

# OUR READERS WRITE:

## Says group won't reach right people

R. R. 1,  
Acton, Ont.  
Editor,  
Free Press,  
Dear Sir:  
I wish the committee for the clothing depot lots of luck but I would never offer a minute of my time.

I know from experience that they will get all the free loaders in town and no thanks from anyone.  
The people who really need help never get it and this group won't reach the right people either.  
Yours truly,  
An ex-do-gooder.

## Ancestors lost in Alton flood?

920 Oakenwald Avenue,  
Winnipeg 19, Manitoba.  
The Editor,  
Acton Free Press.

Dear Sir:  
I have recently learned that there was a particularly disastrous flood in or around the southerly district of Orangeville in 1857. I also understand floods were fairly common in Canada West, as that part of Ontario was generally known at the time.  
I have a particular interest in this story as it is alleged that my Great Grandfather lost his first wife and eldest son in such a flood, but I have not been able to either confirm this or the date of the loss. My Great Grandfather's name was Charles Gleadow and the name of his son (drowned or died as a result of drowning) was named Charles Hughes Gleadow. It is regretted that I am

not able to provide the name of his first wife. Would you be able to determine from your files the fact that such floods did have their toll on human life at that time and would you be able to furnish me with some sort of confirmation that Charles Hughes Gleadow and his mother perished in such a flood and where they are most likely to be buried? I understand they resided in Alton, Ontario, at the time of the flood.  
Any information which you may have will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,  
R. L. Gleadow CD,  
Lieutenant Commander  
Royal Canadian Navy (Retired)

(Editor's note—Free Press files do not reach back to 1857. Perhaps our readers might have some information they could pass along to Lt. Commander Gleadow.)

## Rockwood capable of deciding future

Rockwood, Ont.,  
March 8, 1970.

Dear Sir:  
During the past few months controversy surrounding the problem of water and sewers for the village of Rockwood has been the topic of much discussion and thought provoking criticism. Recently, some of this criticism has been levelled at the ability of the village trustees of Rockwood to make competent recommendations regarding the provision of water and sewers in the Village.  
This attack upon the elected representatives of Rockwood by a well-known member of the Township of Eramosa Council reflects a definite lack of understanding of the role and functions of both the village trustees and the O.W.R.C.  
While it can be said that the village trustees are not able to analyze and make recommendations on the more technical aspects of water and sewer development, it cannot be said this body is more than able to decide questions of policy and overall strategy. In particular, the village trustees can be of great value in conveying the thoughts and wishes of the people of Rockwood to the various technical agencies such as O.W.R.C. It is the village trustees who interpret the wishes of the people in the village and in so doing formulate alternative strategies to pass onto the O.W.R.C. for consideration and study.  
Eramosa Council, in refusing to act upon the trustee recommendation to pass the Rockwood water and sewers project by-law, have in effect upset the democratic processes of grass-roots politics. In refusing to pass this by-law, Eramosa Council is suggesting the village trustees and, therefore, the people of Rockwood are incapable of deciding what is best for their community.  
In my discussions with local residents I have found them to be very well informed and more than capable of suggesting ideas and asking questions of a very important nature.  
For example, one of the most often asked question is how the O.W.R.C. proposed system of water and sewers will affect the growth of our community. The proposed system will accommodate approximately

2,500 people and, yet, what if it is decided by the people of the village that their community should not grow much beyond the present population of 985 people? In this case we do not then want to pay for a water and sewer system that can accommodate 2,500 (approximately) people.  
If however, it is discovered that a sewer and water system for approximately 1,000 people is going to cost the taxpayer a great deal more than the system that can handle 2,500 (approx.) people, then the village trustees, along with the Rockwood taxpayers, must reconsider.  
In either event, it is the taxpayer who must decide, for it is he who must eventually foot the bill.  
Thus we see that there are many important non-technical questions that can be decided by the people of Rockwood and the village trustees. The water and sewers at all (do we want to boil water for the next 10 years?) or the costs per household of alternative systems are beyond the scope of both the village trustees and the township council. These decisions are best left to the O.W.R.C.  
In conclusion, let me outline some of these above alternatives that I will hopefully be obtaining information in the near future:  
(1) Costs of water and sewers (per household) to accommodate the present population of Rockwood.  
(2) Costs of water supply only (per household) to accommodate the present population of Rockwood.  
(3) Costs of water and sewers (per household) for approximately 25 per cent, 50 per cent and 75 per cent increases in Rockwood's present population.  
(4) Costs of water supply only (per household) for approximately 25 per cent, 50 per cent and 75 per cent increase in Rockwood's present population.  
As can be seen there are many possible alternatives and combinations of alternatives. It is the duty of the O.W.R.C. to supply the needed information on these alternatives. It is the right and privilege of the people of Rockwood and the village trustees to determine what alternative will be chosen.

—Don Hills



ACTON FIRE CHIEF Mick Holms presented Firefighter Harold Manes with a set of portable tables as a going away gift on behalf of the Acton brigade, at the annual Firefighters' Appreciation Dinner Saturday. Mr. Manes is moving to Erin.—(Staff Photo)

## Obituary H. Klooster

Funeral service was held at the Georgetown Christian Reformed church on March 5 for Henry Klooster, and interment followed in Fairview cemetery, Acton. Officiating clergyman was Rev. vander Pol.  
Pallbearers were Jack Kazineer, B. de Kler, John Lendeboom, Klass Kaminga, Frank Routheut and Harold Bennett.  
Mr. Klooster, who lived at R. R. 1, Georgetown, died March 2 in St. Michael's hospital, Toronto. He was born in Holland in 1921 and came to Canada in 1949. He and Mrs. Klooster were married in Holland in 1944 and she survives him, as well as sons and daughters Rita and Andy Brons, Stoney Creek; Bill and Ann Klooster, Binbrook; Henry and Jean Klooster Jr., Oshawa; Janet and John Holleman, Truro, Nova Scotia and George, Jack and Joyce at home.  
Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Zwaantje Klooster of Ospringe and grandchildren Willie Klooster, Henry Brons and Brenda Holleman.  
Mr. Klooster was a machine operator at Provincial Paper Company, Georgetown.

