

NEWS of the district

Explosion destroys pump house

MILTON—One man was injured and a municipal sewage pumping station on Robert St. was completely demolished when an explosion blew out brick walls and lifted the roof of the small building. Damage was estimated between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

George Prior, a works employee, suffered second degree burns to his arms and legs and 30 per cent of his body. His face was also scorched. He had been on duty at the station since a Saturday afternoon rain dumped up to five and a half inches on the area.

The sound of the post-midnight blast rocked dishes in adjacent houses and frightened neighbors from their beds in the central section of the town. It smashed out the solid masonry walls and raised the roof of the building which did not settle back evenly on its supporting walls. Fire followed the explosion and Milton Area Fire Brigade was summoned to extinguish it.

Mr. Prior was operating auxiliary pumping equipment at the station, because of the downpour and the flooding of sewage lines. It is thought the explosion may have been caused by the gasoline powered equipment.

Rain spoils Highland games

FERGUS—It rained.

That really is the story of the 24th Highland Games held at Victoria Park—the first complete washout in the 24 years. The only bright spot in the downpour, which started about 1 p.m. and lasted all afternoon and into the evening, was that it let up for about 60 minutes so the opening ceremonies could be held.

Gordon Sinclair, radio and television commentator, was able to make a brief speech, sign some autographs and watch about 30 minutes of the events.

The concessions and midway saw little in the way of customer activity and the Jaycees beef barbecue was a total disaster.

Although the total paid attendance figures will not be tabulated for several days, officials estimated it would be about half of last year's 10,000.

Mr. Sinclair appeared in genuine Scottish dress which he said was partly inherited from his father and partly purchased on a recent trip to Scotland.

He spoke of his ties with Fergus—his wife Gladys was born in Kenilworth and his grandfather lived in Fergus—and said that a Centennial Medal pinned prominently on his chest, was being worn for the first time.

None of the "crabbiness" which is usually associated with Mr. Sinclair from his radio and television appearances showed up at the games but must have erupted later when he drove his Rolls Royce through a steel fence as he missed a turn attempting to find a quick route home via Orangeville.

Sweep, wash, repair village walks

ERIN—Workmen of the Cox Construction Co. swept the village Main Street last week, followed by a washing by the fire department and the heavy rain on Saturday. The street now presents a much cleaner appearance.

Workmen of the King Paving Co. have recently completed an extensive repair job to sidewalks in Erin Village.

The repairs were made with hot mix asphalt which provides an excellent service at an economical price. The sidewalks in Erin now appear to be in good condition.

Elmer's in the flower bed

GUELPH—There's an elephant in the flowerbeds in Guelph—Elmer the Safety Elephant, whose 10th birthday in Guelph has been celebrated by Guelph parks department with a flower portrait.

The flowery depiction is located near a main intersection and has served as a safety reminder to school children during summer vacations.

Rockwood evens series Salmon strikes out 13

Rockwood seniors evened up their best of three O.R.S.A. playoff series with Bradford at a game each, when they downed the visitors 4-2, Thursday night at Rockwood Park.

John Salmon threw a brilliant two hitter and struck out 13 Bradford batters.

Rockwood picked up seven hits off losing pitcher Elliot, who fanned eight.

Jim Thatcher's double and Mike Kelly's triple produced

Rockwood's first run in the second inning.

In the 5th, Syd Durose and Bill Ward opened with back to back singles, and Norm Beattie was safe on an error by the Bradford shortstop. Ted Buczek then belted a bases loaded triple to give Rockwood a 4-0 lead.

Bradford tallied both their runs in the 6th on a single by Kemp, a triple by Gibson and a wild pitch.

Syd Durose had two singles for Rockwood. Mike Kelly and Ted Buczek both hit triples, Jim Thatcher doubled and Bill Ward and Harry Barber each singled.

Hurrens return after two year stay in England

Former residents at their farm home, R.R. 3 Acton, Christine and Mike Hurrens, with their mother, have returned after a two year stay in England.

Mike, 17, formerly at Erin District High School, has attended Thomas Bennett Comprehensive School in Sussex. He found this to be quite an interesting experience, a change from a comparatively small school to a school of over 2,000 students. He hopes to return to Erin High in September.

Christine, 19, also attended Erin High. While in England she was a resident student at the Talland School of Equitation at Cirencester, Gloucestershire, where she studied and obtained her B.H.S.A.I. (British Horse Society Assistant Instructor) certificate. Now her ambition is to teach horse riding and to eventually have her own school.

Christine, Mike and Mrs. Hurrens are saying "hello" to their many friends in Acton, Erin and district.

Dr. I. Hunter acting M.O.H.

Dr. I. A. Hunter, Milton, was named Acting Medical Officer of Health by Halton County Council Tuesday. It was pointed out Dr. Hunter would fill the position until applicants could be considered.

The new responsibility will be in addition to his regular practice. Deputy-Reeve A. Speight, temporary chairman of the Board of Health, said Dr. Hunter had agreed reluctantly to accept the short term position. He praised Dr. Hunter's acceptance to assist the board.

Dr. Hunter is to be paid \$15 an hour for not more than 15 hours a week, while filling the position.



THOUSANDS JAMMED into the Rockwood Conservation Park over the weekend to enjoy delightful mid-summer weather with the temperature in the high 80's. The swimming area, top, was a busy spot while the main parking lot, below, leaves little room for expansion.—(Staff Photo)



OSPRINGE

Choose Judy Ellis 4-H rep to C.N.E.

