

# Paving nearing completion Dragway opening June 27

The Golden Horseshoe Dragway, between the Fifth and Sixth lines of Esquesing, north of Highway 7, is expected to be ready for operation Saturday, June 27.

Paving of the strip is nearing completion and work on the huge control tower is progressing rapidly.

Higher than a three storey building, the tower contains up-to-date electronic equipment as well as a loudspeaker system for announcing winners of races. Double glass for insulation will help to keep the tower cool.

The entire operation will be serviced by a 13 foot deep reservoir, situated under the tower. Washrooms will be contained in two buildings, one on each side of the strip.

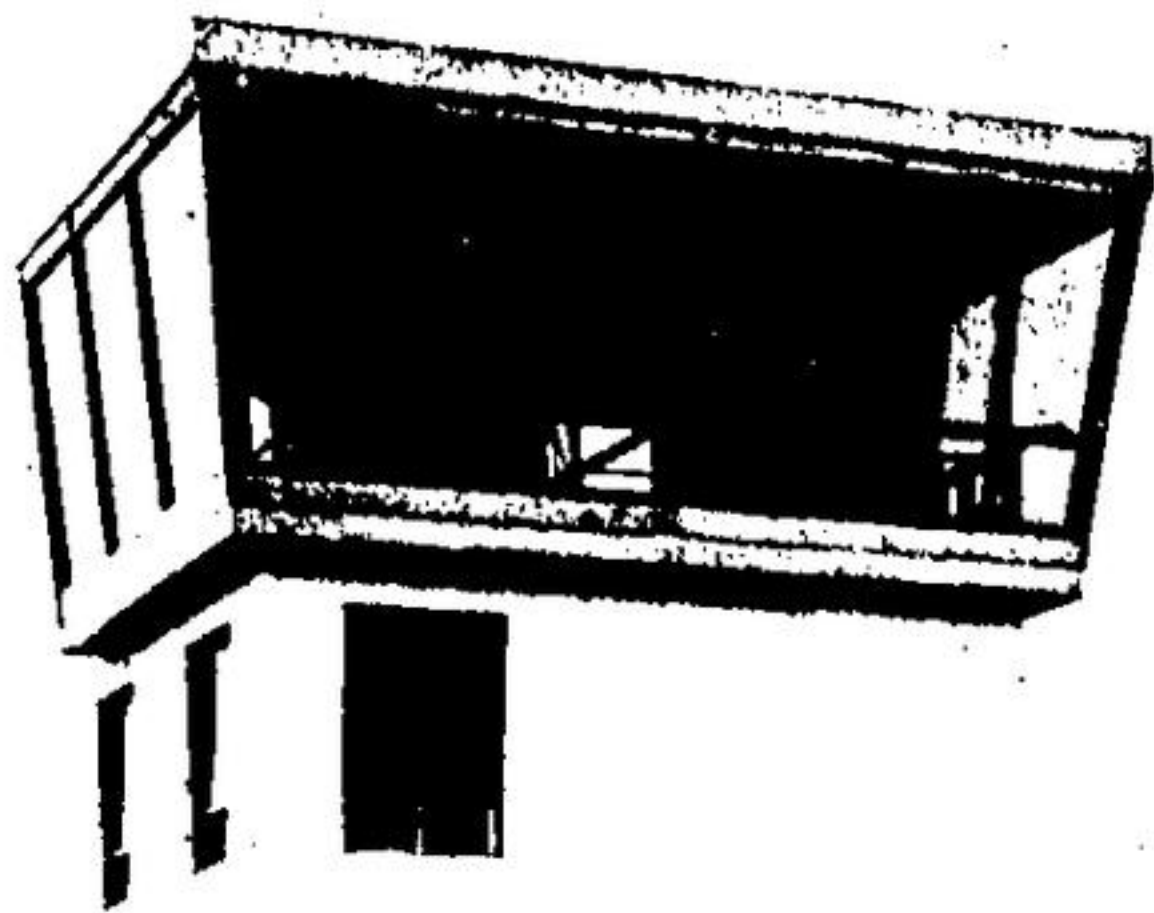
Although the actual racing length of the strip is a quarter mile, there is an extra half mile stretch allowed for cars to stop. Guard rails protect both sides of parallel tracks on which two cars race simultaneously. Bleachers to seat 4,600 spectators will also be constructed eventually.

