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ANNUAL MEETING - NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 8th

Esquimaux Community Hall, Stewarttown

Dinner: 12 p.m.

Meeting at 1.15 p.m.

SPEAKER A. K. MURGRAVE

Consider Establishing Credit Valley Authority

J. E. W.

Periodically over the past two or three years the question has come up at meetings of the Halton Conservation Committee: "Should something be done relative to the establishment of a 'River Valley Authority' based on the Twelve and Sixteen Mile Creeks?"

All members of the committee are agreed that soil and water must be conserved. To this end action has been taken as follows: First - Secured the financial support of the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, the Halton Council, and a local land owner towards the co-operative establishment of a seven acre pond on the equipment near Nelson. Second: Supported and encouraged the members of various Halton county councils to pursue a policy of establishing county forests on marginal land primarily where forests would help to provide reservoirs and protect the springs and headwaters of the various streams in the county - to this end some 1214 acres have been purchased by the county and with the cooperation of the Department of Lands and Forests this has been or is in the course of planting; thirdly they were successful in having the county council pass a by-law restricting tree cutting; fourth, they were successful in having County Council pass a by-law which provides a subsidy on woodlot fencing, next came the Halton farm pond policy, under which a subsidy has been paid on each of 40 approved ponds, constructed after the policy was approved. Next, on the recommendation of the committee the county purchased a tree planting machine as a means of encouraging private land owners to do more tree planting.

We must not forget that the committee also supported the Milton Sportsmen's Association in having beaver released in Nassagaweya township. There is no argument those beaver have certainly conserved water. In their water conservation work, those beaver and their offspring have flooded some areas on township roads, however, most folk will agree that those particular roads were in need of repair anyhow. In any event the general consensus of opinion was "the bea-

ver are doing more good than they are harm" - so the roads were repaired and the beaver are still unmolested.

Various members of the committee are of the opinion that more should be done - that dams should be constructed at strategic points on some of the smaller streams, to hold back the spring floods and conserve water for the drought periods - to feed springs which feed our wells, etc. All members of the committee are busy men, and with little time to seek out those strategic points even though they were qualified for such technical work, which no member professes to be. Consequently the reason why the establishment of a River Valley Authority comes up from time to time.

If established, qualified engineers would study the whole area and their recommendations would then serve as a guide for future conservation work. In addition, in these days of industrial development and the passing of township zoning by-laws, the questions frequently come up, "what about the water supply?" and "where is the sewage to go?" Will the proposed new highway and industrial areas interfere with existing waterways?" etc. etc.

River Valley Authorities can only be established by a two-thirds vote of the municipalities concerned. In this case the following municipalities would be involved - Esquimaux, Broyle, Trafalgar, Oakville, Nelson, Milton, Nassagaweya, East and West Flamboro, Puslinch and Beverley. Therefore in order to provide an opportunity for the members of such municipal councils to get a first hand picture of just what such an authority would involve arrangements have been made by the Halton Conservation Committee to hold a meeting in the court house, Milton, on Tuesday, March 8th, at 8 p.m. A H. Richardson, Chief Conservation Engineer of the Dept. of Planning and Development, is to be the speaker. Needless to add the meeting is open to the public and all are urged to attend.

