



GEORGETOWN AIR CADET AT TRENTON

A/C L. FRASER of Georgetown, of 121 Guelph Squadron receives instructions on the sighting of his rifle from C-1 Hugh Gillard of 598 Squadron. All cadets attending Air Cadet Summer Camp at CFB, Trenton receive instruction in rifle safety precaution before firing on the range.

## Would Convert County to New System of Assessment

The operation of a county assessment commissioner system was explained in detail to members of Esqueping Township Council on Monday evening.

County assessor Robert Beach at the suggestion of County Council is visiting each municipal council in Halton to outline the proposal that is presently being studied by the county's finance and assessment committee. Within the next few weeks Mr. Beach will explain it to each council so they can give some direction to their county representatives for a vote at the county level possibly this fall.

Main benefits of a county-wide assessing system, he said, are a more uniform assessment on all properties, the implementation of data processing, a more equitable cost sharing between municipalities, and the switch to a new assessing manual.

An electric data processing unit would be purchased immediately to compute all assessments and set up tax rolls for each municipality. Mr. Beach explained. In the second year of a county assessing operation, the assessors could begin to switch over to a new assessing manual which bases assessments on the current (1966) resale value — not the 1940 base level which is presently in use.

To date 28 of Ontario's 38 counties and districts have changed from the local assessor system to a county set-up.

Presently assessing staffs throughout Halton would be employed by the county department, working in various municipalities whenever they are needed. For the benefit of ratepayers, Mr. Beach said, assessors could give guidance in local offices in each municipality on a certain day each week. Sub offices would probably be established in Oakville and Burlington, where around 75 per cent of the county's total properties are located.

Provincial grants will assist in getting the new system started, he explained. The province pays \$10,500 toward salaries, plus 50 per cent of equipment purchases and about 50 per cent of the cost of installing the data processing unit.

For George Tracie, who is a member of the county committee studying the proposal, said he had visited Peel and

Waterloo Counties with the committee to see the system in operation. Officials in these counties described it as superior to the former system, and it sounded good enough for me," he said.

"Assessment is the mainstay of any municipality. If you are not doing it right, you are not doing anything right," concluded the review.

The discussion ended on costs, which are still unknown. Mr. Beach suggested the system would probably cost more than the present set-up, but the resulting better service should be worth any extra cost.

Constable Jim Redpath handled the investigation.

## Nose Bleed only Accident Injury

A bleeding nose was the only injury that came out of a two-car collision on the 7th line of Esqueping near Hornby, Tuesday, August 15th.

North Halton detachment, OPP said \$350 property damage resulted when cars operated by Carmen Stuart Johnson of Norval and Maria Corrao, of Streetsville, hit near the Base Line. A three-year-old girl in the Corrao car suffered the nose injury.

Constable Jim Redpath handled the investigation.

## Small Fine, Warning on Cruelty to Animal Charge

A North Halton farmer Wednesday, August 16th, escaped with a small fine and a warning after being convicted of cruelty to one of his cows.

The farmer who works 200 rented acres in Nassagaweya Township, was fined \$10 after Magistrate J. R. Black judged him guilty of failing to provide adequate shelter, water and care to the animal.

"I could just as easily impose a \$500 fine, but the amount doesn't really mean anything in this case — I just hope you've learned your lesson," Magistrate Black told the accused.

Inspector Allan McNabb, of the Humane Society had the year-old Holstein heifer destroyed after finding it lying on the ground, almost unable to move because of a broken leg.

Investigation revealed that the animal slipped and broke a leg toward the end of March. It lay where it fell for close to three months, exposed to rain and recent bad weather.

Inspector McNabb told court that a creek ran through the area, but it would have been impossible for the cow to have reached the water due to its injury.

A barn was found within a

reasonable distance of where the cow laid, but the inspector found it to be inadequate.

Campbellville veterinarian Dr. Clifford Young said the animal had sustained a badly fractured leg and there was no hope of ever regaining its use.

Dr. Young had been called to examine the cow shortly after the leg was broken and recommended then that it be put to sleep.

But the accused said he would keep it and just hope the animal would recover.

The accused told Magistrate Black he did his best and fed and watered the animal twice a day.

"I get my livelihood from animals, why should I allow my cow to starve?" asked the farmer.

However, a neighbouring housewife testified that she never saw him feed or water his cow.

"The animal was terribly neglected and seemed in great pain," the woman testified.

The farmer wondered how a mother with three children had time to look over his farm all day.

Magistrate Black decided "you just didn't care what happened to the cow."

## Died in Vancouver, B.C. Mrs. Wright Buried Here

A district resident who had lived in Vancouver, B.C. for the past two years died there on August 2nd.