Keen reflexes are a must for drivers, who get their starting signal from an automatic apparatus called a "Christmas

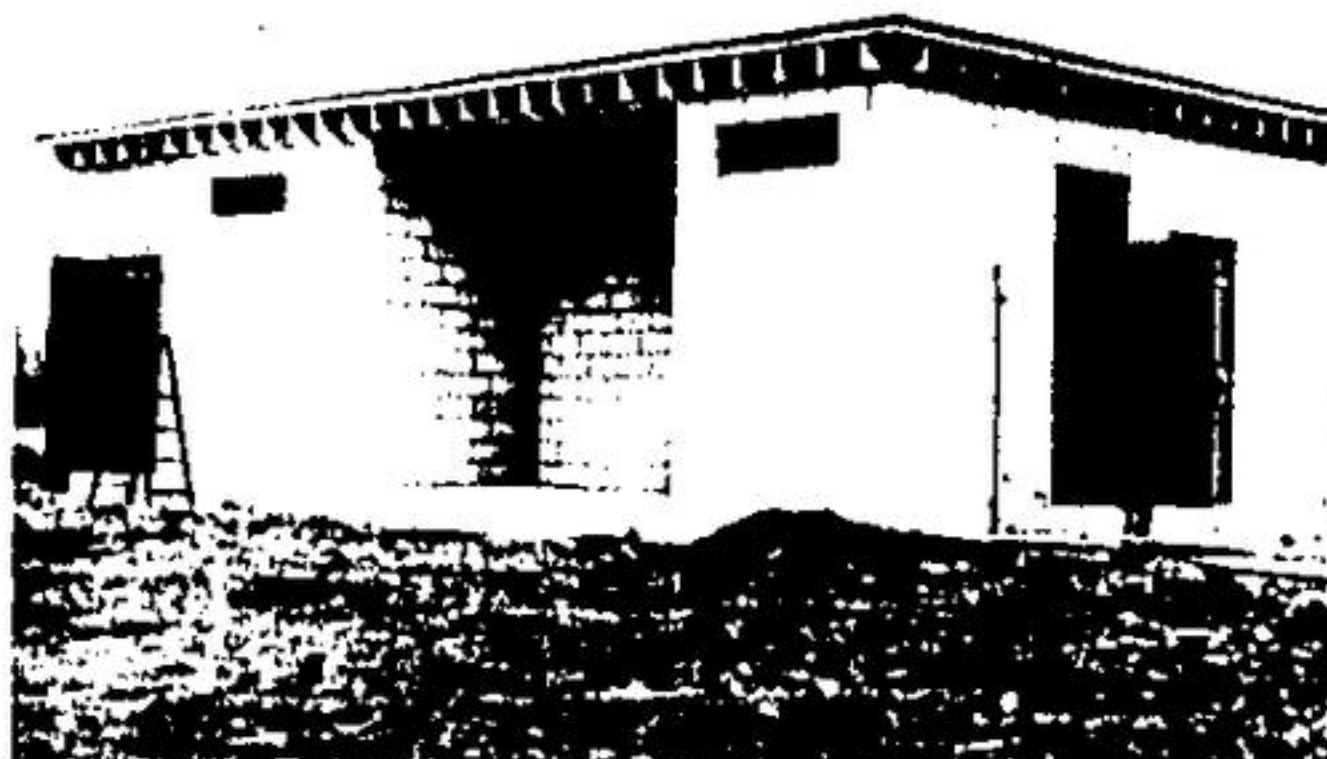
Tree". The apparatus contains lights of various colors in vertical formation. The lights flash from top to bottom and cars start

when the "go" light, situated near the bottom flashes.

The operation is completely up-to-date. Computers record the time and speed of the cars.



THE GOLDEN Horseshoe Dragway's control tower houses electronic equipment necessary for its operation. The tower is higher than a three storey building.—(Staff Photo)



WASHROOMS at the Golden Horseshoe Dragway will be contained in two separate buildings, one on each side of the track.—(Staff Photo)

## Racing in his blood

# District jockey has won all major races in Ontario

From the moment he saw the movie National Velvet, Sam McComb knew that he wanted to race horses.

That was many years ago in Ireland, and today McComb, his wife, Audrey and their daughter Susan, train and breed thoroughbred race horses at Clanyon Farm, R. R. 2, Norval.

Besides operating his farm, McComb is also an internationally-known steeplechase rider and jockey, who has won every major race in Ontario except one. And he took second in that.

"I was so determined to be a jockey that I ran away from home in Belfast when I was 16," McComb said. "Through sheer luck, I was taken on as an apprentice jockey for stables in southern Ireland, and won my first race on April 13, 1948."

