

# Robert Little first county inspector

Ben Case's history of Halton county continues as he writes of the school of years ago.

In the year 1871 an Inspector of Schools for the county was appointed by the County Council, the first appointee being Robert Little, the principal of Acton Public School. Mr. Little was a highly respected and well qualified teacher and the Council made a wise choice in selecting him for this position. We read more fully of him in the Acton history which follows. His early death was a loss to the county.

Following the 1870's, High Schools were built in the various towns as soon as warranted. The cost of these was shared by the municipality, the county and the province and they were inspected from the Department of Education of the Province. With the compulsory school age being raised to sixteen, the proportion of students attending high school has grown prodigiously in recent years.

Since the Second World War there have been radical changes in the educational system of the province. Many factors have contributed to this. The population explosion has increased the school attendance tremendously. The automobile enabled many town workers to move to the country in the hopes of lowering the cost of living and this situation coupled with a great upgrading of teachers' salaries in recent years has forced the rural school to consolidate although the resultant saving has been largely offset by the necessity of "Bussing" the children to school. As a result, the cost of education has risen to great lengths in both town and township. In some townships 75 to 80 percent of the total local taxes goes to education in spite of greatly increased grants from the Province.

A revolution is now about to take place in the administration of schools. The Department of Education for the province has decreed that all education, both elementary and secondary, will now be administered for each county from a head office in the county. There has been appointed an administrator and assistant administrator and a county school board and a sizable office staff. Administrative salaries have been raised to an inflationary extent with a resultant invitation to all teachers to be more demanding and with a reversal of the supply and demand situation the results are anxiously awaited with more than passing interest by the tax-paying public.

Another revolution, this time in municipal affairs, is being promulgated by the Provincial Government. It is being proposed to wipe out all existing boundaries at the county and municipal level and dividing the province into regions with a decrease in the amount of local government and, it is to be hoped, a corresponding decrease in the cost of administration. Each region is to be a combination of rural and urban areas. Again, the public will look forward with interest to the resulting upheaval of the old historical pattern. When this takes place, the County of Halton as we have known it will cease to exist and will pass into history.



Early one-roomed school

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# Ranchers learn the gospel in model western town

By Bob Burt

The winding road isn't much more than a large path bounded by tall trees on either side. When one reaches the end of the road you can take Palomino Parkway from the chuck room up to the corral.

People's Church Ranch situated on the Fifth Line in Nassagaweya, resembles a western town, with the small cabins, bunk beds, chapel, corral and chuck house.

People's Church, a non denominational church with headquarters in Toronto bought the 200 acre parcel of land last year and moved from their original camp in Guelph where they had rented property. The theme of the camp is built around a western town.

Built for 70

The general layout of the camp is taken from a western town and touring the camp one can't help but feel Wyatt Earp is looming behind a tree. Much of the work has been done with volunteer labor.

Camp director Audrey Elford explained the prime reason for the camp is to spread the word of the gospel in a casual setting. While youngsters are busy from morning to night, swimming, horse riding, playing horse shoes, badminton, soccer and a host of other games, they line up twice a day for sessions in the chapel.

"This is really what we are here for. All of the other things are great for the kids but religion is the reason we are here. The youngsters that come here treat gospel as one more activity. It is really great, Mrs. Elford said. Speaking generally, Mrs. Elford explained the gratifying feeling she and her workers have when they see a youngster's attitude change.



"Often we have youngsters that are being told they have to do something for the first time. Children want to be told. They'll grumble about this and crab about that but when it comes right down to it they do and be happy about it, Mrs. Elford said.

Competition

Much of the time at the camp is devoted to team competitions and according to Mrs. Elford when they get near the end of the week the competition really gets keen as the campers do their best to make their cabin the toughest to beat.

The camp, unlike many, is a co-



ed camp. When the camp is at capacity they have 35 boys and 35 girls. Seven youngsters and one leader occupy each of the cabins.

While some of the help is paid, much of it is volunteer help.

Feature horsemanship

Horsemanship is the highlight of camp activities. The camp has trained persons working under the direction of an attractive Burlington woman Mrs. Cheryl Gibson. Trail rides, horsemanship and the theory behind it is all part of the program directed by Mrs. Gibson. Thirty five horses are ready and raring to go.

