

Dam to Create Artificial Lake in New Park

By Alan Sigler
 Being a self-styled bachelor certainly is a few advantages. Especially if you get close to 40, you can get a few ideas of your own. Joe Ross, R.R. 3, Georgetown is turning his spare time into a self-financed project and by early July he hopes to open "Ross Lake", a public park, camping grounds and amusement centre on his farm in Esqueving township.

One night, while sitting watching a TV program, he saw how a United States farmer had changed the appearance of his farm into an amusement centre for the public and the project had been flourishing since.

One day shortly after, while roaming his fields, he visually sketched out a seven acre area to include a lake, swimming and boating area, picnic grounds and general amusement centre. His next step was to make a complete scale model of his ideas after farm chores were completed. (A picture of this model and a news story first appeared in the Free Press several months ago.)

Today the idea is fast growing and finishing touches are being put on the lake. Grading to include an island in the centre of the lake has been finished, a culvert-type dam installed and land bulldozed and levelled. Water from a spring source is gradually filling the area and within a month it is expected water level will graduate from four feet to 15 ft. Boating will be allowed in the deeper area and swimming in a cordoned area out from a beach which is now under construction.

From the original clearing which included a log cabin, the farm was gradually enlarged and the present brick house replaced the log cabin. Although Joe Ross is venturing into a commercial business he will not drop farming. He intends to carry on with cattle and general farming on a portion of the farm.

Neighbors Help
 His quick wit and pleasant manner has made him many friends and everyone in the neighborhood knows him to be a true and loyal citizen. Some of the neighbors are busy helping with his new venture. The project is not only time consuming but costly and Joe (as he is known to most people) will not turn down an offer from a rich widow if she is interested in investing some capital into the project as well as helping to operate the farm and park.

Hayrides, Too
 The farm with natural terrain suitable for a lake and amusement park also has an original stump fence which will remain as part of the attraction. Hayrides, which in former days were the main means of entertainment will also be added.

A talk with Joe, a stroll over the farm and a peek at his blueprints and scale model of the park will convince anyone the enterprise will be successful and prove that mixed farming and entertainment can easily be combined.



IT'S JUST A TRUCKLE NOW but within a month this area will be turned into a lake. Joe Ross, Esqueving farmer at R.R. 3, Georgetown is turning a section of his farm into an amusement park known as "Ross Lake". The area shown above is the dam and includes one of the latest culvert-type dams which enables the lake to be drained occasionally. The park is expected to open early in July.

Horseback Riding
 Trails will be made for horse back riding; pony rides will also be available for younger patrons. There will be a play area for the tykes.

A wooden footbridge will connect the island to the mainland and various types of amusement have been planned by the hard-working bachelor. Picnic tables will dot the area and a main clubhouse will be turned into a refreshment stand and dining area in case of sudden rain. People will be welcome to use the picnic tables while visiting the area. Roadways throughout the farm will be numbered to aid in direction. Mr. Ross will not charge admission this year.

Camping Later
 Long range plans call for a camp site which will enable campers to set up tents and have their own parking area with easy access to the entire park. One of the main highlights for many visitors no doubt will be a section containing original antiques used on the Ross farm since it was first deeded by Queen Victoria around 1820.

Homestead History
 The homestead has quite a history dating back to the Queen Victoria days. Alec Ross, great-great-grandfather of Joe Ross, was discharged from the British army in 1819 and his discharge papers are still an heirloom of present farm owners. Upon his discharge Alec Ross along with many other former British soldiers came to Canada and settled. A deed signed by the Queen was given to each



MAKING A LAKE is not an overnight affair. Joe Ross, Esqueving farmer, has had many headaches turning a section of his farm into a public park but has never once been discouraged in his project. He is seen left talking to Harry Trowbridge, owner of Trowbridge construction, Georgetown, as Lyle Armstrong, another bulldozer operator, stands by for instructions.

Gives Report on Ponds, Land Use At County Council June Meeting

Haltom agricultural representative Henry Stanley reported to Halton County Council on farm pond policy and the land use committee during the regular council meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Stanley reported that the Halton Conservation Commission which had suggested the farm pond policy, was replaced by a county land use committee last year, when the Ontario government began its own farm pond policy. The provincial policy raises the subsidy for farm ponds from \$100 to 50 per cent of the total cost up to \$500. The subsidy may be obtained over a period of years.

The agricultural representative noted that farmers may apply at the Agricultural office for help with surveying and planning farm ponds. He said that 21 farm ponds were approved last year and nine others are in the approval process.

Mr. Stanley said that land use grants are now administered by the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association and that the funds of the land use committee have been turned over to the Soil and Crop Association. The movie professor of the land use committee has been turned over to the Halton county agriculture committee and is available at the Agricultural office. Land use grants are available up to \$2,000 a year and are paid equally by the county and the Soil and Crop branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Wins Scholarship

Miss Sharon Stewart, sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, 44 Major Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia has been awarded an Entrance Scholarship from Dalhousie University, Halifax. Sharon was born in Acton, Ontario and attended public schools in Hamilton and Burlington, Ontario and high school in Saint John, New Brunswick, before entering Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in January, 1965. Miss Stewart is planning to take a Bachelor of Arts course at the university in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, 67 Sunnyside Cres., Guelph.



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Regional Development Explained in Esqueving

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The four-county area involving Halton is the only section of the province which does not have a regional development group to date. The self-help program would promote co-operation between local organizations and appointed

municipal bodies and the provincial government. A fall meeting is planned for representatives from the four counties.

SWIM LESSONS
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Church Union Recalled Sunday

Rev. W. Lammert's remarks dealt with the contributions of the three uniting churches, Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist, forty years after union. Mrs. Murray Hayward and Joy sang a duet. The biennial memorial service will be held Sunday afternoon, with Rev. Charles Henderson, a native Nassagaweyan, as guest speaker.

Plans are underway for the Sunday School picnic which is to be held at the Eden Mills park on June 26.

The Young People will not meet for two weeks when the exams are all over (oh happy thought!). Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday.

Paper on Brazil in Ebenezer U.C.W. met in the Sunday school room. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Joss convened an interesting program.

Mrs. Ward read "God Does It Better." Mrs. Joss gave an instructive paper on Brazil. The greatest resource in Brazil is the untapped human resource. Co-operative and technical help is carving lives. The Christian Church is still the hope of the world. There is so much to do, and so little time to do it.

Plans for a "Come As You Are" strawberry supper party on July 13, were discussed.

The U.C.W. will take charge of the Church service the second Sunday in August. Mrs. Stanley Norman and Mrs. A. Frank served a delicious lunch.

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