

Work crew cleans creek

Youths from Ontario Experience 1975 spent all day yesterday cleaning and repairing areas along the creek beside Robert Little School and the Acton Library.

Ontario Experience '75 is the twin of last year's Ontario Government project SWEEP.

The crew cleans up streams, builds erosion banks, constructs gabion baskets and does whatever is necessary to revitalize a creek area.

Seven
The seven youths are from different areas of the Halton-Peel regions and were all students. Brenda Jenkins of

Mississauga is a first year student at the University of Guelph. Vicki Stewart of Mississauga is a student at University of Toronto. Bill Forrest of Lorne Park attends the University of Western Ontario in London. Wally Moss of Georgetown attends Georgetown High. Dave Odd of Streetsville attends Streetsville High. Deryl Ivill of Brampton attends the University of Toronto and Ron Gilmer, head of the group, of Georgetown attends Centennial College in Scarborough.

There are two other crews sponsored by the province to carry out work in environmental cleaning.



A WORKING CREW of seven students hired under the Province's Ontario Experience '75 cleaned the creek area behind Robert Little School and the Acton Public Library. The crew also ventured into the swamp area across from Prospect Park off Main St.

Lads charged breaking panes

Two youths have been charged by Acton detachment of the O.P.P. following the breaking of 38 windows Sunday. There had been 35 windows broken at the Robert Little school valued at \$2,000 and three at The Free Press, valued at \$50.

One of the boys is from Acton and the other from Toronto. Co-operation of the parents assisted the police in completing their investigation. Investigating officers

said. Windows on the south, north and west sides of the main school and in the stone school were smashed Sunday creating a "mess" to be cleaned up. Some of the windows at the front of the school were large plate glass panes, other shattered panes smaller.

They will appear in juvenile court July 31.

Replacing the glass at the school took three days.

From \$50 to \$5 in five minutes

Youngsters selling ice cream around the streets from a bicycle pushcart got a break, Monday night, when Halton Hills council cut the fee, charged under the hawkers and pedlars bylaw from a suggested \$50 to \$5.

Moving the decimal point which gave an instant \$45

reduction came about after Mayor Tom Hill questioned the definition of a pushcart.

Councillor Ern Hyde said it was "an injustice to the kids to have to pay \$50, and injustice to the kids who buy the ice cream in front of their own homes."

Region sites

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with the building being set back on the property and the 16 Mile Creek in the foreground.

Burlington Mayor George Harrington helped kill the Milton site. During the committee of the whole debate he spoke against the Milton site and in favor of the Bronte Creek site. When the cruph was on and a recorded vote in open council called Harrington opposed the Oakville site as well.

"The building should be where the people are. People are in and out for welfare and so on. There is the question of access for employees or locating in an area where employees can be found.

Not on back road
"It's kind of strange that there is 40 acres and only half can be used. It's far away from the major populis and where most of the where it's at businessmen are. They are in the south, not on some backroad on the wrong side of the creek. We have to establish some kind of identity," he said.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said the Oakville site was situated at the junction of the service road and Highway 25. He pointed out that site was surrounded by provincial land (Bronte Park) and the region knew what neighbors it would have.

He pointed out the Queen Elizabeth Way interchange and the GO Train service made for easy access to the site for the majority of the public.

He argued that the commercial and residential developments situated near the Milton site detracted from the site and he recalled how council had rejected the old county building because of the neighboring industrial uses. "We don't want to get into that again," he told councillors.

Milton representatives Jim Watson, Anne MacArthur and Marjorie Powys emphasized the central location and the beauty of the Milton property, best known as the Willmott farm.

Mr. Watson questioned the compatibility of the headquarters building with the park and the Provincial Sports Complex to be built adjacent to the Oakville headquarters site.

Lower price
He warned colleagues of drug racing and vandalism at that location. He argued the servicing costs would be higher at Milton but the lower price for the land would more than make up the difference.

