

Taylor Heart Lake Property Optioned as Recreation Site

Hugh Griggs, chairman, Etobicoke-Mimico Conservation Authority has announced that the Etobicoke-Mimico Authority has obtained an option to purchase the 150-acre property of Colonel A. E. Taylor, near Brampton. To be known as the "Heart Lake Conservation Area," the property is unique in the whole Toronto area.

Located six miles northeast of Brampton and ten miles from the boundary of metropolitan Toronto, the property is most desirable for conservation and recreation development. Its outstanding feature is the 40 acre Heart Lake. The lake is surrounded by partially wooded, low, rolling hills. The property is located in lots 14 to 16 of Concession 11E of Chinguacousy Township.

Heart Lake is one of a chain of lakes to be found in the height of land which runs across Peel and York Counties. Others are Willcocks, Musselmans and Bond Lakes. Heart Lake is the only one which has not been developed for summer homes and commercial use, it remains in its natural and unspoiled state.

B. H. Bull, Brampton, chairman of the Etobicoke-Mimico Authority conservation areas advisory board, describes the property as "one of the most desirable areas for conservation use still remaining in this region. With land of this type being rapidly acquired for private development, the authority is very fortunate in getting the opportunity to purchase this property from Colonel Taylor. This property has been preserved in its natural state, and it will be maintained in essentially the same condition by the Authority."

The option to purchase the property carries a price of \$207,000, to be paid over a period of three years. The Etobicoke-Mimico Conservation Authority will apply to the Dept. of Planning and Development for a grant of 50 per cent of the cost. If the project receives government approval, the Authority will then submit it to the seven municipalities, who will bear the remainder of the cost. These municipalities are Mimico, Long Branch, Brampton and the townships of Etobicoke, Toronto, Chinguacousy and Toronto Gore.

"All the people in the municipalities of this region will benefit from the acquisition of this property," declared Hugh Griggs, Authority chairman. "Open space land for conservation and recreation purposes is badly needed, and the Heart Lake area is one of the most desirable this close to our population. We are sure that all the municipalities in the Etobicoke-Mimico Authority will support the Authority in this project."

The Authority's share of the cost, which is \$103,500 will be assessed to the constituent municipalities on the basis of their share of the Authority's annual budget. It will be paid over a three-year period. Each municipality will pay the following percentage of the total cost: Brampton 11.7 per cent; Mimico 14.5 per cent; Long Branch 10.6 per cent; Etobicoke Twp. 47.9 per cent; Toronto Township 12.5 per cent; Toronto Gore Township, 0.3 and Chinguacousy 2.5 per cent.

This property, when purchased, will be the first acquisition of land for general conservation purposes by this Authority. The Heart Lake area is ideally suited for development and demonstration of such conservation practices as proper woodlot management, reforestation,

ion, erosion control wildlife management and restocking the lake with fish.

"This property, with its lake, has great value for recreation use," said Mr. Griggs. "The land is rolling and partly tilled, which will make it ideal for picnics. Heart Lake will be open for swimming and boating, and it provides excellent skating in the winter."

Heart Lake lies in the northern end of the Etobicoke River Watershed. The area surrounding the lake is hummocky and composed of gravel ridges. It is in direct contrast to the level Peel plain which makes up most of the watershed. This area also covers a large underground water reservoir. This reservoir not only feeds the East Branch of the Etobicoke River, maintaining a year-round flow, but also is the source from which the town of Brampton derives its domestic water supply.

The Heart Lake area is of considerable interest to naturalists. The wide variety of trees, the swampy areas and the varied vegetation make the region a home for many species of wildlife. Some unusual plants are to be found on the property.

The lake itself is a body of clear water, with a depth of 30 feet. Because of its small size, it warms up quickly for swimming.

The Authority proposed to place adequate facilities for picnics on the property, to develop a small beach, and provide docking for the small boats. It will use the property for camps for Scouts, Guides and other groups, and develop nature trails and other facilities for outdoor and nature study.

AT ESQUESING COUNCIL

Seek Extra Grant for Glen Hard Top Road

Maintenance of a township road which leads to the Industrial Sand and Gravel property is a costly business for Esquensing Township.

The road was not designed to carry such volume of heavy traffic, and township councillors feel that the only solution to the maintenance problem is hard surfacing, an expensive moving road.

The one-mile stretch from the Glen bridge, where the county road ends, to the gravel pits, is a township responsibility. But, because of the heavy traffic, council at a meeting on June 20, petitioned the provincial Dept. of Highways to increase the normal 50 per cent grant to 75 per cent for construction of a hard top road.

Fox claims paid at this and the July 3rd meeting, totalled only \$750. John Currie and Norman McCready received \$3 each for a fox destroyed, and James Stark, \$150 for a pup.

