



ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL School students pose at the final June 26 Home and School banquet held at the auditorium. Reportedly the attendance at Centennial has held its own this

session with an enrolment standing at 474, students, two less than last year.



THE CARNEY BROTHERS, Jim from Milton and Frank from Rockwood, cleaned up on the silverware when awards for restoration were presented at the Steam-Era Monday afternoon. Jim, left, won the trophy for the best restored steam

engine with his 1923 Robert Bell engine, and brother Frank, right, won the trophy for restoring his 1929 Huber tractor to almost-new condition. Hundreds attended the 12th annual Steam Show in Milton Labor Day weekend.

(Photo by R. Downs)

# Heather comes second national writing contest

Heather Cormack, a grade 13 student at Acton High School, won second place and \$100 last week in a writing contest sponsored by the Canadian National Exhibition.

Heather, who lives with her family on Harris St., Rockwood, entered the national contest at the urging of High School department head Ken Ellis and principal David Katz. The theme of the contest was what sets you apart from our neighbors to the south. Contestants were given the equation 4x Canada and told to solve for x.

Spirit of Canada  
Heather wrote a legend about

the spirit of Canada and featured one man present for all Canada's important historical events then goes south across the border because he is told he will learn something. All he finds is a worn-out country so he decides to return to Canada.

Heather says she wrote the legend to tell of the differences between Canada and the United States.

Of the over 500 entries a grade 12 student from British Columbia earned \$500 for the winning story.

Heather plans to enter the I.O.D.E. writing contest in November.



HEATHER CORMACK won second place in a nationwide writing contest sponsored by the C.N.E. —D. Pink Photo

Let's talk about **HORSES** with Jennifer Barr

There have been several questions about leg problems in horses, so we'll take time out this week to clear the "files".

**SPLINTS:** A lump on the inside of the cannon bone is often a splint or extra bony growth. It is frequently troublesome while forming but seldom noticed after that.

**PUFFY LEGS:** If you suspect that your horse is a bit puffy, run your hand down each front leg both at the same time. It is easier to detect any variation in size this way. Have someone else trot the horse in hand straight away from you and back straight towards you. Watch for any unevenness of going, and toe-dragging, stiffness, or out-and-out lameness. If he goes sound, the puffiness will probably work out, but keep an eye on it.

**STRAINED TENDONS:** This is quite serious and is indicated by lameness and painful swelling of a tendon. Complete rest, preferably on pasture, is a must. A vet will often advise a "blister" to hasten the cure and the blacksmith can sometimes apply a special shoe to take any strain off the affected tendon. Either way it is certainly a case for a professional.

**SPAVIN:** A bony growth around the hock joint is usually some sort of spavin and is painful until the ossification fuses. Veterinary attention is needed here.

**WIND GALLS:** These are swellings above the fetlock joint and are often seen in horses doing hard work. They are not serious, usually, but are virtually irremovable.

AnnaBelle, the young donkey filly who resides with us (for personal reasons I refuse to call her a jenny), has started her saddle training. Much to everyone's surprise, she is doing exceptionally well - until the novelty wears off, of course.

In a very short time she has learned to longe both ways, stops on command, changes her gait on command, and carries a small rider sedately. She has not been bitten yet because we have no bit tiny enough for the wee mouth. However, when this purchase is made, we will begin long-rein driving.

I wonder when she'll decide that she's had enough of these games and go bucking around the paddock scattering her brave little riders like corn flakes?

Please send questions to Jennifer Barr, R.R. 3, Acton.

## Near Kelso Unveil plans for museum

Milton will truly become "the steam capital of Ontario" with the establishment of Ontario's first Agricultural Museum at Kelso. Construction on the project at the 80-acre site a few miles west of Milton get underway this fall, Minister of Government Services and MPP for Halton East Jim Snow told members and visitors at the Steam-Era reunion Saturday.

Snow said the project had received provincial cabinet approval on the Wednesday prior to the show and a grant of \$95,000 was available for the project.

The museum property will extend from the Town Line in Milton Heights to the steel arch erected at Kelso Conservation Area for a boy scout jamboree in 1968, and will abut Highway 401. The property is the former Archie Service farm.

Demonstration area

The property will include a large demonstration area in the shape of a football field and will have hills on three sides providing an amphitheatre effect. Eventually bleachers will be built on one side to accommodate people watching the show. Meanwhile the grassy slopes on the three sides will be seating area.

In an interview Snow said the government and Ontario Steam Association had worked hand in hand over the past five years on plans for the museum. It is likely the annual Steam-Era will be held there rather than at the Milton fair grounds. All 12 Steam-Era reunions have been held in Milton.

