

A MORE DETAILED look of the hydro transmission line shows how it will affect this area if the route Hydro has proposed is followed. The line cuts diagonally across Nassagaweya township, crosses 7 Highway and follows the road on a parallel course through Eramosa and Erin townships, right into Chinguacousy township along the town line.

Hydro wires mean home loss

Nassagawegians displayed a loud antipathy to Ontario Hydro's proposed 500,000 Volt transmission line crossing the township but reaction in Eramosa and Erin townships has been more restrained, although there are individual cases where owners are perturbed.

The proposed 140 mile long power line is to link Nanticoke on Lake Erie with the power station at Pickering on Lake Ontario and tie in with a supply line from the James Bay area. It crosses 16 municipalities via a 610 foot swath with towers ranging from 120 to 130 feet high at intervals of about 1,000 feet.

Last week at a meeting with Hydro officials in the Eramosa township council chambers, ratepayers directly affected by the line appeared ready for land negotiations.

A meeting at Ballinad hall the previous Tuesday passed a resolution asking for a meeting with Ontario Hydro and arrangements made for another with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture to discuss land values. Only a few wanted to fight.

But underneath the moderate approach of some ratepayers there is an undercurrent of dissatisfaction.

Big swath

On its way through Erin township, the line will take down three houses and one barn and affect the life style of people who never realized plans for the line existed for their particular property.

For instance, take Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tizzard of R.R. 2, Acton, who live on the Fourth line, Erin township. They have been informed that they likely will lose their drive shed and perhaps their house as the line cuts up about six of the best of their 11 acres. It will also mean their driveway and weeping bed, which they have spent much work on, will be lost to them. Six to 7,000 young trees they planted

as an adventure in ecology could also be lost to the axe.

The couple has spent 10 years working on renovations to their 100 year-old home and estimate they have spent over \$5,000 for improvements.

Naturally they are perturbed that Ontario Hydro can move in and erase the work it has taken them 10 years to complete.

They doubt very much if the monetary compensation will be sufficient to cover all their expense let alone the pride they have felt in the work.

Late notice

They feel that much of this grief could have been spared if they had known a hydro line was crossing their property two years ago. Then they would not have expended energy, time and money improving their property.

Mr. and Mrs. Tizzard have made it known they will not leave any stones unturned to hold onto what they feel is a right to a property which they have spent many years of their lives developing.

Over on the Seventh Line, north of Ballinad, stands the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray LaRose, destined also to be removed to make way for the proposed hydro line. They built their home three years ago in March and Hydro wants to take their entire lot as well as their house.

"The line has to go



THE 500,000 VOLT transmission line proposed by Ontario Hydro

Erin twp. council

Discuss new building regulations

At the December 1 meeting, Erin township council discussed possible changes in the building bylaw. Before the existing bylaws are altered, they will consult with township lawyer R. Hungerford, particularly about

deleting the section "When Permit is not Required."

Other changes include raising the amount of deposit from \$100 to \$300, and adding a non-transferable permit clause.

There would be specifications for flooring, roofing, and shingles, as well as a requirement that all material used for rough carpentry work be material of construction grade or better.

Much of the discussion was on

the raising of the required floor area from 1,100 square feet to 1,200. Although all members of the council were agreeable to the increase, it was decided that if

the sub-division agreement with Dave Meil contained a clause stating floor area at 1,100 square feet, it would be unfair to other builders to increase theirs.

Erin twp. council briefs

At the regular December meeting, Erin township council:

- Commented that publicity of the livestock by-law brought quick results, as two dogs were shot chasing sheep. There were claims totalling \$218 for dead and damaged stock.
- Passed a motion to authorize a franchise agreement between the township and Consumer's Gas.
- Received a resignation from Howard Graham stating that he would no longer be responsible for changing the Cedar Valley Street lights. Mr. Graham has been replacing them regularly for the past 10 years.
- Passed a motion to pay the final instalment of the Grand River Conservation levy for 1971, of \$2370.03. Total payments were \$6646.28.
- Authorized payment of \$12,000 to Reynolds Construction on the new fire hall account.
- Discussed having a Recreation Board with the village Trustees, and received letters from the Lions Club and minor baseball in favor of such a board.
- Received estimates on a furnace for the township shed from Carney's, \$790; Boehmer's of Guelph, \$1,315; Brian's Fuel, Orangeville, \$1,467.
- Heard a suggestion from Ed Bardon, road superintendent, to drop the wire fence bonus. He stated that most fences are not up to standards as owners do not check with the township beforehand for specifications.
- Authorized payment of \$600 to the fire chief and \$3400 to be divided among the rest of the department based on their attendance at fires and fire meetings.

