

## Property owners petition against dam at Everton

Twenty-three property owners in the area of a proposed dam at Everton have petitioned the Grand River Conservation Authority not to go ahead with the project.

James S. Bauer of Waterloo, authority chairman, said he has asked the consulting engineers for the dam to examine the property owners' objections and report to him as soon as possible.

"As soon as we have enough information from our engineers, we will call a meeting with the property owners," said Mr. Bauer.

The petition says the dam will cause basements to be flooded, affect nearby private wells and create difficulties with crops. In addition, the closing of an Erin Township road across the dam site would adversely affect the area, the petition says. It suggests there are other locations where a dam could be constructed.

Mr. Bauer says it would appear that the owners are worrying needlessly.

"I can assure the owners that we will do all we can to protect their interests," he said. "In projects of this kind, we always consider the effect on adjacent properties or any damage that might be caused."

The Everton dam is one of five proposed by the authority in a \$30,000,000 program scheduled for a 12-year period. The others are at West Montrose, Ayr, Guelph and Hespeler.

The authority has received Ontario government approval of the Montrose dam, as well as approval to buy land for the other four dams. The West Montrose dam will be built on the Grand River between West Montrose and Elora, north of Kitchener.

Before the work can start, however, federal government approval is required. This was applied for several months ago but no word has yet been received.

The provincial and federal governments have been asked to contribute 75 per cent of the cost of the dams.

## SILVERWOOD

### Storekeepers move; seven at convention

By Alvin F. C. Scott  
Seven ladies from Silverwood W.I. attended the national convention of the Women's Institute in Guelph Monday, June 12. Mrs. Dutt of India, World President, gave an interesting address to around 3,700 Institute members.

Mr. George Burgess spent several days last week visiting relatives in the Oshawa district.

Mr. and Mrs. Tjart, proprietors of Silverwood Store at Park Motors, are moving to Singhampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Barber of Bradenton, Florida, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott for several days this past week.

### Crowd present for H.O.P.E. open house

Mrs. H. Isham, manageress of the Halton Opportunity product Enterprises workshop at Hornby, reports a large number of people attended the first open house at the workshop Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The trainees were at work in the building during the tour, and a large number of orders for work were received from the visitors.

The management of the shop plans to make several major renovations during the summer months, including the improvement of bathroom facilities, interior face-lifting, the construction of a storage area in the attic, construction of a manageress' office and improvement of kitchen facilities.



**CENTENNIAL SPRING FESTIVAL** at Ukrainian Youth Association camp, east of Acton, attracted between four and 5,000. Jointly marked were Canada's centennial and the 75th anniversary of Ukrainian settlers coming here. There are several large gatherings at the nearby camp annually. Above, costumed dancers took part in the day-long program which included awarding of badges, choirs, sports and

the introduction of a newly formed 50-piece brass band. Right, Acton reeve Bert Hinton brought greetings — in Ukrainian. He invited some of the performers to come to Acton fair, and says they were very interested in the possibility. Below, Mass was celebrated in Ukrainian, with those standing at the front holding long streamers. (Photos by W. Wilczaruk, Brantford)



## Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Use of entries is a very important aspect of contract bridge. I was reminded of this a few weeks ago when the following hand occurred at a local duplicate bridge club. The dealer was West, and North-South were vulnerable.

**North**  
S-K J 9  
H-A  
D-A Q 9 4  
C-J 10 8 4 3

**West**  
S-10 5 2  
H-J 9 5 2  
D-J 10 8 6 2  
C-6

**East**  
S-A Q 8 7 4  
H-4  
D-K 7 3  
C-K 7 5 2

**South**  
S-6 3  
H-K Q 10 8 7 4 3  
D-5  
C-A Q 9

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1D 1S 2H  
Pass 2NT Pass 4H  
All Pass

If West led his singleton club, there is not much that declarer can do. He must go down so long as East does not play the king. Declarer cannot avoid losing two spades, a trump and a club.

However, when I was in the West position, I gave declarer a chance. Impressed by my partner's spade bid and not really wishing to ruff with four trump, I led my middle spade. Declarer played the jack and East won with the queen. Not being clairvoyant, East returned a trump to dummy's singleton ace.

