

# Advances in Flood Control Plan Are Cited by Credit Authority

"Just a year ago, we were told that we could not expect financial help from the federal government on our flood control plan but with the help of the Ontario government, we have gone ahead anyway," chairman R. K. McMillan said at the inaugural meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. "If we can't build six big dams, we'll build 12 small ones on the Credit and its tributaries. We are well on the way at Orangeville, Glen Williams and have a start at Meadowdale; we are in an excellent position financially and can meet any charges without further stress to the municipalities," he continued.

The members of the CVCA approved the budget for 1966 and set the municipal levy at 90 cents per capita, the same as it has been for the past four years.

Eric M. White, Mono Twp., was elected vice-chairman, a position he has held for four years. J. W. Pawley, Brampton, was returned as chairman of parks and recreation advisory board; R. R. Parker, Acton, chairman of flood control and pollution; R. F. Hardy, Hornby, chairman of historical records; A. M. Greenaway, Port Credit, chairman of public relations; Jack Bailey, Streetsville, chairman of reforestation, land use and wildlife. Vice-chairmen of these advisory boards are T. J. Dale, Toronto Twp.; G. A. Blackwell, Georgetown; Clarence King, East Garafraxa Twp.; B. C. Smith, Port Credit and Charles Bryan, Amaranth Twp., in that order.

W. G. Bagill, Erin, member of the Authority since 1960, joined Alex MacLaren of Georgetown as an honorary member. He has been replaced on the Authority by William Weber, a member of the Erin Council.

"Mr. Magill has worked hard during his years with the CVCA," chairman McMillan said. "I want him to know his work has been appreciated and he will always be welcome here."

"I want to congratulate this Authority for its adapted itself to the facts as they are and gone ahead with its work," F. G. Jackson said. Mr. Jackson is with the Conservation Authorities Branch, Department of Energy and Resources Management.

"In this present day, people try to change what they do not like, but the tendency is to forget to use the resources that they do have. You have had disappointments, but instead of giving up, you have used what you had to go ahead with the work of the Authority. Keep trying to change things that you don't like, but go ahead with your work."

Mr. McMillan welcomed five new members to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority — Frank Webb and T. J. Dale from Toronto Twp., Edward Black

from Caledon Twp., Aldo Ferri from Chinguacousy Twp., and William Weber from Erin Village. After roll call, it was noted that there was 101 per cent attendance with both old and new members present from the municipality.

**Land Acquisition**

A year end report stated that with the purchase of an extra 90 acres during the year, the total holdings of the Authority now are 1979 acres. These are divided as follows: multiple use conservation area, developed 330 acres, undeveloped 400 acres; forest and wildlife conservation areas, 718 acres; water reservoir site, 531 acres.

Work is progressing or has been completed in Glen Williams, Orangeville, Fletcher's Creek in Brampton and Meadowdale. Floodline mapping has been completed from Lake Ontario to Credit Forks. The information contained on these maps will be of utmost importance in the formulation of fill regulations along the river. The dam at the Orangeville/Mono Conservation Area was completed early in December. This will be filled in the spring and the water storage reservoir will contribute to recreation in the Orangeville area.

In co-operation with the Ontario Water Resources Commission, the Authority has carried out a water quality survey along the Credit River. Samples were taken twice monthly in six points and chemical analysis reports are sent to the Authority.

The channel relocation at Glen Williams to prevent bank erosion by the Glen Williams Cemetery has been completed and the two upstream weirs at Erindale Conservation Area have been repaired. These weirs were damaged last spring during the flood. Repairs to the Hutonville dam are almost completed.

During the spring, 450,000 trees were planted on privately owned land in the watershed. Authority staff and machines planted 248,250 of these and the others were planted by owners with a subsidy paid by the CVCA.

The ponds at Terra Cotta Conservation Area were stocked with speckled trout during the trout season with the co-operation of the Department of Lands and Forests.

During the summer, a fish survey was carried out on portions of the river, in co-operation with the Department of Zoology of the University of Toronto. The field work was done by Miss D. A. Roberts, a graduate student and an undergraduate assistant. The Authority supplied a vehicle, driver assistant and a portion of the expenses for the accommodation of the party. When the report of this survey is compiled, it should provide interesting information concerning the distribution of fish species and environmental conditions in the river and tributaries.

**Land Use**

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority participated with the Metro Authority in the Peel County Land Judging Competitions, each contributing 50 per cent of the expenses.

During the year, the Field Officer inspected and reported on 14 proposed subdivisions and 10 changes in zoning regulations. Most of these were in Toronto Twp., where the land use pattern is rapidly changing.

**Public Relations**

Display and information booths were set up at Brampton and Erin Fall Fairs and at the Streetsville Trade Fair. The first edition of the Credit Valley Conservation Comment, edited by Jack Davison, of the Authority to make this a quarterly publication.

