

Open Great Pine Ridge Trail with ceremonies here Saturday

Disposal study earns support

By Jennifer Barr
Hundreds of crusading horsemen rode for a cause August 22-26 on the Great Pine Ridge Trail Ride, first of its kind in Ontario.

The cause?—Procuring off road riding facilities for horsemen of Ontario, few of which now exist.

The 200-mile relay ride started in the east at Frankford on August 22 and in the west at Rockwood on August 25. A grand meeting of the factions took place at Palgrave August 26, in a ceremony featuring R.C.M.P. riders; Governor's General's Horse Guards; over 100 trail riders; a covered wagon drawn a hundred miles by a team of Percherons; a delegation from Trenton who had ridden 150 miles including five children and a rider with a wooden leg; numerous government representatives and officials.

Permanent trails
The idea originated with the Ontario Trail Riders Association, who have been working for several years on establishing permanent horse trails throughout the province. The association is the only equine-oriented group representing the horsemen's point of view regarding the need for bridle paths.

Much work has been done already in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the Department of Lands and Forests. The concept of an Environmental Recreational Corridor containing the Great Pine Ridge Trail has also been enthusiastically encouraged by Hon. Leo Bernier.

In 1972, 150 miles of the Great Pine Ridge Trail was mapped out similar to the Bruce Trail for hikers. An additional 50 miles was added this year. The job has been a difficult one because of the antipathy shown to horsemen by many conservation areas and parks. Snowmobile trails seem to be acceptable but not horse trails.

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority, for instance, was adamant in its unwillingness to let horsemen pass through the unused portions of their area, thereby causing the local section of the Great Trail to be predominantly on road.

Sanity Corridor
The Inaugural Ride was the brain child of Mavis McCullum of Scarborough. Mavis and husband, Brian have long been enthusiastic workers for trail riders and find the sport a most rewarding one.

Mavis likes to refer to the Trail as a "Sanity Corridor" and describes it as consisting of: "Beads of recreational opportunity strung along a necklace; and the necklace is the Great Pine Ridge Trail."

She explains that horsemen are free to use any portion of the Trail at any time and hopes to encourage stabling and affiliated activities along route.

Plans for extending the Trail further are in the works and it is hoped a northern section may be opened soon.

Hungry Horse
The Ride was divided into sections of 17-20 miles and an area co-ordinator was appointed to map out and organize each portion. Riders were allowed to ride five mile relays, one rider carrying a special mail pouch containing letters with thousands of signatures requesting government aid in setting up off-road riding trails.

One letter was incomplete due to being eaten by a local horse as his owner was adding her signature.

Agnes McGinnis of Rockwood, organized the Inaugural Ceremonies opening the Western portion of the Ride that took place on Saturday, Aug. 25. Over 30 English and Western riders convened at the parking lot of Bob Buck's Shell Station at the junction of Hwy 401 and the Guelph Line, just above Campbellville.

From there they progressed to a Lands and Forests Trail opposite Mohawk Raceway and the red ribbon was cut by Bill Kempling, Federal M.P. for Halton-Wentworth. Assisting him were Anne McArthur Warden of Halton and Reeve of Nassagaweya, Tom Hill, Reeve of Esquesing, and Art Gibson, Esquesing Councillor.

Vincent Synnott of Rockwood carried the mail pouch, donated by Roy Ineson of Georgetown, for the first five miles; followed by Fred Buchanan (Acton) carrying it over the next section; and finally, Mo McGinnis (Rockwood).

Mo McGinnis handed the pouch over to Frank Anthony of Georgetown at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the junction of Hwy 7 and 20th Street. Francis Anthony had organized the Georgetown section that ended at Belfountain.

George Maltby, Esquesing councillor put letters in the mail bag from Georgetown horsemen.

The ceremonies at Palgrave, Sunday were the culmination of years of work and the initiation of still more years of similar effort. A cairn was unveiled indicating the starting point of the Great Pine Ridge Trail for horsemen.

