

BEING CONSIDERED for a new Campbellville Fire Hall is this garage on 1.6 acres of land. Milton Council, just prior to the year-end, authorized an offer on the property on the Guelph Line. The truck stop has been closed for some time. Plans would

include provision for a three bay fire hall, adjoining recreation hall and a site for tennis courts on the property to serve the former Nassagaweya area.

In Campbellville

Offer to buy garage for village fire hall

An offer has been made by the town for the vacant service station property at Campbellville, formerly known as Bob's Truck Stop, to be used as a fire hall for the area.

Mayor Anne MacArthur told The Champion of the offer, following closed committee discussion and subsequent council action on Tuesday. The Mayor indicated the

property, if acquired, would provide three bays for fire hall use, recreation hall for the area and a site for tennis courts. The property includes 1.6 acres and is located on the Guelph Line at the corner of the Five Sideroad by-pass, and just north of Highway 401.

Several sources Zoning on the property is commercial and Mrs. MacArthur explained financing of the project would be from the

\$75,000 already in the capital budget augmented by a gift to the town and funds from the \$32,000 capital levy fund collected on new construction in the Nassagaweya ward. A grant on the community hall and some funding from Waterloo was also a possibility, the mayor suggested.

Questioned on the earlier site, which it had been suggested was available free to

the town, the mayor explained its location south of the village of Campbellville placed it on a bad hill, and separated it from the village by a rail crossing. It was not considered as suitable, she said. On a night when racing was on at Mohawk, the new site had the additional advantage of permitting trucks to exit to the Guelph Line or the Five Sideroad bypass.

It was pointed out too, the

site on which the offer had been made would also meet the requests for a tennis court site in the village area.

Ask for funds The possibility of a public subscription drive for funds for the project in the ward was being considered and the mayor suggested the same approach might be taken to getting funds for the required new fire hall for Milton to

