

OUR READERS WRITE:

Wolves, not dogs chasing deer?

R.R. 1 Acton, Ont.
March 29, 1971

To Dept. of Lands and Forests:

Dear Sirs:

You said in the paper last week dogs were chasing deer over the cliffs at Dufferin Quarry. I think you will find it is wolves chasing them instead of dogs.

My son and nephew found two wolves at our creek with a deer down in the water. One wolf had it by the throat and one had it by the tail. They yelled and hollered and scared the wolves off and they chased the deer up the path ahead of them till it almost came to

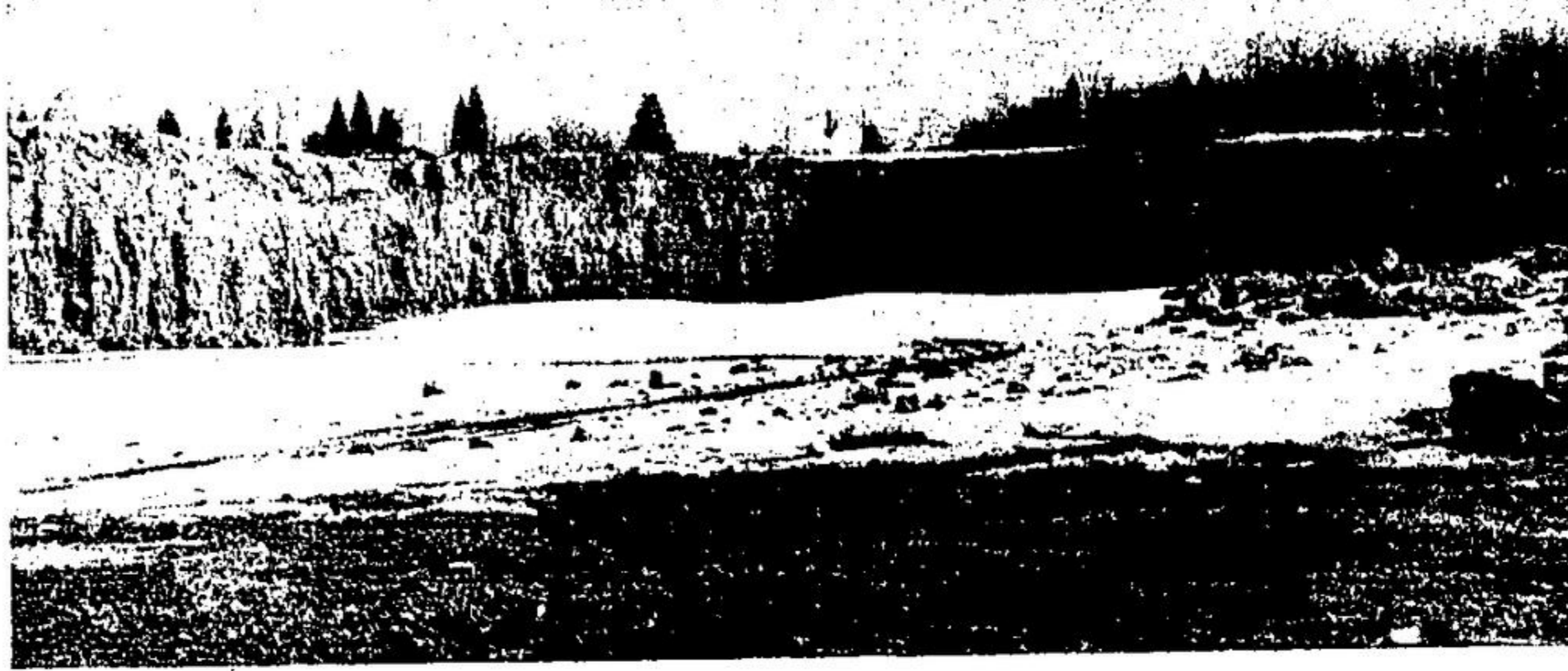
the buildings, then it headed down towards the reforestation.

They had taken the deer's tail off and she was bleeding quite a bit. This was only a couple of weeks ago. The boys saw the wolves after deer a year ago, too, so this isn't the first time.

They came and got my brother-in-law and then went around to the other line with the car and got a look at the wolves. They couldn't get close enough to shoot them, but they were sure they were wolves.

So I don't think you should blame it all on dogs.

