

## Old and new prefer the small town



**THE MCGILLOWAY FAMILY**, Cindy, Colleen, McGilloway, David and Susan in front of their Mrs. McGilloway, Danny, Teresa, Billy, Mr. home. (Staff Photo)

Ed McGilloway was born and educated in Acton, and has chosen to raise his seven children here as well.

After high school, he got a job in Beardmore and Company and stayed because he liked it. He is a pipe fitter in the machine shop.

Says Mr. McGilloway, "I prefer the smaller town. One day in the city is just about all I can take. It seems like a mad race all the time."

"He isn't on shifts, it's only seven minutes to work and he gets home for lunch," adds his wife Dodie.

The McGilloways feel they are farther ahead by staying in town, because the rents and cost of living are lower than in the larger centres. They have a comfortable home on the corner of Brock and Victoria Streets with a spacious lot at the side for the children to play on.

Mrs. McGilloway likes the friendly atmosphere a small town offers. "Some places, you don't even know your next door neighbor. Our home is sort of a halfway house on this block for all the neighbor's children."

They are a family of seven children, Susan 14, Danny 13, Billy 11, Teresa 10, Colleen nine, Cindy seven, and David six.

The McGilloways feel that the small town offers more opportunity for the children to take part in activities. "Our boys play tri-county hockey - I know they wouldn't be getting the experience if we were in a larger centre because the competition for teams would be so great," says Mr. McGilloway.

Mrs. McGilloway feels that the children get more personal attention in a smaller school. "I like it because they can walk to school and don't have to wait for buses or carry lunch pails."

Acton has grown considerably since Mr. McGilloway has lived here. "I can remember when there used to be five or six houses on this street. Now there are 15 or 20."

The one thing the McGilloways would like to see in the future is a regular swimming pool for the children with lifeguard supervision.

As far as the McGilloways are concerned they like Acton and they intend to stay.



**MRS. EDSELER** and Kim prefer the slower pace of the small town in their spacious new home on Elizabeth Drive. Mr. Edsler commutes to his work in Toronto by rail each day.

For Mr. and Mrs. Edward Edsler, life in Acton is more relaxed than in Toronto. "It's getting away from the rat-race," says Mrs. Edsler.

The Edsers moved into their spacious split-level on Elizabeth Drive at the first of April (from a suburb of Toronto). Mr. Edsler commutes to work in the city by train every day.

"We got sick of living in the city all the time," explains Mrs. Edsler. They had decided to move into the centre of Toronto but found they couldn't take their dog to many places and the cost of housing was out of the question.

The Edsers maintain that the lower price of houses and the general lower cost of living in Acton, make it more advantageous to live here than in either the city or the suburbs.

They haven't found adjustment to the slower pace of living in Acton difficult,

since they had generally lived in small towns until Mr. Edsler's retirement from the Airforce in 1964.

Although the Edsers have three girls, the youngest 15-year-old Kim is the only one left at home. A grade 10 student in the high school she claims she has had no trouble making friends.

She is also a guide leader and has been attending St. Alban's Anglican Church.

Mrs. Edsler comments, "The shoppers are very friendly here. They don't mind you looking around and they don't pounce on you like they do in the city stores."

Since Mrs. Edsler is a Licensed Camper with the Ontario Council in the Canadian Girl Guides, she has recently taken over the leadership of a guide and ranger troop in town. They have been invited to join several other groups as well.

## INSIGHT ACTON

### Earth shattering jobs for Nellis Construction

Nellis Construction Ltd. is a company which specializes in moving earth.

That covers a lot of territory. But for the company it mostly means road building, farm pond construction, excavation of houses and a multitude of small jobs of every description.

Mansell Nellis, company head and business manager, has a staff of nine men working in the good construction months of the summer. He purchased his first crawler tractor in 1948 with a front end loader.

Since then the business has expanded to the point where it keeps a string of dozers, front end loaders, motor scrapers, graders and back hoes busy.

The company is based on the Blue Springs Line at the Nellis farm. Most of the work done is within a 25 mile radius of home base in the surrounding townships, towns and counties.