Audrey and her husband Ken Elford were instrumental in getting the operation started and share great dreams for the future of the ranch. But both have been working at the job part time. "It is getting beyond a part time job. I'm sure the committee will have to look for a full time director soon," Mrs. Elford said.

Children come from all over Canada and some from the United States to stay at the camp. While everything at the camp appears more than adequate Mrs. Elford insists the camp is still a camp of the future.

As we toured the grounds Mrs. Elford pointed to a picturesque point in a wood area of the camp and explained that she visualized a white chapel she hopes will be there some day.

"Some day" is a key phrase at the camp. Some day the barn housing the 35 horses will be completed, some day a small park area will be in one corner of the model town. But it all takes money and it all takes time.

Eventually the casual building which doubles as a play area and a chapel now will be converted into a play room and the new chapel will be built down the road.

At this time a small cabin serves as the medical centre. A qualified nurse is at the camp during the seven weeks in the summer that the camp is used. A small sign on the door reads "The Pillbox."

Build boardwalks

From the pool area one can overlook many of the buildings below and the block-like layout similar to that of a western town becomes more apparent. Eventually boardwalks will be built in the walking area.

TEN CABINS accommodate to 70 guests at the ranch. The co-ed camp houses seven youngsters and one councillor in each cabin. The layout of the ranch is similar to that of a western town. —(Staff Photo).