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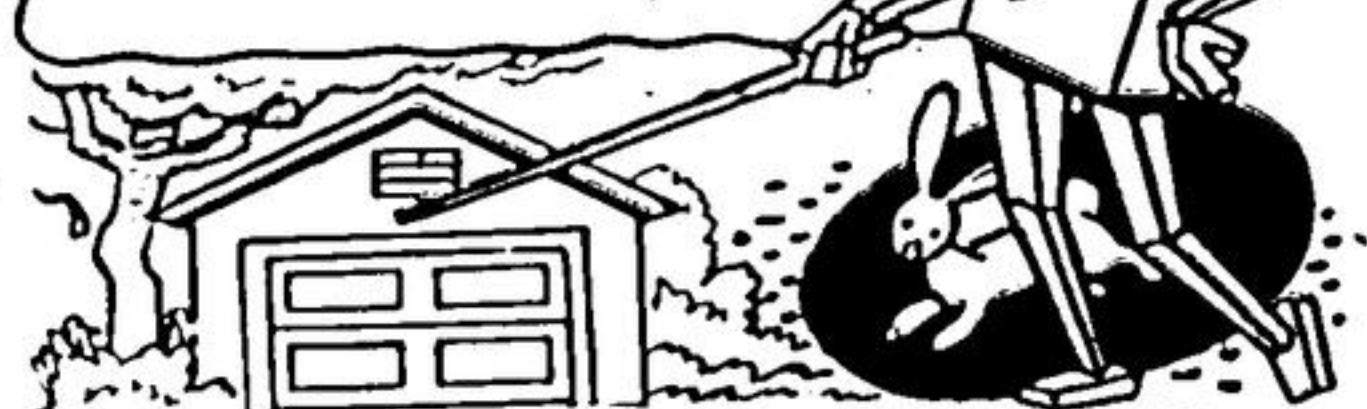
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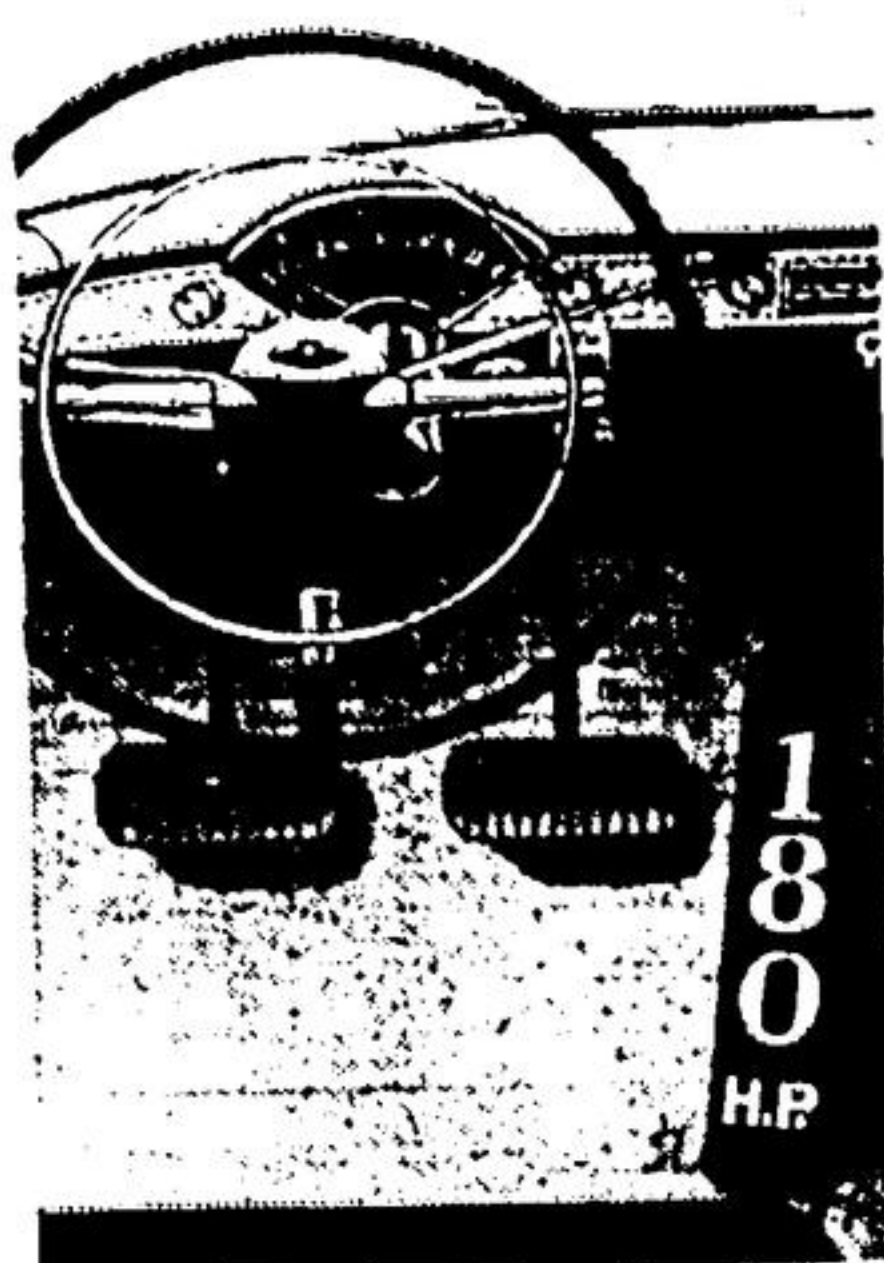
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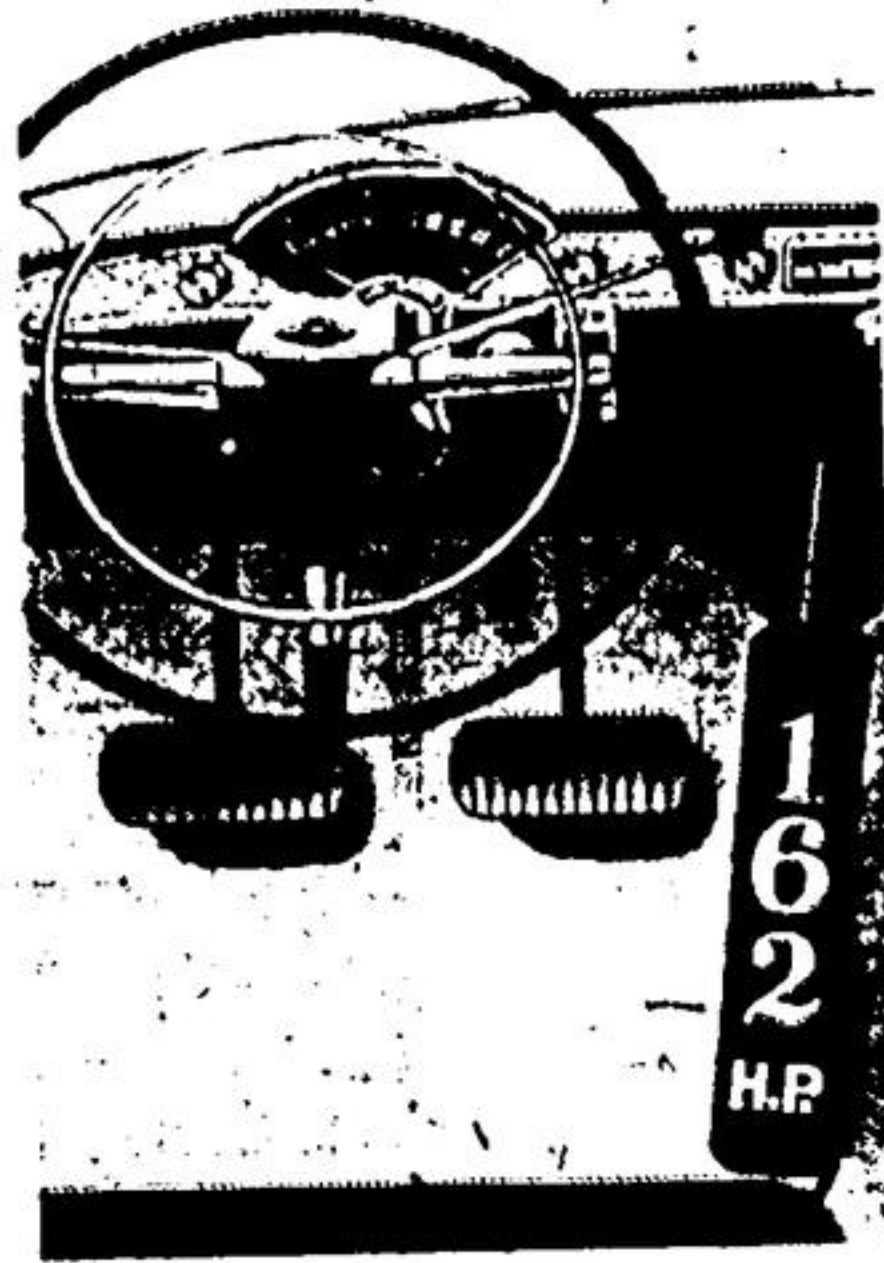
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Luke's Church, Burlington. A devotional period was conducted by Rev. Norman Green of Milton.

