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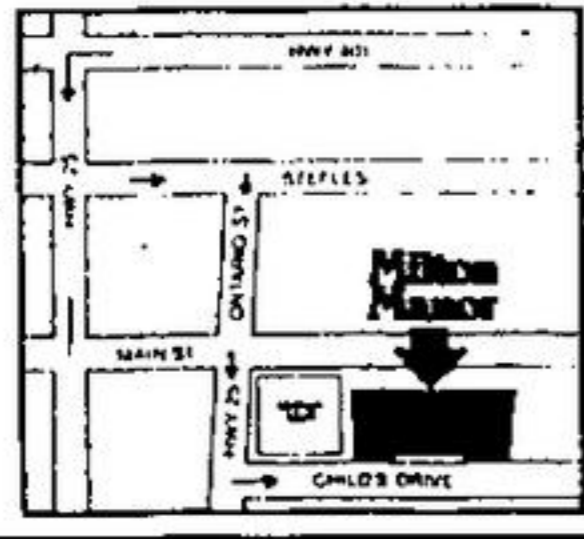
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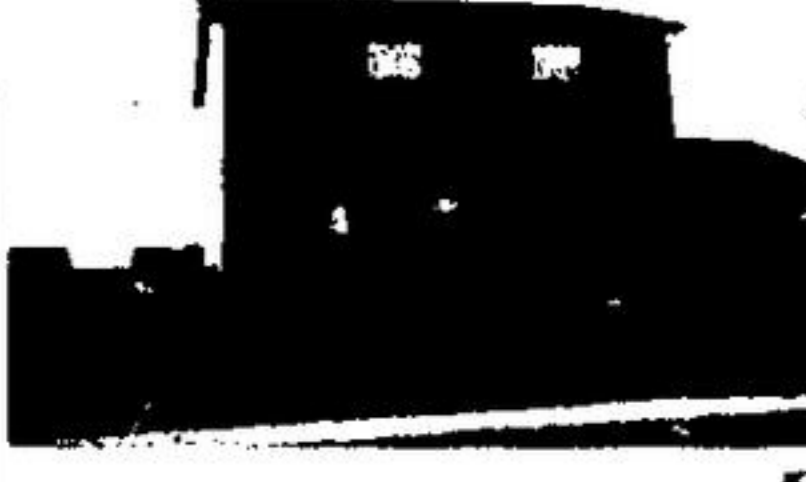
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# Authority defends land acquisition non-use of sensitive ecological areas

"Man is the environment's worst enemy. Unrestrained, he used ecologically sensitive areas as his stamping-ground, then wonders what happened to the green, open space he used to enjoy."

This was the answer by a CVCA spokesman to a recent question, "Why is the Credit Valley Conservation Authority buying all this land in the watershed?" The question was raised following a recent illustrated talk.

Several of the areas shown and described are not readily available to the general public and this raised a question in the minds of the audience.

The Authority owns approximately 5,000 acres in the Credit watershed. Multiple-use conservation areas (i.e. Terra Cotta, Bellountain, Meadowvale, Monora) comprise about 1,000 acres open to the public as recreation areas, but also provide an insight into forest and water

management, preservation of historical sites and a showcase for good conservation techniques. The cost of providing services for people is high and a great deal of planning must be done before initial phases of park development begin.

In the Orangeville Reservoir Conservation Area the 450 acre lake is surrounded by another 400 acres of forest, meadow, and marsh which is gradually being developed into a multiple-use area with emphasis on the educational aspects that the area provided.

Forest Conservation Areas are not open to the public because they are primarily fire-prone coniferous growth. The 750 acres contribute to the water holding capacity of the Caledon hills which could be susceptible to erosion.

Included are the headwater wetlands surrounding Caledon Lake. Swamps may

not look attractive but they serve as water retention areas which act as sponges when precipitation is high and allow slow drainage into streams and the Credit River. Wetlands are also preserved at Orangeville Reservoir, in several of the forest areas, at Terra Cotta and Silver Creek Conservation Areas.

Protection of environmentally sensitive areas has been a prime factor in the purchase of much of the Niagara Escarpment lands in the past five years. Previous to this 200 acres were purchased at Limehouse but not developed for masses of people because of the sensitive nature of the area. Plants, ferns and animal habitat must be protected before public access is allowed.

Initially, the 1,200 acres purchased in the Silver Creek area was for the construction of a dam and reservoir in the

Silver Creek valley in the 8th and 9th concessions of Esquesing township - now Halton Hills.

It was found, when further studies were made, that the project was not environmentally feasible and that this unique area should be protected. At the present time, an ecological study has been completed and a Master Plan for development is in progress.

Floodplain is the space on either side of a river which is susceptible to flooding during a heavy storm. Floodplain management and acquisition are major projects of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Floodplain lands along the Credit River owned by the Authority include several large areas, primarily in Mississauga, where the pressures of development have made the acquisition of these lands imperative. Small parcels

of land previously acquired are, in several cases, leased back to the City of Mississauga for parks development.