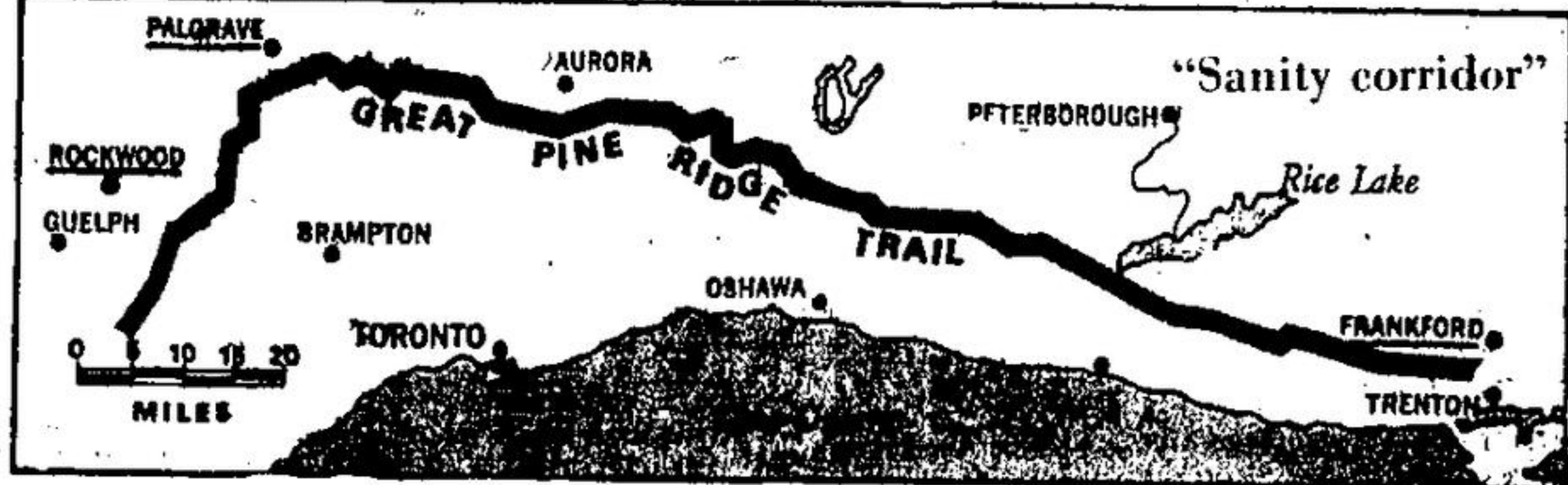
The name, incidentally, is derived from the huge pine trees punctuating every mile of the beautiful trail. The first settlers were forbidden by law to cut down pines that would become masts of navy ships and so horsemen of Ontario are now free to follow these symbols of their past and future.



ROCKWOOD TRAIL RIDER'S oldest member, Vincent Synnott of Rockwood started the mail pouch on its way over the trail shortly after the official ribbon

cutting by Halton Warden Ann MacArthur, M.P. Bill Kempling, Esquesing reeve Tom Hill and Nassagaweya councillor Art Gibson

—Jennifer Barr Photo



Milton Council supports the principle of the Halton County Solid Waste Management Study, Halton County's Administration Committee was told at a meeting Thursday.

The study points out the variety of ways to attack the problem of solid waste management and the various land fill sites that might be used if land fill sites are chosen.

Both Milton and Georgetown are in a position of needing a new land fill site or some other method of disposal, almost immediately.

Milton Council has been working on a plan that might eventually see lands owned by Milton Brick used as a land fill site for this area.

No Zoning
Earlier attempts to use that site were stilled because the land is in Esquesing Township and the township council would not consider zoning the land for that use.

As of Jan. 1, 1974 when regional government comes into effect, the responsibility of solid waste disposal will become a regional responsibility.

Commenting on the report and the change in jurisdiction, Milton Mayor Brian Best said it will no longer be a matter of providing for one town or township but

\$69,000 rebates

Municipalities in Halton County will soon get provincial rebates ranging from \$1,250 for Nassagaweya to \$30,712 for Burlington. As a result of provisions made in the 1973 provincial budget for additional grants, the County of Halton received a general support payment of \$69,975.

That amount will be disbursed among the member municipalities. Milton will receive \$2,085, Georgetown \$4,833, Acton \$1,358, Burlington \$30,712, Oakville \$26,951, Esquesing \$2,776 and Nassagaweya \$1,260.

looking at the total package. later in the year to present and Public meetings will be held discuss the report.

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SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

1973-1974 School Year

Commencing Wednesday, September 5, 1973

PART I PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Acton

ROBERT LITTLE, M.Z. BENNETT buses will operate on the same schedule as for 1972-73 school year with the exception of Routes 3, 5, 6 & 7, which are as follows:

Route 3: Departure Time: 7:35 a.m.

West on No. 7 Hwy. to 6th Line, south on 6th Line to 25 side road, west on 25 side road to the 5th line, north on 5th Line to No. 7 Hwy., east on No. 7 to 1st Line, south on 1st Line to Mill Street, east on Mill Street to school.

Route 5: Departure Time: 7:30 a.m.

West on No. 7 Hwy to 4th Line, no student to this point, south on 4th Line to 25 side road, west on 25 side road to 3rd Line, south on 3rd Line to 20 side road, east on 20 side road to 4th Line, south on 4th Line to 15 side road, east on 15 side road to 5th Line, north on 5th Line to 25 side road, no students beyond this point—east on 25 side road to school.

ROUTE 6 (a): Departure Time: 7:35 a.m.

