

News of the district

High suicide rate in Dufferin

DUFFERIN COUNTY—The suicide rate in Dufferin County is more than twice as high as any country in the world.

Post-graduate students from the University of Toronto's school of hygiene were told recently that the Dufferin County suicide rate is more than 40 per 100,000 of population.

By comparison, Sweden, which has the world's highest national rate, has 17.9 suicides per 100,000 people, he said.

And the over-all Canadian rate is only 7.2 per 100,000 he noted.

The University of Guelph sociology department has been invited to conduct a survey to find out the reasons for Dufferin County's high rate. Dr. C. T. M. Hadwen, of the university's sociology department, said reasons for the rate have not been isolated.

ERIN—Almost as big a hazard as the careless driver on Highway 10 this year are the deer around Caledon Township.

Lands and Forests inspector Dave Montgomery appealed to motorists to keep their eyes alert around the Forks of the Credit turnoff where several deer have been spotted or hit on the highway.

A two-day open season on deer, practiced in some other Ontario counties, has been strongly vetoed in Peel. "But the poachers do quite a good job," commented Mr. Montgomery.

And if the poachers don't get their deer, quite often a driver does.

Fergus Fall Fair big success

FERGUS—The 132nd annual Fergus Fall Fair was an outstanding success.

Several days of fine weather up to and including the weekend brought large crowds and a record number of exhibits. George Woods, the fair secretary, estimated that there was an attendance of 5,000. Gate receipts were nearly double the year before but part of this was due to the raise in admission price from 75 cents to \$1.

Last year, there were 142 individual exhibitors. This year there were 185. Mr. Woods said that this was partly due to the change in date of the Acton Fall Fair. Normally held on the same weekend, it used to draw some people away from this area. This year, these people came to Fergus instead.

Residents of the south side of town were annoyed on Sunday by having their Sabbath rest shattered by the noise of some big machine going all afternoon on a nearby farm.

I suppose the farmer thought that if it was all right for residents of the town to run their power lawnmowers on Sunday (which some of them do) it is no worse for a farmer to run his combine or whatever it is. I just saw it at a distance. The poor old Lord's Day Act has been pretty badly shattered lately. It's now legal to have horse races with betting on Ontario race tracks.

Of course, it isn't a new complaint. Away back in the 1830's, Alexander Dingwall Fordyce was writing to his father: "I saw something on Sunday that does not bring credit to our Scottish people. An Indian and his family walked five miles to town, so they could go to church. On the same day, a couple of young Scots went past with their muskets over their shoulders, headed for the bush to hunt."—From Mostly Gossip.

C.P.R. loses first round to town

MILTON—The C.P.R. is not to be allowed to discontinue four passenger trains through Milton, according to an order of the Railway Transport Board.

The Board ruled the four trains which the railway asked permission to discontinue, did constitute a passenger service and could not be discontinued under the regulation cited.

The Board ordered the railway "shall not discontinue any of these trains without leave of the Committee having first been obtained in accordance with the provisions of the section 3141..."

Milton Council members observed it was nice to think their opposition might have had some effect. Another cautioned however, that it appeared the railway had simply made application through the wrong section of the act and could possibly move to seek discontinuance of passenger service through another section.

TV transform Georgetown to Moose Falls

GEORGETOWN—Gray Coach Lines has turned thumbs down on a compromise bus route suggested at a recent council meeting.

Councillor Wheldon Emmerson suggested that buses retain the old Main St. route and keep the present depot on James St. The bus company said this would create a safety hazard since they would have to back buses into James.

Mr. Emmerson's suggestion came in the wake of objections from Charles St. residents who dislike a bus route in a residential area.

The problem still remains.

October 1 and November 19 will be Georgetown's (oops!) Moose Falls' nights to shine on the CBC network. Those are the nights the Quentin Durgens Mr. Dramas turned in and around Georgetown will occupy the series regular Tuesday night time slot between 9 and 10 p.m.

The first episode to be filmed in Georgetown was "A Time for Hymns and Brandywine," which includes many sequences in Georgetown's downtown area. The storyline involves a local confrontation between the 'wets' and the 'drys' in which Durgens becomes a reluctant participant.

Goodbye Burlington?

BURLINGTON—The possibility of city status still looms over the town, and council is having a special meeting next week to discuss a suggestion to opt out of Halton County and become a city. A preliminary report prepared by the town treasurer showed it would cost Burlington \$180,000 (1.12 mills) or more to operate as a city. However, Burlington feels it has a \$700,000 equity in Halton County's assets and if this were paid back over a five-year period it might help wipe out the extra coats of going city-status.



CONSTRUCTION OF the C.N.R. bridge over the Eramosa River was photographed by T. J. McCutler, and the picture is included in Don Hills' collection. The bridge is about half a mile from the Rockwood station, and is still standing.

Must carry SMV sign home made type illegal

By H. J. Stanley
Agricultural Representative
Since September 1, all farm tractors and self-propelled farm implements or any vehicle drawn by them must carry the Slow Moving Vehicle sign when operating on a highway. Because of the heavy demand for these signs, farmers have not been able to obtain as many as required. One sign can meet the requirements. It can be fitted to a movable clamp and placed on the back of the tractor or combination of vehicles when on the highway.

Some farmers are placing these signs of the fender of the tractor. This could cause a serious accident if the operator were to fall on top of the sign. A safer position is in the centre of the tractor, right behind the seat. It must be located not less than three feet or more than five above the roadway.

Other farmers have considered building their own S.M.V. signs.

According to the regulations of the Highway Traffic Act each sign must be marked with the stamp of the Canadian Standards Association Testing Laboratories. It also must be

clearly visible for a distance of not less than 500 feet, and bonded to a durable weather-proof base surface. This tends to rule out home made signs.



IN THE EARLY 1920's, the narrow highway turning off to the right, Carol St., was for coming into Rockwood from the direction of church parking. Acton revealed this wooded view. The road



FOUR HOUSES used to be located along Rockwood's picturesque Valley Road. The late Richard Harris lived in the frame house on the right. Mr. Harris's collection of early Rockwood postcards and photographs is now owned by Don Hills. The houses are all demolished now, and the area is being developed by the Conservation Authority.

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