Burlington Councillor Vern Connell said he favored the Milton site over the Oakville site on the basis of economics, but indicated he would oppose both sites until after developer proposals have been heard.

Although the committee has been sitting for the better part of two years, there are still apparently a number of proposals from developers that have yet to be heard.

Connell pointed out that if the Milton site was chosen, Halton Region Conservation Authority would be anxious to share in the acquisition of land and be accommodated in the building.

40 acres
Of the 40 acres, HRCA was anxious to have 17 for recreation and parkland and five for its headquarters. Connell pointed out that would leave the region having to pay for only 18 acres at about \$5,000 per acre, instead of \$5,000 per acre for 10 acres in Oakville.

Halton Hills Councillor Ric Morrow noted protection of the property from neighboring uses as the key reason for favoring the Bronte Park site.

Morrow told this newspaper that he had visited both sites. "Just because I'm from the north doesn't mean I'll go for the most northern site. If we bought land from the province there wouldn't

be anyone accusing us of upping the value of land around it."

Buy neighboring land
Mr. Morrow said he feared the prospects of people wanting the region to buy neighboring lands around the Milton site if the site were chosen.

During an interview prior to the recorded vote being called, Morrow warned that if the northern representatives didn't get behind the Oakville proposition, council would end up dealing with Burlington developers. "Don't think those guys don't have something on their mind," he said, gesturing towards the Burlington caucus.

Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes said the key to the whole thing was centrality. He drew an analogy to the province and the fact the northern part of the province felt divorced from the province because of the capital being in the very southern part of the province. He claimed the same thing would happen in Halton on a regional basis.

Find Kelso
Mayor MacArthur refused Harrington's claim that the site was on a back road. "People from Oakville and Burlington don't have any trouble finding Kelso and that is seven miles northwest of the site."

Mrs. MacArthur drew council's attention to the benefit from the HRCA involvement, the landscape and the centrality of the site. "Keep careful track of the points made and there can only be one site," she concluded.

Oakville Councillor Terry Mannell gave one of the most moving speeches on behalf of the Milton site.

"It's important to establish centrality to the region so that the region doesn't just relate to the urban south."

Part of region
"It's important to say you are an important part of this region. There might be some problem with a labor pool but people might enjoy a 10 minute ride on scenic Highway 25, rather than sitting watching traffic lights blink from green to amber to red on the Guelph Line."

"The Milton site is what the region is all about—fine rivers, rolling land and fine landscape."

Oakville Councillor Bill Mason said the Milton site was the best choice for the

long term relationship of the region. "It's time to do something for people in the north who feel Oakville and Burlington always have to have it their way," he suggested.

Reconsider
After having defeated both the recommended site and the alternate site in committee votes, council passed a motion in open council to reconsider the matter.

A recorded vote on the Oakville site was defeated 11-8. Burlington Mayor George Harrington was chastised openly for changing his vote on the recorded ballot. When Harrington did not stand with those supporting the Oakville site, Burlington councillor Mary Munroe asked out loud, "George, you changed your mind, you said a minute ago you would support it."

"You lied George, you lied," Councillor Morrow shouted.

"He's got a developer friend," Archie Dongaghey of Oakville snapped.

"That's what I call a Lushious vote," Morrow added.

Lush International is one of the development firms interested in having its presentation heard and it is rumored that the firm has the support of the Burlington Mayor.

Halton Regional Conservation Authority Chairman Brock Harris wrote a letter to the regional chairman explaining the HRCA would be interested in discussing a shared use proposal.

Fencing for tennis courts

There was good news for members of Moore Park Tennis Club, Georgetown, and Acton Tennis Club, Monday night, when Halton Hills council accepted the tender for fencing both courts.

The total price of \$3,410 submitted by Frost Steel and Wire Co., was the lowest tender. It was \$410 over the budgeted amount of \$3,000, with the extra cost coming from increased provincial recreation grants.

