



N.F.B. ACTORS AND crew wait outside the Rockwood caves Friday as they watch the shooting of the Adventures in History series, which is using the caves for some of their scenes.

N.F.B. filming scenes in Rockwood's caves

National Film Board of Canada (N.F.B.) has chosen the Rockwood caves as the site for some of their filming for a television series to be broadcast this coming fall, the 1977-78 broadcast year, and were in the village last week to work on it.

The series is Adventures in History and the scenes being shot in Rockwood are part of an episode about the underground railroad (which was neither underground nor railroad) which helped American slaves escape to freedom in Canada.

The site was chosen because of "its great physical beauty" according to producer Maxine Samuels. It represents a cave used as a station on the escape route outside Detroit. Slaves would come up near Detroit, avoid

ing the city itself, and cross over into the town of Sandwich, since absorbed into Windsor.

Night shooting The final sequences of the show were all shot at night on the river just across the road from the caves. The boat which carried the actors was followed by a camera raft as they shot the scene.

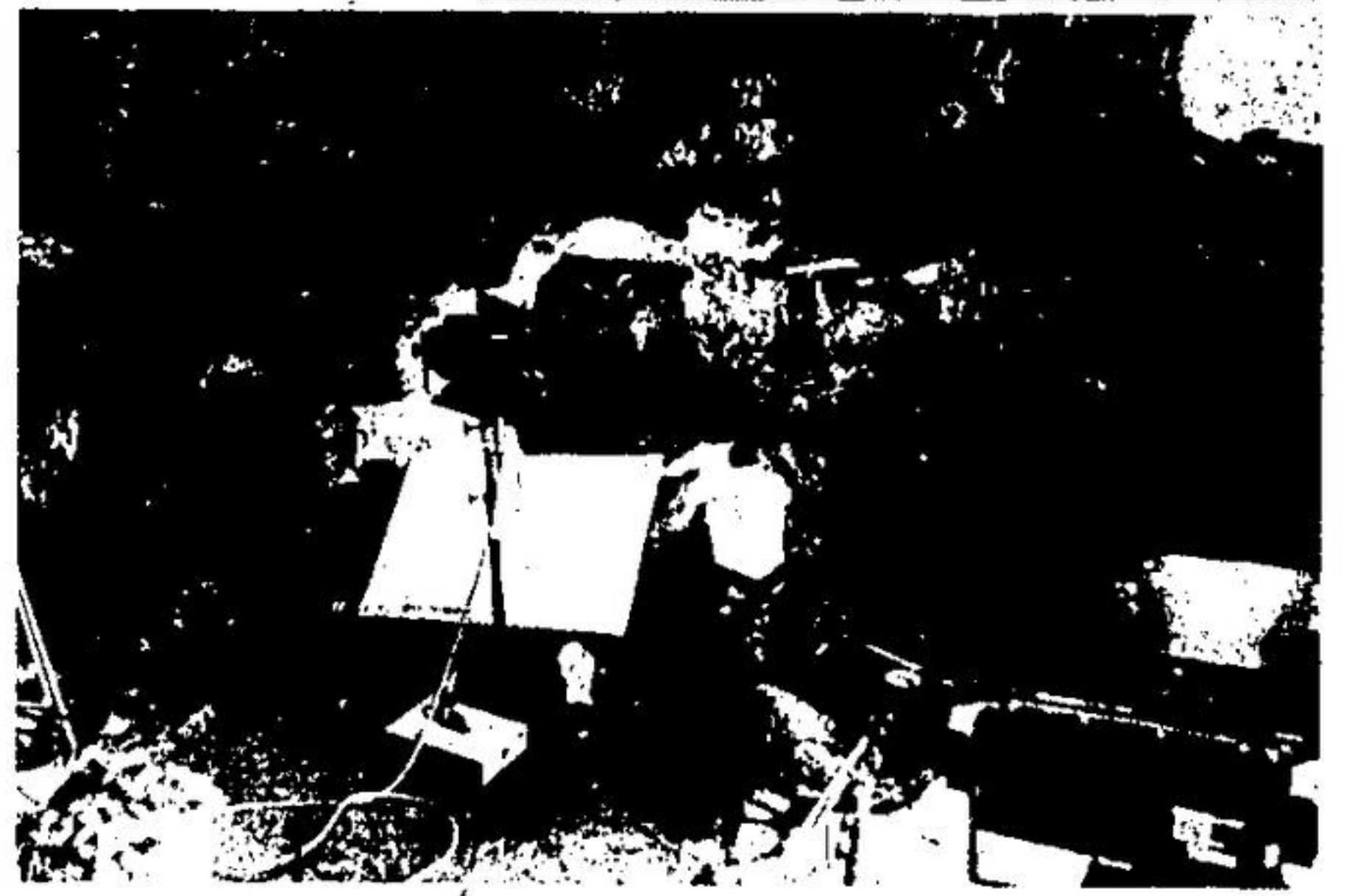
About 50 to 60 people normally working on the site, plus animals. For the night scene on the lake, the number of crewmen and actors went up to 100.