Sheep claims of \$18 to Wm A. Cook and \$16 to Albert Presswood were paid for lambs killed by dogs. A. N. Stark was valuator in both cases.

Upward adjustments in the salaries of three Esquensing township municipal officials were made.

Clerk-treasurer K. C. Lindsay, Assessment Commissioner Arthur Benton and road superintendent William Townsend each received a raise in salary, with appropriate by-law passed to bring the new salaries into effect.

A change in tax payment date became effective when a by-law was passed.

A percentage discount is allowed now on taxes paid prior to September 1st each year, and charges for non-payment of taxes will be assessed after October 15th.

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FARM NEWS

Visit Nurse, Ella Farms For Twilight Crop Tour

J. E. W.

Despite the busy season over one hundred were in attendance for the annual Twilight Tour of the Halton Soil and Crop Improvement Association. The two main points of call were the farms of Ken Ella at Hornby, and that of Fred Nurse at Ashgrove. At the Ella farm the group were impressed by the excellent long term pasture laid down in 1955. Owing to the luxuriant growth, it was found necessary to cut a portion of the five acre field for hay. The yield was 140 bales to the acre, which means around 3 tons of hay per acre.

At the Nurseland farm the group inspected the crops of wheat, the spring grain, corn and hay — all were outstanding for the year. The pit silo which was recently filled with 200 tons of grass silage; the farm work shop; and labour saving equipment around the barn, also attracted a good deal of interest.

Patterson Addresses Group

Following the tours the group met on the spacious lawn at Nurseland Farm, where E. Ross Segsworth presided over the excellent programme. Dr. H. L. Patterson, director of the Farm Economics Branch for the Ont. Dept. of Agriculture, and well known farm management expert was the popular speaker for the evening. Possible adjustments in the farm business necessitated by the installation of bulk tanks and other developments in the Agricultural Industry, was the subject of Dr. Patterson's interesting address. Basing his facts and figures on Dairy Herd Improvement Work, Dr. Patterson presented a fund of valuable information in which he gave comparative returns per crop acre depending on the main livestock enterprise. Dairy cattle, poultry and hogs stand at the top of the list according to Dr. Patterson. The discussion which followed, indicated the interest and timeliness of the topic. A. T. Woodley expressed the appreciation of the group to the speaker and the hosts of the evening. Refreshments served by a

LOCAL PRESIDENT AT C.W.L. RALLY

The Catholic Women's League of Canada, Diocese of Hamilton, held their 36th annual convention in Owen Sound this year. There were 134 delegates present and Georgetown was represented by Mrs. Fred Tucker, president of the local subdivision.

His Excellency Bishop Joseph E. Ryan, Hamilton, attended and the Diocesan director, the Rev. C. McColgan was also present. Delegates were welcomed by the Diocesan president, Mrs. W. A. O'Brien, Mrs. H. T. Donihee of Cornwall, provincial president expressed pleasure at being invited to Owen Sound.

Guest speaker at the banquet was the Rev. C. L. Siegfried, rector of St. Jerome's College, Kitchener who spoke on the theme of the convention, Discipline in Home Training. A new slate of officers was elected for the Diocesan Committee.

Group of 4H Club members brought to a conclusion one of the most successful twilight tours ever staged by the Halton Association.

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LIMEHOUSE

INSTITUTE PICNIC IS PLANNED AT WATERFALLS

The July meeting of Limehouse W.I. was held in the Memorial Hall last Thursday, July 5th with Mrs. Ted Brown acting as hostess. Mrs. F. Brown presided.

The meeting was opened with "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. The roll call was answered with "household hints" and articles were received for the "touch and take" table planned for the fall bazaar.

Mrs. J. W. Noble, secretary of the W.I. read the minutes and the financial report after which a motion was passed to send a donation to the Scott Mission summer camp.

Mrs. Arthur Benton gave current events followed by the conveners reports. The motto "Few women are slaves to housework but slaves to the way they do it," was well presented by Mrs. Harry Brown. It was decided to hold the August meeting in the form of a picnic at Waterfalls Playground. Arrangements for the picnic were left in the hands of the directors.

Mrs. J. W. Noble and the president, Mrs. F. Brown gave a report on the banquet at the OAC, Guelph attended by the executive. The banquet was in honour of Mrs. Berry, ACWW president, Australia. Mrs. Ouke Mulder of Georgetown played several pianoforte selections during the evening which were much enjoyed.

At the close of the meeting a lunch consisting of sandwiches and strawberry pie with whipped cream was served. The lunch was prepared by Mrs. Ted Brown and Mrs. Newton Ruddell.

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