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Barn Fire is Unexpected Attraction at Auction

There is no estimate of loss as the fire on June 15th that destroyed a barn on the farm of W. H. Gravelly, R. R. 1, Terra Cotta, just north of 34 Side-road.

Two departments were at the scene, from Erin and Ingleswood, but Chief Edward Teeter of Ingleswood, said there was little that could be done to save the barn which was enveloped in flames in five minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Gravelly are giving up farming, and had arranged an auction of all farm equipment. A large crowd had arrived for the auction, under way immediately adjacent to the frame-and-plank-truss building with Frank Welch conducting the sale.

"We were fortunate," said Mr. Gravelly "with so many people so close to the building, and so many children present that nobody was hurt."

According to Mr. Gravelly, the fire started somewhere in the mow, and in a matter of minutes the whole barn was a sea of flames.

"So many people were good enough to come," said Mr. Gravelly, "that we went ahead with the sale after the excitement died down."

"We plan to continue to live here," said Mr. Gravelly, "but we have rented the farm land, about 250 acres, to another party."

There were only four ponies in the barn when the fire started, and the Gravelly youngsters and two others led them to safety. There was about a ton of hay and two tons of straw in the barn at the time of the fire. The implements being sold were all out in the yard when the fire started.

There was no danger to the Gravelly home about 150 yards away, as the wind, which helped the fire considerably, was blowing away from the house.

Mr. Gravelly, asked to have the Ontario Fire Marshall investigate the blaze.

Replacement value of the barn would be about \$15,000.

Area farmer's fields are still as dry as ever. Rain forecast for the weekend turned out to be light showers too brief to relieve the drought conditions here.

The International Airport weather office reported yesterday less than 1 inch fell in the time during which rain was forecast. Halton Federation of Agriculture officials said this week that 50 per cent of early summer crops have been lost.

PROMISED RAIN — IT DIDN'T COME

THIS IS THE CULVERT type dam which will back up the water from a spring fed stream and create Ross Lake. It is expected the depth will go to 15 feet within a month.

Joe Ross Plans Recreation Area with Lake, Trails, Camp

Finishing touches are being put on a mass made lake at the farm of Joe Ross, R. R. 3, Georgetown, where his dream of a recreation park is rapidly materializing.

Grading to include an island is finished, a culvert-type dam is installed and general leveling in the immediate vicinity of the lake is completed. Water from a spring course is slowly but steadily filling the lake basin and it's expected the water level at its deepest point will be 15 feet within a month.

Boating will be allowed in the deeper area and swimming in a float-marked area off a beach which is now under construction.

Trails will be created for horse rides, and ponies will be available for younger patrons. Tykes will have a play area all to themselves.

A wooden footbridge will connect the island to the mainland and various types of amusement have been planned by the enterprising bachelor who got the idea for the park from a television program.

Picnic tables will be generously placed throughout the area for people who care to pack a lunch and inspect the site, but because it is still in the construction stage there will be no admission charge this year.

There will be a combination clubhouse refreshment stand, dining area, a long range plans call for a camping site located so tent dwellers can have easy access to all the facilities.

A main feature for the historically minded will be a section with original antiques once used on the Ross farm in the years after it was deeded by Queen Victoria around 1820.

The Ross homestead was cleared and developed by Alex Ross, great grandfather of the present owner, who was discharged from the British Army in 1810. His discharge papers are still an heirloom. A deed was given any British Soldier settling in Canada and clearing the trees to create farmland.

From the original clearing and log cabin, the farm was gradually enlarged and the present brick house replaced the log cabin.

Joe Ross intends to carry on with cattle and general farming on a portion of the farm he has set aside for that purpose.

\$4250 from Province For Kelso Improvement

Approval of a \$4250 provincial grant to the Halton Region Conservation Authority has been announced by George A. Kerr, MPP for Halton.

The grant is for capital improvements in the Kelso conservation area, 341 acres in Nassagaweya township acquired by the Authority in 1960.

The Authority proposes to construct a parking area, provide a boat launching ramp and dock, do erosion control work, complete and ditch service roads and carry out other general development work in the area.

All member municipalities will bear the Authority's share of the cost.

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WORK ON THE PROPOSED recreation area on the Joe Ross farm which started last fall and continued through most of the winter is showing results now and some aspect of the construction are completed. Here Joe talks with Trowbridge Construction owner Harry Trowbridge. The bulldozer operator is Lyle Armstrong, R. R. 1, Georgetown.



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May Hospital Births are Exactly Same as Year Ago

There was exactly the same number of infants born in the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital—in May of this year as in May of last year a release of information on the hospital's operation revealed this week.

The report shows 28 newborns last month and 28 newborns in May 1964, but other comparisons generally showed reduced figures in the May 1965 column.

For example, the total days of care given patients in May 1965 were 1,500 compared to 1,506 in May '64; daily average number of patients in hospital last month was 48.4 compared to 51.3 in the same month last year and the percentage of beds occupied in May '65 was 72.2 compared with 76.4 in May '64.

Other information contained in the release:

1965 to Date May '64	May '65
Deaths	24
Births	133
Adults and Children Admitted	859
Average Length of Stay, Adults and Children	6.3 (days)
Average Length of Stay, Newborns	7.8 (days)
Operations performed	
Major	87
Minor	278
X-Ray Examinations	2,093
	410
	886

The money was raised through a Wheeler Dealer project in high and elementary schools.

During the distribution, preference was given to smaller branches and areas which have made large donations for their population.

The Junior Red Cross turned the chairs over to the parent body in appreciation for past favours.

A spokesman for the Georgetown Red Cross said the junior size chair can be used by smaller adults as well as juniors. It had already been borrowed once.

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