"That was when I was 19." After five years of racing in Ireland, McComb became jockey at the famous steeplechase stables of Harry Whiteman in England.

Here, in a dramatic scene worthy of National Velvet, he married Audrey. "She was Mr. Whiteman's daughter, and I had proposed to her twice, only to be refused," McComb grinned.

"Then during one race I was injured and as I lay all busted up on the track, Mr. Whiteman and Audrey ran out to me," he said. "She took me in her arms and promised to marry me. I accepted, of course, and to this day I've never figured out if that blow on the head knocked the sense into me or out of me."

After 11 years of competing as the lightest steeplechase rider ever to race in England, McComb's wide reputation brought him to the stables of R. H. New in Ontario in 1959.

Riding for New's Whiteoak Stables and as a free-lance rider, McComb has raced and won championships all over Canada and the U.S.

"Canadian racing has been good to me," he said. "I've loved every minute of it, but racing is

incredible hard work and with the high stakes and danger involved, the tension is great."

That there is danger involved can be seen from "the few bumps" that McComb has received. In addition to countless sprains and stitches, he has had two broken ankles, 11 concussions, many crushed ribs, and "had his stomach removed, repaired and replaced" he said. "And of course I got married."

But the rewards, aside from financial, are large, he said. "One of my proudest moments of my life was when I was presented to the Queen Mother when she was here in 1965."

There are presently some 25 thoroughbreds in McComb's stables worth a total of about \$200,000. "This may sound like a lot until you consider that we sometimes get one horse here worth \$100,000 or more," he said. "And I have ridden single horses valued at more than \$300,000 alone."

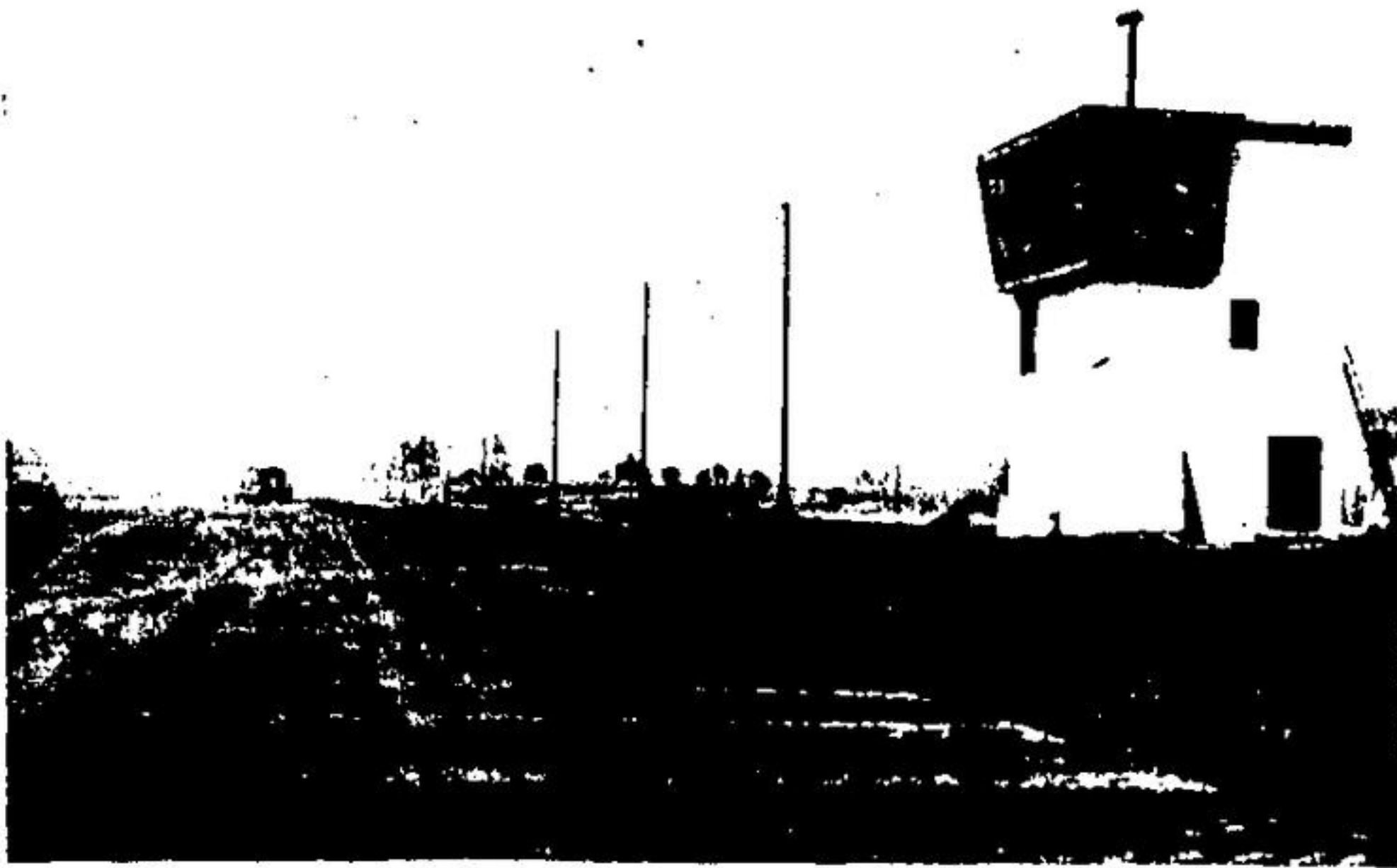
But there are more than horses at Clanyon (named after a famous racer that he rode in Ireland). Dogs, cats, pigeons, goats and rabbits inhabit the farm and most of them belong to Susan, who also has a thoroughbred and two ponies of her own.

