

Everton dam means large lake near here

Can you picture a lake nearly four and a half miles in length stretching from the Eramosa-Erin township boundary along the Eramosa River valley over highways 25 and 24?

Over 200 residents of the township who crowded into the Osprey school auditorium Monday night have a more precise picture of the proposed reservoir now. The entire scheme, planned by the Grand River Conservation Authority, was outlined to them by Authority official Jim Bauer in a three-hour meeting.

The proposed Everton dam will hold back an estimated 4,000,000,000 gallons of water and cover an approximate area of 850 acres. It will be situated about 700 feet back from the Eramosa River, between Erin township and back the Eramosa River valley, the dam will be about 1/2 mile long and will be about 100 feet high. The dam will be situated about 1/2 mile from the Eramosa River, between Erin township and back the Eramosa River valley, the dam will be about 1/2 mile long and will be about 100 feet high.

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The Ontario Water Resources Commission has pointed out in the low flow period the Grand River has only enough water to meet dilution requirements after five reservoirs are constructed. By 1980 if the population continues to expand, the Authority will possibly be looking for additional sites.

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Would owners of land affected by flooding be approached individually?

Appraisal is done by a qualified appraiser and he would do each individual parcel. Then a land negotiator enters the picture and makes an offer on the appraisal. The land owner has the opportunity to negotiate. If there's a wide difference of opinion, a second appraiser is called in. The Authority sets a certain day and values are frozen so no owners can take advantage of inflationary pressures.

The ideal situation said Mr. Bauer is when the Authority controls all the land within view of the lake but lack of funds prevents this. The Authority depends on the township council to pass zoning regulations so that slightly buildings are not erected on private land around reservoir area.

Will cottages be built along the lake?

No policy has been set for cottages but it is unlikely. Will land owners be compensated for any improvements they make before the freeze of values?

"Yes," said Mr. Bauer. "The appraiser takes this into consideration. Two factors are considered, depreciation and inflation."

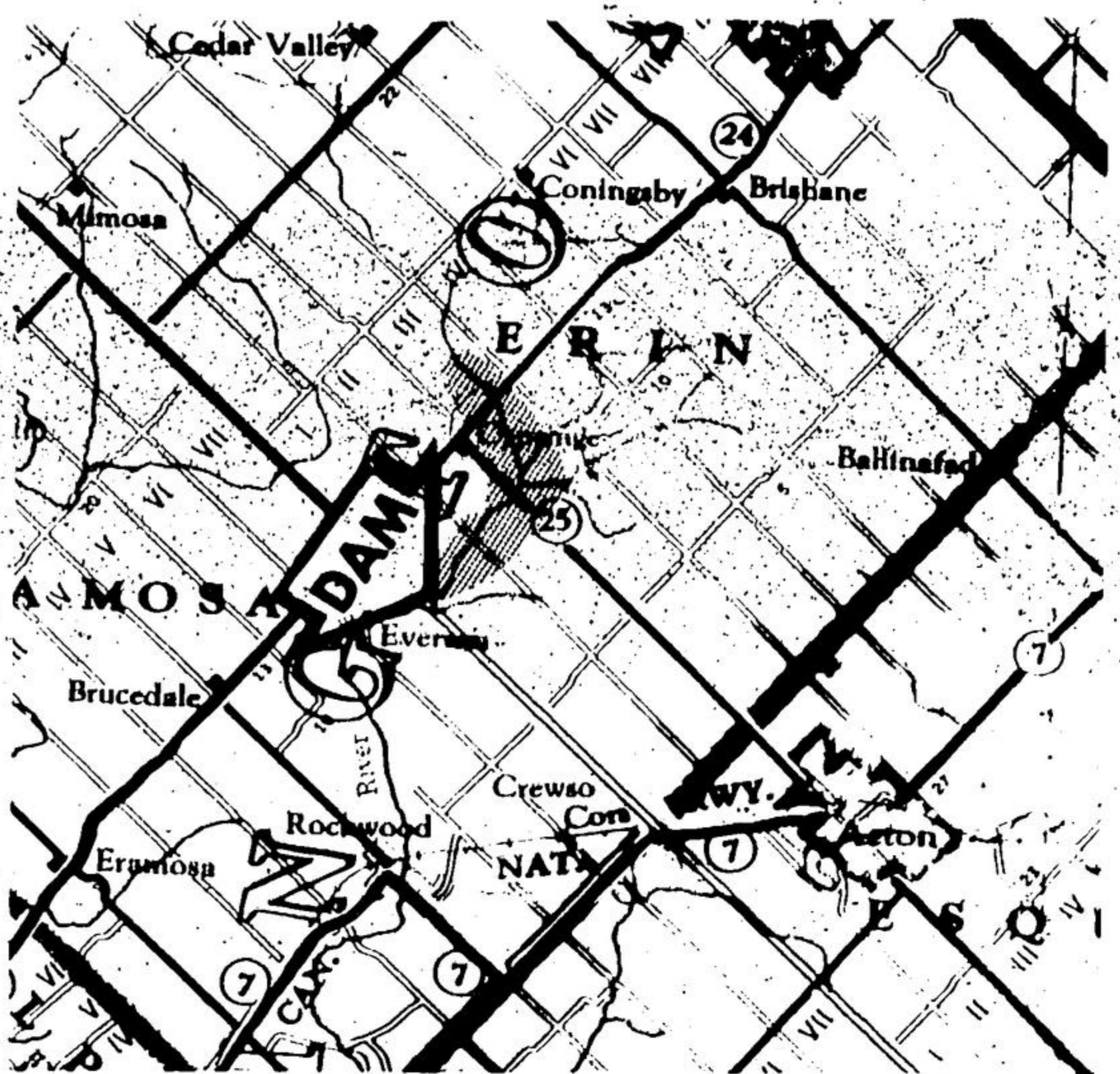
Is the land owner compensated for the inconvenience of being flooded?

