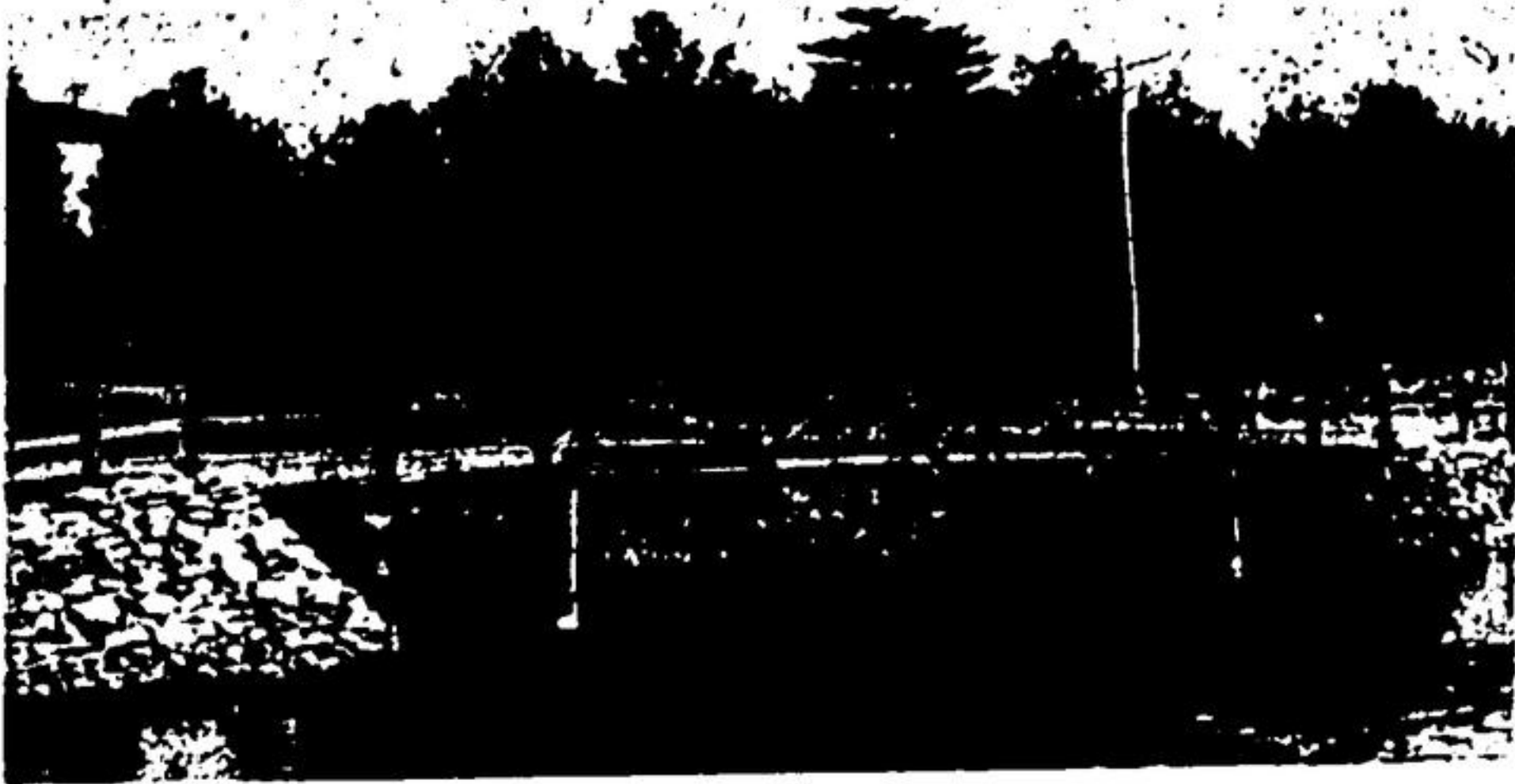


Rockwood's history

from the Richard Harris collection of photographs

REMEMBER WHEN the span over the Eramosa River looked like the photo below? The King's Highway No. 7 was little more than a carriage track when this picture from the Don Hiltz collection was taken. Now, of course, the old bridge has been replaced by a wide, modern structure and the river seems to be wider at this point. Reason for the river widening is the old Rockwood mill, seen on the left, which Him Milne operates. The old mill dam still backs up the river and provides water power to run the mill machinery for the entire year. The water leaves the mill flume and rejoins the river below the picturesque falls. —Photos courtesy Don Hiltz.



Rockwood Views



Terra Cotta Inn changes hands

The well-known Terra Cotta Inn, a hostelry famous through the country for the excellence of its cuisines, has new owners. A Toronto-based syndicate has purchased the picturesque inn situated in the village of Terra Cotta beside the crystal-clear Credit River.

Toronto based syndicate consisting of Ernie Balmer, Donald Malcolm, and Mrs. Henry Galle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Greenhill will run the inn. They came to Canada from England in 1961.

Former owners Mr. and Mrs. Harry Farrar, bought an old country store in 1951, and with hard work and imagination, transformed it into a charming inn, renowned all over Southern Ontario.