McComb also owns several head of Hereford cattle "to keep the grass better for the horses' grazing. Plus it's sort of a hobby."

As for racing, McComb is only semi-retired from riding. "I plan to do it now and then for as long as I possibly can," he said "once you get racing in your blood you can't get it out."

## O.L.A. Standings

	W	L	Pts.
Niagara	10	1	20
Mississauga	7	2	14
Elora	6	3	12
Oakville	5	6	10
Bramalea	3	5	6
Kitchener	2	8	4
Acton	0	8	0



ANNOUNCERS WILL CALL out the numbers of winning cars from this control tower situated close to the actual racing strip. The entire operation will be serviced by a 13 foot deep reservoir situated under the tower.—(Staff Photo)

# Ontario students to sail lake in Nova Scotia schooner

Next summer, students from many Ontario centres will be sailing Lake Ontario in a refurbished Lunenburg, Nova Scotia schooner.

The restored vessel, a breath of Canada's sailing heritage, will sail out of Toronto Harbor, May 2, 1970, under 8,000 square feet of canvas.

Named the "Harry W. Adams", the 147 ft. long ex-Nova Scotia fisherman is

longer than the original "Bluenose" and will provide memorable educational half-day and full day trips on Lake Ontario for school students.

For youngsters it will be a last chance to be part of a romantic history of Canadian sail when some 120 vessels of this Lunenburg schooner type plied the fishing trade.

The "Harry W. Adams" is the last of this line. The Adams' owner, Captain A. Scott, who spent his early years in Nova Scotian schooners, had the foresight and sentimental attachment to save the vessel from being broken up and to bring her to Toronto where he operates a harbor tugboat company with his two sons.

Ship's School Association, Inc., of Toronto, by arrangement with Captain Scott, has adopted the boat for the summer's student trips out of Toronto.

