

# Hydro meets owners, explains Bradley-Georgetown hydro route

A team of Ontario Hydro experts met with 250 residents of Nassagaweya Thursday night at Brookville School.

This special meeting was called by Hydro when it was realized that many residents south of Guelph did not receive information concerning the proposed hydro corridors between Hazelton Junction and the Guelph-Georgetown area. Land in Nassagaweya is under serious consideration for the route.

**Separate route**

The Bradley-Georgetown study, as it is called, is separate from the much publicized Nanticoke to Pickering line. The Pickering study was done by Bruce Howlett, a U.S. environmentalist, while the Bradley-Georgetown study is being conducted by Ontario Hydro personnel.

A set of broad pathways from north-west to north-east is needed to construct the towers. The corridors are required to bring power from the Bruce generating station to the Guelph-Georgetown area. These lines would then connect with the system currently under review, the Nanticoke to Pickering line.

The concern expressed by the Hydro study team was that the lines disturb a little prime agricultural land as possible. Thursday's meeting was held to determine which land was best used and how much financial investment in the land and implements was at stake.

The assembly was asked to study the maps surrounding the room and mark beside each map the individual concern.

**Questions study**

Ontario Hydro was applauded for the thorough teamwork demonstrated with extensive map work and slide presentations. Although termed an "audio-visual extravaganza" by one member of the audience, the

majority felt hydro made its case clear and understandable.

Questioning the need for a study at all, Nassagaweya Deputy-Reeve Jim Watson suggested the money would be better spent if it were given to the people whose land will be affected. A reply to his remark came from a ratepayer who said, "I say a study is a minute amount of the one hundred million dollars hydro is spending to build these lines. I hope we're not so near-sighted as to think we don't need a study."

A suggestion was made that hydro could not be depended upon to make an unbiased study. Art Mosher, an engineer on the project and chairman of the proceedings replied, "The Ministry of the Environment will get a report from us by Dec. 1 and they may conduct a study resulting in an inquiry. You say hydro could be biased but further data input could be possible."

**Expropriation**

Mrs. Anne MacArthur, Reeve of Nassagaweya, voiced the views of many present when she challenged, "How many expropriations should people have to face in one lifetime? How would you like to be expropriated four times? First your arms are cut off, then your legs and now some of us are having our heads cut off!"

Mr. Mosher agreed that he wouldn't like it one bit. He was then asked if Hydro has ever considered why they have so much opposition. Before Mr. Mosher could answer, the questioner answered his own question, "The answer is because you leave us in the dark, and that's a bad reflection on hydro, he quipped. The people are scared you will take the land for peanuts. I think hydro never pays a fair amount. Why do you make a few of the people suffer for something everyone benefits from? I think your com-

penation policies are not fair."

"I think our record of expropriation has been about three per cent in the past," Mr. Mosher said, "the vast majority of the people were satisfied with the price offered. More recently it's been 50 per cent, indicating that the people have greater access to stopping an improper location, more people are aware of the environmental impacts, and hydro is doing things in a more constructive manner. That's why we're here this evening."

**Saw no lines**

Gerald Sill, a new resident of Nassagaweya, said, "I bought what I saw—no hydro lines. I bought out here because of the beauty and the view. I didn't want to see hydro lines. If the lines go through my property, why do I have to sell off what's left?"

His problem, that of the person left with part of his property untouched or who lives next to a property with a line running through, was discussed. One solution considered by Hydro was to straddle the property lines so each of the people would be paid. It was admitted that Hydro does not have a policy about this and that each case is considered on its own merit.

The explanation on visual impact did not satisfy the people concerned who complained that money isn't all the compensation needed.

## Wellington farmers protest hydro use of prime farm land

Eight hundred signatures on a brief were presented to the team of Ontario Hydro experts at Brookville School Thursday by the Wellington Federation of Agriculture. Another two hundred are in the mail, according to their spokesman Peter Hannam of Guelph.

The brief states, "We are concerned about the increase in the rate of disappearance of prime agricultural land out of agricultural production. Prime land went out of production at the rate of three acres an hour in 1961-66, in the years 1966-71 the rate was 43 acres per hour.

**High food costs**

"Mankind cannot live without food and there is much concern about the cost of food in recent years. Food cost per unit is less on prime land than on poorer land."

"Therefore we recommend that the preservation of prime agricultural land have priority over all other uses of land, and that construction of hydro corridors on prime land be avoided at all costs."

"Farmers and farmers must be given foremost consideration in the location of hydro corridors. When it is necessary to cross farms with high voltage lines they should not divide a farm in two,

neither straight across nor diagonally.

**Drainage systems**

"The cultivation of the land within the tower corridors will be a problem. It will not be possible to cultivate the field with the large machines in common use today. They could easily do considerable damage to a tower, for which the farmer would be responsible. The towers are difficult to cultivate around, which will reduce the acres per hour accomplished and increase the cost of production."

"We also support the use of double circuit towers in all cases. The width of the corridor is thereby reduced as well as the number of towers required in rural areas."

