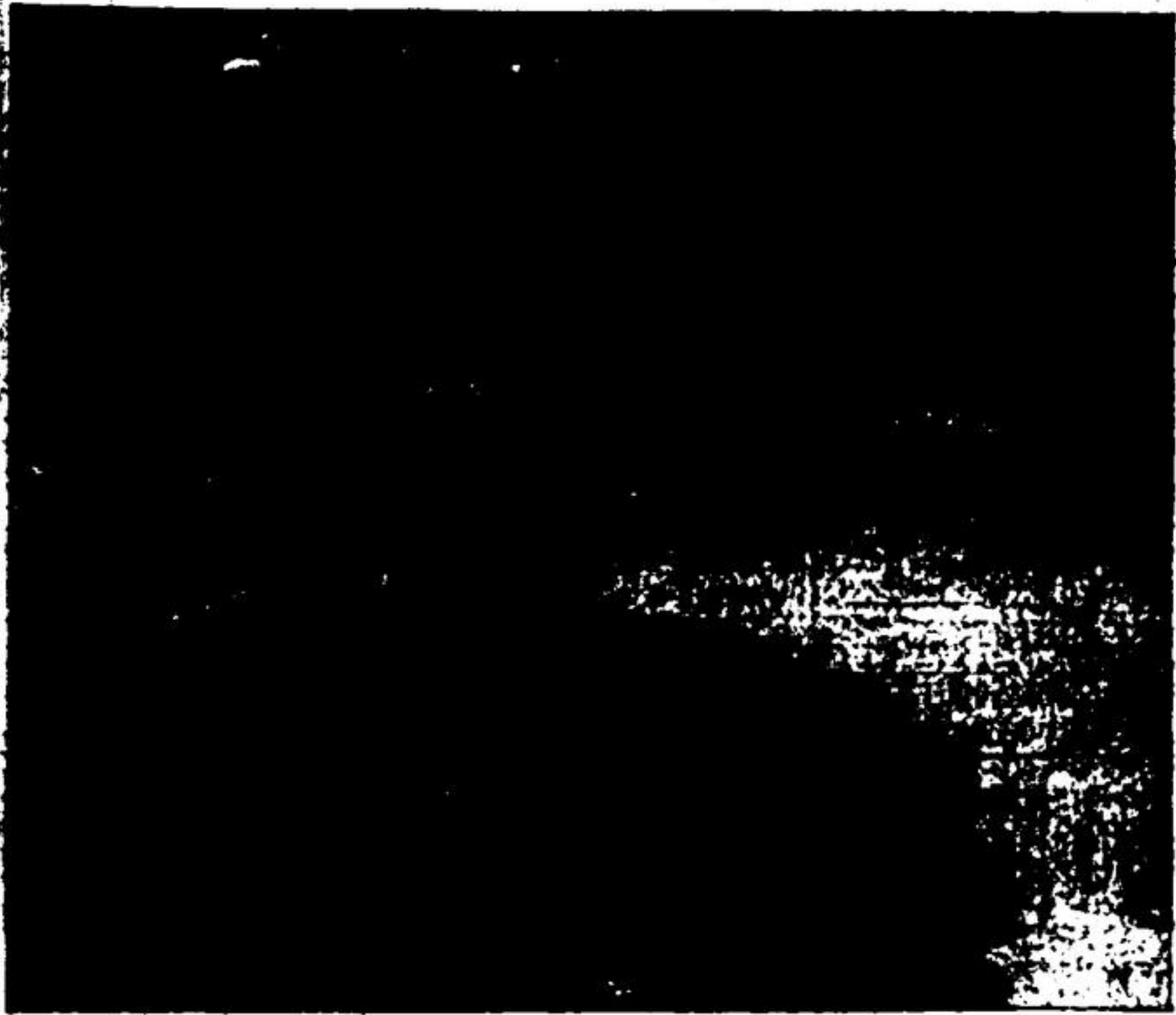


Grand River Control of Pollution Major Target



THE OWRC'S GEORGETOWN PLANT

Special to The Herald
By Gwyn Kinsey

The Conservation of Canada, in a report of Premier Robarts, praises the work of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, but calls for a greatly stepped up effort by governments and industry to control pollution.

The water Commission has extensive powers to protect and improve Ontario's water supply. What has it been doing?

By the end of 1963 it appeared that much of the backlog of construction of water and sewage works had been overcome - but certainly not all of it. There were still major pollution control projects to be undertaken, particularly in southwestern Ontario, in the Niagara area and the Grand River watershed.

These projects would push spending on water and sewage projects to well over a billion dollars during the first decade of the Commission's existence.

Research was stepped up in 1963, with the appointment of a director and the provision of a staff for a Division of Research.

There were more stream surveys - 212 in 1963, up from 147 in 1962 and 50 in 1961.

It was the same story in the Commission's laboratories, which carried out 181,680 tests on 55,597 water samples. OWRC scientists and technicians were also busy on such jobs as industry-wide studies in the pulp and paper, meat packing, tanning and plating fields; detergent tests on surface water; investigation of taste and odour problems in some filtration plants; and studies of algae control.

