

Boost Credit Forks as Site Ontario Provincial Park

Fresh hope that a provincial park may yet be located at the Forks of the Credit area is inspired by current efforts of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, with the co-operation of Bill Davis, MPP for Peel. At its October meeting at the Terra Cotta headquarters, the Authority undertook several positive steps towards this goal.

In accordance with a resolution by the Authority approving a petition to the Legislature for a Private Bill to preserve the area at the Forks for the public use, Davidson and Davidson, solicitors, submitted details of the steps necessary and a proposed resolution.

Provides Opportunity

It was pointed out that even though the application might not be successful it would provide an opportunity for Authority members and others to place before the Legislature "the vital necessity of immediate action to preserve the area."

Subsequently, last Wednesday, Hon. W. M. Nickle, Minister of Planning and Development, some of his senior staff and members of the Authority, toured the projects of the watershed. At a dinner meeting at Terra Cotta Inn, Mr. Nickle specially mentioned the area at the Forks of the Credit, with the need to take effective measures to safeguard the beauty and natural resources of the valley and the Caledon area particularly, notably the Forks of Credit — Belfountain — Terra Cotta area.

Mr. Davis, MPP, and the following Authority members participated in the tour: Chairman A. M. Greenaway, A. E. Bryan, T. W. Glassford, W. M. Curry, A. Dunn, R. K. Harrison, A. MacLaren, R. K. McMillan, A. S. Mendell, R. R. Parker, J. W. Pawley, C. Sinclair, R. Speck, A. Wheeler, E. M. White, Elmer Wright, Ted Sutter.

That the Minister of Planning and Development is keen about the Credit Forks park is no surprise to veteran conservationists. The exhaustive Credit Valley Report which Mr. Nickle's department published in 1956, contains a comprehensive chapter on the subject of the Credit Forks area.

In fact, it reads: "This chapter, which advocates the immediate establishment of a 54,630-acre multiple-use conservation area at the Forks of the Credit. Other aspects of the program are dwarfed by the magnitude of this project."

In Ontario Heartland

Approximately 1,180,000 people or about 38 per cent of the total population of Ontario reside within a 45-mile radius of the Forks of the Credit River. About 85 per cent of these people live in densely populated areas and are desperately in need of conveniently located and spaciouly designed regional parks in the open countryside.

"No provincial park is so centrally located with respect to the main axis of Ontario's urban population as this recreation area would be. Algonquin Park has only 8 per cent of the provincial population within a 100-mile radius of the administrative centre of the park, and hence this area is too far distant for day trips from urban centres in southern Ontario.

"... in addition, it should be noted that part of this park would front on a two-mile stretch of Highway 10, and would certainly be used by American tourists on their annual trip to the Ontario north-land."

Delay Is Costly

Much potential parkland is being purchased for private estates, and as the report points out, the greater the delay in establishing a park, the

greater difficulties will be encountered. While undeveloped or in partial agricultural use, the land is frequently used by picnickers and others in search of outdoors recreation. Once converted to private estates, the land becomes "No Trespassing" territory.

Proponents of a provincial park at the Forks see many advantages, to urban dwellers throughout the whole of southern Ontario generally, and to residents of Peel in particular. Future generations would be assured of a vast, natural playground on their doorsteps, complete with forests and streams.

Opponents of the park include some private-property owners who feel a "Coney Island" atmosphere and the possible loss of their own property to the public domain. Officials say these fears are unfounded; that the park would be as well supervised as Algonquin Park, and that lifeline leases would be arranged with existing property-owners.