Express on No 7 Hwy to Eden Mills (7:50 a.m.)—pick up Public School students only at Eden Mills, reverse and pick up students along No. 7 Hwy to 5th Line, No. 7 Hwy to school.

Route 6 (b): Departure Time: 8:10 a.m.

North on Hwy 25 to Town Line, west on Town Line to 1st Line, south on 1st Line to No. 7 Hwy., east on No. 7 Hwy. to school.

Route 7: Departure Time: 7:30 a.m.

West on No. 7 Hwy to 3rd Line—no students to this point, south on 3rd Line to 25 side road, west on 25 side road to 2nd Line, north on 2nd Line to 28 side road, west on 28 side road to 1st Line, south on 1st Line to 20 side road, west on 20 side road to Town Line, north on Town Line to 30 side road, east on 30 side road to 1st Line, north on 1st Line to Eden Mills, High School students only, east on Town Line to No. 7 Hwy to school.

For information re the above, contact Acton 853-1550, Milton 878-3519 or the Principal of the school.

Esquesing Area

SPEYSIDE, LIMEHOUSE, GLEN WILLIAMS, NORVAL, PINEVIEW, & STEWARTTOWN SENIOR buses will operate on the same schedule as for 1972-73 school year.

Students being transferred from Glen Williams and Norval to Centennial Senior Public in Georgetown will be transported by Special bus from school to school.

For information re the above, contact Georgetown 877-4448 or the Principal of the school.

Georgetown Public Schools

Pupils attending Stewarttown Senior Public School:

- Bus No. 1 leaving Wigglesworth 8:30 a.m.
- Bus No. 2 leaving Joseph Gibbons 8:30 a.m.
- Bus No. 3 leaving Park 8:30 a.m.
- Bus No. 4 leaving Chapel 8:30 a.m.

Pupils attending Joseph Gibbons Public School from Centennial area.

- Bus No. 1 arrive Eden Place 8:25; leave Eden Place 8:30 a.m., Second Stop Centennial School. Leave Centennial 8:35 a.m.
- Buses No. 2, 3 & 4—arrive Centennial School 8:25 a.m.; leave Centennial 8:35 a.m.

Kindergarten A.M. class—dismissal at 11:30 a.m. and returned to point of pick up.

Pupils attending Special classes—Westbound Bus

- Leave Kennedy 8:10 a.m. Leave Wigglesworth 8:25 a.m.
- Leave Centennial 8:15 a.m. Leave Chapel 8:30 a.m.
- Leave Harrison 8:20 a.m. Arrive Park 8:35 a.m.

Eastbound Bus

- Leave Park 8:40 a.m. Leave Harrison 8:55 a.m.
- Leave Chapel 8:45 a.m. Leave Centennial 9:00 a.m.
- Leave Wigglesworth 8:50 a.m. Arrive Kennedy 9:05 a.m.

For information re the above, contact 279-5800 or the Principal of the school.

Nassagaweya Area

For pupils attending J. M. DENYES AND MARTIN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOLS—buses will operate on same schedule as for 1972-73 school year.

CAMPBELLVILLE & BROOKVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS—will operate on the same schedule as for 1972-73 school year.

For information call 854-2171 or Principal of the school.

PART II SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Acton Area

ACTON HIGH SCHOOL—buses will operate on same schedule and routes as for the 1972-73 school year.

Acton & Nassagaweya to General Brock High School

Buses will operate on same schedule and routes as established in the 1972-73 school year.

For information re the above, contact Acton 853-1550, Milton 878-3519, or the Principal of the school.

Georgetown Area

GEORGETOWN HIGH SCHOOL—buses will operate on same schedule and routes as for the 1972-73 school year.

Milton High School

Pupils from Esquesing Area—buses will operate on same routes and schedules as for the 1972-73 school year.

For information re the above, contact 877-4448 or Principal of the school.

Pupils from Nassagaweya Area—buses will operate on same routes and schedules as for the 1972-73 school year.

PART III SCHOOL FOR THE TRAINABLE RETARDED CHILDREN

Sunshine School - Hornby

Buses will operate on the same schedule as for 1972-73 school year.

For information re the above, contact 854-2171 or Principal of the school—878-8572.



MO MCGINNIS transfers the mail pouch to Frank Anthony of Georgetown at one end of the section. The pouch contained letters of petition requesting government support in establishing the Great Pine Ridge Trail Ride.

Jennifer Barr Photo

PUBLIC NOTICE

The office of the Court of Canadian Citizenship will be opened in the Town Hall, 2nd Floor, Milton for the month of September on the following dates: Friday, September 7, 1973 and Friday, September 21, 1973.

A Citizenship Officer will be in attendance to take applications for Canadian Citizenship from 8.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m.

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