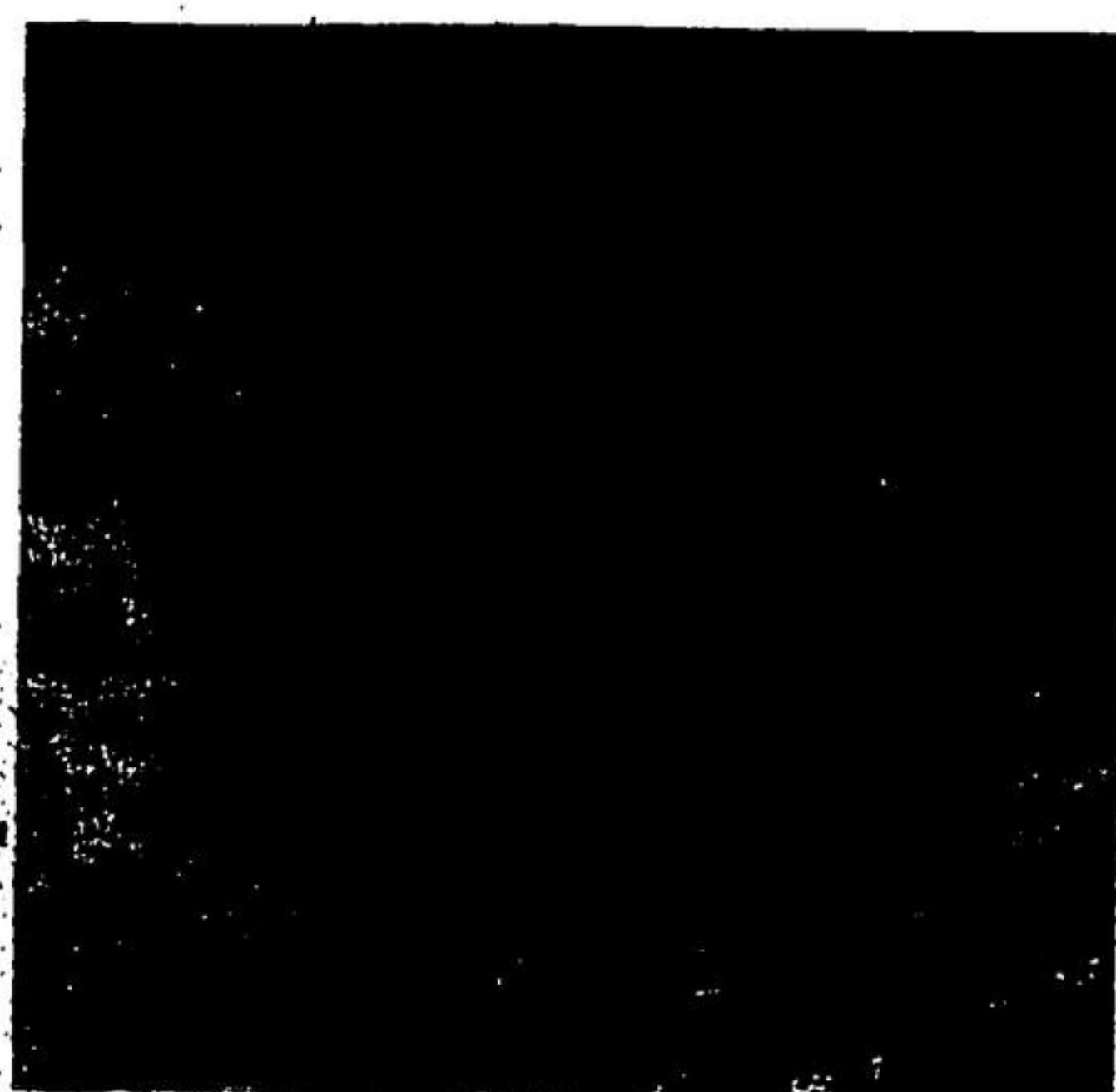




**IN THE HEIGHT** of the storm, Department of Highways snowplows kept roads open with actual run-up and down highways in conjunction with sand trucks. Pedestrians were forced to use roads as snow piled high on sidewalks. (Staff Photo)



**FIRST TASTE** of winter for these two Siberian Husky pups held by Robin Marshall was during Monday's storm. There's two more like them belonging to Kenny Marshall, Church St., and their owner has visions of a long dog team. (Staff Photo)



**THE MILL STREET** business section had plenty of snow to contend with but town workers had most of it cleared away after an all-night session Monday. Only tardy store owners with unshovelled sidewalks impeded foot traffic Tuesday. (Staff Photo)

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Second Section.