SANTA WAS THIN

The first picture in Canada of Santa Claus showed him as a tiny, thin, pixie-like figure with spindly legs and no hint of the big, round stomach he is invariably shown with today.

The diminutive Santa made his premiere in 1840 on the cover of Harper's Weekly in a drawing by the great cartoonist Thomas Nast. It was not until the 1900's that artists began portraying the heavier, jollier Santa Claus we know today.

Most of the larger organs and structures of the body are mentioned in the Bible — except the human brain.

Township share 45% mill pond property

Erin township council learned that if the Credit Valley Conservation Authority acquired the old Howe mill pond property, the Ontario Government would pay half the purchase price, Conservation would pay five percent and municipality would be expected to pay the remaining 45 percent.

\$35,000 is being asked for the 30 acres, but Village trustee Henry Wheeler pointed out the Authority would have it appraised. If the property was purchased, the Authority would then develop it as a public park.

Reeve Lloyd Lang thought it might be a good investment for future use, while Councillor Bert Wheeler was more in favor of putting the amount toward a swimming pool.

When it was mentioned that all other spots like this were already in private hands, Deputy-Reeve Donald Matheson suggested having the Authority inspect it and give their opinion on possible development.

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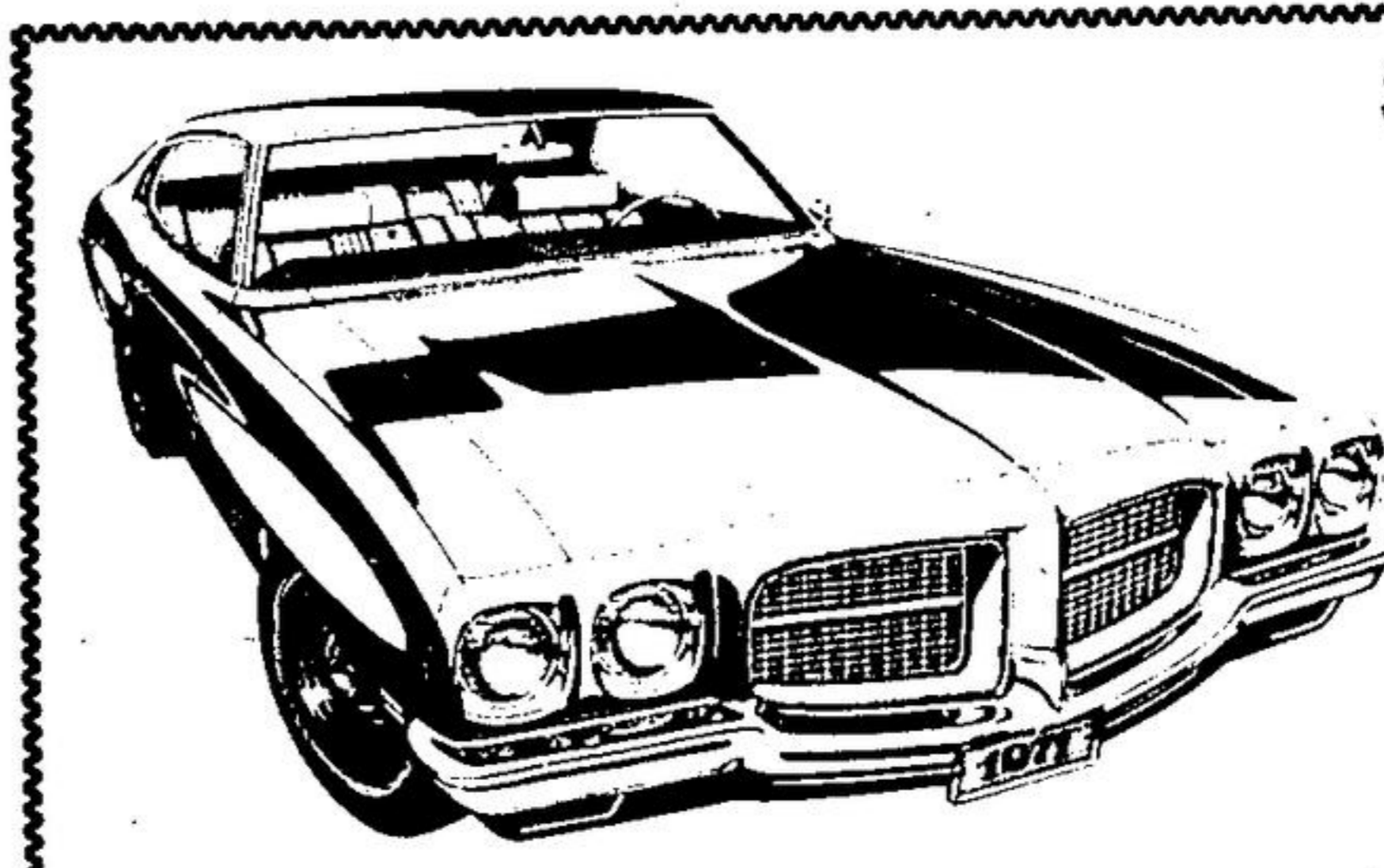
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of worms if they bothered golfers who have only one course in this vicinity.