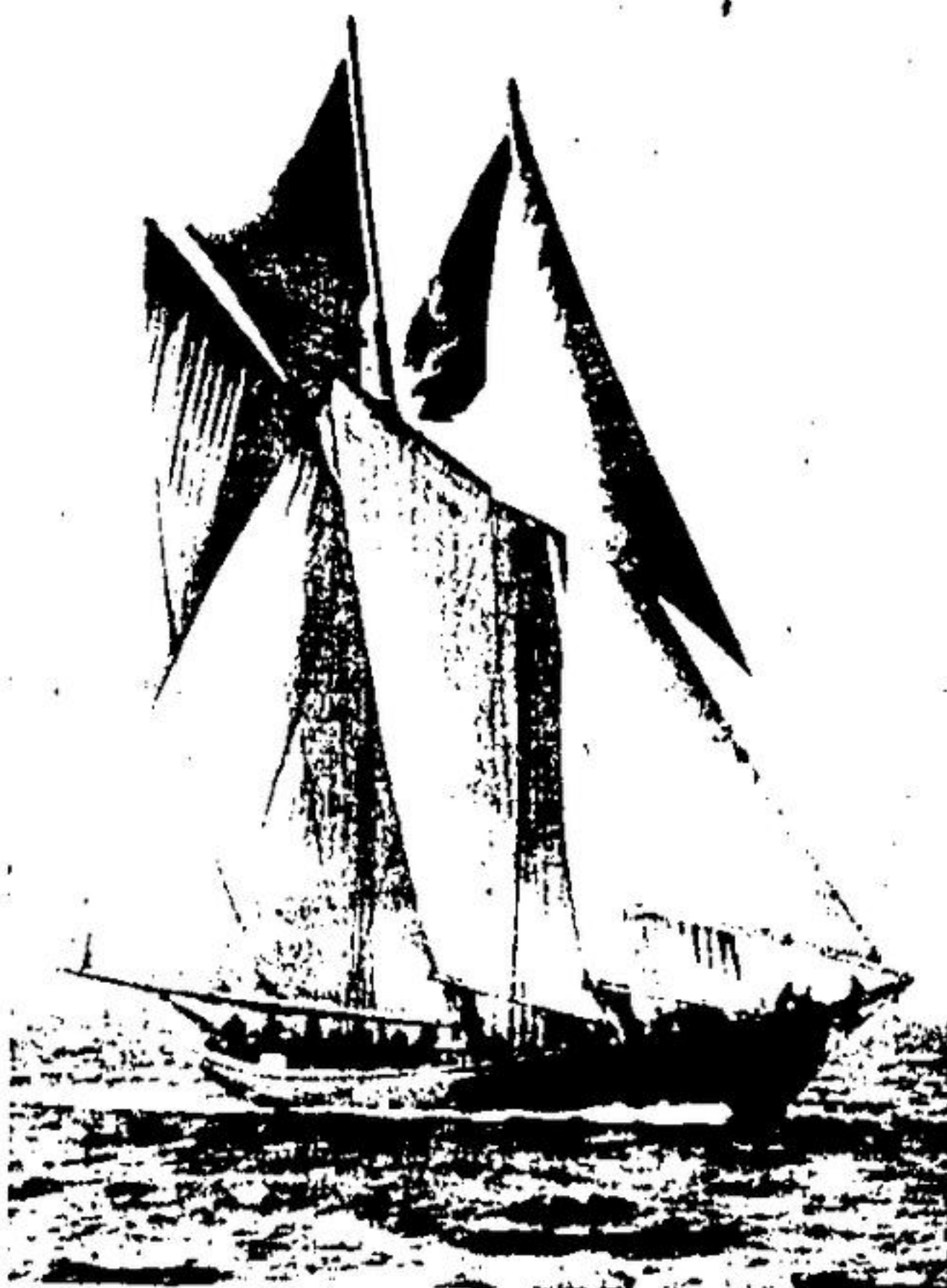
The details for the short, exciting educational voyages will be worked out with individual school boards across Ontario. As a non-profit student education travel organization, Ship's School Association has earned a respected name in overseas travel.

In the past five years, under its auspices, 2,500 Ontario students have visited Europe, the Iron Curtain countries and the Middle East.

Currently, Ship's School is planning to send some 1,500 students and teachers to Expo '70 Osaka, Japan.

A further 500 youngsters will make summer trips to Europe.

Now entering its sixth year of operation, the non-profit organization feels that the short trips on the "Harry W. Adams" will make a big impression on Ontario youngsters. If the cruises this summer are successful, a series of 6-day cruises to other Canadian and U.S. ports on Lake Ontario will



THE "HARRY W. ADAMS" will provide memorable educational half-day and full day trips on Lake Ontario for students this summer.

# Build new side trail to Hilton Falls area

Bruce Trail Club's Toronto section members have recently established a new side trail taking in the colorful Hilton Falls area.

The trail presently passes through the Nassagaweya Township escarpment lands where Halton Region Conservation Authority is planning to build a large new dam, to be known as Hilton Falls Dam. Nearby there is an old natural waterfall at the site of what was once a thriving sawmill and the waterfall is believed to be the last natural waterfall in the county. So that hikers can enjoy the breathtaking view at the falls, the Toronto B.T. Club has blazed a side trail.

Blue blazes mark the new side trail which cuts westerly from the white-blazed trail north of Campbellville Sideroad, or half a mile west of Sixth Line.

A major re-routing of the trail will soon be taking place east of the Sixth Line in Nassagaweya. Dufferin Quarry has been working back into the escarpment and the trail has been moved back to avoid any danger from blasting operations at the quarry, according to the latest issue of the club's newsletter. Hikers in this area should follow the white blazes on the trail—not the trail

guidebook. Something else is new on the trail in this area these days—orange blazes to mark the way. The orange color was necessary in some large stands of silver birch trees because the traditional white did not stand out against the white trees.