Rockwood caves is just one of a number of sites to be used in the filming of the episode. The production has filmed in Pickering, Clarendon and Doon Pioneer village ("one of the few absolutely beautifully reproduced villages, with no

shellac or anything artificial" according to producer Samuels). The troupe left Rockwood Friday to finish shooting at one of their other locations.

The Adventures in History series will be used to teach in Canadian classrooms. The N.F.B. felt students were being turned off by traditionally dry representations of history, and decided to create a series of dramas around various episodes from Canadian history ranging from 1604 up to the second world war.

The series, co-produced by the N.F.B. and the CBC, has been 15 months in preparation, including a full year of developing scripts, and will be telecast this fall in both English and French.



ROCKWOOD CAVES WERE alight last week as National Film board crew used the area to shoot some scenes for the series Adventures in History to be telecast this fall. Producer Maxine Samuels picked the spot for its great physical beauty.

Stone Church problem is a \$350 pile of gravel

Eramosa Council decided to help one of the township's churches with a parking problem during a regular council meeting August 2.

In response to a request from the Stone Church on the Fourth Line, council offered to supply a grader, a back hoe, labor and supervision if the church comes up with the gravel.

Part of the widening of the road is on the allowance, said township road supervisor Bob Hamilton.

Total cost of the project,

according to Mr. Hamilton, is in the neighborhood of \$700. About half the cost would be for gravel, he told council.

Council members wondered if they'd be setting a precedent with such help. Mr. Hamilton said that about a dozen years ago, the same church wanted to widen the shoulder of the road on the other side.

Councillor Dave Masson said that if the church found it could not accept council's offer, the church could ap-

proach council later on. "Well they're doing all right, not paying property taxes," councillor Masson said. He said he didn't believe the church appreciates the benefit it's getting.

Deputy-reeve Henry Holman said that all he knew was that the ordinary taxpayer, pays for the culvert work. He added the parking is not for a public use or function.

Councillors John McLeod and Alan Burnett were absent from the meeting.

Eramosa council ponders federal employment plan

Discussion of a federal job creating program was held over from a regular meeting of Eramosa Council August 2.

Talks ended with councillor David Masson pulling for jobs for township residents rather than outsiders. "If we're paying the taxes," he said. The main reason for postponing a decision to apply to

Ottawa with a program stemmed from council having two of its five members absent.

Councillors Alan Burnett and John McLeod were not at their seats during the four hour-long meeting.

Word of the federal plan came with Canada Manpower representative Maureen Lay-

land of Kitchener. The federal funding program is to create jobs for people who are unemployed, she said.

The program focuses on upgrading and developing skills plus helping the community.

A program in Eramosa must create at least three jobs, and last a minimum of 13 weeks. A year long program is possible, she said.

The next application date for ideas is in February. A program would likely start in April, said the Manpower representative.

Labor is the stress in the program, as there are little funds for materials and supplies, the manpower representative said.

Eramosa runs at the national average of unemployment, she said. That's 7-8 per cent, sometimes a little higher, she added.