The Greenhills had the help of the Farrars for three months before they left, and now plan to carry on the same tradition, of excellent food in gracious surroundings which established its reputation.

The Greenhills report they expect to have a license soon. Their famous high teas, served in the beautiful grounds Sunday afternoons has become a special feature of the inn.

The Greenhills are part of a

IT'S SURPRISING how many local people are travelling great distances these days. Quite a few have been to Europe. The west coast and Maritimes are popular, too.

POLICE ARE hearing of many complaints against children these days. While some are just slightly troublesome, others are causing considerable malicious damage in gardens, homes and the park.

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Campbellville barn razed

Fire destroys 13 race horses

A spectacular fire near Campbellville levelled a large barn and driving shed and claimed the lives of 13 valuable race horses on Wednesday evening of last week.

The barn, owned by Lorne Hull, was located on the Second Line Nassagaweya farm north of Highway 401 that has been in

the Hull name for 37 years. It was rented to Glenn Anderson, R. R. 1, Campbellville, who boards and trains race horses at the farm.

Mr. Anderson told The Free Press he had 15 horses in the barn the day of the fire, but he was at Greenwood Raceway with two of them when the fire

broke out. He and his family owned just four of the horses that perished, and the remainder were owned wholly or partly by nine other people.

Also lost was Mr. Anderson's harness equipment, 600 bales of hay, a tractor owned by Mr. Hull and numerous other farm implements.

Estimates of the loss were not available but it could go as high as \$100,000. Mr. Hull said his buildings and equipment were insured.

Mrs. E. Huff, 84-year-old mother of Lorne Hull, was living alone in a house on the property. Several neighbors who rushed to the farm when they saw the flaming barn carried her from the house as sparks from the blaze blew onto the roof and around the house. Mrs. Hull was apparently the first to notice the fire. She said it began in the top of the barn, and called her son Lorne to come and investigate.

Mr. Anderson and his staff were all away at the races when the fire was first noticed around 9 p.m. Cause of the fire is unknown.

The flames drew a large crowd of spectators to the scene.

Rockwood drops heartbreaker 2-1 to Bradford in playoff opener

Rockwood Seniors dropped a heartbreaking 2-1 decision to Bradford, last night in the opening game of their best of three O.R.S.A. playoff series.

Rockwood opened the scoring in the 5th on base hits by Chick Milne and Bill Ward.

Bradford scored both their runs in the 7th after a Rockwood error. Both runs were unearned.

John Salmon pitched an outstanding game for Rockwood, giving up only four hits and striking out 13.

Bradford hurler Carter scattered four hits and fanned ten.

Harry Barber and Jim Thatcher picked up the other two Rockwood hits.

Di Duncan tops

Rockwood Trail Riders clean up at Flesherton

Riders from the Rockwood Trail riders cleaned up on many of the competitions at the Kinsmen Club 30 miles trail ride in Flesherton on Sunday. There

were 58 entries in four divisions and the Rockwood Club had winners in them all.

Di Duncan of the Rockwood Trail riders completed the day

by taking the Sweepstakes for the highest points of the day.

Phoebe Kingscote came fifth in the junior division while Colleen Wright and Babs Ellis deadlocked for third place in the lightweight division.

Di Duncan and Jean Pettit were one and two in the middleweight division while Agnes McGinnis came in sixth.

Dave Taylor and Ray Ellis were also first and second in the heavyweight class, while Jean Pettit added to the Rockwood laurels by taking the trail horse trophy home.

The 30-mile ride started at Eugenia Park and wound down the picturesque Beaver Valley, haunt of thousands of skiers in the winter months.

Conservation authorities pay share of taxes

The Grand River Conservation Authority, one of the largest land owners in the river area, is also one of the largest taxpayers. With its parks and conservation and wildlife areas, its valley lands, its dams and reservoirs, the authority's holdings add up to 28,155 acres in the watershed.

Last year it paid \$48,788 in taxes to local municipalities on this land.

Buildings in conservation areas, such as the pavilion at Elora and the chalet at Chicopee, are not taxed. The reason behind this non-taxation is that the authority provides its own services (which it pays for) as a result, causes no financial burden on the local municipality.

But other authority buildings, such as houses occupied by its dam operators, are taxed in the normal fashion.

The authority even pays taxes on land under water at Belwood,

Conestogo and Luther Lakes.

And in some cases it is paying taxes on the bed of the Grand River. If the deed to the land it owns shows the land going out to the centre of the river bed, then it's taxed.

However, in some cases deeds show ownership only to the high water mark of the river.

The authority may not bring in extra taxes by building industries and new homes on its land, but it also required no services from the local municipality, like sewers and storm drains, paved streets and garbage collection, schools and recreational facilities.

"It's amazing the number of people who think we don't pay any taxes," says Mr. Fox.

"They are probably confusing us with province-owned land, such as areas owned by the department of lands and forests. No taxes are paid on these lands, but the municipalities do get a special grant from the province in lieu of taxes."

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