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Everett and Lillian Turk got married Oct. 5, 1938. On Sunday they will celebrate 70 years of togetherness with family and friends. See Page 14 for story.

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14 head of cattle shot next to 401

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Northumberland OPP shot a herd of cattle that had come dangerously close to wandering onto Highway 401 yesterday morning.

Northumberland OPP Sergeant Paul Murray said police have been called numerous times for the same herd getting loose and wandering near Highway 401.

It has been determined that the cattle had got through a fence and were found yesterday some distance from their owner's farm.

"This has been going on for a month and a half, and obviously the cattle pose a threat to traffic on Highway 401. It's a dangerous situation," he said.

Approximately one month ago, police shot four cows after the animals came close to the lanes of the highway.

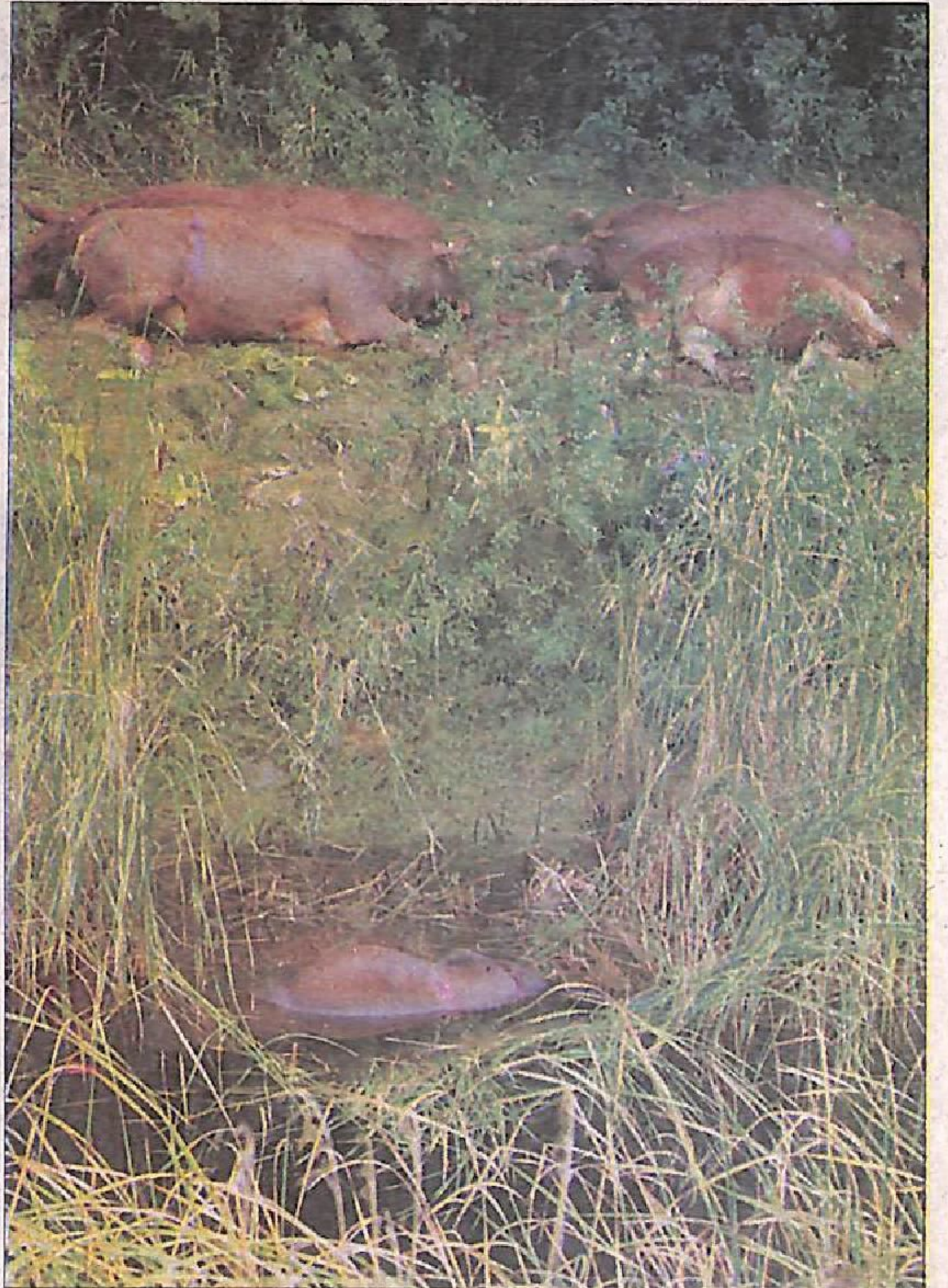
Yesterday, officers tried to direct the cows along the south part of Highway 401 and into a fenced area of a highway works yard near Lyle Street in Grafton.

"Apparently it was tried before and didn't work," Sergeant Murray said. "We tried it here, but they

turned around and came back on the shoulder with the potential of going back on the 401."

The decision to shoot the cows was made

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The bodies of five cows (one in the water) lie on the south side of Highway 401 west of Grafton on Wednesday morning.

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County surfs towards high-speed 'Net

Broadband project hinges on receiving grant from provincial government

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NORTHUMBERLAND - Rural Northumberland is one step closer to getting high-speed Internet.

The county has applied for provincial funding through the Ontario Rural Connections program to install broadband service. The province has promised \$30 million over four years for projects to improve access to e-government services, Internet access for residents and economic development in under-served communities. The total Northumberland project cost is estimated at \$3 million; the county has applied to the province for one-third of the costs.

There are a few challenges to bringing high-speed Internet access to Northumberland, said a report from county staff. The rolling terrain, dense tree cover and low population density have kept private Internet providers from investing in the equipment. Many residents and businesses in rural Northumberland either have no Internet access or have slow and unreliable access via dial-up.

As more and more business is conducted online, broadband Internet access across the county is becoming more

important, said Trent Hills Mayor Hector Macmillan.

"In the rural areas, high-speed Internet is going to be less of a want and more of a need," said Mayor Macmillan.

The county held seven public meetings across Northumberland and gathered public input through on-line and mail-in surveys. The response showed a high demand for broadband Internet in places without access, according to the county. After getting requests for information (RFI) from several contractors, the county came up with a project cost estimate to submit as part of the provincial application.

At the Oct. 1 meeting, county council also invited two Canadian companies to submit a detailed proposal to install the broadband service. Barrett Xplore and Bell Aliant have been asked to bid on the project. Their proposals are due on Dec. 3. By then, the county expects to have heard its grant request was successful.

If the provincial grant comes through, a significant expansion of high-speed Internet services will begin through the early summer, 2009. Installing broadband Internet would take until late 2010 to finish.

If the county does not get the provincial grant, the project will not go forward.

"Just because we're going out with an RFP (request for proposal) does not mean we'll be able to proceed next January," said Chief Administrative Officer Bill Pyatt. "We're one of 14 applicants in this intake. There's 6.5 million (available) and we have requested close to \$1 million."



Hector Macmillan