"Existing drainage systems must be retained in proper working order. When fencing and gates are necessary to the use of adjacent fields, either at present or in the future, hydro must install them at their expense."

"If spraying for weed control is used, the damage to adjacent or down slope crops must be given serious consideration," the brief concludes.

**Niagara escarpment**

Premier William Davis announced Monday the appointment of the 16 members of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

They are: Ivan Buchanan of St. Catharines, Robert McNeill of Waterdown, Anne MacArthur of Nassagaweya Township, Ivor McMullin of Albion Township, Theodore Parker of Mono Township, Robert Mackey of St. Vincent Township, J. P. Johnstone of Tobermory, Gary Hannon of Amabel Township, John Boeckh of Caledon Township, Robert Keast of Thornbury, James Swanborough of Burlington, John Bradshaw of Toronto, Robert Bateman of Burlington, Raymond Lowes of Hamilton, and Leo Bruzesse of Fonthill.

The chairman of the commission, George R. McCague, former Mayor of Alliston, was appointed in September.

**Haltos reps.**

Anne MacArthur is at present Warden of Halton County and is Mayor-elect of Milton. A former high school teacher, Mrs. MacArthur has been a member of Nassagaweya Township council for nine years, four of them as

reeve of Burlington in 1971. He is married and the father of two children.

Bob Bateman is a 41-year-old artist and art teacher, whose wildlife paintings have been featured on the Federation of Ontario Naturalists' Christmas cards. A director of the Federation, and a resident of Burlington since 1958, Mr. Bateman is

reeve. Mrs. MacArthur is a native of Nassagaweya Township and is the mother of one son.

Jim Swanborough, 42, is a Queen's Counsel and past warden of Halton County. He was chairman of the Burlington and Suburban Area Planning Board in 1964 and

of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology and educators at large from across Canada.

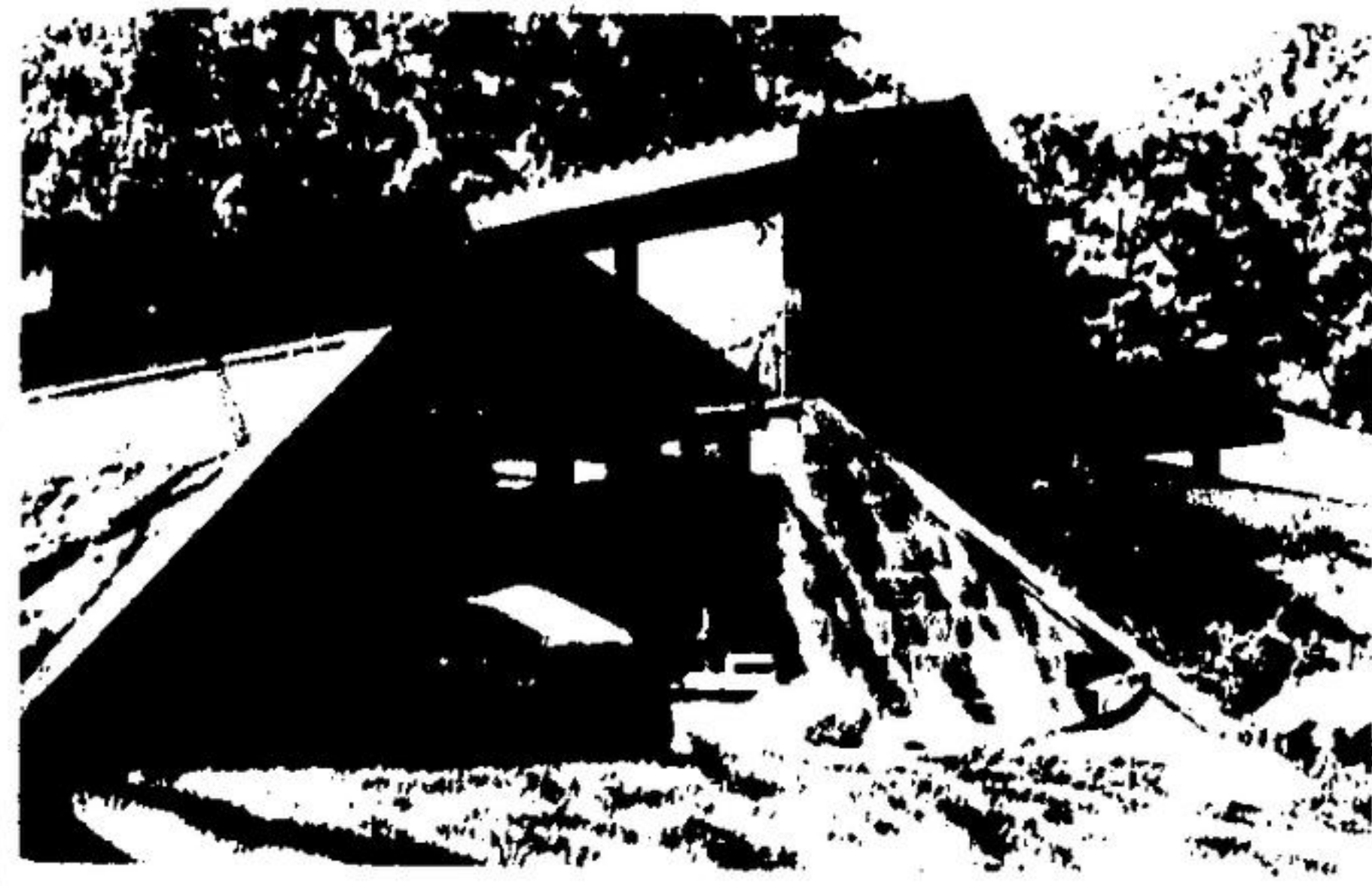
Georgetown teacher Mr. Ramautarsingh is past-president of the Halton District 9 Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Mr. Ramautarsingh is a member of the 14-member O.A.C.D. council and he served on the six-man committee that prepared the event. He is chairing one of the major sections Schooling and Its Alternatives.

