

# Quarry Officials Deny Blasting Causes Cracks

A 2-hour blasting debate in Esqueping Council chambers last week ended the way it began with residents convinced their cement pools were cracking and quarry officials equally convinced that they were not to blame.

The meeting was called after repeated complaints by area residents of what they claim has been excessive blasting by the stone works, resulting in crumbling plaster, rattling china and annoying noise.

Representatives from three area quarries plus a spokesman from the Dept. of Mines and a blasting expert from Canadian Industries were on hand to defend their positions.

Following a film explaining blasting procedures and the nature of concessions on surrounding countryside, Russ McKeown of C.I.I. attempted to convince the meeting that the effects of a normal blast are really less

than most daily activity, but they caused concern because they are sudden and unexpected. The readings on an instrument called a seismograph would prove this, he said.

Mr. Hughes of the Department of Mines backed him up. "There is a scrutiny of blasting in all areas and there is no recording of any blasting that would come close to causing damage. As far as we are concerned it is being done safely."

Will Fortowsky of R. R. 3 Milton, wasn't convinced. He claimed the blasts had become increasingly intense in the past year and he had recorded 15 bad ones since January. Mr. McKeown admitted that weather conditions could make some blasts felt more than others.

Mr. Fortowsky criticized the Dept. of Mines for not owning their own seismograph and claimed there was no way of knowing if a blast was excessive when the quarries hire their

own engineers who then reported to the Dept.

At this point a spokesman for Dufferin Quarries interjected - "We are not Russian commissars. We know that if we are derelict we can be sued in the highest courts."

"We blast with the least amount of dynamite we can use because we want the least expense," added Mr. Armstrong of Indusmin.

"To the home owner this may look like a snowjob," added Mr. McKeown but it is a fact.

Although the meeting was called especially for Esqueping residents and Indusmin and Acton Quarries in the township, two spokesmen from Dufferin Quarries near Milton and several North Burlington residents from that area were present.

Jim Seager of Tremaine Road claimed that his cement pool had cracked from what he felt were the effects of the blasting.

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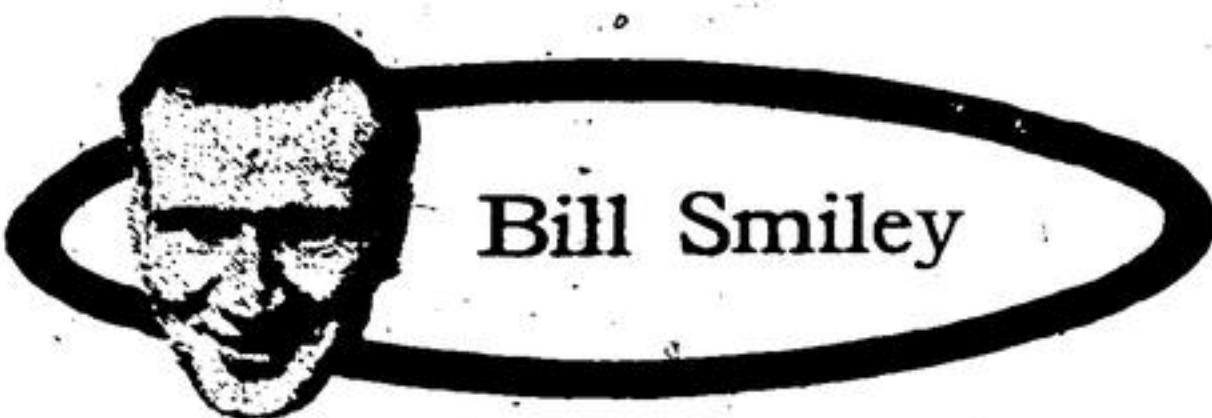
The quarries are extremely efficient and valuable business but as neighbours they are a nuisance. He went on to say he felt the noise, the dust and the potholes in the roads from the trucks were more of a problem than the blasting.

John Conway, also of Tremaine Rd. also said he felt there should be a noise abatement law to cut the noise of the quarries at night as well as a program to beautify them.

"At some time we have to relate the taxes these quarries pay to the damage to the roads, the destruction of scenery and the wear and tear on people in the area," submitted Cr. Ken Marshall.

Mr. Hughes of the Mining Dept. indicated that the mining act was currently being expanded to possibly limit the amount of blasting a quarry could do during a day, but he maintained that safe levels of blasting were being observed.