## Future of Credit River valley lies in hands of young people

"When the Credit Valley Conservation Authority started almost 14 years ago, many people thought it was just another organization that could not get off the ground", Chairman R.K. McMillan said in his annual report to the Authority last week. "This certainly was not the thinking of the dedicated, determined people who worked so hard to make sure this Authority would not fall by the way, but would do everything possible to preserve and bring back many of the things man has destroyed, for future generations." "Many of those men and women have departed; others are unable to be with us tonight as we meet for the last

time this year. We still have several of the original members with us and they must feel that their time and efforts have not been wasted." Mr. McMillan went on to thank the members who would not be returning next year and to welcome any new members for "only as a team have we been able to achieve the results which I am sure you should be pleased to be a part of."

"The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is the envy of other organizations for the success we have had and the Credit River is the cleanest in Industrial Ontario. You should be very proud that you have been a part of this Authority."

Centennial year for Canada has developed into a banner year for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, too. Several major projects planned over the years now are under construction and everyone is now looking forward to the second 10 years of Authority work with high hopes. Planned in 1957, the Orangeville Reservoir project is now under construction. This is the first flood control structure of several planned on the Credit River and should be completed in 1968. When finished the reservoir will flood almost 500 acres and provide water storage of 624 million gallons. The Credit River originally supplied power for many

mills along its length. Through the years these mills have been abandoned and the ponds behind power dams allowed to fill with silt. Until this year the Credit Valley Conservation Authority had only a list of about 18 of these ponds which, if cleaned of silt, could provide water storage areas.

During 1967 engineering was completed and dredging started on the first of these ponds: Fairy Lake at Acton. If the dredging at Acton proves economically feasible then other ponds at Caladon (five), Alton (two), Hillsburgh (two), Mono, Erin, Limestone, Georgetown, Meadowvale, Norval, Stewartstown and Huttonville will receive more careful examination.

Each project will be judged according to its individual merits i.e. how large a storage capacity could be formed, condition of the dam and overall cost. One of the aims of the Authority is to educate the public, not only by showing them conservation in action at the various parks in the watershed, but by talking to people, especially the children, and explaining how conservation can be a personal project. In this centennial year the educational program of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has provided speakers with pictures to schools and service clubs in the area, conducted tours of the valley parks and the CVCA Farm at Hillsburgh. It is the intention of the Authority to expand its educational program, with special emphasis on children. Speakers are available to any group interested in conservation

by simply writing or telephoning the office at Meadowvale, 451-1615.

**CREDIT RIVER PAST**  
Since settlement started early in 1800, the rich Credit River Valley provided the raw material for many industries; lumber and brick for homes, waterpower for mills and limestone which was processed for many uses. Some of the best farming and gardening land in Ontario is located in the Watershed.

This "good land" was taken for granted through the years until suddenly people began to realize that the hills along the Niagara Escarpment were bare and eroded, fishing was no longer a pleasure in the polluted river and in the summer, water was almost non-existent in parts of the Credit.

In 1952 representatives of the 16 municipalities in the watershed met to discuss the problem. It was agreed that only by cooperation could flood control, reforestation and preservation of the whole valley be carried out.

In May 1954, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority was formed, created by the Ontario Government at the request of these municipalities.

**THE AUTHORITY**  
Along with the Ontario Government: The towns of Acton, Brampton, Georgetown, Oakville, Orangeville, Streetsville and Port Credit; The Village of Erin, and the Townships of Amaranth, Caladon, Chinguacousy, Erin, Esqueping, Garafraxa East, Mono

and Toronto are members. The Authority covers parts of the counties of Peel, Halton, Dufferin and Wellington.

A per capita levy based on the population of the watershed—now about 125,000—plus Provincial grants, makes up the working capital of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Five Advisory Boards, made up of members of the Authority and interested individuals, divide the work of the CVCA. These are: flood and pollution control, parks and recreation; reforestation, land use and wildlife; historical records; information and education. Robert R. Parker is Chairman of Flood Control; J.W. Pawley, Parks and Recreation; J.H. Bailey, Reforestation, Land Use; C. King Historical Records; A.M. Greenaway, Information and Education. These five chairmen with Authority Chairman R.K. McMillan and Vice Chairman E. M. White make up the executive committee of the CVCA. The Credit River is rich in history of early Ontario. This was, until recently, largely only a matter of keeping records because the budget could not be stretched to include projects which were of strictly historical value.