INCREASING ACTIVITY

The picture, then, is one of intense and increasing activity. The Conservation Council questions whether it is intense enough or growing sufficiently rapidly.

"Of course our effort must be stepped up," says Commission Chairman James A. Vance. "The population is growing and industry is expanding. There are more wastes to be disposed of. New processes bring new types of wastes to be considered."

The OWRC can get tough. It has taken a number of offenders to court. But it seeks first the co-operation of municipalities and industries.

"We know what we want," says Dr. Vance, "but we cannot ask the impossible and we cannot demand that it be done tomorrow, as some fanatics seem to expect us to do." He might have asked: Do you close a \$100 million plant, employing hundreds, perhaps thousands of workers, because it cannot solve its waste disposal problem immediately, or do you give it time and expect assistance to work out the solution?

There are scientific as well as economic questions to be considered, as new processes produce unexpected chemical reactions in wastes.

Several industries have spent more than a million dollars apiece to lick their waste disposal problems. There have been some spectacular examples of co-operation: complete waste treatment facilities were built into a new Shell Oil refinery at Brantford, for example, and a Northern Electric Co. plant at Bramalea included provision of complete treatment facilities for all plating wastes.

LONG-TERM EFFORT

It may be possible to end one-industry pollution of a river in a matter of weeks or months. But it may take many years to win the struggle in a highly industrialized and heavily populated watershed.

The Grand River watershed is an example of the long-term effort. The Grand has been called "the biggest open sewer in Ontario." Into it and its tributaries have flowed the wastes of people and plants from scores of closely bunched communities - from cities like Kitchener, Guelph and Galt to villages like Ayr and Baden.

Municipalities in the Grand watershed area have no alternative but to discharge their wastes to the river or its tributaries. With \$10 million worth of financing arranged by the OWRC, sewage works and extensions have been constructed or are under way at Galt, Preston, Brantford, Paris, Kitchener, Waterloo, Fergus, New Hamburg, Arthur, Elora and Elmira. Conservation and flood control storage schemes are built or planned. Other communities - Hepler and Dunville, for example - were approached months ago about their sewage problems.

This sort of program takes time and an enormous amount of money. But the battle of the Grand is slowly being won. It is this process of painful recovery that encourages Dr. Vance to think that Ontario is not losing ground in its struggle against pollution, and is in fact beginning to gain. But as he says, "We must run faster and faster to make any progress."

Bridge Columnist Heads Secondary School Teachers

The annual meeting of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation for this district was held on Wednesday, October 21. The host town this year was Milton and the dinner meeting was held at the Caravan Restaurant there. Over 40 teachers were present, representing Acton, Georgetown and Milton. Although Erin is in the branch, no representatives were present from there.

The purpose of the meeting is to give the local teachers an opportunity to introduce motions for consideration at the district meetings. Resolutions passed at the annual meeting are passed on to the federation which is held in Toronto during the Christmas vacation.

The executive for the coming year was selected. The executive is chosen on a rotational basis, with the president coming from the school of next year's host town. Bill Coats of Acton will be next year's president. The first vice president will be from Erin. Mr. Litt from Milton was elected to the position of second vice-president. Mrs. Tucker of Georgetown will continue as secretary-treasurer.

It was decided that in addition to regular duties, the first vice president would chair a committee to deal with public relations. The second vice-president is to chair a committee to deal with professional development. Each committee is to be made up of one representative from each school.

All other business was forwarded to the district meeting. This meeting was held in Brampton last week.

Honourable Mention for Fire Prevention Poster

A Georgetown school pupil, Karen Leonard, drew an honourable mention for the 1964 fire prevention poster contest sponsored by the Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau.

The contest was open to all grade 5 pupils in the county. Karen attends Holy Cross Separate School on Maple Ave. Gary Ross of Burlington and Eva Anisimowicz of Oakville have been judged winners of the 1964 contest.

Gary is 11, and a student of Norman Daglelah's Grade 5 class at Lawrie Smith Public School, Burlington. Eva is 12, and a student of Sister Louise's at St. Mary's School grade 5 class, Oakville.

A banquet in their honour will be held at the Milton Fire Hall on Tuesday evening, November 24, at 7 p.m. The two winners will be presented with the Halton Mutual Fire Insurance Company trophies, which will be retained by their respective schools for the next year. They will also receive individual awards.

The students' teachers, principals and parents will also be

special guests at the banquet in Milton. The Fire Prevention Bureau has also invited representatives of all county fire departments, the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, Members of Parliament and the contest judges from the Kitchener Fire Prevention Bureau to attend the dinner, and about 70 are expected.

The contest judges gave "honourable mention" to several other entries in the county-wide competition. They were Gerry Howley of Milton's J. M. Denyes public school; Marlene Poirier of Milton's Holy Rosary school, as well as Karen Leonard of Holy Cross. The two winning posters, each done on the theme "Fire Prevention in the Home", will be entered in the Ontario Fire Chiefs' Association province-wide poster competition early next year. The two winners of the Ontario contest will each receive a \$100 bond. Chief A. E. Clement of Milton is chairman of this Ontario wide competition. One of last year's Halton contest winners, Brenda Mitchell of Burlington, received an

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"Honourable mention" in the Ontario contest last year. The previous year another Halton girl, Martha Morgan of Burlington, won a similar award in provincial competition. Ivan Clarridge of Milton Fire Department, chairman of the Halton Bureau's poster contest, said he was quite pleased with the entries in the 1964 competition. Most of the Halton elementary school Grade 5 students entered, and the posters were done during the October Fire Prevention Week.