"It's the inconvenience that comes with progress," summed up Mr. McKeown, of C.I.I.



Bill Smiley

## CANADA IS AN ADOLESCENT

Well, give or take a day or two, and Canada is 102 years old. A man of that age is an ancient either wise or senile, dignified or drooling. A country of that age is just a pup.

Question: Is Canada senile and drooling, at the age of a pup? Some think so. I don't.

More than anything our country is an adolescent. It has all the best and worst features of that peculiar breed.

It is easily fired by jealousy, self-doubting, suspicious, lacking in self confidence, shy one minute and bold as brass the next, opinionated, without knowing much, conformist and rebellious, anxious for approval and deeply wounded when it is not understood, idealistic and materialistic. In short, a typical teenager all mixed up. Tremendous potential, but no clear idea of where it is going.

Older brother, who used to seem content to work the farm and go to church, has gone all weird. He gets sore now when you call him the old nick names like Peasoup or Froggy. He demands a voice in management of the farm and threatens to leave and set up on his own if he doesn't get it.

It's probably because he has fallen in with bad company - a gang interested in bombs and folk singing and poetry and freedom and all that sort of disturbing stuff.

Little brother, who used to be content to sit in his playpen and feed on scraps and be happy if his diapers were changed once in a while, has also become belligerent.

Instead of smiling when you give him a morsel, he has taken to blowing on his Kahn-Tineta Horn and rattling the bars of his cage, playpen and scowling and hollering "discrimination," if he doesn't get a share of the goodies - right now.

Second cousins out west, up to their ears in wheat and oil and \$1.60 steaks, are also deeply and vocally resentful because Grampa told their fathers, "Go West, young punks go West." They feel that they should still get a cut of the old family farm's income back East.

Down East, Uncle Hiram is fed up with fishing, and rum, and is sending his sons and daughters to visit, permanently, as soon as they are old enough.

Even up North, those ex-Siberian cousins who were here first are beginning to belittle instead of grin happily. Not content with having ruined the sleigh-dog industry, they want jam on their blubber.

Right in the heart of the country, Uncle Charlie, smooth and debonair as ever is patting everyone on the back with one hand and lifting his wallet with the other.

In Ottawa Daddy, who has taken to wearing his hair in a peculiar way are being photographed with striking young ladies, is saying things, as he always did, which sound very profound, until you try to remember what he said.

No wonder Canada is an adolescent: up-tight bewildered, belligerent. He's beginning to feel as though he comes from a broken home. And he feels pretty rotten when he thinks of the good old days when the family was one big happy family.

He's glad for his cousins out West though he's switched to fish and poultry. He's leery of

his older brother, who's become so hard to get along with. He's sorry for his Uncle Hiram's kids, but wishes there weren't so many of them coming to visit.

He wishes the kid brother in the playpen would stop rattling the bars and climb out and help feed the chickens. And that Uncle Charlie wasn't so slick, and that Daddy up in Ottawa would stop giving him an allowance and then borrowing most of it back, without interest.

Perhaps, most of all, he wishes Uncle Sam would stop being so avuncular and at the same time belligerent. Sometimes he wishes he still had a Momma.

Today, it's tough to be an adolescent.

## FLOWER SHOW PRIZE LIST

Following is the detailed list of prizewinners at the horticultural society flower show.

Mrs. Leonard Harding was a top prizewinner, winning the trophy for most points in the show which was held at the armory building in the park.

### Group 1 - Specimens

#### SECTION 1 - ROSES

Rose (H.T.) 1 bloom: B Harley, R. Michaels, Miss M. E. Bird; Rose (HT) 3 blooms, 1 variety: C. Bydevaate, A. Spitzer, B. Harley, Rose, Floribunda, 1 spray: Mrs. L. Harding, L. Harding, third; Rose Grandiflora, 1 spray: B. Harley; 2nd Mrs. Wm. Reid; Rose Climber: 1 spray: Mrs. B. Rennick, Mrs. L. Harding; Rose, Climber, 1 bloom -



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A. Spitzer Mrs. B. Rennick; Rose Miniature, 1 bloom or spray of three, 1 variety R. Michaels, J. Garbutt; Chas. Renwick.