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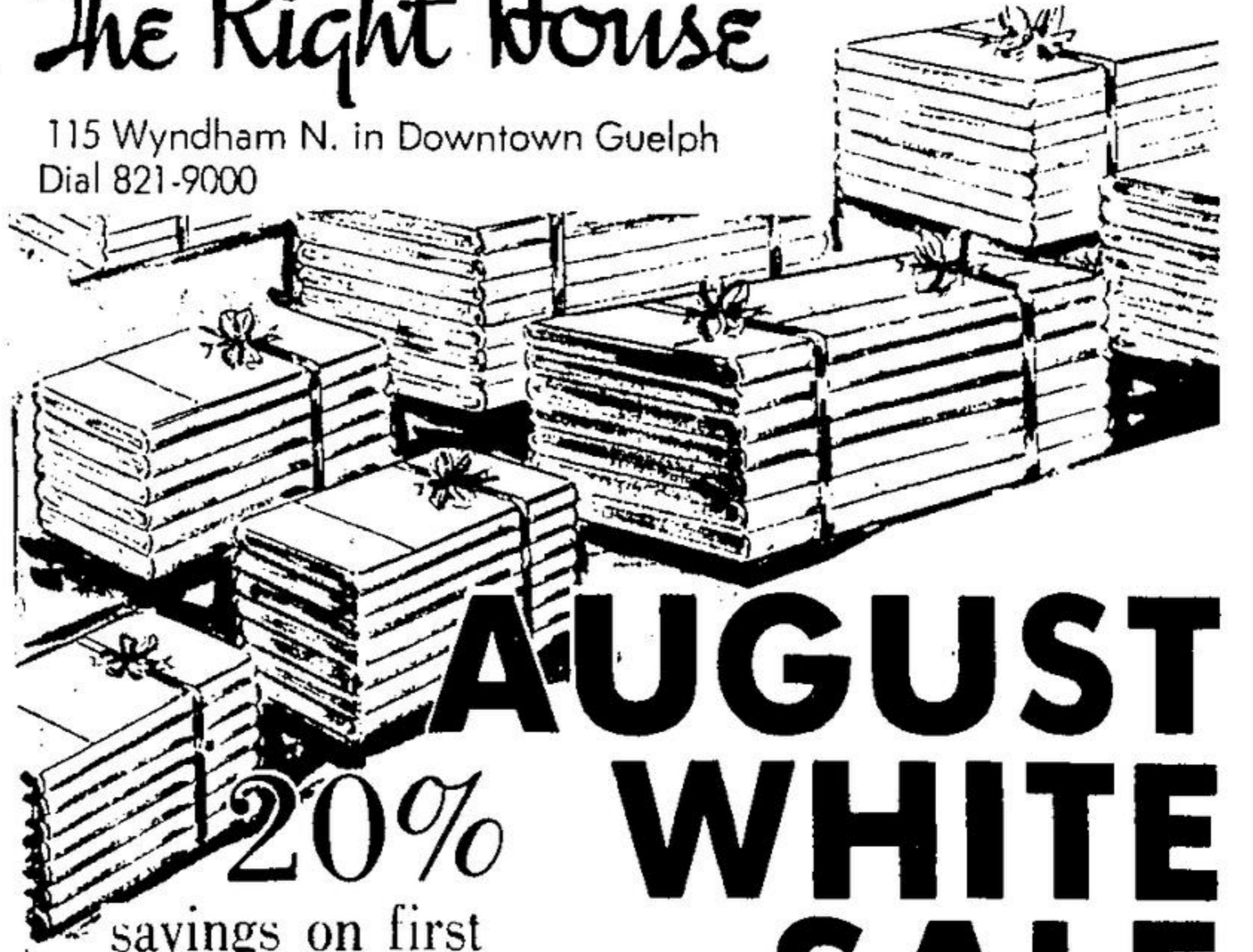
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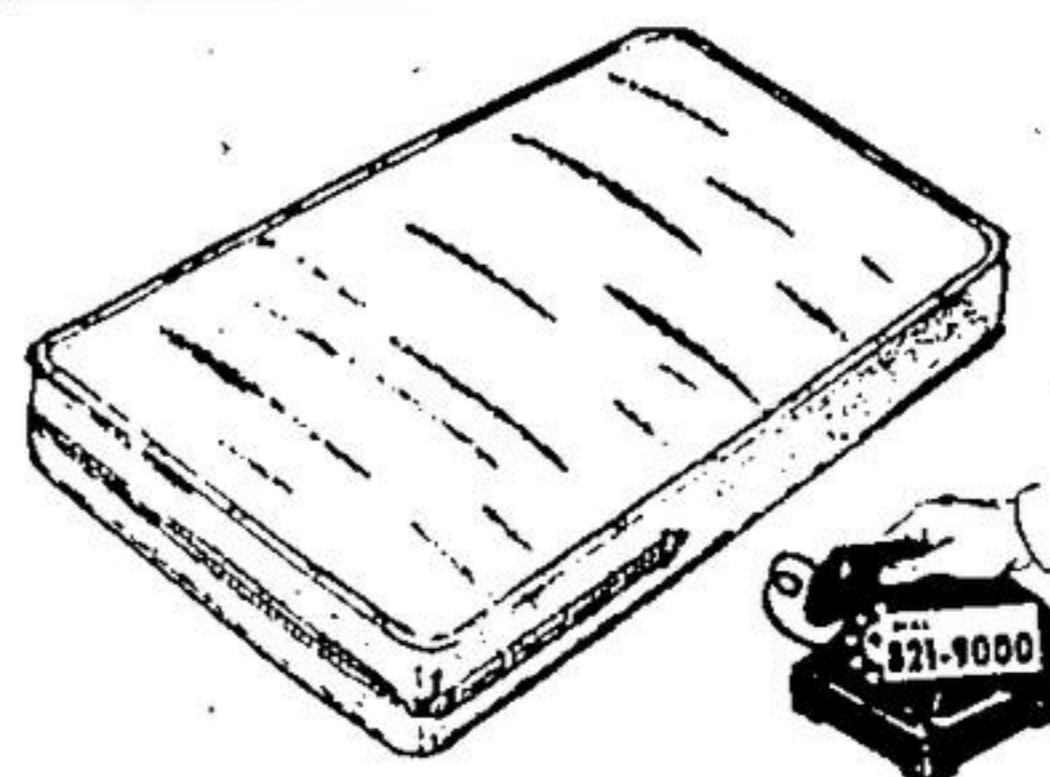
