

Minister clamps down on quarry operators

The provincial government's order closing 15 quarries and pits along the Niagara Escarpment until they meet new rehabilitation regulations has hit several companies in Halton.

The Minister of Mines, Allan Lawrence, made the announcement at a press conference in Toronto last Thursday, pointing out that the companies closed had either not made application for a permit or their application had only been received in the last 36 hours, "preventing any sensible consideration."

All companies involved in pit and quarry operations in the 40 townships straddling the Niagara Escarpment were given 90 days to obtain a permit under the terms of the new Act to provide for the preservation of the Niagara Escarpment and its vicinity, which received Royal Assent June 26 this year.

Blankets this area

Among townships affected in this area are Nassagaweya, Esquesing, Nelson, Erin, West Flamborough, East Flamborough, Erin, Chinguacousy and Caledon.

Ordered closed were the Campbellville Gravel Supply Ltd., Campbellville; Milton Brick Co., Milton; Dufferin Materials and Construction Ltd.; the County of Halton Quarries on 10 Sideroad near Burlington; Milton Brick Co. quarries; Rice and McHarg Quarries Ltd., near Limehouse; DeForest Brothers Quarries at Terra Cotta and Salco Construction Co. Ltd., Oakville.

The minister said government sanctions would have no serious economic effects on the companies involved in the closing. "No one is going to be hurt financially in the long run. Most of the companies are pretty big and have other sources of supply."

He said some have adequate stockpiles to serve companies for some time.

Stop abuses

Mr. Lawrence continually referred to the purpose of the Act — to stop present abuses of the environment.

He said qualified inspectors with long years as mining engineers would be on the job Monday morning to enforce the closures. Fine for disregarding the order would be \$5,000 per day per offence.

Nineteen other firms were given only a month's time to clean up their operations including Sherman Sand and Gravel in Burlington and Nassagaweya; Franceschini Bros. Construction; Burlington National Sewer Pipe Limited, Burlington; Corner's Sandstone Quarries, Esquesing.

Six month permits

Provisional permits for six months were issued to Indusmin Quarries near Acton and in Nassagaweya; Milton Quarries Limited, Nassagaweya; Consolidated Sand and Gravel, Esquesing; Colossus Development Corporation Ltd., Esquesing; Garvin and Logan Quarry, Esquesing; Credit Valley Quarries near Terra Cotta.

Ten companies were classed as generally acceptable and were granted a 12-month permit to operate. They include Muldoon Holdings, Esquesing, Nelson

rehabilitation and, where possible, the intended use of the land after the extractive operations have ceased.

The minister may refuse a permit where the operation of the mine would be against the "interest of the public in preserving the character of the formation

that includes the Niagara Escarpment and the availability of its natural attributes for enjoyment by the public."

Industry Co-operative

Mr. Lawrence said that generally the industry has been co-operative but felt that perhaps some people in the industry

might try to defeat the order in court, an action he thought would have little chance of success.

Mr. Lawrence termed one nearby quarry an "unholy mess" but also felt legislation to protect the escarpment was in time to do the job of saving it.

Closure called 'disaster'

Reaction to Mines Minister Allan Lawrence's licensing and closure orders ranged from "we're not worried" smiles at some pits and quarries, to cries of "disaster" at others.

Hardest hit mining operation in Halton was Campbellville Gravel Supply Ltd., which operates a large sand and gravel pit just east of the village of Campbellville. The company, whose mining operation was closed down on Saturday by Mr. Lawrence's bombshell order, was forced to lay off 25 of its 27 plant employees effective Monday morning.

Lay off 25

"We've just kept a loader operator and a scale man on duty," said Campbellville's president William Davey. "We can still ship material."

The company president claimed the minister of mines was "unfair" and his orders must have been made "in ignorance."

Mr. Davey said his firm had filed permit application before the Sept. 25 deadline but Mr. Lawrence had told him it came in too late to be processed and approved before Thursday's press conference when Lawrence issued the order to close the pit's mining operation, effective on Saturday. "I guess we'll just have to sit here and wait for Mr. Lawrence to clear off his desk and get to our application," said Davey.