Sheridan will help

Sheridan College's Heavy Equipment School will do the initial work on the roads, clearing the site, building parking lots and the demonstration area. The project will be incorporated in the course schedule for Sheridan students.

## Authority Woolwich, Guelph dams

An \$80,429 tender from Dunker Construction Ltd. in Kitchener for the construction of the Woolwich Dam on Canagagigue Creek, just north of Elmira, has been accepted by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

Work will begin immediately on the project with completion slated for about this time next year. Authority Chairman James S. Bauer of Waterloo said landscaping work could be done next fall and the dam could "catch water one year from this coming spring."

The 52-foot-high dam, consisting of earth dykes and concrete spillway, will extend 1,000 feet across the valley to retain water in a reservoir that will have a normal surface area of 256 acres and a maximum area of 350 acres. The reservoir will be

capable of storing 3,150 acre-feet of water.

The primary purpose of the dam is the augmentation of low flows in the Canagagigue Creek which passes through Elmira.

### Request grants

The executive also authorized staff to request grant approval from the province for the construction of the Guelph Dam and reservoir on the Speed River, north of Guelph.

Estimated cost is \$5,280,000 which includes construction of the main dam and two saddle dams; installation of six gates; reconstruction of Highway 24 and township and county roads; reservoir clearing; re-location of utilities and engineering and design work.

G. M. Coutts Authority general

manager, said the authority would like to award tenders next spring.

He said about 1,000 acres of land have been acquired at a cost

of about \$1,600,000. The Guelph project will require about 3,800 acres of which 1,800 acres are needed for the reservoir.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE  
ON THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD  
INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN BRIEFS

On June 30th, 1972, the Ontario Legislature appointed a Select Committee to examine, inquire into and report upon the Ontario Municipal Board and to make recommendations on: (a) the purpose, object and functions of the Ontario Municipal Board. (b) the jurisdiction of the Ontario Municipal Board. (c) the structure and organization of the Ontario Municipal Board. (d) the procedures and practices of the Ontario Municipal Board. (e) the procedures by way of appeal from the orders and rulings of the Ontario Municipal Board, including appeals by way of petitions to the Lieutenant Governor in-Council. (f) the relationship of the Ontario Municipal Board in the discharge of its responsibilities with the Provincial Government, local government and the individual citizen.

The Committee invites written briefs from individuals and organizations who may wish to present information, opinions or suggestions regarding any of the above matters relating to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Briefs must be submitted by September 15th, 1972 to the Clerk of the Committee Box 233, Main Parliament Building, Toronto 182, Ontario.  
John P. MacBeth, Q.C., M.P.P., Alex McFedries, Chairman, Clerk.

## Townships influencing decisions?

Government officials at Queen's Park may be looking more and more to rural municipalities for guidance before making decisions.

Esquering Councillors, at least, feel they may have had some influence on a recent amendment to the Ontario Planning Act.

Because of a disagreement with planning board about the designation of certain parcels of land as extractive industrial sites in the official plan, council approved the plan, but only after they asked the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the power to make amendments to the plan.

The Department wrote back to say only the Minister had the

power to make modifications, so council sent the plan to Queen's Park.

By a "strange" coincidence, the Ontario Planning Act was amended shortly after to give municipal councils the power to over-rule the planning board and ask the Minister to approve the plan as he sees fit.

As a result, Monday night council repealed a by-law they passed earlier this year and passed another one allowing the Minister to proceed with his study.

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NOT much Laboring done in town on Labor Day.

Forgetting the past is alright, but don't forget the future.

—There's a tang of autumn in the air and the nights are getting chilly.

THIS week seems more like New Year's than January 1.

SURPRISINGLY few changes in the school staffs this year.

MEETING friends at the Saturday morning market will be missed.

BOTH Guelph hospitals reported a noticeable decline in the number of births.

GROUP meetings have begun again with plenty of plans being made for the new season.

ALL the kids in town got an opportunity for Youth grant this week. It's called School.

ST. JOSEPH'S hospital, Guelph, now has a new building committee working on the planning of the proposed major new addition there.

THE town's new corporal, Bob Arbour, returned to Tillsonburg this week to be present at court. The charges had been laid while he was with the Fort Burwell detachment of the O.P.P.

MONARCH butterflies are starting to mass before heading south. They stop to rest in the same locations each year.

TWO brand new Acton streets have been opened up in the Bovis Acton Meadows subdivision. Ready paved, they're attracting many people looking over the site. Rosemary and Clark are the names of the new streets.

WEEKEND cottagers say the traffic coming home Monday night wasn't too bad. Many left early, because of school starting and to see the Canada-Russia hockey game.

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