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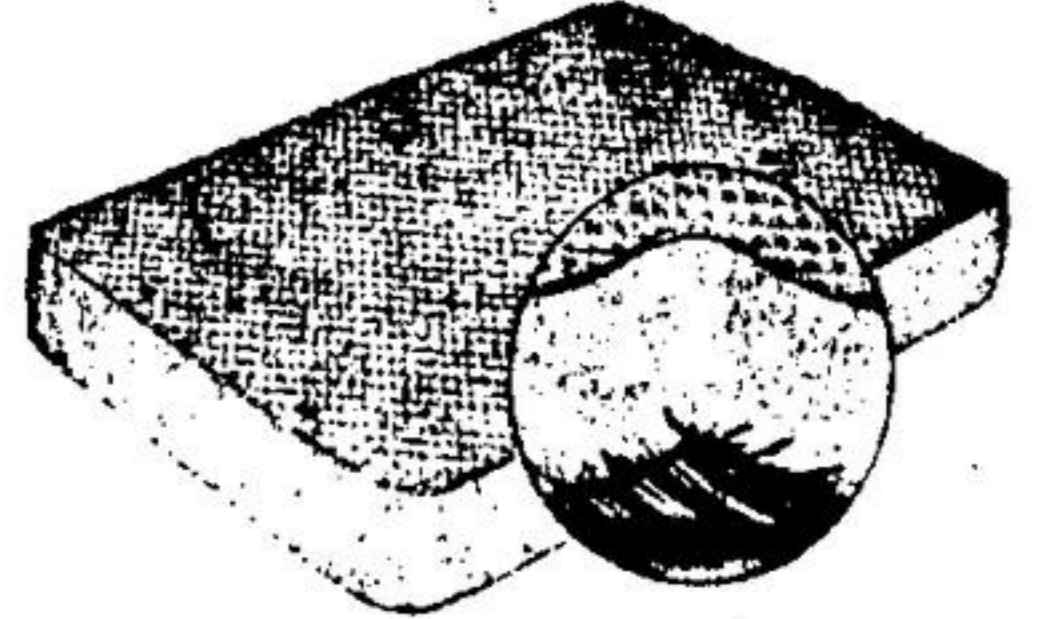
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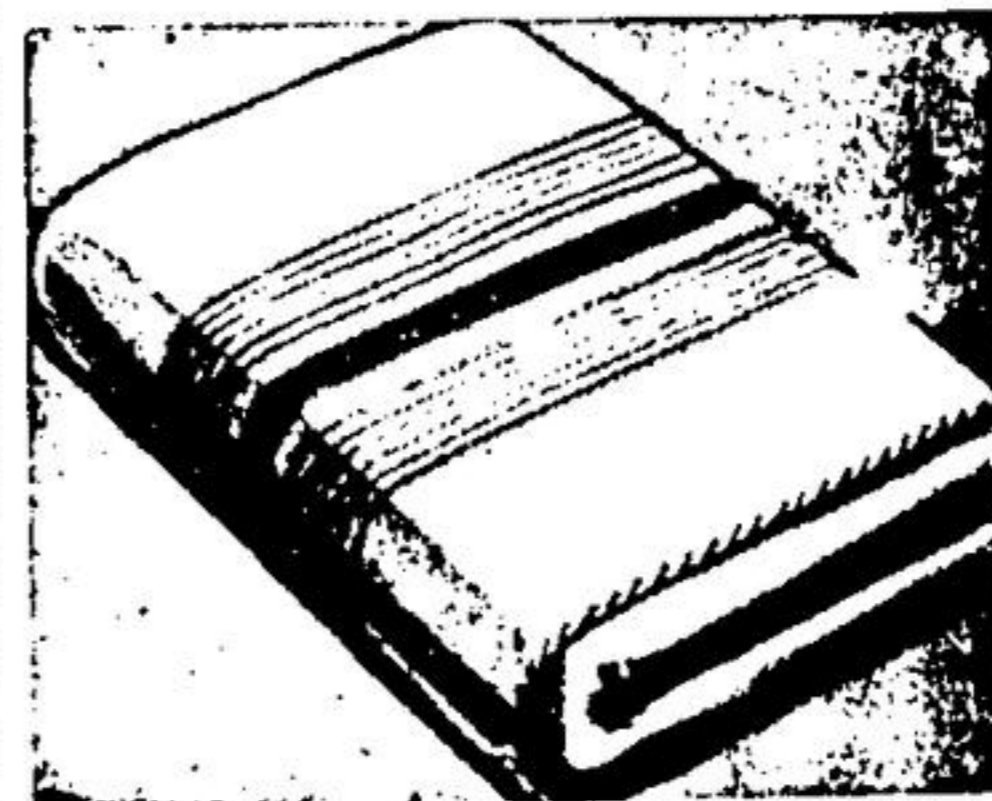
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