

# NARA seeks help in quarry fight

Nassagaweya Area Ratepayers Association has opened a campaign designed to fight the expansion of the quarry industry in Nassagaweya.

In a letter to Milton Mayor Anne MacArthur, Land Use Chairman R. W. Durham and NARA president W. A. Johnson ask the mayor to use her influence and power to co-ordinate the activities of Milton Council, Regional Council, Halton Region Conservation Authority and the Niagara Escarpment Commission to control the growth of quarrying operations in rural Milton.

The letter is accompanied by a four page brochure that outlines the problems NARA sees with the expansion of quarries.

The brochure asks for resident support to help fight the Springbank Sand and Gravel Company from getting a licence for their pit off the first line south of 10 Sideroad.

Affects everyone  
The brochure says the quarry affects everyone in Nassagaweya not just those in the Campbellville area. It urges people in the area to voice concern through

newspapers, councils, and local M.P.'s.

It points out the damage to the watershed and wildlife the quarries do. Quarries work long hours, cause noise and dust pollution and cause hazards for children the writers claim.

According to the brochure or newsletter governments spend more money in providing roads for quarry use than is collected in taxes from the aggregate industries.

According to president Johnson NARA has held a number of meetings to try to gain information to support opposition to quarry applications.

Weaken position

"One such meeting took place on July 8 with Mr. Murray Stephens, Manager of Halton Region Conservation Authority. At this meeting we were given to understand that HRCA were proceeding against the extension of Dufferin Quarries' licence before the OMB on the grounds of prior zoning and interference with the flow of a branch of 16 Mile Creek supplying Hilton Falls, Kelso and the outfall from Milton sewage treatment plant. The

flow at this last point is critical if Ontario Ministry of Environment effluent standards are to be met. Mr. Stephens, however, is concerned that HRCA's position has been weakened because of the removal of all prior zoning with the formation of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the NEC's decision to concern itself only with new quarry license applications. He pointed out that an Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources 1973 definition of a "new" pit under the Pit and Quarries Act is one where no previous digging has taken place.

"It would thus appear that any property from which gravel has been removed in the past, even a shovel-full, qualifies as an existing pit. We are concerned that if NEC takes the position attributed to it by Mr. Stephens, we will see a vast expansion of quarrying operations along the escarpment which is surely contrary to Ontario's policy for the protection of the escarpment. We would urge you to use the influence of your office to co-ordinate the activities of Milton Council, Regional Council, HRCA and NEC to control the growth of quarrying operations in rural Milton," the bill said.



GEORGE HENDERSON, Philip Thomas and William Lawrie discuss raising cattle while touring the Henderson farm at R. R. 1, Georgetown. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Lawrie are visiting Halton Hills and studying farming in Halton. They will be in this area for three weeks. Mr. Thomas, who is from Herefordshire, and Mr. Lawrie, Angus, are participating in a Junior Farmers exchange program.

## Churchill

### Rev. A. W. Fosbury has weekend away

In the absence of Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, two guest speakers from Guelph, Harold Page and Tom Dean, who are with the Gideons took the service. Mr. Dean gave the sermon on their work by displaying and explaining the work done by the Gideons in placing their Bibles in 105 different countries. One million Bibles are given out every 25 days, placed in hotels, motels, institutions, hospitals, schools, etc.

church played the organ for our morning service, also Archie Kerr and John Duenk assisted with their violin and cornet.

There was a good turnout. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr attended Robert Warne's birthday party on Saturday afternoon at Acton.

Rev. A. Walter and Mrs. Fosbury spent the weekend with Mrs. Eva Patchell at Owen Sound. Her husband had been their best man at their wedding. They attended the United Church at Park Head when Rev. Walter Fos-

bury took part in the service. Friends of the community extended congratulations to Robert Warne of Acton on his 85th birthday.

The Golden Age group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Davidson on Wednesday afternoon for their picnic and meeting. Approximately 60 attended. Games were played and a bounteous supper served.

Jack McMillan and Son John of Shelby, North Carolina visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr.

## Ospringle

### Residents enjoy visiting

by Doris Fines  
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howes visited a couple of days with their daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. David Greyson, at their cottage near Collingwood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie were holidaying at Parry Sound last week, with Mrs. Lang's mother, Mrs. Jack Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grundy and David attended the Orange parade in Grand

Valley, staying overnight at Don Graham's campground, and going on later to Barrie to visit with Mrs. Grundy's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cullen and family.

David Grundy is enjoying a bus trip to the east coast with his aunt, Miss Helen Clarkston of Brampton. The 12-day tour will take them to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island, Peggy's Cove in N.S., and in-

cludes an ocean cruise to Portland, Maine.

Special entry  
Robert Grundy entered a float in the Founder's Day parade in Erin. Among the antiques displayed on it were a drum, an old wheel chair, and an apple peeler. On top was a big boot sporting 12 feet of nylon rope for a shoe lace.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grundy and family entertained guests Saturday evening, on the occasion of Russell's birthday. Among those present were Mrs. Grundy's sister Christine Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slater.

Mrs. Thomas Fines, Doris Fines, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ferguson and Gary Ferguson visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Redman, Tara and Melanie, at Ferguson's home.

Remember, Ospringle grocery and service station will be closed next week, from Monday July 28, until Tuesday, August 5.