Mrs. Mervyn MacLeod.



DEER ARE BEING chased over cliffs at Dufferin Quarries, near Campbellville, by dogs or wolves and this carcass is proof that it has been happening through the winter season. The top photo taken by Jack Carpenter as he filmed for the CBC at the quarries caught a deer at the top of the cliff (arrow).

Do not object to road improvements

R. R. 2 Rockwood
Ontario
March 25, 1971.

Dear Sir,

Again I find myself pointing out that people on the 15th Sideroad in Nassagaweya and Esqueping who signed a petition and attended a hearing to determine the future of the sideroad at no time objected to it being improved or made safe. The objections were to widening the said sideroad to 100 ft in Esqueping, 88 ft. in Nassagaweya.

I made this point in a letter to the Editor of this paper, at Esqueping Council, at Nassagaweya Council, and at the County Hearing. I wish people would get the facts straight before blowing off steam.

"Concerned Citizen" in last week's Free Press stated that some of those at the

hearing, should have been at the accident scene. Several people were. I was there just after. Certainly there was fault in the accident, but whether it was the fault of one or both drivers or the road I am not qualified to say.

I have lived on the 15 Sideroad for 18 years, I drive from the 5th Line, Nassagaweya, to Georgetown daily, and at all hours, and in my opinion the hill in question and other bad spots are safer at night than in the daylight hours unless, of course, the oncoming vehicle has its lights on bright or denies you the right of way.

I feel deeply for those injured and I wish them a speedy recovery, but I still maintain that if this road is widened to 100 or 88 ft it will become a drag strip on a truck route, and the result will be many more accidents.

William A. Johnson.



O.P.P. report

School holiday accidents cited

A total of four motor vehicle accidents were investigated by the officers stationed at the Acton Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, during the reporting week of March 21 to March 28. This was the week the school children were on holiday and despite repeated warnings to motorists that the children were away from school and would be out in full force on the roads, two of the accidents investigated involved children.

foot in traffic don't take chances. A pedestrian is no match for an automobile.

—Prov. Const. Roy Wood.

Advice to members of Take Off Pounds Sensibly: Go now and thin some more.

The two children were not badly hurt, but it could have been much worse. So, parents, when you let the little ones out to play, have an extra word with them regarding road safety. And Mr. Motorist, drive extra carefully, when you know school is out.

Charges laid

Total damage was estimated at \$600 in the other two accidents that were investigated and two charges were laid against the erring drivers.

A total of three general occurrences were investigated during the week. A Break and Enter investigation at a local residence resulted in two Georgetown youths being charged with Break and Enter and Malicious damage. A charge of 'Assault' was laid and an investigation into the passing of a counterfeit \$10 is underway.

Four charges were laid in respect to the abuse of alcohol. They were two charges of having liquor other than in a residence, one of minor consuming, and one of 'impaired Driving'.

Pedestrians! When you're on foot and want to cross the street always walk to an intersection to cross. Don't try crossing in the middle of the block. Pedestrians who cross against red traffic lights, or who go out into traffic from between parked cars, are gambling with safety, and setting a very bad example for children. So please remember that when on

Missed four days' pay because of snow

To the Editor,
Acton Free Press.

R.R. 2, Acton,
March, 1971.

Dear Sir,

I just want to quote an excerpt from the Acton Free Press, dated Wednesday, March 10, 1971.

"Township declines to pay bill . . ."
"Road Superintendent Ed Barden commented that the road crew would make a special effort at any time to clear a road in times of necessity, if residents would just contact the township office or himself."

The fact is: after the storm on Saturday, March 7, 1971 there was blowing snow till Monday noon, March 8, 1971. The road clearing crew passed my house at 3 p.m. Sunday for the last time. As I don't get paid for any day I don't work, and as I work in Toronto, I depend on each working day's pay, so I can cover my payments of taxes, mortgage, etc. (I am not a lazy guy, as I get up at 7 a.m. in the morning during the wintertime to make it to work at 8.30 a.m.). I called the road superintendent on March 8, 1971 at 11 p.m. because I was eager

to definitely go to work on the next day. I asked him if he would come during the night to clear the road, because I could not go west or east or in any direction to reach any highway at all.

Mr. Barden stated: "I had the road crew out the whole day and they are tired." I asked him if he had a replacement shift crew and he said "No", but he promised me to come Tuesday morning around 8 a.m. or a little bit after.