No. Only for costs of moving. Will the reservoir containate wells?

No. The Eramosa River is the cleanest, freshest and best part of the whole watershed. Will the lake be used for recreation?

"Yes, but I don't know to what extent," said Mr. Bauer. He suggested it could be a fishing lake but it could be just a looking lake where you can't even put your finger in.

Many other questions from the audience were answered before the meeting adjourned at 11:30. Afterwards many stayed to check maps to see whose land would be affected by the flooding.



Approximate location of Everton dam, reservoir

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Reconsiders decision

Bill Williams finishes term

Councillor Bill Williams has reconsidered his resignation from Acton council following a talk with Deputy-Reeve Frank Oakes and will finish out his two-year term.

Dr. Oakes deputized to discuss resignation with him, reported Mr. Williams' conditions had changed since he had notified council he could no longer continue. He had cited shift work for inability to attend meetings. The three shifts Councillor Williams worked have now been reduced to two which will enable him to attend at least 50 per cent of the meetings and possibly more.

"If he is unable to attend some meetings, he could still be assigned work as a member of a committee," stated Mayor Duby. Councillor Earl Masales said he was in favor of retaining Mr.

Williams on council because of his experience and the fact budget time was approaching. "I concur with Mr. Masales," said Councillor C. Porry.

"I support Mr. Masales' comments," said Councillor McKenzie.

"Mr. Williams said if council would be willing to accept 50 per cent or better he would be willing to remain," reminded the deputy-reeve. Dr. Oakes also said he wanted to correct any impression that he had talked Mr. Williams into reconsidering.

"He was not persuaded," agreed the mayor.

A resolution passed unanimously which stated due to Mr. Williams reconsidering his resignation that he continue as a councillor with at least 50 per cent attendance at meetings.

Two-car collision at drive-in lot

A collision at Hood's Drive-In Friday, Jan. 26 at 1:45 p.m. involved cars driven by Gerald Lamarche, Elgin St., and Allan Grant, R. R. 2. The Volkswagen driven by Mr. Grant entered Queen St. from the drive-in lot and Mr. Grant said his vision was blocked by snowbanks. The car struck the vehicle driven by Mr. Lamarche, proceeding west on Queen St.

The car driven by Mr. Lamarche received an estimated \$150 damage and the other car about \$100 damage.

Mrs. J. Shadbolt passes examination

A new businesswoman in town is Mrs. John Shadbolt, Tidy Ave., who is now associated with Sydney K. Lamb in his real estate business. She has just passed her Ontario government real estate examination.

Chamber of Commerce reviews year outline plans at buffalo dinner

Highlight of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday evening was the report of the year's activities given by president Paul Nielsen after a buffalo dinner served at the Station Hotel.

The "small but select" group listened attentively to the long list of activities starting with the "Citizen of the Year" celebration and concluding with plans for the coming year.

Mayor Les Duby, a special guest, spoke briefly calling the Chamber "a very important group". Although he admitted he was disappointed in the poor showing of membership for the annual dinner "I'm certainly not disappointed in the Chamber of Commerce."

over staged. He cited the Dills Printing Co. for their co-operation.

"The brief on parking we presented to council and the Department of Highways was followed almost to the letter," Mr. Nielsen told members. "This brief alone justified the existence of the Chamber," he suggested.

The outdoor Sportmen's Show, a first in Canada as far as he was aware, was a "herculean" task carried out by chief engineer John Shadbolt with most of the executive helping. Co-operation with Cecil and Bill Neilson and the town, teachers in the schools,

helped make the show a success although it did lose some money. Lessons learned at the sportsmen's show would hold them in good stead when "a bigger and better" show this year is planned. "It might be the event of the year. We have the physical facilities in the park and lake to make it a success," Mr. Nielsen stated. "We're not going to let the idea die."

