the Province has had in protecting our environment.

In closing, may we thank you for the responsible manner in which your paper has supported environmental issues and encourage you in your ongoing efforts in Durham's "war against waste".

John Magder
Chairman
NO GANARASKA
DUMP COMMITTEE
R. R. 1, Orono.

We've got the sports
We've got the games
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Sharing our aims
Always helping one another

And it's KIRBY, yes KIRBY
All the way
And it's KIRBY, hurrah

Written by Mrs. Westheuser and the Spirit Day Committee.

Dump fees expect to rise for Region

A \$50 increase in dumping fees at Metro landfill sites, of which Brock West is used by Regional municipalities, could cost these municipalities collectively an additional \$15 million.

It has been stated that Metro is considering increasing the tipping fee to \$150 a tonne from the present \$97.50 a tonne.

It is expected that Regional municipalities will likely get close to a \$100 rebate per tonne but this would still leave a considerable increase. At the present time the area municipalities get a \$56 rebate on the \$97.50 tipping fee.

Durham is expected to negotiate the new tipping charges and rebate with Metro in the near future.

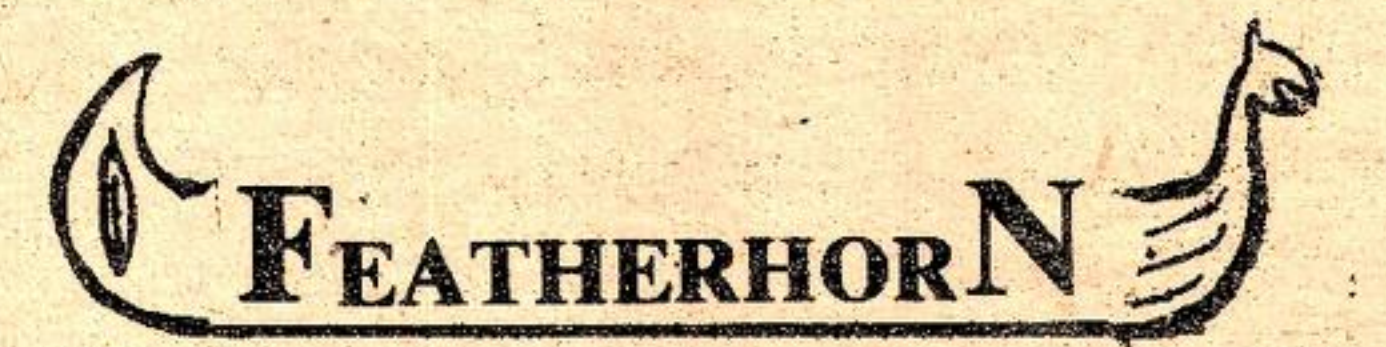
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You should appeal your 1990 property assessment (a) if you are dissatisfied with the amount of the assessment, even after discussing it with your Regional Assessment Office; (b) if you appealed your previous assessment and the appeal has not been settled; or (c) if you received a *Notice of Property Valuation* which does not reflect a settlement of your previous appeal.

The Assessment Review Board is an agency of the Ministry of the Attorney General and operates less formally than a court of law. It is authorized to decide if your property assessment is fair and equitable, compared with similar properties in your area. You may present your own case, retain a lawyer, or ask a friend or relative to act as your agent.

A *Notice of Appeal* form is available from your municipal office, your Regional Assessment Office, or the Assessment Review Board. You may also use the reverse side of a *Notice of Property Valuation* or write a letter. Appeals should be forwarded in writing to the Regional Registrar of the Assessment Review Board at the address shown below.

If you have any questions or require assistance in filing the appeal, please contact your Regional Assessment Office. The address and telephone number are in the Blue Pages of your telephone directory, under "Property Assessment Information."



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