Councils wait on 30 mph bid

A letter on the subject of lowering speed limit at Crewsons Corners was tabled during Eramosa Council's meeting August 2.

The letter, from Erin Township Council, states that that community is waiting on a decision from the provincial Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Eramosa Reeve Bill Adsett said the hamlet, off Highway 7 midway between Acton and Rockwood, wants a 30 mph zone there.

Damp hay remains uncut

Hay crops are so damp from weekend rains that some farmers left their cutting machines in the fields.



Pet of the week

WOODY IS SCARED as only a rabbit can be. Brian Demone brought the young bunny to the Free Press office for pet of the week, and Woody was not so sure he wouldn't really rather have stayed home. Woody belongs to the Demone brothers.

Conference for 4-H

By Mark Leahy

Nine 4-H members from Halton attended the Regional 4-H conference for 15-year-olds at the University of Guelph.

Brenda Brown, Marilyn McNabb, Joyce Parker, Mary-Jean Robinson, Diana Royce, Hans Treviranus, Elaine White, Dale Wickson and Bev Wingfield were among 62 4-H's

participating in learning exercises, sports activities and social recreation. The program was centred around the theme "Do you know where you are going to?".

Members were divided into car company groups and had the opportunity to work together as a team in making decisions.

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No I'm not talking about wealthy southern Ontario farmers who have made their money in business before dodging the tax man and plowing their excess into a little ole 200 acre pig operation. And I'm not talking about western wheat barons. I'm talking about the genuine farmer trying to eke a living out of producing food for the rest of us. Everyone's out to get him.

If he's inherited the farm he's somewhat better off unless he has to take out a mortgage to update his buildings and equipment. But the young fellow just out of agricultural school hasn't a prayer of getting a paying farm going. He won't be able to afford a wife and kids for years but he needs them as supplementary help—he sure can't afford to pay hired help.

His other alternative is to work for an established farmer. Yet even an established farmer can't begin to compete with other businesses in the wage department. Anyway, what worker in his right mind would work the hours required—only the farmer who owns the place.

So our young land lovers end up in factories—or research (trying to find out how to produce more food!).

The older farmers get fed up with the constant price squeeze and sell their land for subdivisions. Or they turn their farms into vacation farms like a friend of ours did. He makes a much better living now catering to leisure-minded consumers than he ever did producing their milk.

Some farmers hang on wondering how much longer they can carry on as the government, marketing boards, and monopoly food companies strip their pay cheques down to nothing.

And when I go to the supermarket to choose my meat and vegetables, I'm sure grateful to those farmers.

Fire hall for Milton

A new \$278,000 fire hall will be erected on Steeles Ave. in Milton for the Milton fire brigade. Fire chief Babe Clement and Mayor Don Gordon turned the sod Thursday, July 21. The hall will have four large bays and two bays for offices and training area.

Ford plant

Ford of Canada in Oakville, is starting this week to move into the van and club wagon market by producing up to 440 econoline vehicles.

The vans are produced in one other North American Ford plant in Ohio.

Total van production will increase 40 per cent if Oakville turns out 100,000 of these per year.

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Four car dealers bid on tenders

Halton Regional Police Commission opened tenders for 11 vehicles during a regular meeting Thursday at Oakville.

Commissioners asked Inspector Al Terrell and staff to compare prices, models and years on the bids.

Georgetown Chrysler offered Plymouth Furies to fill the need of seven cruisers and two unmarked cars. Georgetown's figure was \$42,376.94.

Also bidding on the market was Gallinger Motors Ltd., of Milton. Gallinger offered Cougar models with four doors. Price: \$38,817.97.

The commission will determine if there is enough money to buy either an extra cruiser or unmarked car. Mayor Harry Barrett said.

Georgetown Chrysler also bid to supply two smaller cars to the force. Its Plymouth Colts were offered at \$7,731.

Burlington Toyota has Corollas in the two-door model at \$9,111.04.

Gallinger submitted bids on Mercury Bobcats at \$8,184.65. Fiats were put forward by Citation Auto in Oakville at the price of \$11,512.40.

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