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 Ospringe 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 Everten tiam will hold back an sestimated 4.080,000,000 gallons of water and cover an approximate area of 950 seres; it will be situa ated & sow hundred feet - back from the Kramous-Erin townline and back the Eramosa River, called the cleanest; frashest, best part of the watershed." over the first line, No. 25 highway and cross No. 24 highway below therings for almost five miles,

The Department of Highways will be forced to build new bridges over the newly-formed lake which will be closest to Acton where it crosses No. 25; a distance of about five miles."

Mr. Bauer outlined the history of the improvements on the Grand River system for the audience and gave ratepayers a chance to ask questions afterwards. There were plenty, especially from those who could find themselves flooded out when the dain is built.

. In 1954 the Authority surveyed the Speed River, of which the Eramosa is a part, from Preston to the sources. Preserving water in the upper areas, it was felt, would help alleviate flood conditions and sewage dilution for Guelph. A number of sites for reservoirs were surveyed before three, Everton, Hespeler and Guelph, were chosen,

Mr. Bauer emphasized the Authority felt frustrated they could not give tentile answers since certain approvals were still tacking. Cost of the program would be divided. The province pays 37. 1/2%, the federal government pays another 37 1/2% and the rest is divided up among the 71 municipalities in the watershed.

The province has only approved a 50-per cent grant to acquire land for the reservoir when the normal grant is 75 per cent. The federal government is still not convinced they should contribute their share so the Authority has been standing still until they get a federal commitment but Mr. Hauer emphasized they intended to proceed with the dam.

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.

Mr. Bauer called on the Authority's engineer to describe the features of the proposed Everion dam and the reason for selecting the site. Mr. Jones. said the dam would be a sound earth filled embankment with reinforced concrete control structure. and spillway. He said the proposed site was ideal for a dam since rock was close to the surface. Byron Bruce, an R.R. J. Action farmer, soled as spokesman for retepayers and asked many diestlong name of which follows -

Reason for selection of site? The Authority thought they could do the most withthe least amount of money from the Everton site." Alternative alte in Arbeil could still be developed by City of Gueloh.

Estimate when the dans will be constructed? "No." said Mr. Batter. "We would like to be doing it now but it takes three construction years to build the reservoir. It takes six to nine months before the land can be bought. The Authority will acquire the land and construction site initially. Anyone living around the sife would not have to be off. before four years. Timber and pulnwood on the land is sold. Trees will be replanted with the Kuthority's own planting program,"

Will the Authority not do anything until it gets approval from the federal government? If the federal government turns it down, the

Authority will have to find the money elsewhere. Why should Erin township pay a grant when it receives no benefits?

There is a pollution abatement charge for Erin of approximately \$10,000 and an additional outlet liability of \$7,000a Erin is not charged for special benefits. Guelph, for instance, pays more for water abatement. Total charge of \$17,000 is spread over 10 to 20 years.

Mr. Bruce brought down the house when he asked if this was going to be a dam site or a damis site? He was reassured of the former by Mr. Bauer who told the meeting a survey would be made by flying 3,000 feet, a method suitable to give legal description to the registry office.

Would owners of land affected by flooding he ap-. proached individually?

Appraisal is done by a qualified appraiser and he would do each individual parcel. Then a land negotlator 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 frezen so no owners can take betvantage of inflationary pressurtes.

The Ideal situation said Mr. Bauer in when the. Authority controls all the land within view of the lake but lack of funds preyents this. The Authority depends on the township, councils to have solling regulations so unsightly buildings are not prected on private land around reservbir area.

Will cottown the built along the lake? No policy has twen set for cuttages but if the unlikely. ...

With land owners be compensated for any tim-"provements they make before the freeze of values? "Yes," said Mr. Haner, "The appraiser takes this into consideration. Two factors are considered; depreciation and inflation."

. Values for land are set when expropriated for the highest and best use of the land as it site said Authority solicitor Mr. Stewart but Mr. Bauer said there is another school of thought which could be in. force when the dam is built. This would pay a person what it takes to set up in a similar situation some where olse.

How long does the land sit? "When we freeke, we're ready to do business," vaid Hauer.