Building, filling or alteration of watercourses on floodplains are regulated by legislation enforced by the Authority.

Acquisition of land along the Mississauga Waterfront of Lake Ontario has been, in some cases, instituted at the request of the City of Mississauga. The approximately 125 acres is tied into an overall Waterfront Plan. The first five years of the 15 year plan have been completed and work is progressing on the second five year phase. Land acquisition along the lake has necessarily been costly but public access to Lake Ontario is of prime importance in a major urban area.

Land acquisition has included property from north of Orangeville, west along the

Escarpment and south to Lake Ontario. As land becomes available and budget permits, further purchases may be deemed feasible, an Authority spokesman says.

Urban development is accelerating as each year passes and small towns in the watershed are expanding rapidly.

The Authority feels it is imperative land be purchased when available, for it may never be available again. The Conservation Authority is preparing for future generations in the Credit River Watershed by providing green, open space for quiet relaxation and conservation education. An appreciation of trees, plants and clean water sometimes has to be learned and access must be preserved in an ever growing, polluted and noisy world, the Authority feels.

# Raftis finds work for retiring councillors

A committee of defeated and retiring councillors was appointed to sort out what Regional Public Works Committee Chairman Jack Raftis calls a "crazy mess."

Raftis was referring to the names applied to regional roads. He claimed that the practice of naming roads Regional Road One or Regional Rd. 30 was confusing and did little for anyone to know what road was where.

He claimed people don't relate with that name but more often a different name.

When the matter first came up at the works meeting Wednesday, Raftis said he didn't think there was need for a committee. "The high-priced help upstairs can sort this out surely."

Five members After Regional Chairman Al Masson said he felt committee recommendations

would be more palatable than staff recommendations Raftis conceded.

"I know where we can get five members right now," he named councillors Bill Mason, Ernie Sykes and Anne MacArthur who had all lost election fights just two days earlier and councillors Gord Brown and Dick Howitt who had resigned.

"They want to serve. They want to have something to do," Raftis quipped.

Something to do "Ya, I needed something to do so bad that I'm a father's representative on my daughter's nursery school board," Howitt joked.

"Do you think this will last two years," Ernie Sykes wondered aloud.

"Tell the press what you are doing and raise hell once in a while," Raftis suggested.

"We could stretch that out forever," Howitt observed, still laughing.

"I'll agree to serve but I don't want to set a precedent and have Jack come to us every time he has a problem," Mr. Brown said.

Howitt suggested the committee would have one cardinal rule and that would be no public participation.

With the levity of the situation passed, each of the five agreed there was a need for changes in the road-naming system and each of

the five agreed to serve.

Councillor Brown recalled telling friends from Guelph to come along Highway Seven until Trafalgar Rd. and then south to Oakville.

"There is no sign for Trafalgar Rd., it is regional road 43. My guests ended up in Toronto."

Some roads carry as many as three different names. Providing that Regional Council has no objection, the committee of five will tackle the chore and try to eliminate confusion that has existed for many years now.

Try again Encouraged by the outgoing members' willingness to serve, Chairman Raftis suggested the same group form a second sub committee to recommend a landfill site other than Site F.

"What would the terms of reference be—to get crowned every time we came down here. No thanks," Mr. Sykes said.

"Jack wants a sub committee to lay the blame on," Masson noted.



BIG BIRD John Pool has a balloon for Michael Kinnon, 19 Storey Dr., at the Y on Saturday. Michael is three.

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**Hydro closed**  
Christmas days off have been set for Acton Hydro employees.

The local Hydro Commission decided Thursday at their monthly meeting that the office would be closed down Thursday, December 23, at noon and not reopen until Tuesday, December 28. It would then close down Thursday, December 30 at noon and reopen Monday, January 3.

Commissioner Bob MacArthur felt the public should be made aware of these hours in case of an emergency. He suggested placing an ad in the local newspaper. Commissioner Les Doby further suggested a notice be put on the door of the hydro offices on Alice St.



SOPHIE OEHLRICH and Joan Richards just couldn't stop eating at the Friends-In-Deed Christmas party Thursday evening at the fire hall. After the firefighters had cleared away the tables of the leftovers of a turkey dinner, these two still managed to find a relish tray to nibble on. How do they stay so slim?

**Museum decoration**

At Wellington county museum, students helped make gingerbread decorations for the trees. They also managed to eat quite a few along the way.

The museum staff had quite a few requests for the recipe, which they claim is "no fail". Here it is.

**Christmas gingerbread cookies**  
1/2 cup shortening  
1/2 c. granulated sugar  
1 egg  
1/2 c. molasses  
1 tbs. vinegar  
2 1/4 c. flour  
1 1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. cloves  
1/4 tsp. salt  
3/4 tsp. soda

Cream together shortening and sugar. Beat in egg, molasses, and vinegar. Add dry ingredients. Mix with a large spoon, then knead till you have a nice round ball. Flour a board, roll, and cut dough with fancy cookie cutters.

Bake at 350 degrees for 6-10 minutes.