**Parks and Recreation**

Regular visitors to Terra Cotta Conservation Area will be happy to learn of the recommendations submitted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. A new entrance roadway is to be constructed into the area away from the swimming pool and picnic sites. The roadway will lead to two new parking lots, which will provide parking for about 400 cars. It was recommended that this work be done with winter works labor and be completed before May 15, 1966, so that traffic in the park would not be disrupted. Trees and shrubs are to be planted along the township road boundary to eliminate dust and noise.

Superintendent N. J. McMahon reported that 86,999 people visited Terra Cotta during the season and 29,307 visited Belfountain. This number is based on 4.5 persons per car. There were 5,174 campers during the summer in spite of poor camping weather. Fifty-seven buses loaded with picnickers visited Terra Cotta's group picnic areas.

**Orangeville - Mono**

Cost has been kept at a minimum in the Orangeville - Mono Conservation Area due to the fact that gravel deposits for the road and parking lot were found in the area. This gravel was moved by the contractor for filling and packing at a very low cost. CVCA vice-chairman Eric White asked for a progress report at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting and was informed that the dam on the property was completed and the other work was progressing well.

This park, with camping and swimming facilities, will be open to the public in 1966. It is located on the former Crozier farm, just north of Orangeville, on Highway 10. The park is a joint project of the Town of Orangeville, Twp. of Mono and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

**Historical Records**

Early in 1965, this Advisory Board was instrumental in setting up the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Foundation. Since then, the Foundation, assisted by the Authority, has purchased a "Turn of the Century" farm near Hillsburgh. Equipment to manage this farm as it was in 1900 has been purchased and is being repaired during the winter. The Foundation has also purchased a school near the farm and all the equipment to furnish it is at the school.

**Administration**

The administration office of the Authority was transferred in September from the Terra Cotta Conservation Area — to Meadowdale. Offices are available there for the chairman, secretary-treasurer, general superintendent, field officer and the Foundation. A drafting room has eased the work of mapping considerably. The new board room seats the members comfortably and provides space for visitors and press.



SGT. W. J. GRANT

## New Milton O.P.P. Head Is Sergeant W. J. Grant

A new Sergeant arrived recently to take command of the Milton O.P.P. detachment office on Bronte St., Milton. He is Sgt. W. J. Grant, an 18-year veteran with the Ontario Provincial Police, who was transferred to the Milton detachment from Essex.

Sgt. Grant takes over from Sgt. C. G. "Tiny" Wilkinson who headed the local detachment nearly six years. Sgt. Wilkinson was transferred to Oakville on January 17.

Sgt. Grant began his police work at Essex, later working in Malden Township near Amherstberg, then at Blenheim before moving back to the 60-man Essex detachment. He was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, January 15.

**Served Overseas**

Prior to joining the O.P.P. he served five years in the Army in infantry during World War Two. He served overseas and was promoted to sergeant. His original home is Chatham.

He is married and has four children ranging in ages from 15 to three. Sgt. Grant has been a Masonic Lodge member since 1949, joining at Central Lodge in Essex. He is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The Milton O.P.P. detachment has 26 personnel including the sergeant, three corporals, 20 constables and two secretaries. The office serves Highways 10, 25 and 7 in North Halton, plus the townships of Nassagaweya and Esquesing and villages within the two townships.

**PROPOSAL TO PLUNKETT**

### Oakville Sees Gigantic City Of 250,000

Hard on the heels of Milton Planning Board's proposal to Needs Study Commissioner Thomas Plunkett for a 120-square-mile area to be the "new Milton", Oakville Council made public on Tuesday the details of its brief to Mr. Plunkett.

The Oakville plan calls for a gigantic triangular-shaped metropolis to serve as a buffer between Toronto and Hamilton, bounded on the east by Port Credit, on the west by Burlington, and on the north by Orangeville. The new "city" would see the scrapping of the present Halton County governmental set-up and the establishment of a city council composed of a Mayor and 10 councillors elected on the ward system.

**Follow Watersheds**

Boundaries for the new metropolis are designed to follow the watersheds of the creeks — Spencer Creek on the west, Lake Ontario on the south, the Etobicoke and Humber watersheds on the west, and the northern drainage basin to Orangeville on the north. The new city proposed by Oakville would include all municipalities presently in Halton plus portions of what are now Wentworth, Dufferin and Wellington counties, leaving Brampton, Dixie, Lakeview and Milton to Metro Toronto; it would have a population of roughly 250,000 and an assessment of \$525 million.

Mr. Plunkett is currently handling regional government needs study in Halton and Peel and is awaiting submissions from any interested groups or individuals in the two counties on their thoughts for the future. The Department of Municipal Affairs, Halton and Peel County councils are sponsoring the study, estimated to cost \$65,000.

## Let's Pack

### Exchange Student Describes Sunny Tanzania to Y's Men

Y's Men forgot the wind and snow Thursday when they heard all about life in Tanzania from one of its natives who came with his wife to address the members. Richard Mallya is working toward his master's degree in agricultural engineering at the University of Guelph. The exchange is sponsored by the Canadian government and he hopes it can be arranged to have him continue his studies even further before returning to his homeland.