### 60th anniversary for Mr., Mrs. Hale

Residents of Georgetown since 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hale celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday at Acton Curling Club. After a family dinner others joined them for a happy evening of visiting and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale have three children, Nan (Mrs. Joe Hurst), Acton; H. E. "Bus" Hale, Georgetown and Joan (Mrs. Roland Haines), Glen Williams. 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. One of their grandchildren, Peter Hurst, was here from Paris, France, and another,

Tim Haines, from Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MPP George Kerr presented them with a plaque from the province of Ontario and they also received a telegram from the Queen, certificate from Prime Minister Trudeau, letters from Premier Davis, MPP Jim Snow, MP Frank Philbrook and Mayor Tom Hill.

Mr. Hale was a Georgetown councillor for many years, and Halton Hills councillor at the party included Mayor Hill, the Hales' son-in-law Joe Hurst, Len Cox and G. W. McKenzie.

## Area dogs disappear, dognappers suspected

A rash of dog disappearance in the Nassagaweya area near the Fifth Line and Sideroad 20 has caused residents to suspect dognapping. Nellie Pitt of R.R. 1, Acton, says she has lived in that area for six years now and, during that time, several valuable animals have been stolen as well as her own family pets.

Mrs. Pitt said when she

first moved to her R.R. 1, Acton address, her family owned a German shepherd which disappeared during the night one evening. A district neighbor lost two purebred collies at the same time. One other lost his dog. None of the animals were retrieved although police were called in to investigate.

Husky disappears  
A dalmatian was next

brought into the Pitt household. It was taken. The Pitts purchased a big husky named Caesar. Last year, Caeser Pitt heard Caesar being enticed into a car sometime around 11:30 p.m. with a friendly, "Come on, boy, that's a good dog." Mr. Pitt immediately whistled at his animal and called him back to the house. Two weeks later Caesar disappeared and has not been seen since. Mrs. Pitt explains that other animals were taken from the area at the same time.

## Limehouse

### Wedding, deaths visits in news

by Mrs. A. Benton  
Of interest to local older folks may be the passing after a short stay in hospital of Mr. Duncan C. Sharp of Toronto, formerly of Limehouse. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on July 17. We extend sympathy to his widow, sister Miss Colena Sharp and other relatives. Interested in Limehouse Presbyterian Church, the Sharps usually attended special services held there.

We are sorry to hear that Miss Jean Thompson of "The Shieling", 5th Line, has passed away, having been in hospital in Toronto only a few days. She has been an invalid for several years, spending summers here and in winter living in Toronto.

Wedding  
Congratulations to Hank Leferink and Rita Van Helden who were married in Georgetown Christian Reformed

Church on Friday evening. Honored guests were the bride's paternal grandmother and the groom's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Giffocin, all from Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton and John, and her cousin Barry King of Cape Croker, who is with them for the summer attended the King reunion at Thornbury on Sunday.

There will be no service at Limehouse Presbyterian Church next Sunday, July 27. Rev. Harold Martin has conducted services during holidays and Rev. Peter Barrow will return Aug. 3.

## Silverwood

### Institute's picnic, graduate in news

by Mrs. Alicia Scott  
Silverwood Women's Institute held their annual picnic at Smallwood Acres at Acton on Thursday, July 10, with 10 members, six adults guests and 20 juniors to enjoy a bountiful lunch at noon and swimming and games in the afternoon.

Races  
First game, in which all received a prize. Under five years, Leanne Burt, Greg Leatherland, Angela Rozell, Sheila Campbell. 6-7 years, Kim Walters, Laura Campbell. 8-9 years, Doug Campbell, Darin Wigglesworth. 10-11 years, Debbie Rozell, Christine Walters, Mark Lindauer.

12 to 14 years, Mary Lou Lindsay, Kathy Carmichael, Jim Carmichael, Gord Rozell, Pamela Rozell, Michele Riechmann. 5 years and up, Joan Lindsay, Beth Carmichael. Balloon race, balloon filled with water, Kathy Carmichael, Anne Lindsay, Doug Campbell. Partners' race, Mark Lindauer, Joan Lindsay. Kicking shoe, Anne Lindauer. Birthday July 23, Anne Carmichael. Contest, Pat Campbell, Beth Carmichael, Robin Kelly.

Buttons in jar, Doris Lindauer, Elva Williamson.

Decisions  
The W.I. members decided to raffie their quilt and have a euchre party in October in Stewarttown.

Congratulations to Peter Goffe who graduated from Laurier University in languages with honours. He has taken a position with a drug company in Paris, Ontario. Community good wishes go to him. Mrs. C. Wilson enjoyed a week's holiday at Hopetown. Mr. and Mrs. David Whitfield of Toronto and Mrs. W. M. Trennor, Streetsville, were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott to help celebrate a birthday on July 17.

## Daytime robbery

A daytime robbery which occurred Tuesday, July 15, resulted in estimated loss to an Erin township resident of \$655 and is presently under investigation by the Guelph C.P.P.

The incident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Caswell, Sixth Line, Erin township. According to police the thieves gained entry by breaking in through the front door. From the family room they stole a 26-inch screen colored T.V. along with a rotor.

No other items were taken although the bedroom was ransacked with linen drawers turned upside down and the cedar chest emptied.

## Gail Maltby

Gail Maltby, R.R. 2, Acton, recently appointed to the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, will serve on Parks and Recreation Committee, chaired by Halton Hills mayor, Tom Hill. Mrs. Maltby replaces retiring member, Bruce Cargill, also of Acton.

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