Mrs. Gosling Is New Twp. Health Nurse

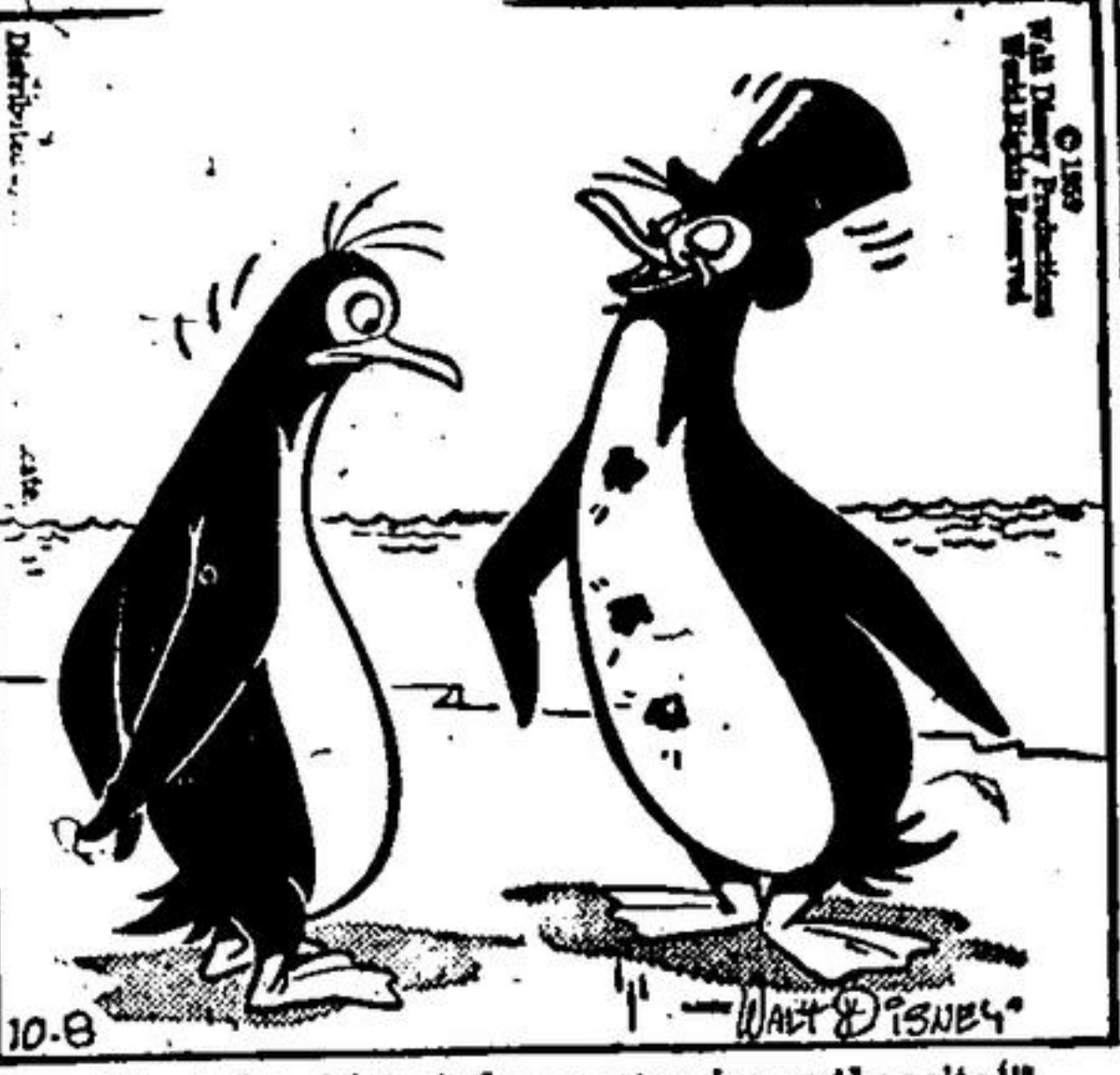
Mrs. Shirley Gosling is the new nurse now working in Easing township with the North Halton Health Unit. Mrs. Gosling was graduated from Toronto Western Hospital and took her Public Health Training at the School of Nursing, University of Toronto. She is at present residing in Milton where her husband Ross Gosling is a teacher in Milton High School.

Mrs. Gosling took over the work from the former nurse, Miss Betty Phelan, who is now with the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. Miss Phelan has just returned from New York where she has been taking further studies in the work of Crippled Children.

Holy Cross Ladies Hold Successful Euchre and Bake Sale

The ladies of Holy Cross Church sponsored a successful bridge, euchre and bake sale in Holy Cross school last Friday evening. Mrs. Ed Peters had

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high score for bridge with Miss Mabel Chave receiving the consolation prize.

