



Lloyd Chisholm surveys his shrinking farm.

Historic Farm Being Gobbled By "Ruthless" Expropriation

One of the first farms in Halton County is being eaten away by expropriation which the owner terms "ruthless."

Lloyd Chisholm's historic farm in north Halton, which dates back to 1802, has been attacked by three different government agencies in the past decade.

Expropriation has cut the Nassagaweya farm from the original 150 acres to 50, taking away his dairy cattle business, flooding his fields and chopping down trees planted by his ancestors.

Chisholm said he has only received a fraction of what he asked for in compensation for the expropriation and damage. He has not received any money for the last expropriation three years ago by Halton County.

As he keeps going on the little they have left him, he wonders where and when they will come at him next.

Highway 401

When Highway 401 went through Halton 10 years ago, the highways department took 100 acres from Chisholm, cutting his farm to a third and paying him a fraction of what he said his land was worth.

The farmer described the expropriation as "ruthless" and said that trying to negotiate with the department brass was like dealing with "the gestapo," Chisholm said.

Chisholm, 55, fought the department for close to two years, almost had a heart attack and had to give up the battle on doctor's orders.

The deal cost him his livelihood. He had been a dairy farmer since 1939 and well established as a Guernsey breeder. His herd was bred from a Canadian champion sire, and contained many champion cows.

Barns Taken

But when they took his barn...

Heart Attack Fatal to Hornby's C. Le Riche

Well-known Hornby farmer, Charles Le Riche, 39, father of five school-age children, collapsed and died Wednesday, July 23 while he was working as a gardener at the Ontario School for the Deaf at Milton.

Le Riche had been working at the school since 1966 but continued to work on his 6th Line farm at nights.

After collapsing at the school he was rushed to Milton District Hospital where he died a few hours later.

Mr. Le Riche had lived and worked in the Hornby area all his life.

He leaves a wife, the former Marion Cunningham, daughter of area farmer Jim Cunningham, and five children, Betty, 10, Keith, 17, Barbara, 14, Linda, 10, and Lorie, 6. He is also survived by brothers, Donald, Joe, Le Riche of R.R. 4, Milton and Hugh of Port Credit.

Funeral service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. from McKersie Funeral Home, Milton with services conducted by Rev. Keith Hawkes of Hillcrest Church. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Milton.

(it had stood right on the current highway) and two-thirds of his land, the 50 acres that remained were not enough to maintain the dairy herd. Since he was not given enough money to purchase the necessary additional land he was forced to sell his prize dairy herd.

The main value of the herd was in its future potential, which Chisholm knew about but the buyers couldn't be sure of. Consequently Chisholm said he did not get a good price for his cattle. He had to sell them at a considerable loss. The cattle since have outmilked and out-classed others, Chisholm noted.

The highways department with their "ruthless gestapo" tactics were not putting an amateur out of business when they took Chisholm's land. They were taking away the life work of a man who is a past president of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association, past president of the Ontario association, past chairman of the Canadian National Livestock executive committee, director of the Royal Winter Fair and director for 20 years and past president of the Halton Agricultural Society.

Founding Farm

His farm which his ancestors founded in 1802 was the founding farm in Nassagaweya Township in North Halton and one of the pioneer farms in Halton County. The present homestead has been standing, practically unchanged for well over 100 years.

The farmer's wife Mary, said the farm began as Crown land back in the days of Chisholm's great-grandfather, and now, ironically, it's reverting to the Crown by force.

On his original 150 acre spread Chisholm had his own spring on what is now the other side of the 401 which gave him an endless supply of excellent water. He asked the department if he could continue to pump water up from the spring through a pipe under the highway but they said it might start-

leaking and cause problems and told him no deal.

As an alternative the department paid for the digging of a 35 foot well near the house which "just about waters the flowers and that's all," Mrs. Chisholm said.

The surplus land the department took from Chisholm and didn't need for the highway was given to the Halton Region Conservation Authority for its Kelso Conservation area part of which is on former Chisholm land.

Fields Flooded

No sooner had the Chisholms got over the 401 expropriation than the conservation authority dammed back water running from a stream running into Kelso Park onto Chisholm's property. His fields have been flooded ever since. He recalled he received a meagre \$500 for this damage and inconvenience.

There seems to be no end to the tampering of his farm. Three years ago Halton County sliced two acres off the front of the farm and cut down about 80 huge trees to widen the Campbellville sideroad. Chisholm is still waiting to receive payment for this expropriation.