Rose (HT) Peace, 1 bloom: C. Bydevaate, A. Spitzer.

### SECTION 2 - PERENNIALS

Delphinium, 1 spike, Mrs. B. Rennick, Miss E. Jackson, Mrs. L. Harding; Delphinium, three spikes: Mrs. B. Rennick, D. Cole; Peony, double, 1 bloom, Mrs. E. Beeny; Miss E. Bird; R. S. Barber; Peony, double, 3 blooms: Miss E. Bird, Mrs. A. Norton, B. Case; Peony, single, 3 blooms: Mrs. H. Marchington; first; Iris, 1 stem: Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. G. Smith; Mrs. J. Burns; Iris, 3 stems, any variety, Mrs. A. Keir; second Mrs. J. Evans.

Oriental Poppy, 3 blooms: Mrs. L. Harding; Miss E. Bird; Mrs. E. Beeny; Iceland Poppy, 3 blooms: Miss E. Jackson; Mrs. J. Burns.

Lily: 1 stem, upright: Mrs. A. Norton; R. S. Barber, second; Lily, 1 stem, turks cap: Mrs. A. Norton; Miss E. Bird.

Pansies, 5 in a dish - Mrs. J. Burns; Mrs. E. R. Smith; Mrs. J. H. Hunter; Lupin: 1 spike, Mrs. S. Palichuk; Mrs. A. Keir, Mrs. L. Harding;

Sweet William, 3 stems, 1 colour - Mrs. A. Keir; S. Scott; Mrs. A. Norton; Sweet William, 3 stems, 3 diff. colours: Mrs. J. Burns, Chas. Renwick, Mrs. A. Keir.

Canterbury Bell, 1 spike: Mrs. L. Harding; Any other flower not listed: Miss E. Jackson, Mrs. M. Seifried, Mrs. A. Norton. Foxglove - Mrs. L. Harding.

### GROUP 2 - DECORATIVE

#### SECTION 3 ARRANGEMENTS

Quilling Bee, Mrs. H. Marchington, Miss Susan Palichuk, second; The Joys of June: Mrs. C. B. Dick; Mrs. J. Evans, Miss S. Palichuk; Garden Party: B. Harley, first; Reflections: Miss L. Palichuk; Posie: Mrs. A. Bailey, Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. E. Smith, L'il Lavlies: Miss L. Palichuk; D. N. Cole; Mrs. J. Garbutt; Fantasy: Mrs. K. Powell, Mrs. C. B. Dick, Mrs. A. Bailey; Happy Face: Miss D. Stone, Mrs. C. B. Dick, Mrs. J. Burns, Flower Power: Miss E. Bird; Mrs. J. Evans, Miss L. Palichuk; Stag Party (for men only) Mr. K. Powell, A. Bailey, D. N. Cole; Think Pink: Mrs. E. Marchington, Miss E. Bird; Mrs. J. Garbutt;

#### SECTION 4 - JUNIORS

8 years and under: Master Ian Powell, Miss Joanne Powell; 12 years and under: Miss Susan Palichuk, Miss V. Snider; 16 years and under, Miss L. Polichuk; Miss L. Evans.

#### GROUP 3 - HOUSE PLANTS

African Violets: Mrs. C. B. Dick, Mr. C. B. Dick, Mrs. N. Cole.