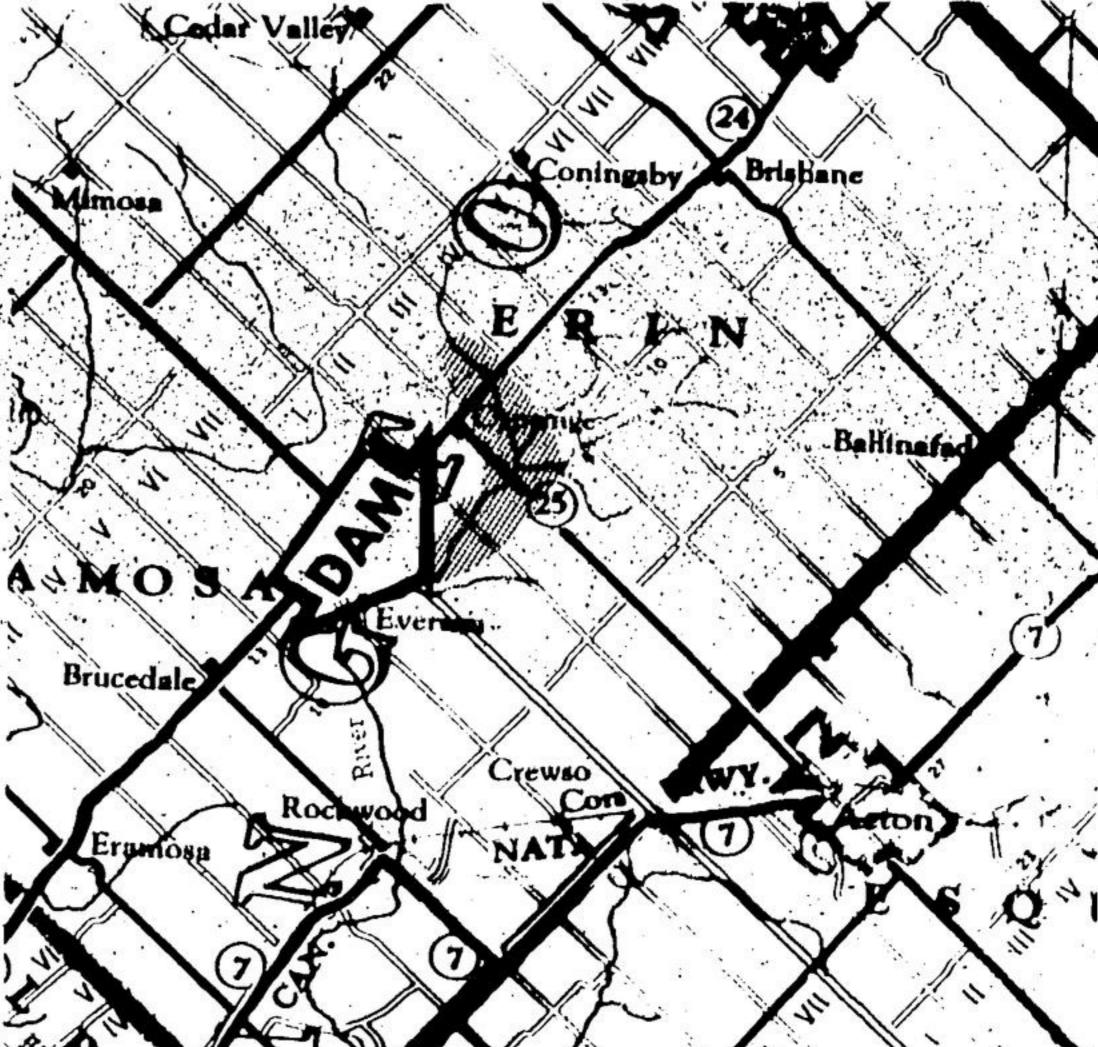
Is the land owner compensated for the inconventence of being uproofed?

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

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

"Yes, but I don't know to what extent," said Mr. Hauer. 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 mans to see whose land would be affected by the flooring.



Approximate location of Everton dam, reservoir

Ottawa, for Postage Paid in Cash at Acton, Coulario

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 state of officers

Other officers elected were: first vice-president, Orv

Two year directors are Telford Reidt, John Rol, Fred Gord-

One year directors are Don Timmings and a new member

Chapman, second vice-president, John Shadbolt, secretary,

as presented by the nominating committee with only minor

Acton Free ACTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1968

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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 contime. He had cited shift work for is inability to attend moetings. 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

"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.

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GORDON HEIGHTON, 100

Dunbarton St., Guelph, es-

caped unhurt when his

new model car skidded on

ice at 7.45 a.m. Tuesday,

left No. 7 highway and

crashed into a hydro bole

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

Penrice of the North Hal-

ton O.P.P. investigated the

accident, which occurred

east of Crewson's Corners.