Small trees

Campbellville Gravel employs a landscape architect and has planted 6,000 seedlings in recent years but the trees have not grown to any great height yet.

Mr. Davey said the minister's closure had "thrown a panic into the financial people" behind pit and quarry operations. He felt some operations would have trouble rounding up enough money to stay in business. "If he (Lawrence) was trying to prove he is tough, he has proved how unpopular a politician can be," he added.

Lawrence's delay in processing the Campbellville application would be "disastrous" if final approvals drag on for any length of time, said the president. The firm has about a two week supply of stone and nothing stockpiled for shipment during the winter months. There is a winter's supply of sand on hand, however, a long delay in re-opening the extraction area will certainly affect supplies of sand in the spring, he said.

"Unholy mess"

The mines minister had told last week's press conference the Campbellville company had "an unholy mess" of stockpiles sitting on its property and this was one reason a permit had not been issued.

Campbellville Gravel's attempts to move its operation to a quarry site north of its present pit

was the subject of a two and a half day OMB hearing at Brookville last week. The firm is purchasing an old quarry owned by Cloverleaf Quarries east of Guelph Line and if the application is successful, will move its entire operation to the new site within five years.

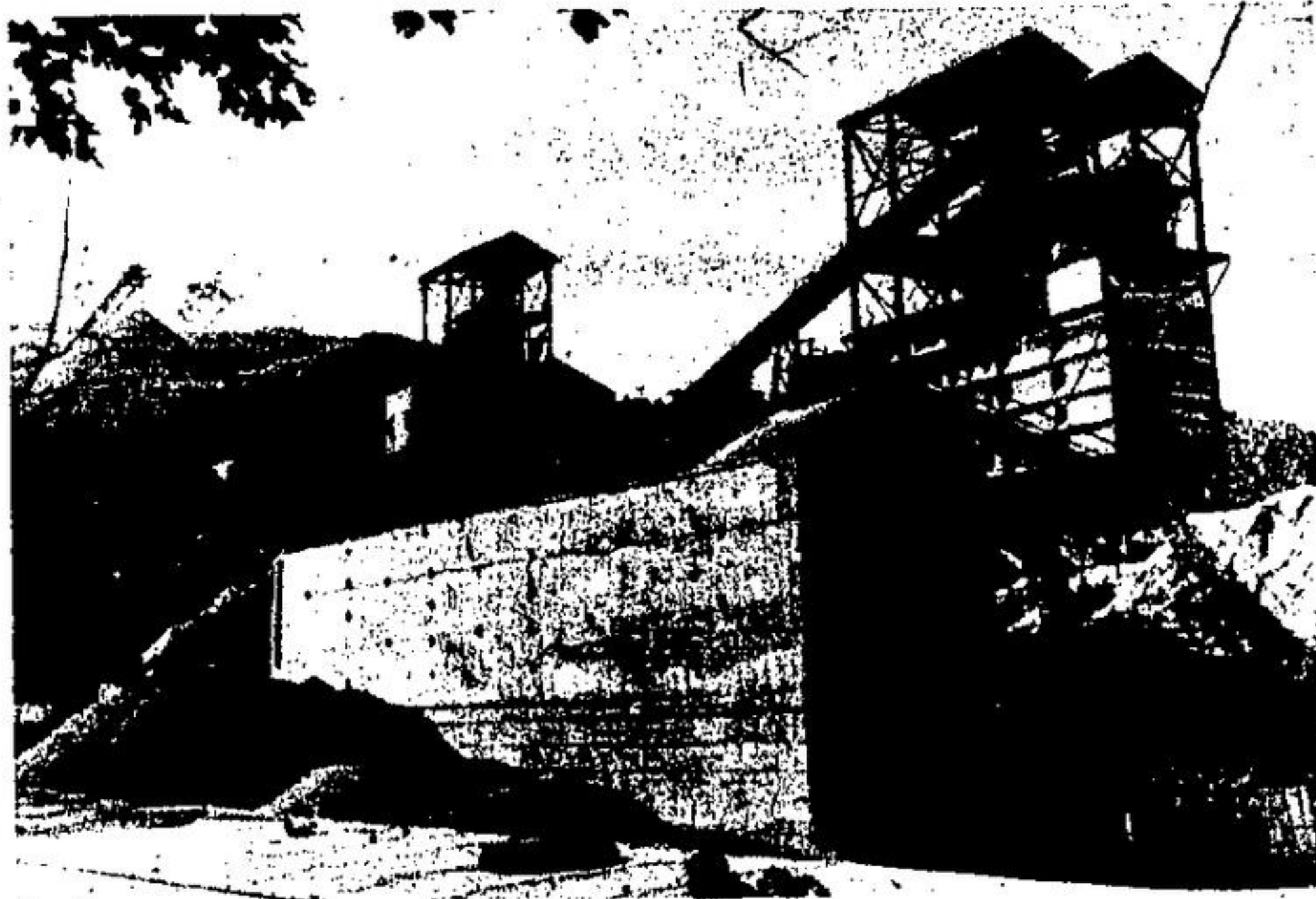
Not worried

Milton Brick Co. Ltd. was ordered to close its mining operation on the Town Line between Esquesing and Nassagaweya, but company president J. T. Blume indicated he was not worried as his application has been submitted to the government and he was sure it would soon be approved.

Another pit closed down by Lawrence Saturday was one on Walker's Line north of 10 Sideroad in North Burlington, owned by the County of Halton. Officials explained this pit was only used a few times a year by county crews — no permit has been sought because it won't be needed until next spring.