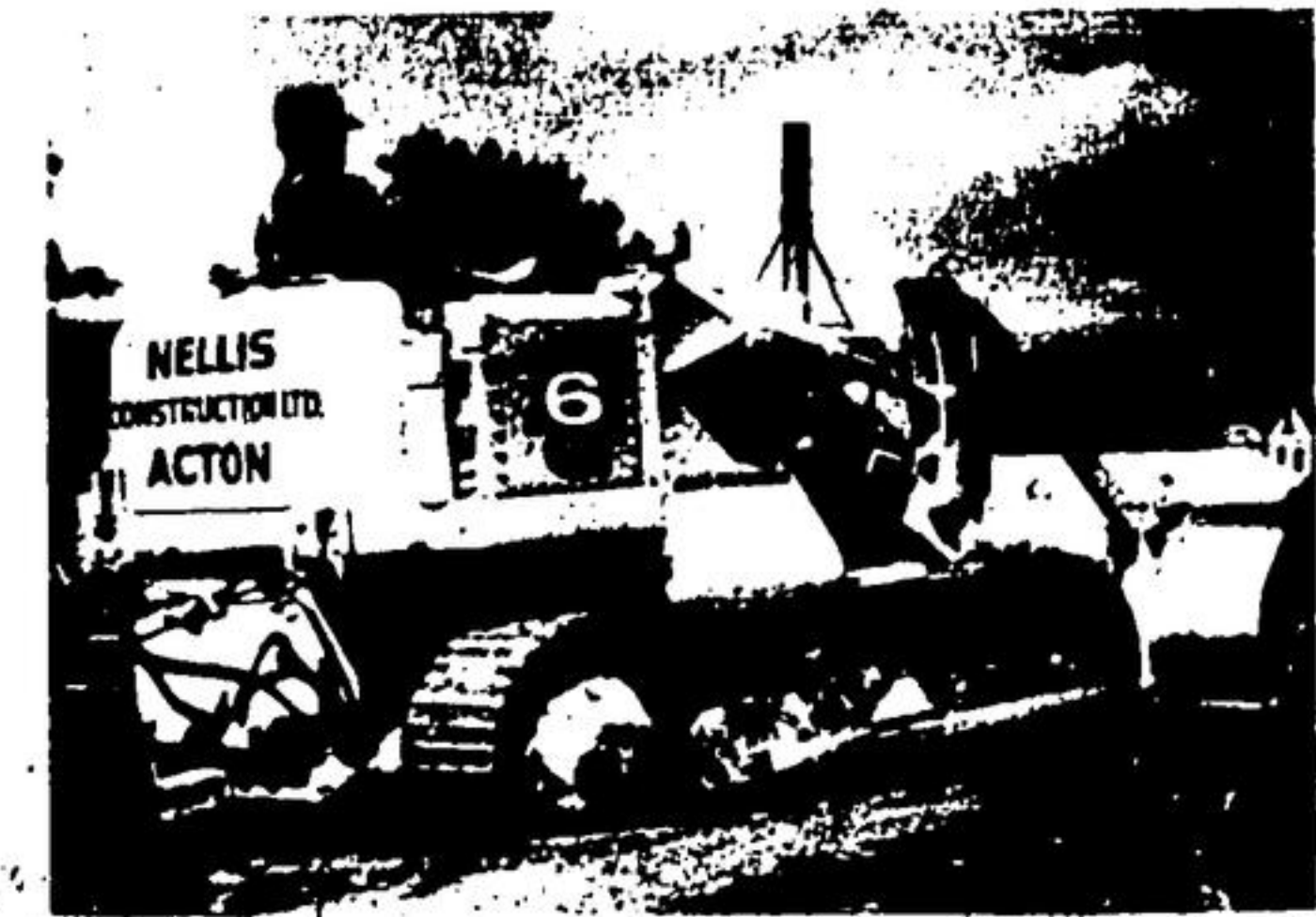
Because the company is experienced in just about every type of earth moving, Conservation Authorities are also frequent employers.

With so many different jobs it is difficult to single out any particular type of construction. Nellis Construction specializes in, but Mansell Nellis is proud of the hundreds of farm ponds they've built. There's always a demand for this type of construction. Some ponds have been built which embrace three or four acres. Others vary in size from the small to large.

Road construction and repairing is another specialty of the company.

"There's hardly a road I drive on around here where the thought doesn't come about when we fixed it last or when it was widened and repaired," Mr. Nellis said.

