

## News of the district

### Embarrassed by smoke

FERGUS—Complaints from some Fergus residents about "greasy black soot" from a local industry brought quick results from the Ontario Department of Health but it also led to some embarrassment for the town as well.

A group of 26 people in the west-side of the town sent a petition to the council asking that something be done about the smoke from the Beatty plant. They stated that it "should not be tolerated." To help their case, the situation was also reported to the provincial health department that deals with air pollution.

An inspector was sent here and found spreading smoke over a large part of the town. As a result, the town will have to consider non-burning techniques for getting rid of their garbage. The health department said this should be done before April 1 next year, when the warm weather begins.

Clerk David Low told council that talks are going on between the health inspector and Beatty Bros. to solve their problems. He said that the town should be taking the leadership in the problem of air pollution.

And what's more, Fergus hydro rates are going up.

### \$1,400,000 addition

MILTON—Last week's Milton newspaper had a special section on the \$1,400,000 expansion program to the high school and two of the teachers shown in the pictures are well-known here. Keith Black, whose wife teaches at the Robert Little School, is shown in the large new resource centre. Mrs. Marg Gatenby, who used to live in Acton, teaches typing, bookkeeping and shorthand.

There are five new shops including a metal fabrication shop, auto mechanics shop, two drafting rooms, and an occupations room for girls.

There are 44 teachers on the staff. The official opening is Dec. 4.

### Grant for ambulance

GEORGETOWN—News that the province will underwrite costs of Georgetown Ambulance Service next year was received by council.

"Good news to see some money coming in, instead of all going out," remarked acting mayor Wm. F. Hunter.

Georgetown was the first Canadian town to inaugurate a volunteer service.

A pleasant, out-of-season thought:

The Dominion Seed House at Georgetown has its catalogs all ready for mailing. With colorful pictures of flowers, the books will be out in the mail soon. There are 38 employees at the seed house now.

### A dream come true

BRAMPTON—Sunday, November 17, was a red-letter day in Peel County. It was the official opening of their museum and art gallery located at 7 Wellington Street East, in Brampton.

It is some years since the Peel County Historical Society set out to establish a museum in the county. Then the Peel County Women's Institutes took the museum as their centennial project. It was with their combined efforts and the co-operation of Peel County Council, who donated the old Registry Office as well as giving a substantial grant, that the dream of a modern, educational and interesting museum was finally achieved.

### Student power at Hillsburg

ERIN—A seminar was held at the University of Guelph when university students, Guelph high school students as well as teachers from both university and high schools met and talked with a teacher and students of the Everdale Place, Hillsburg.

Bob Davis, a member of the Everdale staff, explained the concept behind the school.

Discussion followed with the Guelph students and teachers asking varied questions about Everdale Place and the students there.

The school community is situated outside of Hillsburg, and is comprised of 37 students and 11 staff. It receives no government grants, the staff drawing salaries from the Company of Young Canadians. Parents of the students pay tuition.

At Everdale a child is treated as an individual and is held responsible for his own actions. He may or may not attend the classes as he wishes. Any regulations that do exist are set by the entire group. Veto power is in the hands of every person.

The Everdale Place has been called an experiment in education. Staff member Bob Davis summed it up this way, "Everdale is not a challenge to the Establishment, but rather a model of one alternative."

Everdale received wider publicity recently, when a number of its students appeared on a television interview originating in Toronto.

### Urge signs, flashing lights at Silvercreek curve, Hwy. 7

A coroner's jury made several recommendations at an inquest into the death of Lewis Douglas Jackson, 23, of Guelph. Mr. Jackson died July 31 when his car smashed broadside into a truck driven by Frank Penson of Georgetown, on Highway 7 at Silvercreek.

Witnesses testified that the Jackson vehicle had swerved to miss a truck parked on the shoulder of the Silvercreek curve and skidded broadside into Penson's truck, which was almost stopped at the time of the impact. Penson drove a Tyler Transport truck and was westbound at the time of the accident.

Richard Pollard of Mimico had parked his truck to wipe his windshield when it started to rain. Penson was not injured but both his truck and the Jackson vehicle, a 1968 Falcon, were total write-offs.