The farmer is not bitter—that is not his style, but he certainly feels sorry for anyone who is the "victim of expropriation."

He is not against progress and realizes that expropriation is necessary.

"I didn't want to stop the highway, I just wanted a fair settlement," he said.

Wouldn't Listen

The highway's department took two-thirds of his farm and when he asked for two-thirds of the farm value, "they wouldn't hear of it."

Today without the acres for dairy cattle, the Chisholms raise horses on their farm where they live with their two daughters, Lenore, 4, and Frances 2.

The traffic roaring by on the 401 outside the back door and way but they said it might start-

IN THE MAIL BAG

Wants Action So Flood Can't Happen Here Again

56 Duncan Drive,
To: The Mayor and Councilmen of My Town — Georgetown
Gentlemen:

Now is your opportunity to prove to the people of this town (especially my own district) if your platform speeches HOLD ANY WATER. Indeed, WATER is the subject of this letter. You must be aware of the flooded basements in my district last week and the severe damage caused to many people. My own basement had 2 1/2 feet of water and resulted in well over \$300 in damages. Mr. Councilman (whom I might add, I canvassed for the very cold afternoon) informed me that there were worse cases than mine (he was not one of them) and that the SEWERS were adequate in Georgetown. Obviously they are not. I realize that this was a bad rainfall but what I want to know is WHAT ARE YOU, THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THIS TOWN, going to do about preventing the sewers backing up again. There is a weak link in this system; pinpoint the areas involved, and don't let's talk about it. Talk is for the Council meetings, action is what we want. Let us have the assurance that it will not happen again. Over \$500 is spent yearly on taxes for my home; surely I can depend on a dry basement, if ever a bad rainfall occurs.

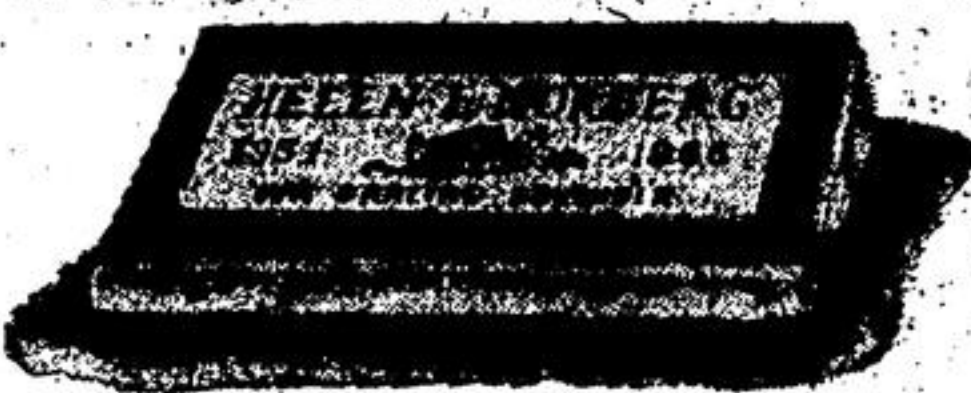
Why must Georgetown residents be put to the test before they find out the weaknesses in their town. I say, the Mayor and the Councilmen who run this town are partly responsible and now is the time to prove your worthiness. At the present time, my basement is covered in mud.

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Sally and John are expecting another baby in February. Sally will be able to choose her own doctor, and he'll be free to accept her as his patient. He will advise John in advance if he intends to charge more than OHSIP coverage provides. OHSIP will pay at the rate of 91 percent of Ontario Medical Association Schedule of Fees (1969)—most doctors accept this as full payment. The cost of Sally's hospital room will be paid for by their Ontario Hospital la-

Albert is still working but he's not sure for how long. Unemployment, illness, or financial difficulties won't prevent him from having OHSIP protection—he can apply for temporary premium assistance. Full or partial premium assistance will also be available to him, determined by his annual taxable income.

Pete is receiving Old Age Assistance from the Province of Ontario. After October 1st, his present coverage from OHSIP will simply continue from OHSIP, automatically. All he has to do is wait. He knows OHSIP will be the health insurance he can count on.

Mario works for a small firm, but he'll be covered by OHSIP just like Bill. Any employer who employs more than 5 but fewer than 15 people may apply for Group coverage for his employees. Mario's boss plans to form such a Group.

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