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a Meet the Candidates Night turned out for the Chamber - sponsored event in October. Also cited, the Industrial dinner was a highlight of

the year. It was sponsored in co-operation with the Acton Development Commission.

The Chamber supported the United Church Women's Santa Fair by buying candy canes to distribute.

Five hundred donuts and 400 cups of coffee were distributed to the hundreds who attended the Twelfth Night Christmas tree burning, another chamber-sponsored event. The president thanked Tyler Transport and Dills Printing for their co-operation.

Mentioned also were a number of contacts with prospective new

industry in co-operation with the development commission.

The Chamber has also been active in a campaign to save the C.N.R. station from closing in Acton. Industries have been contacted and figures gathered, a letter sent to the M.P.

Among other plans for this year projected is possible organization of a horticultural society.

Plans are already forming to consider the idea of a shopping mall on the Mill St. business section. "We're going to take a good hard look at this mall," said the president reminding the meeting if the Chamber didn't do it, no one else would.

As a parting shot Mr. Nielsen congratulated the town for the "terrific job" of snow removal after the recent storm. Nino Braide remarked he had been in Hamilton after the storm and recommended to relatives there that they visit Acton to learn about snow removal after seeing streets there.

Mr. Braide also expressed his thanks to the Chamber for their continued support to the 4-H club program.

Orv Chapman conducted the election of officers and the installation ceremony was performed by the mayor.

Treasurer Ted Pratt gave the financial report.

Engage E. T. Marks inspector

Council passed a resolution at their regular meeting Tuesday night engaging E. T. Marks as building inspector for the Town of Acton. Mr. Marks was picked from two applicants interviewed by the committee.

Meeting in the board room of the new hydro building, council took care of business in a record two-hour session followed by half an hour for enquiries.

A further resolution passed that the building inspector be paid one hundred per cent of the building permit fees with a minimum yearly salary of \$500. An exception was made for permit fees for municipally financed buildings which council felt would not require the building inspector.

Fees are usually based on the figure of two dollars per \$1,000 worth of building.

Permit fees, the clerk told council, are based on the construction cost.

Remand follows charge of assault

Following a complaint laid Sunday, January 21, a charge of assault causing bodily harm with intent to endanger life was laid against an Acton man. In court in Milton on January 22 he was remanded to the Ontario hospital for 30 days for psychiatric examination.

Paul Nielsen head

Paul Nielsen was returned as president of Acton Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting in the Station Hotel last Wednesday. Members present accepted the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee with only minor changes.

Other officers elected were: first vice-president, Orv Chapman, second vice-president, John Shadbolt, secretary, Chris Schuts; treasurer, Ted Pratt.

Two year directors are Telford Reid, John Rol, Fred Gordon and Mike DeJong.

One year directors are Don Timmings and a new member in Don Lindsay.

Past president is Rev. Andy McKenzie.

Correction 97% taxes collected

Happy about 88% of the 1967 town taxes being collected? You'll be happier then to know the article in last week's Free Press which stated 87.94% of the 1967 taxes were collected was partially wrong.

The figure should have been 97% collected.

The paper had hardly got out of bed before the phone rang and town manager Joe Hurst checked us on the figure. It was our mistake!

The people of Acton are even more civic minded than we realize.

A power failure in the Longfield-Churchill-Queen St. area Thursday evening was soon corrected. A fuse had blown in a transformer.

Only the shadow knows for sure

It seems that on the "whole" the weather bureau is more reliable than the average groundhog on February 2.

According to the encyclopedia only "superstitious" people believe the story about the groundhog coming up from his hole on that day to look for his shadow. Science, the infallible guide to all our actions in this modern age, has not confirmed it.

This Friday it's time for the furry little fellow to emerge from his home again and tell us how much of the winter weather we can expect before the balmy breezes of spring return. The story goes that he sticks his head out and if he sees his shadow, he beats a hasty retreat back to sleep because there's going to be another six weeks of winter.

If he doesn't see his shadow, Mr. Groundhog stays out of his hole because Spring is not far away.

For those of us who can't decide whether the scientists or the folklore people are right, this Friday is going to be a memorable day.

Will the groundhog appear? Or will it happen as the egg heads predict that the world's most unreliable prognosticator is not about to make his annual pronouncement.

We're collecting evidence for both sides.



GORDON HEIGHTON, 100 Dunbarton St., Guelph, escaped unhurt when his new model car skidded on ice at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, left No. 7 highway and crashed into a hydro pole brace, knocking it off. The pole broke off when it was hit but the brace kept it up. It wasn't long until Ontario Hydro appeared with a new pole. Constable Fenice of the North Halton O.P.P. investigated the accident, which occurred east of Chewson's Corners. (Staff Photos)

