

# Lay Out Hiking Trail From Grimsby to Kelso

For the last two and one half years, voluntary trailbuilders from the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club have been busy laying out and constructing a hiking trail along the Niagara Escarpment from Grimsby, through Hamilton, to Kelso near Milton. This will eventually be an 80 mile section of the 450-mile-long Bruce Trail from Queenston to Tobermory.

Over 90% of the trail is on private lands and officials of the Club highly praise the co-operation received from property owners, commercial firms, municipal offices and, above all, their co-workers. More than 100 club members have put 40 miles of trail on the map, from Flock Road in Hamilton to Guelph Line in Burlington. These trail builders proudly look back on a record of 25 bridges built over streams and gulches, 47 stiles protecting farmers' fences, and more than 500

steps in places where circumstances made it necessary to locate the trail on steep slopes.

**Public Interest in Hiking is Rapidly Increasing** because of the availability of this unique hiking facility. On the trail near Dundas, on a Sunday afternoon in November, 42 people passed a given point in one hour. Many users have expressed their appreciation of the work done. "A great public service" is how one citizen expressed his feelings.

Looking behind the scenes, one is amazed at first to hear that the Iroquoia Bruce Trail Club has been organized less than two years. The Board of Directors has 11 members, who are all active trail builders. Six committees are in charge of different phases of the work. It does not take long to discover that this club is organized not only for the need of the

# I.O.D.E. Chapter Names Officers

The 49th annual meeting of the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the I.O.D.E. was held at the home of Miss M. Mahprize on February 2, the regent, Mrs. H. K. Force, presiding. After the opening ceremonies, minutes of the last meeting and reports of all committees were read and approved.

World Affairs convener, Miss Mahprize gave as her topic "The Woman Behind the Great Man, Sir Winston Churchill," pointing out some of the many things she has done with great grace and charm to assist her husband, and commenting on the fact that when the pair were married, it was prophesied the marriage would never last.

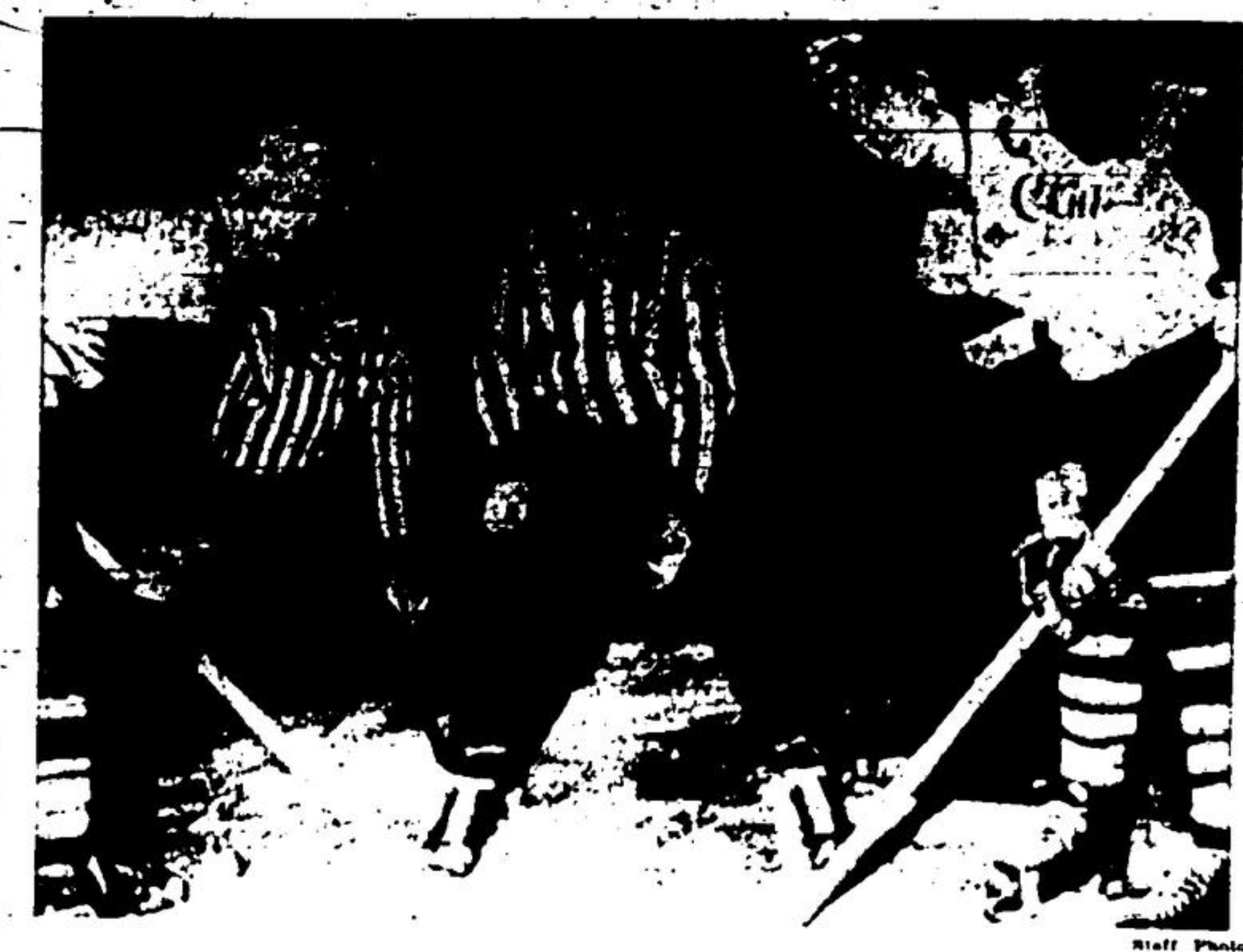
It was noted that the I.O.D.E. will be involved in the setting up of scholarships to be given in the name of Sir Winston Churchill to reverse his memory.