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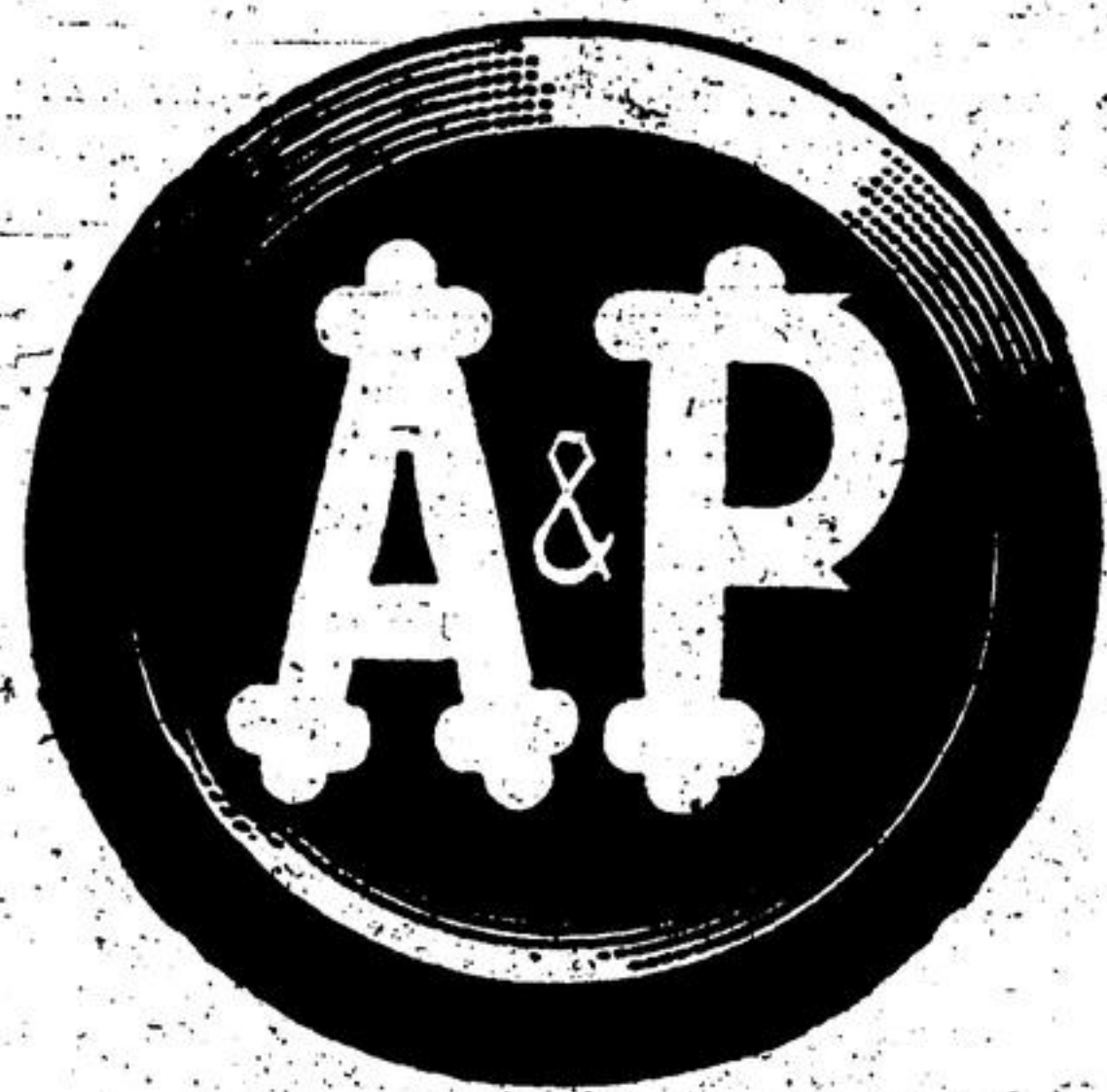
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### THURSDAY, JULY 3rd, 1969

A 1-lb package of Maple Leaf Lard, free with the purchase of a 1-lb. package at regular price, while supply lasts.

A #44 Kopper Kate Pot Cleaner, free with the purchase of two at regular price, while supply lasts.

### FRIDAY, JULY 4th, 1969

A 30-fl-oz. bottle of Yukon Club Ginger Ale, free with the purchase of two 30-fl-oz. bottles at regular price, while supply lasts, plus bottle deposit.

A 12-oz jar of Iona Strawberry Jam, free with the purchase of a 12-oz. jar at regular price, while supply lasts.

### SATURDAY, JULY 5th, 1969

A package of 10 Kurlly Kate Garbage Bags free with the purchase of 10 bags at the regular price, while supply lasts.

A 5 quart package of Newport Fluffs, free with the purchase of two 5 quart packages at regular price, while supply lasts.

A 1 pound package of Shamrock Tray Pack Sausages, free with the purchase of a 1 pound package at regular price, while supply lasts.

### TUESDAY, JULY 8th, 1969

A 2 pound package of Romi Spaghetti or Macaroni, free with the purchase of a package at regular price, while supply lasts.

A 24 ounce jar of Cottage Apple and Raspberry Jam free with the purchase of a 24 ounce jar of Cottage Apple and Strawberry Jam, at regular price, while supply lasts.