I waited and waited. I waited all day. The crew came at 6 p.m. in the evening on Tuesday, March 9, 1971. That means a \$71.80 salary loss for me, which I have to deduct from my tax bill if I want to live up to man's dignity. Because of the bad road conditions I could not make it to work four times this year, even when I tried so hard. It meant a \$143.60 loss for me, and where Erin township stated: "that a special effort at any time will be made to clear a road in times of necessity, if residents would just contact the township office or the superintendent."

As I have called, and as it was a necessity, I would like the township of Erin to set this straight and not put honey in township residents' mouths, when it means "salting the road."

Yours truly,
Erin Reader

Teachers and insurance

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Halton County Elementary Teachers, we wish to clearly express our feelings concerning the white paper that includes teachers as contributors to the unemployment insurance fund. It includes teachers but excludes small businessmen or the self-employed worker who for one reason or another may need this insurance more than teachers do.

Let us suppose that teachers will have eventual need of such insurance. Under the present terms of reference in the Unemployment Insurance Act, there are few, if any, benefits to teachers. The most important provision in the Act is for retaining the unemployed but the Act does not provide for sending teachers back to University for retraining. It is highly doubtful if many teachers will be dismissed, except for reasons of incompetence, because the annual retirement rate will take care of the presently decreasing pupil enrollment. Those who have just graduated from colleges must hold a job first before they are eligible for benefits. It can be clearly seen that no benefits are forthcoming to teachers. In short, this is not "insurance" but an unemployment tax - so let's call it what it is.

Furthermore, did you know that you, our employers, the taxpayers, must match payments dollar for dollar? This means that a conceivable one quarter million dollars could be collected from the Halton County taxpayers as the employer's contribution.

This money will not benefit the students but go to the federal government to support an "insurance" scheme that teachers neither need nor want.

In Ontario, approximately 80 million dollars will be collected as part of education taxes and be sent to Ottawa. It is estimated that of this 80 million dollars only 26 million will return to Ontario in benefits to the unemployed. As teachers and taxpayers, we are opposed to this unemployment legislation on three counts:

1. It is not insurance because it offers no benefits to us.
2. It squeezes money out of the taxpayer for unemployment under the pretense that it is for education.
3. Most important, it is a devious method of collecting money to patch up an antiquated system that should be completely scrapped and rebuilt to make it more useful and equitable.

We as teachers are not against helping those who are unemployed through a legitimate means of taxation but we do oppose paying for insurance that has no benefits. We offer this information for both our benefit and that of an already burdened taxpaying public.

Sincerely,
Halton Elementary Teachers' Association.
(Mrs.) Vera Macdonald, President
Halton Elementary Teachers' Association,
57 Confederation St.,
Glen Williams.

Can. forces peace keeping praised

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real and if the difficulties could be restrained to the island itself, it would not have the world significance which it now has.

Turkey, only 40 miles away, has assured the Turkish Cypriot minority on the island of its support and limited Turkish forces are present on the island. Any involvement of Turkey in the affairs of Cyprus would bring an automatic reaction from Greece. This involvement of two NATO countries spells major problems for world peace and could

very well be the tinder box to ignite a major conflict. Thus the presence of the U.N. on Cyprus has implications for the whole middle east and indeed, perhaps for the whole world.

My scribbled observations at the time have not changed. Makarios told us nothing new and skillfully evaded some penetrating questions. He was gracious, as he bid his farewells on the porch of the palace but he left me with a concern that this powerful man in which church and state are one was not able to give more to get unity.



THE ARCHBISHOP, President of Cyprus greeted newsmen graciously but evaded penetrating questions. Dills is greeted by the Archbishop here.

Supports Broadbent

Walter Mulkeiwich, Halton West NDP Provincial Candidate and president of the Halton West New Democratic Party Association, is one of a number of Provincial New Democratic Party Candidates to sign a letter urging New Democrats in Ontario to vote for Ed Broadbent at the federal convention in Ottawa in April.

The vote from Halton Wentworth delegates is likely to be split among Ed Broadbent, David Lewis, and John Harney. Mr. Mulkeiwich believes that Ed Broadbent has a contemporary kind of approach that is necessary to make the federal party the same kind of vital political force that the provincial New Democratic Party is in Ontario.

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