The meeting was adjourned to proceed with the annual meeting. Officers are: past regent, Miss M. Mahprize, regent, Mrs. H. K. Force, first vice-regent, Mrs. I. Ludka, second vice-regent, Mrs. A. E. Newton, secretary, Mrs. Geo. Young, treasurer, Mrs. Wm. McLeod.

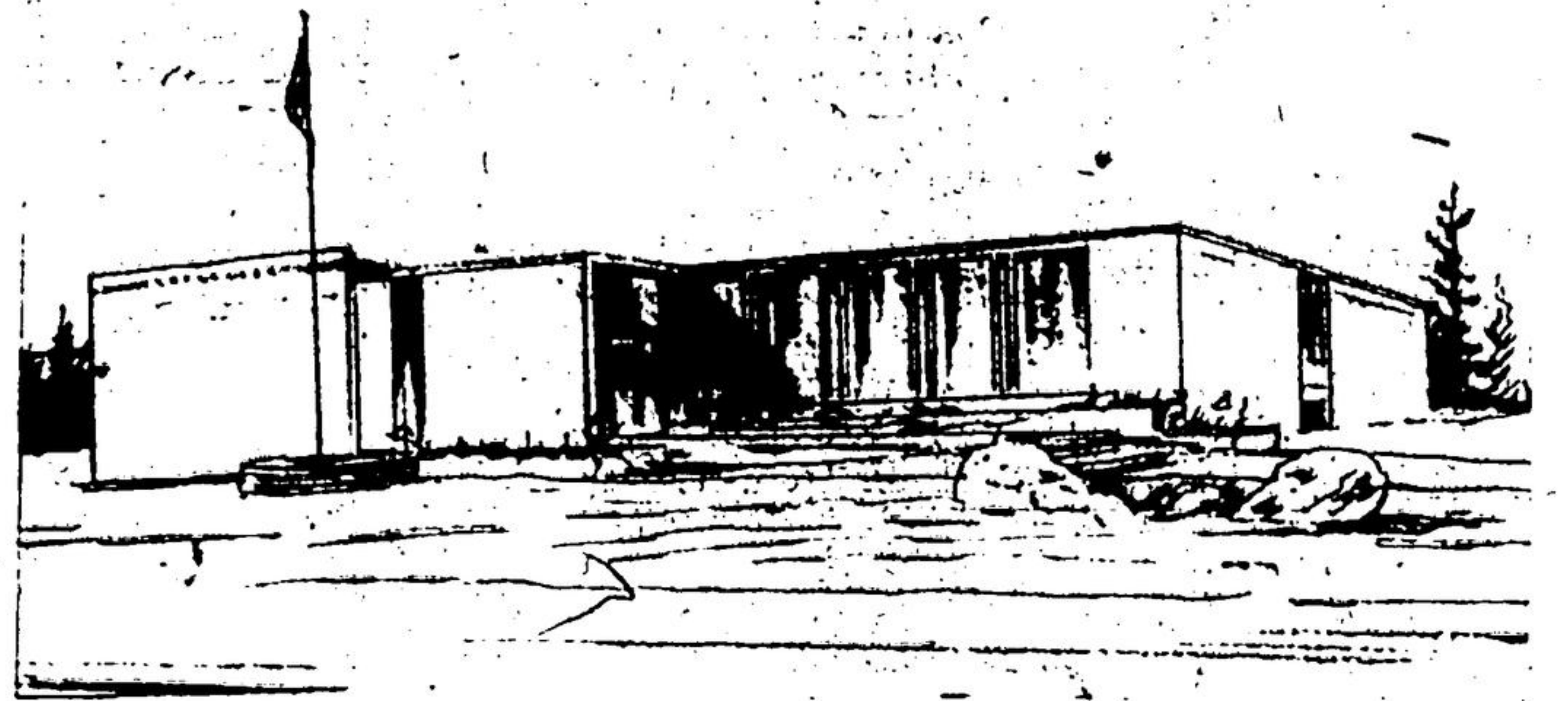
Educational secretary, Mrs. J. Reed, services at home and abroad, Mrs. H. J. Holmes; standard bearer, Mrs. Gordon Johnstone, assistant, Mrs. L. W. Agar, ladies, Mrs. Ruby Clark, world affairs, Miss M. Mahprize, immigration and citizenship, Mrs. J. McGeachie.