(Staff Photos)

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

"I support Mr. Masales' comments," said Councillor McKen-

"Mr. Williams said if council would be willing to accept 50 per cent or better he would be willing to remain," reminded the deputyweve. Dr. Oakes also said he wanted to correct any impression that he had talked Mr. Williams Mrs. J. Shadbolt 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, Eigin St., and Allan Grant, R. R. 2. The Volkswagen driven by Mr. Grant entered Queen St. from the drive-in lot and Mr. Grant saidhis vision was blocked by snowbanks. The car struck the vehicle driven by Mr. Lamarche, proceeding west on

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

passes examination

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



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. Queen St.

The "small but solect" 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. 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

of Commerce." "Council needs tempering by organization like the C. of C.," continued the mayor. "We look to you people, some of whom are more qualified than we for the

not disappointed in the Chamber

He urged members to find something unique to put Acton on the map and later in the meeting suggested perhaps the altitude and the difference in temperature here might be fit subject. Mayor Duby recalled how many times he had been exasperated when listening to the radio report of weather when the announcer gave out a reading of one or two below zero. He had looked at his own thermometer and it read 12 below. People on the other side of town would report a lower reading than this. The temperature range in Acton varied as much as 12 degrees, the mayor de-

clared. "Perhaps," he mused, "the town could become a familiar name on the daily weather re- or.

In his recap of the past year Mr. Nielsen handed out bouquets to those members of the Chamber who made the Citizen of the Year dinner and dance a huge success. There was a large attendance . The committee of Orv Chapman, John Rol and Frank Heller worked hard for the

centennial year celebration. Co-operation between the town, the hydro commission and the Chamber was responsible for the holiday season lighting being

turned on for centennial year. The retail section of the Chamber promoted Old Fameloned Days; which the president proclaimed was one of the best promotions merchants in Acton

outline plans at buffalo dinner over staged. He cited the Dills Printing Co. for their co-oper-

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

The outdoor Sportmen's Show. a first in Canada as far as ho was aware, was a "herculean" Mayor Les Duby, a special task carried out by chiefengineer John Shadholt with most of the executive hulping. Co-operation with Cecil and Bill Nelles and the town, teachers in the schools,

E. T. Marks

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

the new hydro building, council

took care of business in a record

two hour session followed by half

A further resolution passed

that the building inspector be

paid one hundred per cent of the

building permit fees with a min-

imum yearly salary of \$500. An

exception was made for permit

fees for municipally financed

buildings which council felt would

not require the building inspect-

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

Permit fees, the clerk told

council, are based on the con-

Remand follows

charge of assault

Following a complaint laid

Sunday, January 21, a charge of

remanded to the Outario hospital

Meeting in the board room of

inspector

by the committee.

an hour for enquiries.

worth of building.

struction cost.

Engage

helped make the show a success although it did lose some money. Lessons learned at the sports-

men's show would hold them in good stead when "a higger 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." to attend a Most the Candidates turned out for the Chamber - sponsored event in October. Also cited, the Industrial dinner was a highlight of

changes.

on and Mike DeJong.

in Don Lindsay.

Correction

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 cames 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-spon-One of the largest crowds ever sored event. The president thanked Tyler Transport and Dills Printing for their cooperation.

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

Fourteen Pages - Yen Cents.

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

Plans are already forming to consider the idea of a shooping mall on the Mill St. business section. "We're going to take a good hard look at this mail." 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 Braids 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. Braids 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 per-

formed by the mayor.

Treasurer Ted Prait gave the

financial report.

Past president is Rev. Andy McKenzie.

Chris Schuts; treasurer, Ted Pratt.

97% taxes collected

town taxes being collected? You'll be happier then to know the article in last week's Free

the 1967 taxes were collected was partially wrong. The figure should have been

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 mistakel

The people of Acton are even more civic minded than we realassault causing bodily harm with im.

transformer.

Only the shadow knows for sure

It seems that on the "whole" the weather bureau is more reliable than the average ground bog on February 2,-

According to the encyclopedia only "superstitious" people believe the story about the grounding 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

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 rebura. The story goes that he sticks his head out and if he uses his shadow, he beats a leasty retreat back to sleep because there's going to be another six weeks of wister.

If he doesn't see his shadow, Mr. Groundhog stays out of his bole 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 east heads predict that the world's most unreliable prognosticular is not about to make his amount promostication. We're collecting evidence for both sides.

intent to endanger life was laid against an Acton man. In court A power fallure in the Longin Milton on January 22 he was field-Churchill-Queen St. area Thursday evening was soon corfor 30 days for psychiatric examrected. A fuse had blown in a

Happy about 88% of the 1967 Press which stated 87.94% of

97% collected