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## Obituary Mrs. Angus McKinnon dies at 100 years

Mrs. Angus McKinnon passed away in Toronto February 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Bell, in her 100th year.  
She was born S. pt. 16, 1871. Before her marriage she was Elizabeth Ann Richards. Her father, Thomas Richards, came from England in 1845 with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richards, with four other brothers, Richard (Dick), Henry, John and Bill. They all settled in Bradford. Thomas met and married Miss Margaret Jelly of Bradford and they lived there a short while before moving to Bracebridge in 1870. Here Mrs. McKinnon was born in a small house where Memorial Park is now. She was one of the first babies born in Bracebridge.

The father died in 1951 and Mrs. McKinnon lived among her family. Each year on her birthday they held a family reunion, sometimes in Acton.  
Funeral service  
The funeral was February 27 in Bracebridge conducted by the Rev. Quigley of Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle. Temporary interment was in the St. Thomas mortuary chapel.  
Pallbearers were six grandsons, Bill McKinnon of Kitchener; Lorne Masales, Acton; Vernon McKinnon, Orillia; Tom Walton, London; Bob McKinnon, Toronto and Dan MacNaughtan Jr., Bracebridge. Her family all attended but Ken McKinnon of Acton who was a patient in hospital in Guelph. There are 18 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

Family of eight  
Later her parents moved to Baysville, Maclean township, cutting logs to make their house and barn. After clearing enough land they started farming. The hay was cut by scythe and the oats cradled by hand.  
Here the McKinnons were married and they built their home next to her parents' on the Huntsville road a mile from Baysville. The family of eight were born there, Elmer, Corman, Erla (Mrs. Dan MacNaughtan) of Bracebridge; Ken and Margaret (Mrs. G.W. Masales) Acton; Clinton and Mary (Mrs. Jack Bell) of Toronto; and Angus of Orillia.

## Ill for year girl dies

At the age of ten, Brenda Lee Finley of 135 Neeve St., Guelph, passed away February 24, at Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto. The girl, daughter of Jean and Sam Finley, had been ill for the past year. She was born July 2, 1960 in Guelph, and attended school in Acton and Guelph.  
Funeral service was held at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Saturday, February 27 conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKenzie. Interment followed in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were uncles Tom Oakley, Albert (Buck) Oakley, Ted McDowell and Virgil Finley.  
She is survived by her parents, sisters Sandra and Gail and a brother Bradley.

## Taylor heads plowmen

Jack Taylor of Burlington was named president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association for 1971, during their recent annual conference in Toronto.  
Mr. Taylor is secretary-treasurer of the Halton Plowmen's Association and one of the committee in charge of the 1974 International Plowing Match which will be hosted by Halton County.  
A Halton delegation attended the OPA meeting on Feb. 23 and publicity chairman Bill Kelly of Milton spoke of the many attractions in Halton and thanked OPA for selecting Halton for the '74 match.  
One male or spayed female - \$5  
Each additional of same - \$7.  
One female dog - \$7. Each additional female \$10.  
Kennel - each dog purebred and registered, all in pens - \$20.

**and Pepper**  
by hartley coles

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Northern Ontario can hardly be called a wilderness, but it still manages to convey a feeling of wide open spaces and a feeling that man might yet learn to live in harmony with nature.

Of course, as I write this, I look up the hill and see the minehead of a nickel mine, and from the base of the hill come the sounds of a giant saw as a once abandoned lumber camp is brought back to life.

Looking forward to more articles on Kapuskasing."

Second letter to arrive was from Mrs. C. R. Parks, 6 Huron St., Kapuskasing. She writes:

"I was sent your write-up of your trip to the bush in Kapuskasing. I was very pleased that you enjoyed your trip and that you wrote such a good article about the bush.

Thought you might be interested to know that it was not a crow that you saw flying overhead. We do have crows in Kap in the summer but in the winter they fly south. What you saw would be a raven. It is a much bigger bird and they spend the winters with us.

Thank you for the article. We are always trying to convince people that we are living in a wonderful part of the country. This year we are also having a much better winter with none of the storms that the people in the south are getting."

## Over 70 sheep killed, injured Erin twp. raises dog tax

Erin Township Council passed an amendment increasing dog tax rates for 1971. Over 70 sheep were killed or injured by dogs in the area in 1970, and the claims are still coming in.  
Clerk Elmer McKinnon pointed out that the Township paid considerably more for damages than the dog tax brought in, hence the raise in dog tax.  
Township dog catcher Alec Duncan suggested dog owners should be able to pick up licenses

and tags at the township offices from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and at his home other times.  
He also pointed out the many difficulties in being a dog-catcher. Owners were not acknowledging notices left on doors or disclaiming ownership of the dog on the lawn.  
"What do you do if a person you know has 13 dogs claims he only has one and all the time you can

hardly hear yourself think over the noise?" he asked council.  
Dogs picked up running loose are kept for three days at \$1.50 per day. If unclaimed, they are then taken to Guelph to be adopted or destroyed, at a charge of \$2 or \$3. Eight were taken in '70.  
It was suggested that a better deal might be made if someone in the area needed dogs for research.  
New rates for dog tax are as

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