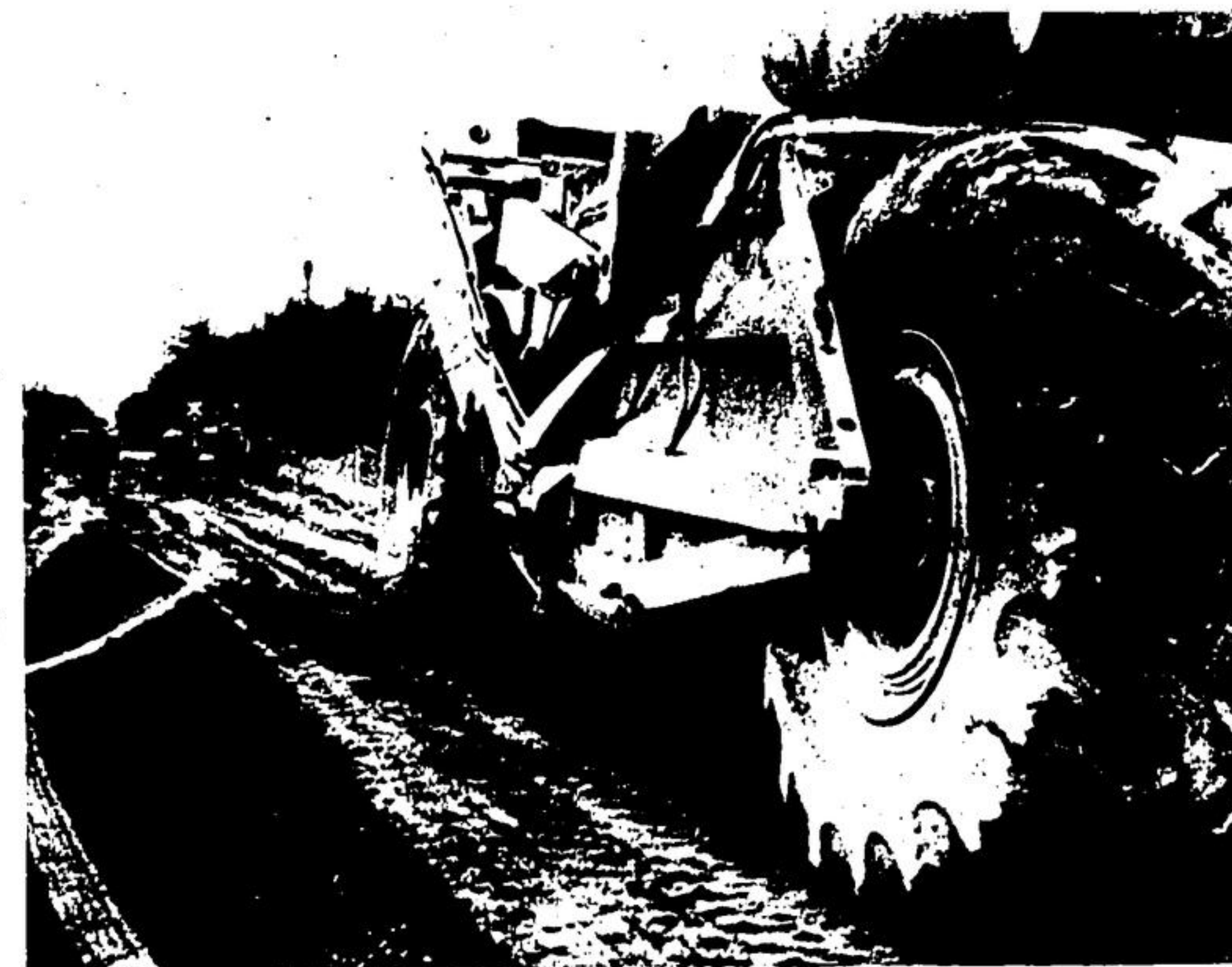
As the district grows and the traffic gets heavier it's likely this facet of the company's operation will become more pronounced.



**ALMOST ANY KIND** of earthmoving from bulldozing to road-building is Nellis Construction's "cup of tea". Wilber Donnell, the company's oldest employee, levels out land in preparation for landscaping. (Staff Photo)



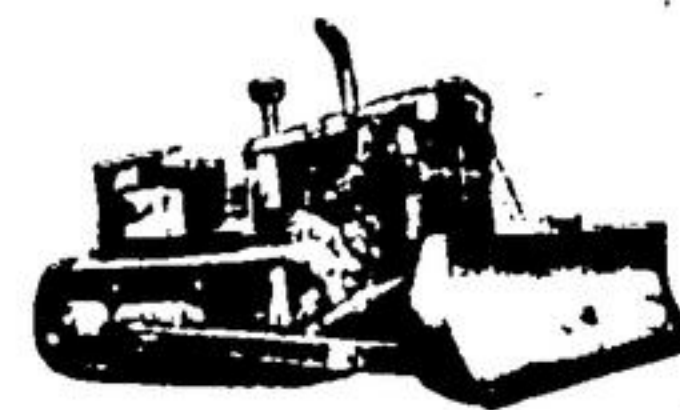
**ONE OF THE MANY HUNDREDS** of farm ponds is in Erin Township but there are many more constructed by Nellis Construction. This one is in all the surrounding areas. (Staff Photo)



**ROAD BUILDING** in East Garafraxa township, these huge motor-scrapers, part of Nellis Construction equipment, rebuild a soft section of road. (Staff Photo)

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