Club officials are keeping fingers crossed. And golfers should, too, if they don't want to loop their drives over high transmission lines.

To some the new line is just another construction project which will satisfy the need for more power, other view it as an ecological disaster, but those who are most affected probably will never have all their story told.

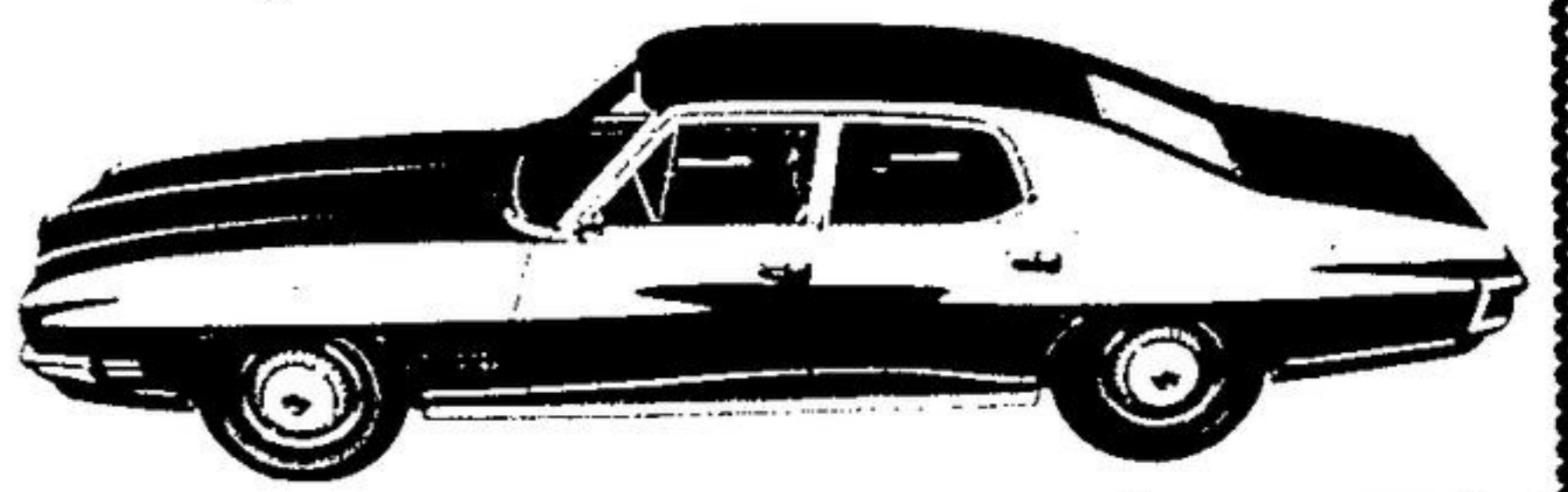


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