Salco Construction of Oakville operates a sand and gravel pit on Eight Sideroad near Killbride. A spokesman said the land owner was applying for the permit and the shutdown order would not harm the firm until present stocks are exhausted.

Operating without a permit or disobeying the terms of the permits carry a fine of up to \$5,000 a day.



OUR READERS WRITE:

Placing vote with Mrs. Pratt

I'm afraid I missed Mrs. Pratt's letter, but judging from the comments she received from "an irate reader", I'm placing my vote with Mrs. Pratt.

To my way of thinking — if you have to take your clothes off to attract attention, you must have a pretty funny face. The Bible has two scriptures which I think are very well applied to such plays as "Hair", etc. We are to "avoid the very appearance of evil" and also it warns us that "Fools walk where angels fear to tread". Therefore, it never hurts to check ourselves occasionally with the child's chorus Little Feet Be Careful Where You Go.

(Also Mrs.) R. Atkinson

Anonymity error . . .

The Editor,
The Acton Free Press.

Sir:

I think you err to allow anonymity to "An Irate Reader" who derides a Mrs. L. Pratt in a letter to your paper. (September 23, 1970).

Joseph Hurst
48 Mill St.

ADHS runners capture first cross-country meet

Acton District High School's cross-country team won their first meet of the season in Shelburne, last Wednesday with a score of 10 points.

Orangeville placed second with 47 points and Shelburne third

with 50. Acton runners Bob Andrews, Phil Morris, Pete Morrison and Randy Bould placed first, second, third and fourth respectively in the field, that included 39 competitors.

In cross-country competition, points are counted against a team according to the position their runners place. The team with the fewest number of points against is declared the winner.

Since Acton runners finished in the number one, two, three and four positions, a total of only 10 points were counted against the team.

The ADHS team will host Shelburne and White Oaks Secondary School of Oakville in a dual meet today (Wednesday). A complete list of last Wednesday's results follows:

1. Bob Andrews, Acton; 2. Phil Morris, Acton; 3. Pete Morrison, Acton; 4. Randy Bould, Acton; 5. Dennis Yates, Orangeville; 6. Bill McLaren, Orangeville.
7. George McPhail, Acton; 8. David Tomlinson, Acton; 9. Glen McKenzie, Acton; 10. Bob Smith, Acton; 11. Del Scott, Orangeville.
12. Gord Brown, Shelburne.
13. Warren Squirrel, Shelburne; 14. Dave Hicks, Shelburne; 15. Reg Henry, Shelburne; 16. Gord Jamieson, Shelburne; 17. Frank Robinson, Orangeville; 18. Bill McGiloway, Acton; 19. Terry Hayes, Orangeville.
20. Dwight Turner, Shelburne; 21. Cliff Wright, Orangeville; 22. Mike Acheson, Shelburne; 23. Scott Somerville, Acton; 24. Rob Smith, Shelburne; 25. Steve Marshall, Acton; 26. Ron Yates, Orangeville; 27. Mark Johnson, Shelburne.
28. Wayne Loren, Orangeville; 29. Roger McEachern, Acton; 30. Paul Coutis, Shelburne; 31. Manfred Van Kati, Shelburne; 32. Angelo Albano, Acton; 33. Bob Beerman, Acton; 34. Clare McConnell, Shelburne; 35. Jim Pike, Shelburne; 36. Larry Eglie, Shelburne; 37. Reg. Dobson, Shelburne; 38. Jan Stachyra, Acton; 39. Dave Noble, Shelburne.

Booth shows profit but pool loses money

The arena booth made a net profit of \$2,958.18 during the first eight months of 1970, manager Harold Townsley reported at Thursday night's meeting of Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee.

The booth has been an additional source of revenue to the board, since it took over operation in April, 1969.

Roller skating down Net profit from roller skating during the summer months was

\$2,157.05, down approximately \$800 from last year's figure. Mr. Townsley attributed the decrease in revenue to the board's decision to allow spectators free admission.

Gate admissions to Prospect Park netted the board \$244.50, an amount \$30 below last year's receipts.

A drop-off in the number of children using the wading pool during the two weeks before the opening of school accounted for a loss of \$31.50.

G. Musselle mourned

Private funeral service was held this morning for a former Citizen of the Year, George Musselle, who died at his home on Sunday. Over 100 Legion members including many members of the Chorallers which

he led, and about 50 members of Walker Lodge paid their last respects to Mr. Musselle at services in the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home last evening (Tuesday).

A full obituary will appear in the Free Press next week.

Municipal dinner in music centre

The design of municipal government was sketched out by guest speaker Doug Reddington, a planner and executive secretary of CORDC, when he spoke to the 80 guests at the council's municipal dinner last Wednesday in the music centre.

The event was planned for all elected and appointed people to spend a pleasant evening together, and for council to express their thanks. Groups represented included the hydro commission, parks and recreation board, planning board, committee of adjustment, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, library board and museum board.

Dancing later

After dinner served by Watson's Restaurant, Mr. Reddington spoke to the group and then dancing, to Harry Arbib's records, was enjoyed.

Bill Coats introduced Mr. Reddington to the audience and he and his wife were presented with a sheepskin rug afterward. Jack Greer expressed thanks.

Local government is like marriage, Mr. Reddington declared. The rules aren't clear; there's a great deal of negotiations. Both are an art, not a science. He said that, and governing departments, beginning with the policy making

groups; the advisory groups and then the staff. All must work together as a team.

From his experience in Mississauga as a planner, he felt problems were actually more difficult to handle in a smaller centre such as Acton. The mayor's power is limited to leadership, he said, and his ability to get other people to cooperate. Despite his experience as a planner and with the Central Ontario Regional Development Corporation Mr. Reddington had no convictions as to where Acton is headed. However, the future of the town will depend on the quality of people who serve it, he stressed.

For this special event, some of the members of council wore their new gold jackets with Acton's crest on the pocket.

Two accidents

A rear-end collision on Main St. N. Saturday afternoon was investigated by Cons. Kressler. Drivers involved were Martin Shannon, Willowdale, and Lloyd Gimmer, Guelph. Damage to the cars was estimated at about \$150 and \$400.

Cons. Wood investigated a two-car accident on Main St. N. at 9:30 p.m. Sunday. Drivers were Morris Smith, Forrest, and John McIntosh, Cooksville, and damage was put at about \$250 and \$150.

Extinguish car fire

Acton Firefighters were called to extinguish a fire that started in the interior of a car on the property of Floyd Schmidt, Highway 7, near Rockwood yesterday (Tuesday) morning at 7:45.

The blaze caused damage to the front seat of the car. Owner of the car is Don Legate, R. R. 2 Guelph.

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The wheelbase is 97 inches. Width: nearly 5 1/2

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