With singletons in both hands, declarer should be very careful that one opponent does not have a singleton in a side suit and get some ruffs. Normally, with this combination in clubs, the jack should be led so if the finesse is successful, it can be repeated.

In this case, declarer wishes to return to his hand as quickly as possible in order to get the trump out. The club jack should be led to tempt East to cover, but when East plays low, declarer must play the queen.

Now South can draw trump and concede one trump trick to West. All he will lose is two spades and a trump. The diamond ace serves as an entry to repeat the club finesse.

Unfortunately for declarer but luckily for us, South led the club jack and let it ride. When he repeated the club finesse, I ruffed and putting my partner in with the spade ace, I got another club ruff, to set the contract.

When you and dummy have singletons in your hands, beware of the opponents holding singletons also. Sometimes you have to use your entries quickly in order to avoid ruffs.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, George Solty and Bill Wandel; second, Pat Jeffares and Mrs. Katherine Coats; third, Mrs. Mary Manning and Mrs. Kay Campbell.

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## Former teacher writes

# History of Peacock school

Mrs. Rita Shortill, a former teacher at the old Peacock school, situated on the Seventh Line and No. 5 Sideroad of Erin Township, has written a history of the venerable institution. Many of the names of students and trustees who have attended and served will be familiar.

By Mrs. Rita Shortill  
In the year 1869, school trustees of this section, William J. Ball and Mathias Wannater, purchased for \$50 approximately 45 square rods of land (9 rods by 5 rods) of the corner of lot 5 bordering on the Seventh Line and No. 5 Sideroad. This land was bought from Henry B. Webster and his wife, Margaret Webster. The deed of above was a written one executed in the Village of Georgetown by Sam Phillips and Elijah Devereaux. On this small lot was erected the first school.

In March 1872, another four rods were bought to enlarge the lot and make it 9 by 9 rods (81 square rods). As far as can be reckoned, Miss Kate Reid taught school here, also James Shortill.

During the years in the 19th century, many interesting names are found in a dog-eared and stained register—Thompsons (Kate, Alice, George, cousins Jane and Agnes), Roys, Givens, Hiltz, Marshalls, McKechnie, Sinclairs, Lindsays, Sayers, Swindlehursts, Gartys, Ismond, Butlers, Creeks, McLean, Kentners. As one reminisces, most of these names are reflected in the generation of today.

Then in 1905, March 18, we find another deed of more land purchased from Charles Webster and wife Addie Webster for \$35. This was executed by William Conboy in Erin and witnessed by Eliza Holmes.

On this larger lot was built the present building. An estimate of the cost was found for \$1,724, signed by J. B. Mackenzie, also a well-worn document specifying how and in what plans said school was to be built, specifications made for this kind of timber and the method of construction—ample proof that the building was a sound one.

We could name many teachers who taught in this school—a few are Miss Reid, Miss Steele, Miss Lang, Miss Mitchell, Helen Marshall, Marguerite Smith, Alice Williamson, Martha Smith, Friscilla Cook, Grace Dangler, Ervart Donnell, Russell Taylor, Betty Hutchinson, Freda Cook, Phyllis Capps, Mrs. Rita Shortill.

Mrs. Rathbun and Mrs. Somerville.  
Different people served as trustees — A. J. Lindsay, Archie Reid, Mr. Longstreet, Jesse McEnery, D. J. Sinclair, Archie McEnery, Joseph Allan, Edwin Perryman, Robert Kirkwood, William Wright, Richard Shortill, Mrs. R. Shortill, Dan Campbell, Cam Steen and Robert McEnery.

Around 1943, the school area took over. Hydro was installed, a better well was drilled and other minor improvements made.  
And so time went on, year after year, until finally progress once more asserted itself. Then in the age of the school bus, the brick Peacock school closed its doors in 1963 or 1964.

From then on, pupils were picked up at their gates and taken to Brisbane Central School.

But what of S. S. 4 School? After listening to the many echoes of children's voices down through the years — a new era dawned for this sturdy building.

Somewhere in the school laws is included a clause which reads like this — "the owner of the property from which farm said school grounds came, will have first



View of School on Arbor Day, 1945



School Now Residence of Dr. Reid

chance to buy an unused school building." As the Reids owned the former Webster-Binnie farm, they bought Peacock school.  
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## Robert R. Hamilton

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