Mrs. Daniel F. Wright, the former Eva McPhail, was the daughter of Ernest and Mary Ann Bousfield McPhail, and was born 79 years ago at Milton.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wright farmed at Ashgrove on a farm now owned by John Ruddell. They retired in 1940 and moved to Georgetown, living first on Maple Avenue West and later on Edith St.

Mrs. Wright was a member of St. John's United Church when she lived here.

Rev. Robert Duncanson of Norval conducted the funeral service at the Harold C. McClure Funeral Home on August 5th and interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery. Norval, pallbearers were Arthur Ruddell, John Bellbuddy, Frank Wilson, John Ruddell, Thomas Brownridge and Ron Rankine.

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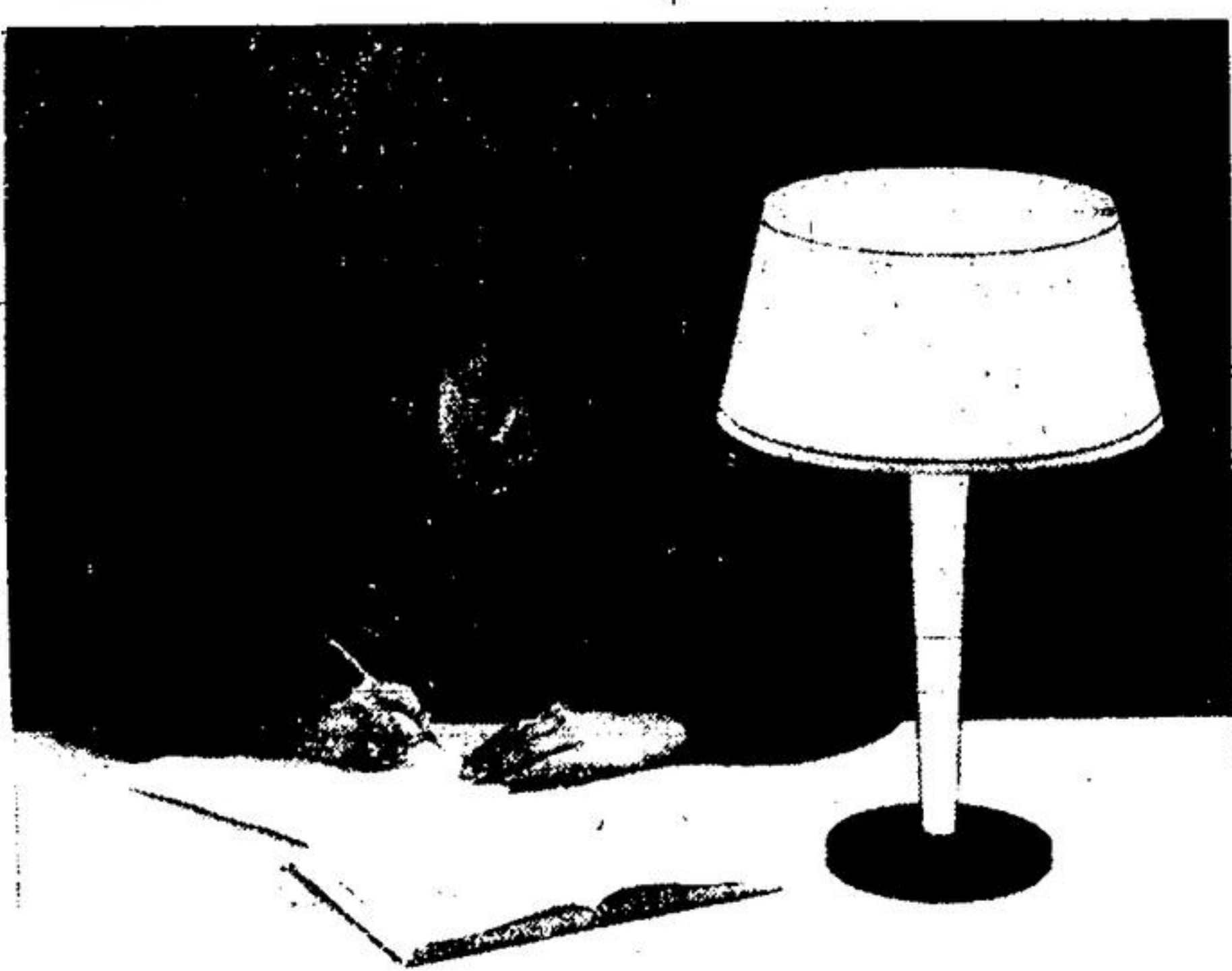
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