Lad turns in wallet

Police had words of praise Tuesday for Brian Demone, Main St., who brought in a wallet containing \$132 to their office. The nine-year-old boy had found the wallet in the park. The owner, an Erin man who works in town, had lost it while having lunch in the park and was delighted to recover it, cash intact.

Settle maintenance

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that the recreation department would continue to handle everything except park maintenance. Both he and Cox said the works committee recommendation should not mention anything about the recreation department's responsibilities.

Council agreed that the works department will handle all park maintenance and leave everything else in the hands of the recreation department.

and that planning should advise recreation on park planning.

Booth said he didn't want to muddy the waters and was only trying to foresee problems which might crop up.

"We don't want any more grey areas as to who is responsible for what when it comes to parks," he stated.

Councillor Mike Armstrong said works committee assumed in their suggestion

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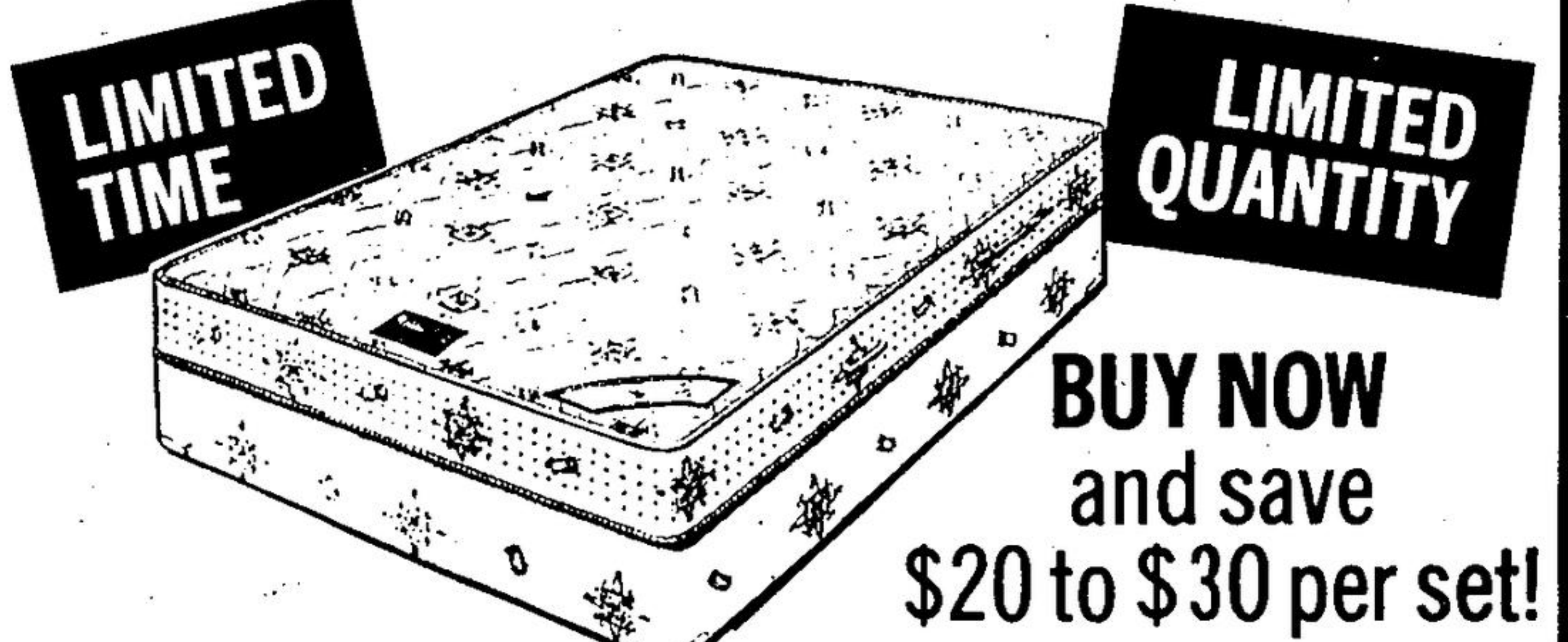
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