By Mrs. D. G. Robertson

Judy Ellis was one of 16 4-H Club members of Wellington County, chosen to attend the C.N.E. for three days last week.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Vic Harding and family in the sudden passing of Mr. Harding last week. Prior to moving to Guelph about six years ago, the family lived on the Third Line, on the farm now owned by Floyd Craven.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie enjoyed a week's camping trip in the Niagara district.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Aitken have returned home following a two week vacation spent in British Columbia.

Donna, Muriel and Francis Leitch have been holidaying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Bayne, in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stewart and sons returned home on Sunday following a few days camping at Elliott Lake and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sunter of Niagara Falls called on friends in the village on Sunday afternoon.

Judy and Susan Stewart, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stewart visited in Oakville with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnstone.

Scott Millson of Guelph spent last week with Mrs. M. Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Alan McCrae and daughter Peggy, enjoyed a two week vacation with relatives in Vancouver and district.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce were guests on Saturday at the wedding of the latter's cousin, Albert Osborne and Marilyn Alguire, at Calvary United Church in London. Mrs. Bruce was soloist.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fryer, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Fryer Jr. and son, to the community, they have moved into the house on 25 highway, recently purchased from Cameron Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rudder and family spent a few days with Mrs. Rudder's parents at their cottage at Wasaga Beach.

Mr. George A. Grundy spent a few days last week in De Moine, U.S.A.

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Grand River Authority acquiring 'valley land'

Along with its program of building dams and reservoirs, the Grand River Conservation Authority is also active in acquiring "valley lands." These are low-lying flood lands on each side of the river which the authority wants to buy so that they will be preserved for all time as green belt.

Eventually, the authority would like to see a corridor of green stretching throughout the watershed, creating a buffer strip separating one part of the urban sprawl from the other.

These breathing spaces of green will provide recreational areas for a growing population and will enable the river to be used as it should be—a natural resource that creates beauty and tranquility instead of posing the threat of floods, or causing problems of erosion or poor aesthetics.

These flood plains have been formed over many years by periodic flooding. Such lands are essentially a part of the river, and because of the danger of flooding or erosion they should not be built upon. This valley land acquisition program has started with riverside land in the Kitchener-Waterloo area and the Galt-Brantford area already purchased.

The authority is concentrating its efforts in the areas where the pressure is the greatest—urban areas where the population is expanding and the land is fast disappearing.

Even at that, the authority still cannot afford to buy all the land it would like to have as quickly as it is necessary. But a start has been made and as the program continues more and more of these valley lands will come under public ownership.

SILVERWOOD

Mrs. C. Wilson home from cross-Canada trip

By Mrs. H. Scott

Mrs. C. Wilson is home again after a trip across Canada with a friend.

She left home July 8 and crossed into the states at Sarina and back into Canada in B.C.

The car was put on the boat at Prince Rupert and they landed at Haines. They continued on to Alaska by car and visited Fairbanks and Anchorage, then to Dawson Creek and Dawson City and back to Banff, Medicine Hat, Sault Ste. Marie and home again by August 15.

They reported many storms and also much fine weather, they were glad to come back to Ontario.

Congratulations from Silverwood Community are extended to Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lindsay who celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son Donald and family on Sunday, August 7.

Mrs. W. R. Norton visited Mr. and Mrs. Mulhall at Mount Forest on Sunday, August 17.

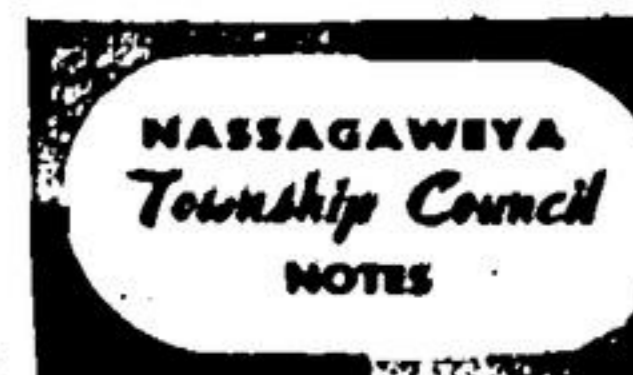
Mrs. Bomholt from Denmark is visiting with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bomholt, Brian and Connie.

Get well wishes go out to Mrs. Gordon Smith who has been under the weather recently.

Silverwood district received 2.41" rain this past week.

FIRE CAUSES

Approximately half the forest fires in Ontario are due to carelessness in the use of smoking materials, matches and camp fires. One-fifth of forest fires are caused by lightning.



At Monday night's meeting, Massagaweya council:

- Retained the lease on the township's dump on land owned by Mervyn Thomson and also agreed to boost the lease price.
- Approved the appointment of Councillor Allan Ackman to the Central Ontario Regional Development Commission. He joins Councillor Art Gibson who is already serving on the commission.
- Agreed to send a letter of protest to the Canadian Transport Commission regarding the removal of the station agent of the Canadian Pacific Railroad's Guelph Junction station.
- Gave the go-ahead to the re-survey of the police village of Campbellville.

Asks County study waste

A county committee will be established to consider garbage disposal for local municipalities, members of Halton County Council decided Tuesday.

Deputy-Reeve Ron Harris, Milton, proposed the study, noting garbage disposal and air pollution were currently major problems. He suggested any co-operative effort which the county could take might strengthen the ability of Halton to remain as a single regional unit. Reeve F. G. Oakes of Acton suggested that municipalities had already incurred a major expense in meeting the problem and would not be in favor of a county set-up at additional costs.

Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur supported the study, noting her township's concern that garbage dumps can also pollute water supplies.

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