McClure Holstein Sale Nets Average of \$241

The Kilcurryles herd consisting of 45 Holsteins owned by Mr. and Mrs. Craig McClure, Norval, was dispersed recently at a general average of \$241 for a total of \$10,850. 23 milking females averaged \$296, 4 bred heifers averaged \$287, 12 open yearlings \$181, 7 heifer calves \$147. Sale managers were Rockwood International Ltd., Georgetown.

The top price was \$500 paid by Y. C. Hunter, Georgetown, for a milking female, five-year-old Kilcurryles Model Girl, while the highest price for a bred heifer was \$400 paid by Dixellen Farms, of Brampton, the heifer being Kilcurryles Daisy.

Y. A. Lealie, Hornby, paid \$440 for a four-year-old cow

\$220 paid by Young Bros. of U.S.A. for a four-year-old cow, R. J. McFarlane, Napawan, paid \$380 for a five-year-old; J. B. Brien, Cheltenham, paid \$330 for a two-year-old; W. G. Baldwin, Erin, paid \$245 for a five-year-old; J. B. Brien paid \$335 for a four-year-old; A. J. King

don, Norval, paid \$300 for a bred heifer, and Victor Crosser, Cochrane, paid \$310 for an open yearling.
The law can't make people good but it can make them sorry they were bad.—Brandes, Sen.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Is Your Name On The Voters' List? Last Date for Filing an Appeal NOVEMBER 6th, 1964

To determine if your name is on the 1964 Voters' List, check the Lists posted at the following locations: Clerk's Office, Municipal Building, 36 Main St. N., Post Office, Corner Guelph St. and Maple Ave., Delrex Smoke Shop, Delrex Market Centre.

In case of omission or corrections, enquiries may be made by telephoning or attending the Clerk's Office, 36 Main Street North, RR. 7-6981, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Fridays, from October 23rd, 1964, to November 6th, 1964.

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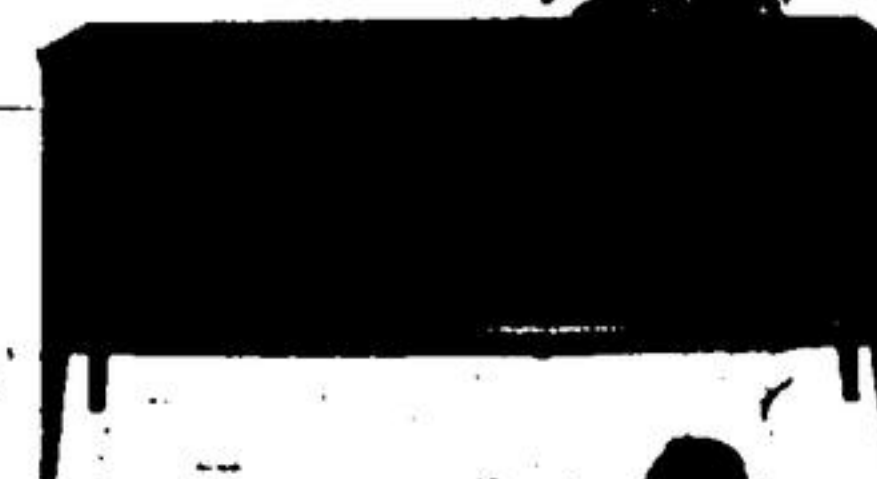
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Travels From Detroit For Nostalgic Glimpse

A nostalgic visit to Georgetown was made by a Michigan resident recently to view the place where he spent his teen years.

Bill Zdanowicz of Detroit was a resident of the Jewish farm school on Main Street South. He had not been in Georgetown since he left in 1927.

The school was operated here for European orphans, brought to Canada by a philanthropic group which included Mr. Morris Saxe of town. The boys lived in a building which fell into disuse some years ago.

The property was originally a model farm owned by the T. Eaton Co. Esqueating clerk-treasurer K. C. Lindsay recalls that it was a showplace in the district with a prize Holstein herd. When he was a boy he remembers visiting the farm to see his first milking machine in operation.

The property was later owned by a Toronto mining man, D. G. H. Wright and was acquired by Rex Heop in 1954 when his Delrex Developments firm purchased several farm properties which became incorporated in town limits. Part of the old school building is now used by the Majestic car club for a clubhouse and workshop.

Mr. Zdanowicz, who called at The Herald Office, with his wife, recalled several local people by name.

He spoke particularly of the late Professor H. L. Huff who assisted the school with his advice on agriculture; of the late Dr. R. T. Paul, who looked after the well-being of the boys;

of Mr. Saxe and David Brill who were among the many townspeople who took an interest in the project. Many of the boys live in Toronto, and occasionally they have a reunion, he said.

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