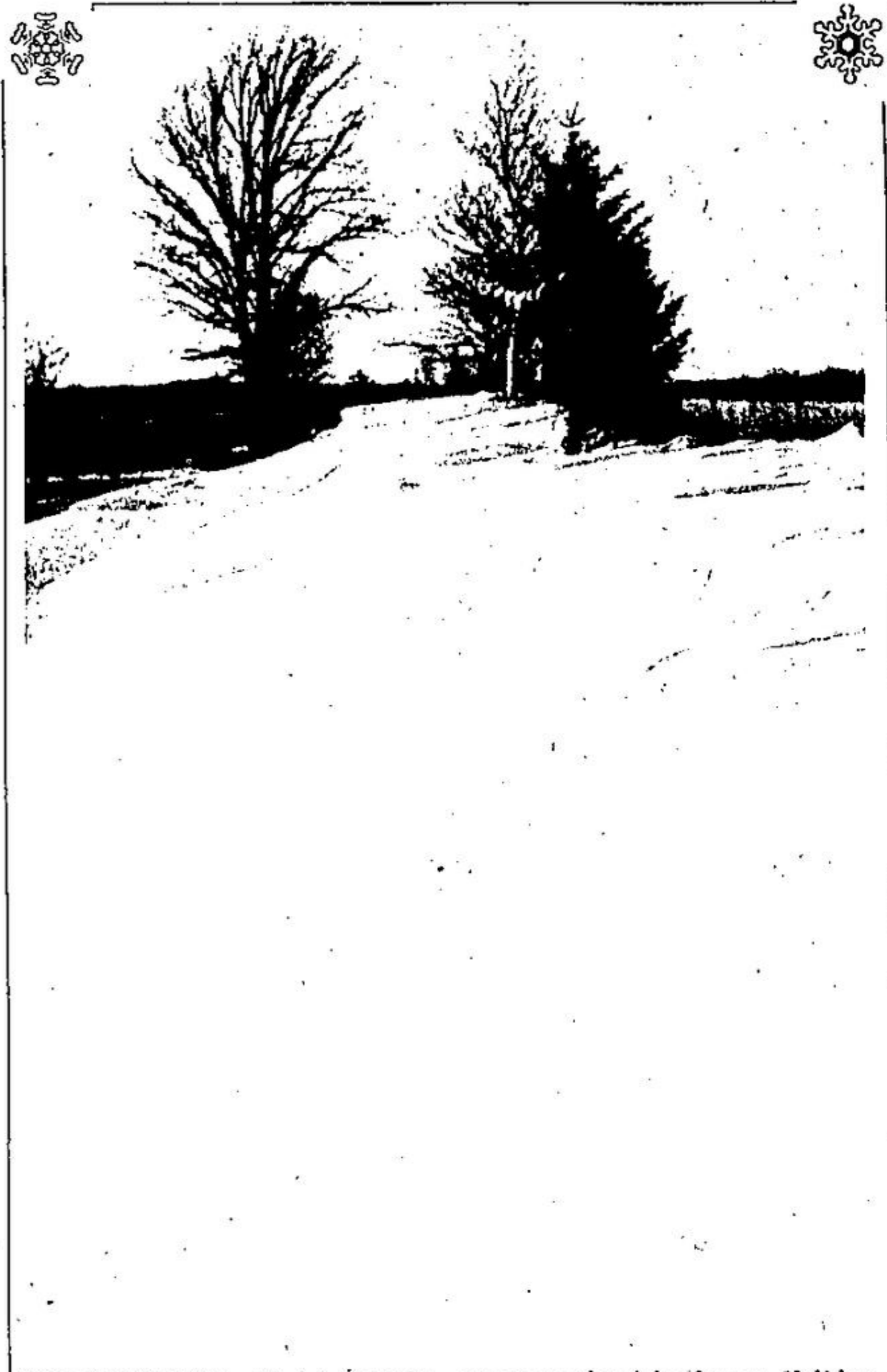
\$87,000 grant

An \$87,000 provincial grant will be provided to the Grand River Conservation Authority to acquire floodplain lands, Natural Resources Minister Leo Bernier announced.

The Authority will acquire five properties which have been classified as "distressed", in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo. The grant represents 50 per cent of the total estimated cost of \$174,000.

Stolen

A Galt man had a guitar and stereo equipment stolen from his car on 27 Sideroad in Esquesing Jan. 2. Value of the missing goods was set at \$1,075.



THE ICING ON the Christmas cake—swoops and swirls of snow. Holiday time brought good weather for holidayers who enjoy outdoor sports. Skating rinks, ski slopes and snowmobile trails all had happy enthusiasts out during the past two weeks.

Rural hydro users face increase

Ontario Hydro's rates for rural customers will increase by 14.9 per cent, the utility revealed this week. According to Hydro it will mean an increase of approximately \$4.30 a month on a typical farm customer's

monthly bill of \$33.70. The percentage increase to individual customers will vary depending on consumption and class such as residential, farm or cottage. Details of the rate increase are being mailed to rural customers

early in January. In mid-December, Ontario Hydro announced a 22 per cent increase in wholesale power rates to its 353 municipal and 102 direct industrial customers, effective January 1. New wholesale rates are

expected to increase the monthly bill of a typical residential customer in a municipality by approximately 13.9 per cent over a 12 month period. Acton Hydro Commission has not come up with

a final figure on the increase for their customers but have been working on a new scale of rates, to be released soon. New rates to rural customers are higher, says Hydro, to recover the 1976 increase over 11 months.

Three protest street closings

Three Limehouse residents, Fred Brooks, Thomas Nolan and Matthew Stevens, registered their objection to the proposed closing of Saxton Street and part of Edward Street.

been ready to give third reading to the bylaw to close the streets and convey them to abutting owners, but delayed third reading Monday night, to investigate the complaints.

Mr. Brooks said there had been houses on Lots 22 and 23 on Edward Street at one time. He claimed if a house were to be built on Lot 22, Edward Street would be needed. He said closing of the road would cut off lots 25 and 26. He claimed one property owner would have no access to the back of his lot on Saxton Street, for septic bed maintenance, since 22 Sideroad is 12 feet higher than the lot.

Mr. Nolan protested the closing of Saxton Street, saying the front entrance to his property is on a steep incline, and the rear entrance is the only possible way of having well drilling, the septic tank pumped or his pool filled.

Escarpment meeting Jan. 13 in Georgetown

Three January meetings have been arranged by the Niagara Escarpment Commission to meet with the public and hear their views announced Ivor McMullin Chairman of the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

The Commission will hear about fresh water fishing and the importance of improved water quality at its next public meeting, Jan. 13 in Halton Hills.

At a public meeting in Milton Dec. 10, the Izaak Walton Fly Fisherman's Club presented the Commission with a printed brief requesting NEC involvement in improving water quality for fly fishing through a program of legislation, education and restoration.

Cabinet Special meet on restraints

A special provincial cabinet meeting will be held in Hamilton Jan. 20. At the time the cabinet will discuss the need for spending restraints at the provincial and local areas.

Representatives of the fisherman's club will make an audio-visual presentation to the NEC at this upcoming meeting, which is open to the public.

Area school boards and councils will have representatives in attendance at the meeting to discuss restraints with the cabinet ministers.

Rebate on farmers' gas tax

The federal excise tax of 10 cents per gallon of gasoline, which came into effect on June 24, 1975, is refundable for gasoline used in farming operations. In order to claim refunds for the excise tax, it is necessary to apply in writing to Revenue Canada. Claims may be made whenever a rebate amounts to \$200 or more, but not more than once a month. Claims for any amount may be submitted on Dec. 31 and June 30. Applications for refunds must be made within two years of the date when the gasoline was

purchased. When applying for refunds, farmers are required to declare the total amount of gasoline purchased and the portion used in the farming business. Although it is not necessary to send receipts with the tax refund application, each individual must be able to verify his claim with records, if it is questioned. Application forms for the refunds may be obtained from the following Excise Offices—Toronto, phone 966-6695, or Hamilton, phone 523-2223; or your local post office.

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