Seminar

Later in the conference he will be the group leader and chairman for the seminar group which deals with the topic What If There Were No Schools. Serving with him are Wally Moffat, vice-principal of Central Hastings secondary school and Mrs. Isobel Cull of the British Columbia Teachers' Federation.

Theme of the conference is Action and Reaction in the Curriculum and those participating include members of the Ministry of Education, directors of education, superintendents of education, trustees, university professors, OISE professors, principals, teachers, students, parents, members



## Eden Mills architect wins award

HOWARD V. WALKER, Architect, of Toronto and Eden Mills recently won an Award of Merit in this year's architectural design competition sponsored by the Ontario Masons' Relations Council. The prize winning project was the newly completed office building for Stuart & Cruickshank, Barristers & Solicitors in Gravenhurst, and was designed in association with Anthony C. Campens, Architect. In their report the Jury commented: "There is no doubt in the Jury's mind this is the most delightful and refreshing entry submitted... it has achieved a high architectural standard without the use of any cliches." Last year the same Architects received an award in the provincial government's competition for innovative housing design.

## Two Halton wardens on new commission

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Under the terms of legislation passed in June this year, the commission will develop a plan for the Escarpment and its vicinity. The underlying principle of the plan is that any development should maintain the Escarpment's character "as a continuous natural environment."

The commission will establish its central office in Georgetown, with field offices in Gilmsey and Collingwood.

The commission will be appointing one or more advisory committees to assist it in its work.

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### Let's talk about HORSES

By Jennifer Barr

**Question:** My young colt, 17 months old, insists on chewing everything in sight. He especially likes leather and has ruined several leads, a halter and a bridle. How can I stop him?

**Answer:** My Thoroughbred gelding is a weaver and constantly sways in his stall. This is most annoying, but we are getting a new horse and don't want him to develop Rocky's bad habit. Can we prevent this?

**Answer:** Although these are different problems, the cure is virtually the same. Both horses suffer from boredom and need stimulation.

The gelding may forget his weaving with the coming of a companion. He should also be out for exercise all day, every day. Place some toys in his stall—a hanging beach ball, washed plastic bottles (Javex containers) attached to a beam by a string; an old tire; or a soft rope tied to a sturdy post.

These same toys would be excellent for the colt. Toys in his paddock would encourage him to work off his energy. If the colt is chewing wood, apply creosote to exposed surfaces. It tastes nasty. The destruction of leather tack can be eliminated by keeping all tack away from him. Any horse will chew a lead rope or a bridle left near to them.

**Question:** I bought a horse this spring—my first one—and am wondering how to feed him. He has been eating grass all summer but now that it is getting cold I feel he should have some hay and oats. How much do I feed him, where do I get it and what does he need?

**Answer:** I hope you have had lots of rich grass for this horse if you're only just thinking about feeding him now. The goodness of grass lessens considerably after August and horses usually need some supplementary feeding from September on.

Right now he needs his full winter feed. Any grass he eats while out won't have much food value. Your local feed dealer will be able to supply the grain your horse needs and will probably be able to tell you the names of some farmers who will sell you hay and straw.

The horse will need about a bale (half a large bale) of good this year's Timothy hay with some legume in it. He should have lightly rolled oats, some bran, salt and mineral.

The quantities and special feeds depend on your horse, his size and the work he is doing. The art of feeding would take a book to explain. Your dealer will be able to help you more. However, he will probably manage fine on three quarts of oats and one quart of bran twice a day with free choice salt and mineral lick.

If he is thin, you might add some commercial sweet feed, protein supplement, or cob corn. The fattening of a horse is another whole subject.

## Teacher formulates conference program

Tom Ramautarsingh, Guelph St., Georgetown, helped formulate the program for this year's program and theme for the 22nd conference of the Ontario Association for Curriculum Development. The conference will be held Nov. 8 to 10 at the Chateau Laurier hotel, Ottawa.

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