Mr. R. Ditchfield and Mr. Rae St. Jean were high and low respectively for the men in the game of euchre with Mrs. Peter Drenters and Mrs. Lloyd Boyd

high and low for the ladies. Miss Therese St. Jean won the lone hand prize. The ladies served a lunch to conclude a pleasant evening. Mrs. John Pignatelli, Mrs. George-Rundy and Mrs. Walter Magdy were the conveners of the affair.

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Hallowe'en Party For Halton Manor Residents

by Muriel Thompson

A very enjoyable Hallowe'en party that brought a lift to the heart of everyone present was held in the dining-room of the Manor on Wednesday night, Nov. 4th. The party was held under the auspices of the Hobby Class. Mrs. S. Lockie and Mrs. S. Allen were in charge of the party and were assisted by Mrs. R. P. Cooke. The dining-room presented a festive appearance with its decorations of witches' heads, black cats and pumpkins. About sixty residents attended the party. The parade of those in costume came early in the evening and prizes were awarded as follows: First prizes were awarded to Miss E. Hannant and Mr. G. Finnigan; Second prize, Miss Harriett Metcalfe and Mr. J. Begley; Third prize, Mrs. M. Smythe and Miss M. Thompson. The game of musical parcel, which followed the parade was won by Mr. George Murray. In a quiz game between the men and the women residents, the women won hands over. A flurry of excitement occurred at this moment due to the entrance of Mr. Stan Allen, the superintendent, dressed in a costume that would have done justice to Beau Brummel himself. A number of bingo games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Maude Smith, Mrs. M. Forbes, Mrs. M.

Shaw, Miss Jean Menzies, Mr. W. Hughes and Eddie Dowdle. The winners of the costume prizes and Mr. Allen had their group pictures taken. Mr. Norman Viggers, one of the residents, entertained with a number played on the "bones." A delicious lunch of tea, sandwiches, ice-cream and cake brought this very enjoyable party to a close. Much gratitude is due to Mrs. Lockie, Mr. and Mrs. Allen for this very rewarding Hallowe'en party.

A church service that was very suitable to Remembrance Day Sunday was conducted on Sunday, Nov. 8, by Rev. E. Orsborn, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, Milton. Having drawn the attention of his congregation to the fact that many Remembrance Day services were being held throughout the length and breadth of Canada on this day, Mr. Orsborn emphasized the fact that such services serve not only to honour our war dead but also to draw attention to the causes of wars and to the best methods of preventing them. Describing the atheistic philosophies that caused the two World Wars, Mr. Orsborn said that we must spread the teachings of Jesus in our present generation so that the next generation will not want to bring a third world war into existence. Mrs. George Newell came as the very capable accompanist for the hymns in the absence of Mrs. Lockie.



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Civil Defence Groups Join Practice Scheme

Two Halton civil defence organizations joined forces last week for a practice scheme to give the men training and experience should the need ever arise. They were the O.P.P. sponsored civil defence auxiliary police and the county sponsored Halton civil defence organization.

The county organization, through the co-operation of coordinator Lt. Cdr. Bruce McGregor, provided the headquarters radio and three portable radios while the O.P.P. sponsored group performed the scheme. They commandeered the No. 15-sideroad between Brookville and Stewarttown for the exercise, sponsored by the Acton and Georgetown groups under Sergeant Angell of Acton.

Field headquarters were set up at Brookville and Stewarttown and a third group operated at the Speyside corner. At each group, men were given assignments to cover and each man investigated and made a full report back to the sergeant or corporal in charge. Feigning a disaster, the men were sent to investigate imag-

nary shootings, motor vehicle accidents, stolen cars, suspicious characters who turned out to be saboteurs, and looters, and were given instructions to re-route traffic around fallen bridges and blocked roads. Cars owned by the participants were designated as tow trucks and ambulances to provide more scope to the project.

The highlight of the afternoon came at the close of the project when a convoy of cars was sent from one end of the sideroad to the other. Via radio communication, the groups each tried to confuse their rivals by ordering ambulances to speed ahead and re-routing the convoy around confusing country roads.

Sgt. Bob Barber of Georgetown explained after the scheme that it had been quite successful and it was hoped to improve operations and detection methods even better in future. Lt. Cdr. McGregor said it was a good test for his group's radio system.

Sunday's scheme was only the second for the 100-man auxiliary police outfit. Another is planned for Nov. 15.

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