

OUR READERS WRITE.

Who speaks for the Escarpment?

After 150 years of being defaced, exploited, taken for granted and regarded as a nuisance, the Niagara Escarpment is finally being defended.

The people of Ontario have, at last, recognized its unique beauty and its value as a green-belt recreation area, running the length of an otherwise heavily populated and highly developed landscape.

At the same time, it represents a valuable source of construction material, well-located for use in the same industrial region that is now crying out for green areas.

In the face of these conflicting and increasing pressures for urbanization, quarrying and public concern for the Escarpment as a recreational resource base, the Ontario Government established in 1967, the Niagara Escarpment Study under the direction of Professor L. O. Gortler of the University of Waterloo.

The Conservation and Recreation Report, submitted in 1968, resulted in the announcement in 1970 of a plan to preserve the Escarpment for public enjoyment.

The most important recommendations for immediate implementation include: — a large scale program, spread over a period of eight years, to acquire lands of natural beauty for parks and recreational use; land use controls along the length of the Escarpment to prevent undesirable developments that tend to destroy the character of the land forms; the regulation of extra active industries on the Escarpment and the co-ordination and implementation of the program by the provincial government, conservation authorities, municipalities and private groups.

As early as 1959, however, the Halton Region Conservation Authority was conducting its own escarpment land acquisition program for the purposes of preservation, water resource control and recreation. Today, the H.R.C.A.'s ownership of properties such as Mount Nemo, Crawford Lake, Rattlesnake Point, the Kelso Bluffs and Hilton Falls, puts into public hands the control of all the major out-

crops of the escarpment in the watershed (almost 2,000 acres of top priority escarpment lands).

But we have to know how you feel about escarpment protection. We need feedback and we need it now, if we are to properly manage this 'glint in our backyard'.

If you wish to speak for the Escarpment, if you have something to say or ask about the uses to which it is put, the H.R.C.A. has arranged for you to speak where it will count.

The Authority is convening a Conference — 'The Future of the Niagara Escarpment' — on Saturday, June 26, at 2 p.m. in the Conservation Education Centre, Kelso Conservation Area (about five miles west of Milton).

The guest speakers are Prof. Gortler, author of the Conservation and Recreation Report of the Niagara Escarpment Study, the Hon. George A. Kerr, Minister of Energy and Resources Management, Professor A. B. McLellan, Geography Department, University of Waterloo, and E. V. Drury of Nelson Crushed Stone (Division of King Paving and Materials Ltd.).

Because a large number of organizations and government departments involved in the use of the Escarpment will be represented at the Conference, we hope for lively, informative discussions, following the key addresses.

But even more important, we are hoping for representation from the citizens and residents of this watershed.

Recreationally, educationally and industrially, the Escarpment is a priceless resource in Southern Ontario and to what extent it is used for each of these purposes depends on the wishes of the public it serves.

So whatever your interest in this watershed — as a citizen, a resident, a parent, a taxpayer — you have a responsibility to yourself and to your children, to speak and to be heard, now.

Barry Humphreys,
Chairman,
Halton Region Conservation Authority.



LESLEY JENKINS AND JULIA Bowen during a "Zone" day picnic at Acton park the 3rd Acton, give the "Peace" sign joined by Sandra Shubert of the 2nd Acton Brownies leaders took part. —(Staff Photo)



BROWN OWL MRS. MARG Thomson and daughter Kathy of the Limehouse Brownies share a joke during Saturday's zone picnic held at Acton park by Brownies. —(Staff Photo)

Accept \$700 for fence Unveil memorial

Erin township council received a letter from solicitors for Mr. Oprea of the Caledon Boundary, stating they will accept \$700 for their claims that the township should build a stone retaining wall by his pond, as alleged it was agreed upon a few years ago!

Council suggested the area under discussion was possibly township property and that if the claim is settled, a fence would be put back on the proper property line. The road is too narrow now by 10 feet in the area.

An exchange of property for road purposes several years ago involved Erin township. A picket fence was removed to make way for a road and a temporary fence erected which Mr. Oprea declared was unsatisfactory.

The claim has gone unsettled for several years.

A memorial in memory of the men and women of the village of Glen Williams, who served in the Armed Forces during the two World Wars and the Korean War, will be unveiled in the village this Sunday at 2 p.m.

Made and erected by a resident of Glen Williams, the monument is unique in character and artistic design, and the public is cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremonies.

A main objective of The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society is to increase the number of rheumatologists to serve the needs of patients, hospitals and referring family doctors.

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Ulster trouble is prejudice . . .

R.R.1,
Limehouse, Ont.

Dear Editor:

Most of the reports and comments on Northern Ireland bear neither sense nor reason, nor would they bring to Ulster the peace and tranquility that should prevail among all classes and creeds.

If the people were to make room for the Grace of God in their hearts they would find out that prejudice was their only and greatest enemy, detrimental to both body and soul, and keeping minds ill at ease. This is what takes the place of the Grace of God in our hearts, if we are not enlightened by a love of God and neighbor.

The No Surrender in Ulster is a fine example that has kept that part of the world in turmoil and bondage, having accomplished nothing outside of separating themselves from God by a life of enmity long before William crossed the Boyne. So this is Ireland's story that is branded religious and political by all those that couldn't care less for its welfare, along with the evil element in Britain and in Ulster that seem to glory in their shame.

It is for the want of religion that has degraded not only Ulster but the world in general in our day. Let's hope for the best and that they will see their folly in time.

G. Graham.

Switch principals, soothe feelings

Wellington County Board of Education struck a compromise agreement with irate Erin residents over the firing of Erin public school principal Lorne Brown.

At the last meeting of the board, final confirmation was given to the exchange of principalships between Mr. Brown and Bruce Macpherson, principal of Ospringe school, a

conciliatory gesture which has soothed ruffled Erin village tempers.

Mr. Brown was notified he would be replaced as principal of Erin school in the latter part of April because he lacked a B.A. degree, which Department of Education says is necessary for a principal of a school with more than 300 pupils.

Erin organizations and

residents reacted strongly with some extremely blunt criticism of the board's action. Now the board has arranged the transfer so Mr. Macpherson, who has the required degree, can switch to Erin school with its 397 students. Mr. Brown, meanwhile, who has not sufficient credits yet, can go to Ospringe school which has only 240 students and is not affected by the Departmental regulation.

Mr. Brown lives in Erin while Mr. Macpherson resides just outside of Acton on 25 Highway.

Salt and Pepper . . .

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march to the nearest service station, only a scant half-mile in that incident.

So much better for men to suffer that women should enjoy some slight inconvenience. You can have that one for your scrap book if you want.

While the distaff side cries about equal rights and demand this and that, we poor sngbats who lost a rib to create the other sex, stand by helplessly and wallow in our own misery. I'm thinking of the poor guy who received a barbecue for Father's Day and his wife and family insisted he cook the first dinner on it for them.

Fortunately, for them, he was a male with an outstanding sense of humor and he stopped mouthing obscenities after an hour and 15 minutes. Then he whopped up a dinner that would have delighted epicures from Speyside to Crewsons Corners.

His first tasty serving was Hamburg a la Burnt with tasty green relish dunked three times in fresh Dew. He followed this with a course of hamburger inserted between two slices of bread because he burned all the buns. But the high moment of the banquet was when he grabbed the end of the fork he used to stir up the fire with and upset the marshmallows into the Hibachi.

It is rumored that the family required no dessert to finish up their repast. An icy science still envelops their little cottage when the word barbecue is mentioned.

Well, we've gone from hot flashes to panty hose and wound up on the end of a griddle in this brain-adding weather. It's time to quit before the summer really sets in.

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