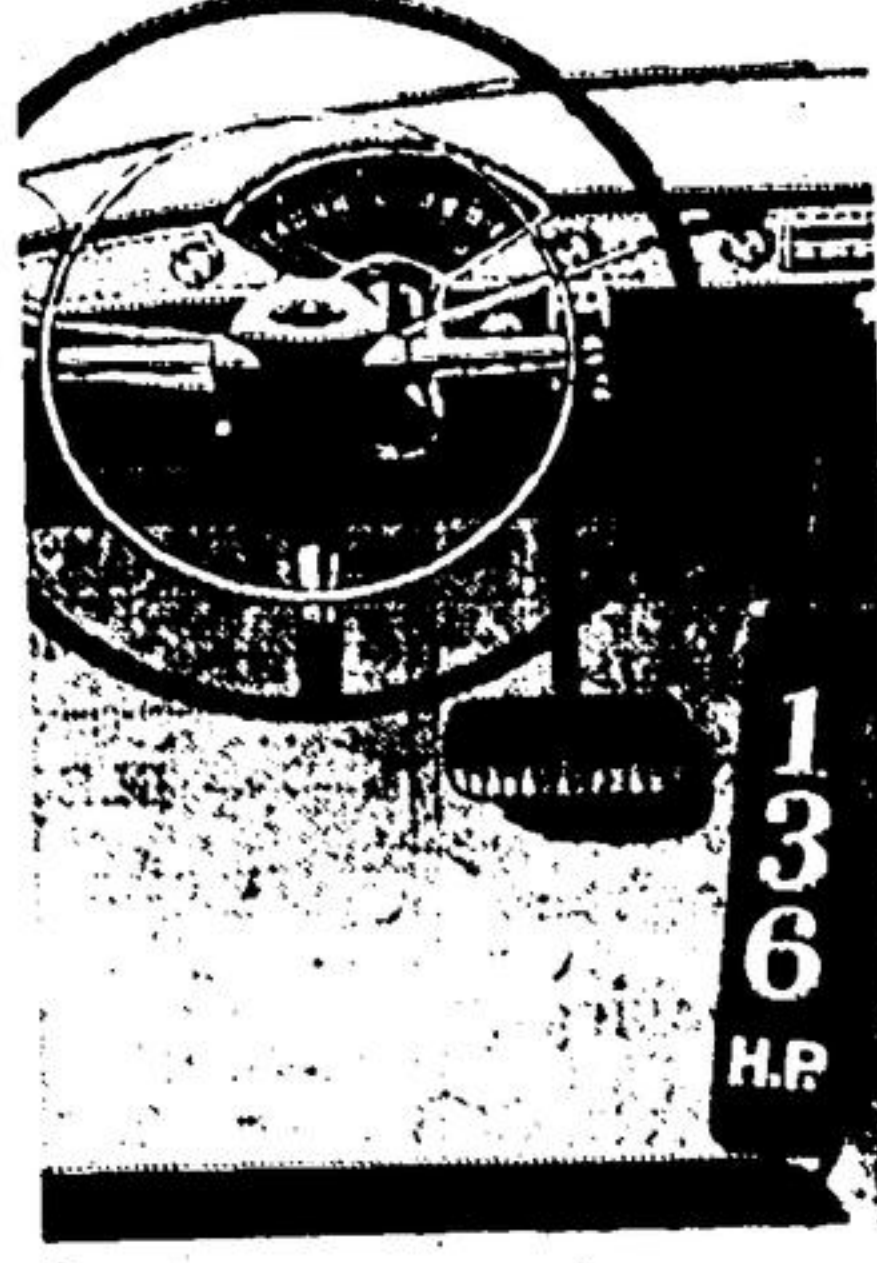
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Over 200 attended the euchre and dance at Stewarttown Hall last Friday evening, sponsored by the Esquimaux Agricultural Society. Accommodation for euchre was taxed to the limit and it was first there - first to play. Prizes went to Mrs. M. Brett for ladies' first, and Mrs. Harold Reed, second; Chester Early, first for men and James Cunningham second.

Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served at intermission followed by dancing to Doris Hulls' Orchestra.

SILVER-WOOD

FORUM SECRETARY AT BANNOCKBURN RALLY

Monday evening in spite of the foggy weather a number of members of the Stone School Farm Forum went to Bannockburn School to join with the Bannockburn, Ligne, and Pine Grove forums for a joint meeting. Mrs. Bert Davidson was chairman and called on the presidents of the four forums and Mr. Turner from Nelson for a few remarks. The guest speaker, Mr. Floyd Griestack, national Farm Forum secretary was introduced and spoke on the Forum organization across Canada, after which he organized the meeting into ten groups for a discussion period. The guest speaker and his wife and the presidents of the 4 forums were then arranged for a group photo. Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. MacDonald gave an excellent report on their experience and the workings of the Folk School which they attended as delegates from Bannockburn Farm Forum.

The group then joined in for a friendly game of euchre and the prize winners were: ladies 1st, Mrs. Brain, (Pine Grove); 2nd, Mrs. Griestack; gentlemen, 1st, Mrs. Wm. Norton; 2nd Mrs. Robert Miller, both Stone School Forum.

As usual with the Farm Forum meetings the ladies had provided ample refreshments and all the members did their part in enjoying them.

We are glad to report that Miss Marjory Shaw, teacher of the Stone School is back again after being on the sick list for over a week.

A number from this district attended the night school classes held in Georgetown this winter and had the products of their studies on exhibit in the auditorium of the Howard Wrigglesworth School last week. Those attending were Mrs. Charles Groig and Mrs. George Henderson taking tailoring; Mr. Bob Greig, electric welding; Mrs. Bert Corbett, ceramics; Mrs. Ern Batkin, millinery; and Mr. Ern Batkin, public speaking.

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