In 1965 the Credit Valley Conservation Authority Foundation was formed. This is a chartered foundation and as such is able to accept gifts of money, land or items of value for preservation. It is hoped that interested people will contribute toward preserving the history of the valley for years to come. Contributions from a firm in Toronto bought the former Union School Section 15, Erin and East Garafraxa Townships. This school was built in 1900 and many of the people still living in the area went to school there. The school is full of books and equipment collected by Robert F. Hardy, Chairman of the Foundation. These desks, books, maps and teachers' guides from the past will show the present and future generations how many of the famous... and infamous... of this area were educated.

**FUTURE AIMS**  
Originally the Credit River survey, submitted by the Ontario

Government, suggested the construction of dams along the river for water storage and to prevent disastrous floods. It is the aim of the Authority to implement these plans as funds become available.

**NOTICE**

**DUE TO RENOVATIONS AT THE Y. M. C. A. BUILDING THE TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY at 1 p.m.**

after this date

**TOWN BUSINESS will be conducted at the COUNCIL CHAMBERS for the Next 4 to 6 Weeks**

**J. McGEACHIE, Clerk-Administrator**

### HALTON & PEEL TRUST & SAVINGS COMPANY



LORNE SKUCE



DONALD E. SMITH

Announcement is made by Mr. J. S. Beatty, General Manager of Halton & Peel Trust & Savings Company of the appointment of Mr. Lorne Skuce as Special Representative and Business Development Officer of the Company in the Head Office at Oakville and of Mr. Donald E. Smith as Manager of the Milton Office of the Company.

Mr. Skuce has been the Manager of the Milton Office since it was opened in the Fall of 1964 and has performed an excellent piece of work in guiding the operations of the Company in its first years in Milton. He will now represent the Company in the wider sphere of the areas served by the Oakville, Milton and Georgetown offices.

Mr. Smith in succeeding to the office of Manager of the Milton Branch brings to the position a wealth of experience extending over a period of 10 years in the Trust, Banking and Financial fields.

### Y's Men donate \$600 to assist Y program

The Y's Men's Club made a donation of \$600 to assist the Y.M.C.A. board in the operation of their program. The motion to make the donation passed unanimously at the regular Y's Men's meeting Thursday, Jan. 11 in the Y with president Gary Bateman in the chair.

Elmer Smith reported on projects during December which showed a net profit of \$467.87. This did not include the sale of chocolates as returns were not completed the night of the meeting.

Doug Copeland reported a small profit of \$4.40 on the Christmas party at the Music Centre and read a letter from International Director John Pyper for his invitation and for the enjoyable evening. The club accepted an invitation from Pan Politia club to join them in a tour of the Imperial Tobacco

plant January 18. Guelph Y's Men will also be guests.

After the next regular meeting January 25 the club agreed to meet afterward with the Y.M.C.A. board for the annual meeting of Acton Murray Memorial Y.M.C.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson visited with their daughter Susan and their son-in-law Lucien Dupont in California and Mr. Wilson telling of their trip, recommended it to every member of the club. It was 85 degrees in California when they left to return to Milton airport.

### LIMEHOUSE 80th birthday injury in news

Happy birthday to Mr. T. H. Price who was eighty on January 15.

Mr. Clive Mather of Oxford, Eng. has been visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Chan, Mather before and after a flight to San Francisco.

We hope Mr. Jack Noble makes a good recovery from a painful foot injury while at work in his garage.

We hope for better health for Mr. Pool who has been in hospital several times recently.

Communion services were conducted by Rev. F. N. Young at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

by Mrs. A. Benton

**Euchre winners**  
Winners of last Saturday's euchre at L.O.L. hall were Ben Anderson, Audrey Wheeler, Mrs. C. Storey and Joan McDonald.

### Advise men over 40 to leave shovel alone

Every winter you can pick up a newspaper and read an item like this: "Man suffers heart attack shovelling snow."

Most casualties are in their 60's. Suddenly lifting heavy wet snow is too much for a heart that is accustomed to no more strenuous exercise than walking to and from a car twice a day. This sudden stress on the circulation, plus exposure to cold weather which raises blood pressure, brings on a heart attack.

All men past 40 should beware of shovelling snow, warns the National Safety League of Canada. The same warning applies to a person with a heart condition or hypertension, and to a person who is overweight or who has had an illness, even a common cold.

NSL suggests you hire some strong teenager in your area to do the job. Or get a power snow blower.

If you do shovel snow, take these precautions:

Rest frequently; don't lift too much snow on the shovel at one time; and, most important, stop and rest if you feel yourself getting exhausted, if your pulse beats fast or heart pounds, if you start to perspire or if breathing becomes difficult and short.