Membership, Mrs. H. Main prize, Mrs. A. E. Newton, public relations and films, Mrs. J. Whitham, pianist, Mrs. R. H. Elloit, councillors, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Dills, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Whitham, Mrs. Mc Donald, Mrs. Mahprize, Mrs. Mowat, convener flower and gift, Mrs. I. Ludka.

The secretary's full annual report will appear next week.



DETROIT MIDGETS outlasted the local squad 10-2 Saturday afternoon in a friendly game at Acton arena when the visitors played during Minor Hockey Week in Acton. Referees Barry Luxton and Garry Masales get ready for the face-off while Acton centre man, left, Kevin Hall and Detroit centre man, right, Ron Chuslo wait for the puck to drop.



Tenders were accepted last week by Nassagaweya Township Council on this new Municipal Office Building, totalling \$45,643.

# Masts For Britain's Royal Navy Came From Halton, Century Ago

Moderns may find it hard to realize that last century, from almost unbroken primeval hardwood forest of Halton County, now within Ontario's most populous area, were shipped to Britain, to quote the poet H. A. Cudry, "Masts for the King's own Navy, yards for the royal shrouds; tall, little spars that raked the stars and whipped the billows." In "A brief history of the 16 Mile Creek Watershed," which is entirely within Halton County, Conservation Officer Edward E. Ackert of Moffat, on the Lake Huron District staff of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, makes interesting note of the changes the years have made in this small area since its early settlement. Timber to meet 19th century Royal Navy standards is only a memory today, but so are wooden spars, but changes, too, in the fish and wildlife picture.

Here is Mr. Ackert's brief but engrossing history of a small but highly significant part of Ontario.

The 16 Mile Creek watershed, encompassing approximately 159 square miles, is situated in the extreme southeast corner of the Lake Huron District. Although a comparatively small watershed, being entirely enclosed within the boundaries of Halton County, it is unique in that the landform is not typical of the remainder of Southern Ontario. The length of the watershed, only 22 miles, has an elevation range of 246 feet above sea level. On Ontario to almost 1300 feet above sea level in the headwater areas of its northern extremities. This great variation is due in part to the Niagara escarpment which lies along the west side of the county and rises almost 300 feet above the plain below. The cliffs in some places are almost perpendicular.

The townships of the watershed were surveyed and settled in the early decades of the 19th century. Newly arrived settlers were faced with almost unbroken primeval hardwood forest and although it supplied construction materials and fuel, the general attitude toward the forest was completely hostile. Early timber interests were in pine and oak which were exported for use in masting by the British Royal Navy.

**Peak of Sawmilling** Somewhat later the demand for "squared timbers" of pine developed and exportation to Britain was carried on in conjunction with the mast trade. As settlement and trade increased, sawmilling commenced and reached a peak about the mid-19th century. Toward the close of the century additional timber products included tanbark, staves, pulpwood, fence posts, poles, railway ties, shingles and fuelwood. The Town of Oakville was a busy shipping port for the area. Today, timber of a quality and quantity required to meet high 19th century Royal Navy standards is only a memory. Greatly reduced quantities of fuelwood,

lumber and poles are the only timber products now harvested.