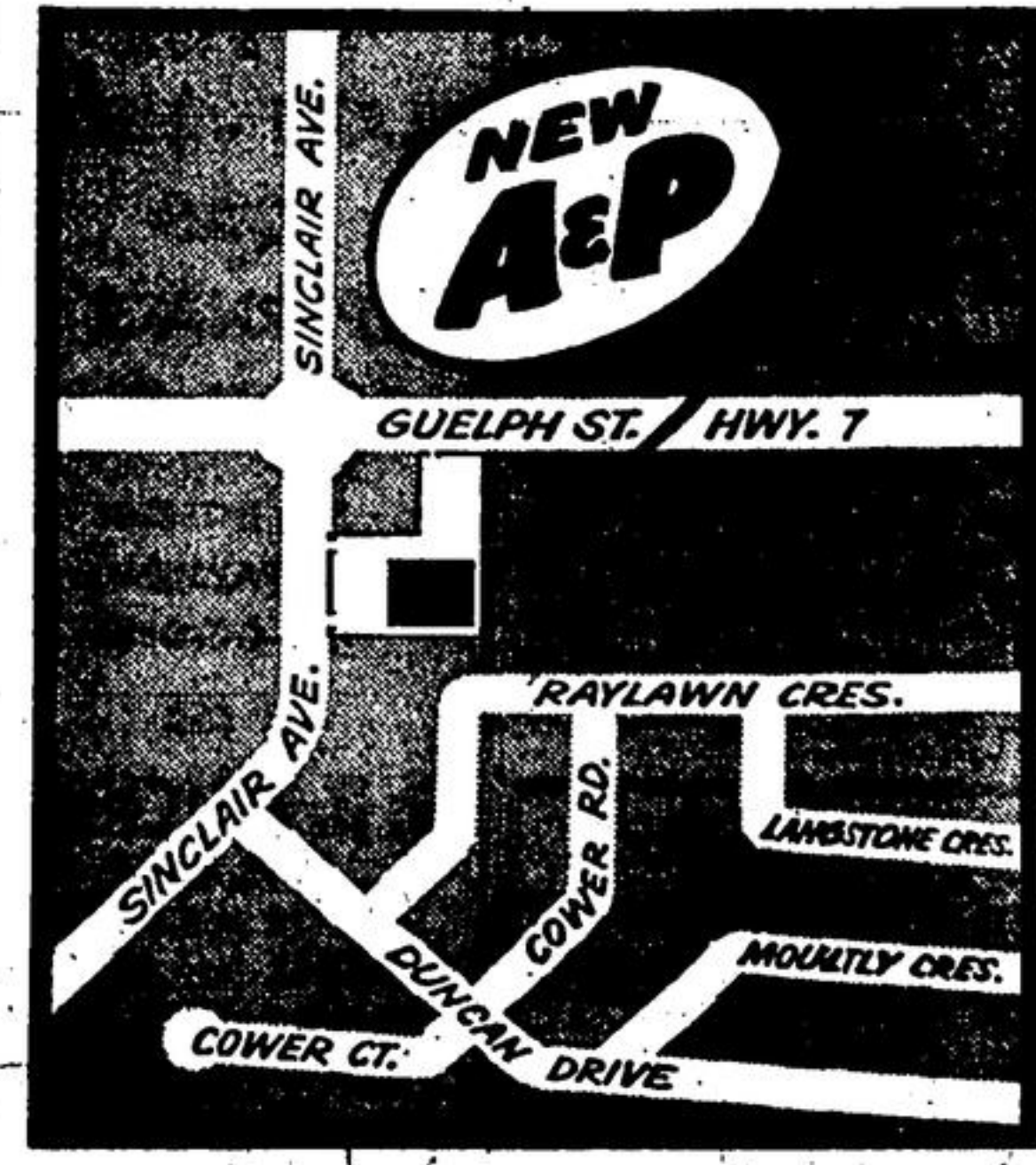
### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th, 1969

A package of 10 Union Carbide Garbage Bags, free with the purchase of a package at regular retail, while supply lasts.

A 6-pack of Sprite 10 oz. (Returnable Bottles), free with the purchase of a 6-pack of Coca Cola 10 oz. (Returnable Bottles) at regular price, while supply lasts plus bottle deposit.

### THURSDAY, JULY 10th, 1969

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