Mr. Mallya expects to work with the Tanganyika government when he returns home, and will have plenty of scope for the country is mainly agricultural. Industries are badly lacking, he said.

**Diets and Dialects**

Tanzania includes Tanganyika mainland, Zanzibar and Pemba. There are 112 tribes in the 12,000,000 square miles, each with a different diet and different dialect. Club members heard of the Chagga meals of bananas, meat and beans and the Masais' fondness for meat, milk and cattle blood.

English is the official language and many speak Swahili as well. Tanganyika was owned by Germany from 1885 until 1918, was then under British rule until the granting of independence in 1961.

**Rainy Season Now**

Right now, the country is in the wet season of rains which last until May. Then comes the cool season till July and then the hot and dry season from July to October. At the top of famed

Mount Kilimanjaro there's continual snow.

Railways were built by the Germans along the old Arab slave routes of notoriety.

Sisal is widely grown; it's used for gunny sacks and cordage. Coffee is the second cash crop. Then come cotton, cashews and peanuts in importance commercially. Grown for local markets are maize, beans, tea and tobacco.

**Tribes Settle Down**

Formerly nomadic, tribes are settling down now to mixed farming. To these tribes, stock is a symbol of prestige and a yardstick of wealth counted as bank notes on the hoof. Mr. Mallya explained, "Provision of permanent watering points and introduction of better forage grasses are aimed at settling down these tribes to mixed agriculture."

His descriptions of the warmth of palm-lined beaches, fascination of Serengeti National Park, and the memories of the romance of exploration in Dr. Livingstone's house in Tabora made the Y's Men ready to pack their bags.

**Young Y**

The Y just started in 1959 in Tanzania, established by well-known men influenced by missionaries. The Y has a youth hostel, several Y groups, a training school, and four model poultry units on the slopes of Kilimanjaro.

While in town, Mr. and Mrs. Mallya were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McKenzie.

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## Birth, Sickness, Meeting Highlight District News

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Snow shovelling has been the order of the day for the past week and still was on Monday as no let-up seems to be in sight.

M. Sanderson Sr. was taken to Toronto hospital on Friday where he will undergo treatment. We wish him a speedy recovery.

## Training School For 4-H Clubs

4-H Homemaking Club Leaders from Halton County are attending the Training School for the spring project on Wednesday, February 2, and Thursday, February 3 at Grace Anglican Church, Milton. The 4-H unit that the girls will be taking is "The Club Girl Entertains". Leaders are attending from Ashgrove, Ballinacald, Dublin, Hornby, Limchouse, Palermo, Scotch Block and Silverwood Women's Institutes.

In their meetings the girls will learn about many of the various aspects of hospitality such as entertaining a house guest, being a guest, how to set the table, how to entertain at a tea, party ideas for both menus and entertainment and good etiquette for all occasions.

To add party airs to their entertaining the girls will learn how to make fancy sandwiches and how to arrange flowers to make pleasing displays for various occasions.

This project will consist of eight meetings and the final meeting will be a party or afternoon tea which the girls will plan and invite guests.

## HARLEY...to HALTON

By DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P.

As expected, the Throne Speech has to date produced three votes — one on the technicality of who should speak next, and two votes of non-confidence in the new Government. In both of these latter votes the Government was able to survive with the support of the five Social Credit members from Alberta and British Columbia. On neither of these votes, despite their closeness, (the last vote was 134 to 126) was there any suggestion in the atmosphere of the Green Chamber in the House of Commons that the Government was in any danger of defeat. The House of Commons was relaxed and this was evident even in the calmness of the packed galleries, where no one was participating in any way the defeat of the new Government.

Two more votes will take place before the Throne Speech debate ends and it is anticipated that the voting pattern will repeat itself without any serious problems. These votes do concern confidence in the Government and a loss of these supporting votes would in all probability precipitate a general election, which certainly no one wants at this time.

Immediately following this a supply motion will be called which normally lasts two days, and allows the Government to consider the Budget estimates of various Government Departments.

There is no indication as yet to what particular legislation the Government will propose first, on completion of the Supply Motion. I had the opportunity last week of participating in the Throne Speech. During this time I spoke on medicare and car safety and the need for changes in Canada's divorce and birth control laws. I have been receiving much support for the views I expressed that in both of these latter matters our laws at present are grossly out-dated and cry out for changes to bring them up to date in keeping with modern day life.

It is expected that one of the first measures brought forward for debate will be capital punishment. As I am sure everyone is aware, this will be given time for debate by the Government and a free vote given by Members of the House of Commons in keeping with the views of their constituents and their own views on this vital and important matter.

As far as Halton is concerned my mail and conversations I have had with many constituents are in favor of the abolition of capital punishment by approximately three to one.

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