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See Provincial Park For Caledon Hills

Douglas Reddington, chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Association, has asked Caledon Township Council to take steps which he thought might lead to establishment of a Caledon Hills Provincial Park.

Leading a delegation of two — he was accompanied by Gavia Henderson, secretary of the Conservation Council of Ontario — he suggested to the council that they consider passing a zoning by-law, restricting use of the land in their area.

Council declined to act immediately. "I would like to see it put through," said Reeve Edward Walsh, "and the council thought there were some good points raised, but we'll have to give it further consideration."

Mr. Reddington told the council that the question of a provincial park in the area had been under discussion since 1922.

"Nothing concrete has been done," he said. "People just talk, talk, talk. Everyone thinks it would be a good thing — no one is willing to take one step toward it."

"We want to try to encourage positive action," said Mr. Reddington. "In our view there is no need for the council to consider prohibiting use of the land in a suggested area of 3,000 acres. All they have to do is regu-

report to the Planning and Development Department of the Ontario Government by A. E. K. Bunnell, who is now a consultant to the community planning branch of that department.

"Ontario is a marvellous network of highways," it read. "But there are no pieces of public land on which the motorist can turn off within 100 miles of our large centres of population — the need for public parks in urban centres is of vital importance from the standpoint of public health. We need 200,000 acres."

The cost of the park, said Mr. Reddington, would be approximately \$10,000,000 — roughly equivalent to 10 miles of super highway.

He asked the council to instruct their township solicitor to meet the Credit Valley Conservation Authority to prepare a by-law on the regulated use of land in the proposed area.

"This by-law, he said, could be put before the September meeting of the council for consideration. If they decided to pass it, it would still have to be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board after a public hearing. Such a by-law could enable the township to protect the area until a park was established.

"1955 may be the year in which the decision will be made to declare Caledon Hills a protected park or a devastated area," he said.

"We have no guarantee that the park will ever be established," said Reeve Walsh. "I would like to see the initiative in that direction coming from the Provincial Government. But we could do something about the land in this area."

Referring to gravel pit operations which had "grown in concentration" in the last few years, Reeve Walsh said "We don't all realize what is going on and although we are not too concerned at present (although some of the pits are eyesores) we don't want to get to the stage where we can't stop it."

"Caledon Township should take steps to assure our people that pit owners will not be allowed to walk away leaving large holes in the ground. There should be reforestation, replantation. We are guardians of one of the most beautiful areas in Ontario — passing a by-law to control the pits might be a good thing."

"It seems that Caledon is about the only spot they can get gravel," he said.

Under the suggested by-law said the Reeve, the landowner would still be able to sell his gravel, but he would have to rehabilitate the excavation. Two excavators, he said, had stockpiled their topsoil and apparently intended to replace it when the gravel beds were exhausted.

There was a more serious situation near Cataract, he said. Admitting it was still only rumor, Reeve Walsh said one gravel digger intended ripping the trees and bush from the side of one lovely hill and extracting his gravel from the hillside. This would then be shipped down the hill and loaded directly on to railway gondolas. Apart from the scar on the hill, said Mr. Walsh, this could lead to pollution of the Credit River.

But, we have no finances to start a park. The Government can do it and they should do it. It won't be done here. Our budget doesn't stretch to a park."

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Local Residents Attend Accident Victims Funeral

Several relatives from this district attended the funeral service in Burlington on Thursday for Robert Leslie Torrance, 19, fatally injured in a traffic accident on the Queen Elizabeth Way the previous Monday.

He was thrown to the boulevard when his motorcycle swerved out of control and died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto where he was rushed with severe head injuries.

Son of Walter Torrance, commercial teacher at Burlington district high school, he graduated from high school in June. He was born in Mimico and went to Burlington as an infant.

His mother, Harriet Jean Leslie is a member of an old Esqueping family. His maternal grandfather George Leslie was township treasurer for 47 years and Mrs. William Bowman, R. R. 3, is an aunt.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, George, at home and three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Peart and Mrs. Reg Bullock (Margaret) of Aldershot and Dorothy at home.

STEWARTTOWN

Happy birthday to Lynda Walker who will be 7 years old Thursday, August 11th. Also happy birthday to Carol McLean for August 17th. Carol will be ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith and family have returned from an enjoyable holiday (although very hot) in the U.S. Notre Dame and South Bend are two of the places visited.

The August meeting of Esqueping Women's Institute has been cancelled. The favourite plan with the children for the last two weeks was the creek and the weather was hot. Monday, 6:30 a.m. temperature 50 degrees here.

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