Some wildlife species present in the watershed at the time of settlement which are not present today include the martin, fisher, otter, timber wolf, Canada lynx, wolverine, and passenger pigeon. Early records make numerous references to the great runs of Atlantic salmon in the 16 Mile Creek. An earlier 18th century map refers to the creek as the "River of Salmon" (salmon). The mighty Atlantic Salmon no longer make its way into the 16 Mile Creek in search of spawning beds. The building of high dams, the silting of streams and inshore lake waters due to poor land use practices and the destruction of spawning beds have contributed to remove this magnificent species from local presence.

Within the past two decades much of the land in the southern portion of the watershed has been taken up for residential and industrial development. The population of this section has accordingly increased tremendously, however, much of the area on top of the escarpment remains in a semi-wild state and as such is a great attraction to hunters, fishermen and naturalists.

Stocked trout now replace the Atlantic salmon and county forest areas are a start in replacing as much as possible of the forest of the past. Principal game and fur bearing species still present include the European hare, cottontail rabbit, red fox, white-tailed deer, red and grey squirrel, raccoon, beaver, muskrat, and mink. Over 150 species of birds, including waterfowl and upland game birds, are either permanent residents, summer residents, winter residents or winter visitors of the watershed. Much land acquired by the County Conservation Authority has already been developed for public recreation.

No doubt more land will be acquired in the future to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing population that has more leisure time than ever before.

**WINTER HAZARD** As soon as possible after a snowfall, walks and steps should be swept clean. If water drips and freezes on the ground, accidents may happen to visitors for which local by-laws may hold the home owner responsible. Sand or salt sprinkled on ice will help prevent slippery patches.

# Ball Squads Seek Entry In Halton County Loop

Intermediate baseball teams from Caledonia and Simcoe have applied to enter the Halton County Baseball Association for the 1965 season. The applications were received on Sunday at an intermediate meeting in Oakville. Although representatives of the other six teams in Halton County seemed anxious to have the new entries, an official decision has been withheld until later in February.

The six intermediate teams that competed in Halton play in 1964 also discussed the possibility of awarding trophies to the top pitcher and to the top batter during regular season play. Because of the statistics compiled by league statistician Neil Campbell, it will now be possible to properly select the winners. In 1964, two stars, "C" champions, the Campbellville Merchants, would have qualified for the awards. Earl Cairns, large size Merchant first sacker, led the league in hitting and left-hand-

# Council Okays Salt Additive

Nassagaweya Council approved of new measures for winter control if "the proposed new additive is proven effective". Municipalities throughout Ontario have been questioned recently as to whether or not they would approve of using a new ingredient for the sanding and salting of roads during the winter season. The township council voted its approval of the project at their monthly meeting in the Township Hall on Monday evening. It has been suggested that if the additive is used, it would cut down considerably on the rusting of cars and trucks.

# New Postage Stamps Carry Prov. Flowers

Two new postage stamps, honoring the official flowers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, will be issued by the Post Office Department February 1. The stamps are the fourth and fifth of a series scheduled for issue between now and Canada's Centennial Year of 1967.

The blue, pink and green stamp honoring Nova Scotia shows the Arms and the Floral Emblem of that Province, the trailing arbutus more commonly known as the Mayflower. This flower was officially adopted by the Province in 1901, although as far back as 1825, it was used as a decorative motif on the front page of the "Nova Scotian" and on the buttons of the Nova Scotia Militia. The Mayflower also appeared on a series of postage stamps issued by Nova Scotia during the period 1851 to 1853.

In 1936, the purple violet (violet aciculata) was officially adopted by New Brunswick as the floral emblem of that province. Instrumental in the choice of this flower as the official emblem were the Women's Institute, groups of school children and the Lieutenant-Governor, Colonel Murray MacLaren. The stamp is in red, purple and green.

# Briefs

- In other business conducted at the meeting, councillors supported a resolution from Prince Edward County stating persons seeking nomination or election to a public office must have their taxes paid on all their property. Presently, a person who owns more than one property and seeks office, need only have his taxes paid on one of these properties.
- Approved the erection of a stop sign at the corner of the Second Line and 10 Sideroad, near the rear of the Ontario Jockey Club property.
- Renewed the wrecking yard licenses of Roy Wood and J. N. Newman.
- Passed general accounts totalling \$604.80.
- Approved a motion to improve the crossing at Lot 5 and the Fourth Line at an approximate cost of \$1,600. There will be no train signals erected at the crossing.
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