Everything Father wants is at House of David



Small pleasures for Father are our specialty. Colognes, lotions, the wallets, golf gloves and etceteras of a great summer season. They're all assembled — for your choosing.

House of David  
Bond Bldg.  
Guelph, Ont.

**UTDOOR-ETHICS**  
SEE THE LITTLE OWL

ELK OR WAPITI (WHICH IS THE SAME THING) DON'T UNDERSTAND THESE ETHICS. WHILE FARMERS GET MAD ABOUT DAMAGED FENCES AND HAYSTACKS SOME OF THE POOR ANIMALS SPEND THEIR ENTIRE LIVES WITH BARBED WIRE DRAPED OVER THEIR ANTLERS.

# NOTICE OF ELECTRIC RATE ADJUSTMENT

Effective with all bills issued on and after January 1st, 1970, the following rates will apply:

## SCHEDULE APPLICABLE TO ACTON

### RESIDENTIAL RATE

First 50 K.W.H. per month ..... 4.0c per K.W.H.  
Next 200 K.W.H. per month ..... 1.5c per K.W.H.  
1.1c per K.W.H. for all additional monthly consumption.

### Metered Water Heating

A block of 500 K.W.H. per month at a special rate of 0.8c per K.W.H. uncontrolled is available to customers using an approved electric water heater supplied through the Residential service meter after 250 K.W.H.'s per month have been billed at the foregoing rates.

All-Electric Rate ..... 1.1c per K.W.H.  
Minimum Monthly Bill — \$2.00

### GENERAL SERVICE RATE

#### Demand Charge

First 50 kilowatts of billing demand per month — Nil. Balance at \$1.90 per kilowatt of billing demand per month.

#### Energy Charge

4.5 per K.W.H. for the first 50 K.W.H. per month.  
2.2 per K.W.H. for the next 200 K.W.H. per month.  
1.5 per K.W.H. for the next 9750 K.W.H. per month.  
Balance of monthly Consumption at .8 per K.W.H.

The General Rate is based upon service at utilization voltage; where the customer provides transformation facilities, the authorized allowance of 25c per K.W. per month for stepdown from subtransmission voltage and .15c per K.W. per month for stepdown from distribution voltage will apply.

Minimum Monthly Bill — Under 50 K.W. — \$2.50

—Over 50 K.W. — 25c per K.W. for all K.W. applicable to the maximum demand during the previous eleven months.

#### Small Commercial

First 50 K.W.H. .... 4.0c per K.W.H.  
200 K.W.H. .... 1.7c per K.W.H.  
500 K.W.H. .... 1.3c per K.W.H.  
Balance ..... 1.2

### DELAYED PAYMENT

A late payment charge of 5% shall apply to bills not paid on or before the due date.

# Acton Hydro-Electric Commission

43 ALICE STREET

ACTON, ONTARIO

**SIDEWALK SALE**  
TAKE YOUR PICK . . . NO LIMIT  
JUST A SAMPLE OF OUR MANY BUYS!

LADIES' - REG. \$3.49 <b>SANDALS</b> 3 STYLES \$1.97	LADIES' JACKET AND <b>Slack Sets</b> REG. \$6.98 \$3.29
3 TO 6X <b>Pant Dresses</b> \$1.79	BOYS AND GIRLS - PERMA-PRESS <b>Sun Suits</b> \$2.49
7 To 14 <b>Pant Dresses</b> \$1.98	HEAVY - (SUBS) <b>HAND TOWELS</b> \$1.49
LARGE SIZE <b>Beach Towels</b> \$2.98	MEN'S - SLIPON - SUMMER <b>SHOES</b> REG. \$9.98 SPECIAL \$6.98
MEN'S - PLAIN COLOR - CASUAL <b>BELL BOTTOM PANTS</b> REG. \$5.98 \$4.49	MAN'S SIZE <b>TISSUE</b> BOX 35c
<b>FLUSHABYES</b> 48 PACK - SIDEWALK SPECIAL \$1.89	
<b>FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL! STRETCH SOCKS</b> REG. \$1.50 NOW 3 PR. \$2.95	
TOUGHIES - NYLON	

COME IN AND SEE A FULL SELECTION OF ITEMS FOR FATHER'S DAY  
EVERYTHING TO PLEASE THE MAN IN YOUR LIFE

**FREE! BALLOONS FOR THE KIDDIES**  
Your Money Buys More at

**THE FAMILY STORE**  
29 Mill St. E. - Acton