The jury recommended the erection of no parking signs on the north shoulder of the curve

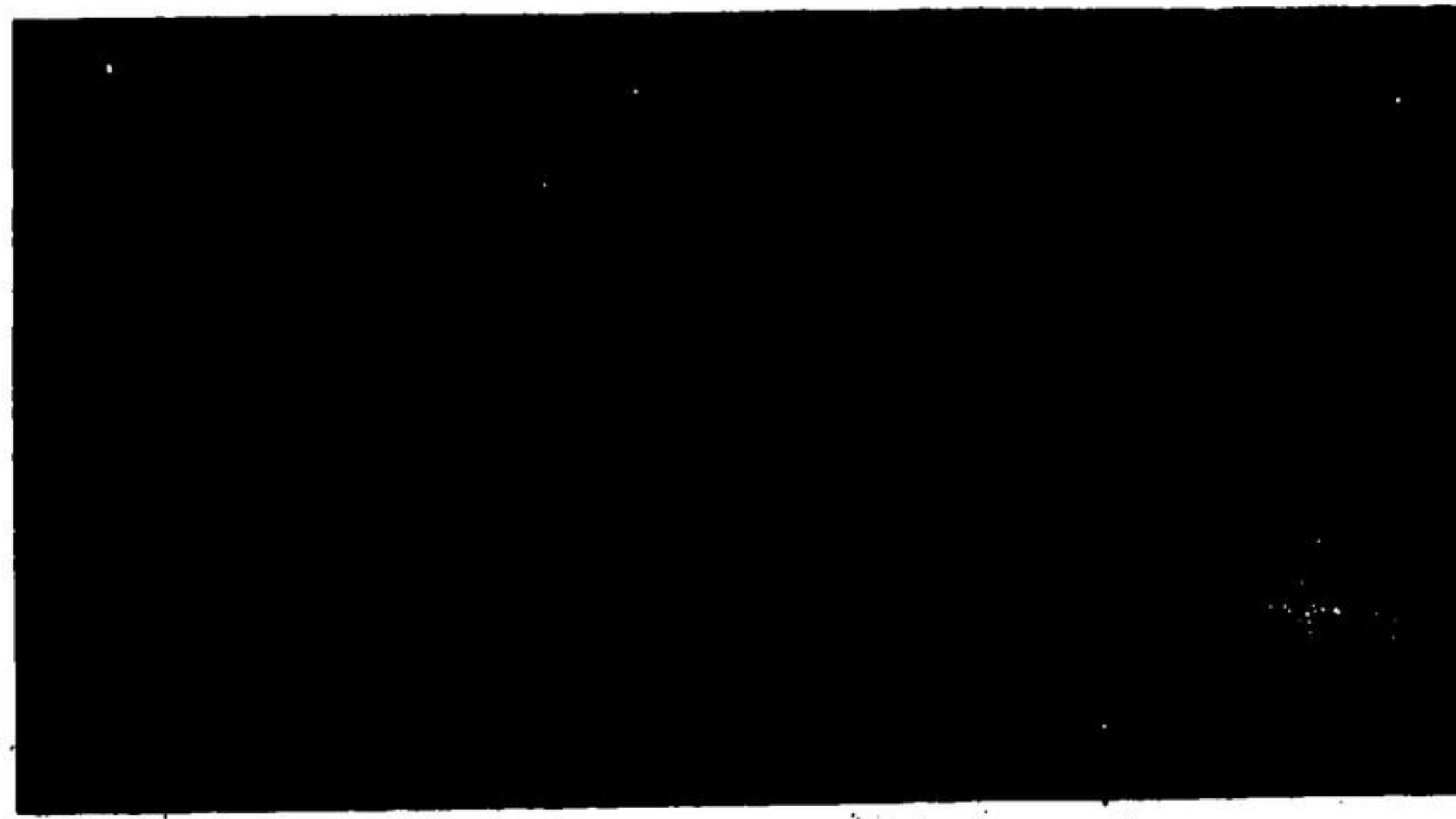
and the installation of amber flashing lights. The jury also recommended "serious consideration be given to redesigning Highway 7 and the Seventh Line intersection to eliminate poor visibility of vehicles southbound on the Seventh Line."

Assistant Crown Attorney Murry Roulston suggested in his summation the road be widened from its present 23 feet.

Mr. Jackson died in Georgetown District Hospital after the crash.

The jury found the presence of the Penson vehicle, a two-ton stake truck and the slippery road as factors causing Jackson's death but claimed Mr. Penson was not at fault. They included possible high speed of the car as a contributing factor.

A penguin can swim at speeds up to 25 miles per hour. There are 20 living species of penguins with the largest over three feet tall.



## Pictures from Rockwood's past . . .

from the Richard Harris collection of photographs



FROM THE DON HILTS collection of early post-cards come these two scenic ones. Rockwood valley road has lost none of its charm. Harris pond has seen most of its changes in the last few years, when the Conservation Authority groomed its shores for recreation.

### Authority says

## Grand River giant sewer if dams not built soon

Unless action is taken now, the Grand River will become a giant sewer and progress and growth in the area will cease, Brantford Jaycees were told Thursday, November 28.

G. M. (Mac) Coutts, general manager of the Grand River Conservation Authority, outlined the authority's dam and water control program, including the proposal to build five new dams at a cost of \$30,000,000.

"We in the Grand River watershed have a golden opportunity to create an environment that will permit healthy growth without destroying some of the natural beauty around us," he said.

"Unless we progress with the proper and adequate control of our water and land resources, the great boom in growth that this area is experiencing will peter out," he warned.

"The average daily flow of the Grand River at Brantford is about one thousand million gallons a day. This is about 100 times more than was used by all the 400,000 people in the valley and all industries in the valley on the busiest day in 1966," Mr. Coutts said.

"We feel that with the five new dams and reservoirs proposed, the Grand River will be able to provide Brantford and the other municipalities in the Grand River watershed with an adequate water supply for years to come."

He said even the authority's present reservoirs Lakes Belwood, Luther and Conestogo could be used as sources of interim water supplies by the municipalities.

Mr. Coutts said the Grand River watershed is comparable in size and rainfall to the Ruhr watershed in West Germany.

"But the Ruhr has 14 large

reservoirs compared to only three in the Grand," he said. "In the Ruhr watershed, 6,000,000 people are served by river water. The authority's \$30 million five-dam program has been stalled for nearly two years waiting for the federal government to agree to participate in cost-sharing. One of the dams is to be located near Everton on the town line between Erin and Eramosa townships.

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ONTARIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
Hon. Irwin Haxball, Minister

### OUR READERS WRITE:

#### MAKE MONEY ON DOGS LOSE IT ON QUARRIES

Dear Sir:

On studying the detailed financial statement of the Township of Nassagaweya for 1968 it occurred to me that certain receipts and expenditures are worthy of scrutiny.

For example taxes levied on gravel pits and quarries (total \$14 (fourteen dollars) yet taxes levied on dog licences total \$1,356 (one thousand, three hundred and fifty six dollars).

It would appear that in Nassagaweya dog licences are a big business, whereas quarries and gravel pits are small potatoes.

On the expenditure side we see livestock claims. These claims are paid out to owners of livestock which has been ravaged by dogs (and not necessarily dogs owned by Nassagawegians) and I assume, animals shot by vandals. These expenditures total \$761. (seven hundred and sixty one dollars). If my arithmetic is correct this means that dog lovers in Nassagaweya are subsidizing non-dog owners to the tune of \$595. (five hundred and ninety five dollars.)

I certainly hope our new administration takes a new look at the quarry-gravel pit licensing regulations, for it seems ludicrous to me that caprices of canines should be considered more destructive to our township than the Quarry and Gravel Pit enterprises, which removes tons and tons of our

water filtering elements from our watershed and whose trucks do untold damage to our roads, and are a constant thorn in the sides of nearby residents, who constantly fear or experience damage due to blasting operations.

On the subject of roads, (and bridges) there is an expenditure of \$88,609.36 (eighty eight thousand, six hundred and nine dollars, and thirty six cents). It would be interesting to know how much of this massive amount has been spent in widening, straightening and surfacing-access roads (side roads and lines) to these quarries.

William A. Johnson  
R. R. 2, Rockwood.

The U.S. Weather Bureau was established in 1870 and is now a component of the Environmental Science Services Administration.

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