

New members for Authority

At the Executive Committee meeting of Friday, January 13, the Grand River Conservation Authority acknowledged the appointments of six new members for 1978. For the Regional Municipality of Halton, Bradford Clements will replace Mrs. V. Grimshaw. Lloyd Long will replace W. G. Holman in Group 5 (Town of Fergus and Townships of Eramosa, Erin, Guelph, Puslinch, West Garafraxa). Wilfred Trask will replace Archie W. Beattie in Group 4 (Village of Elora, Townships of Nichol and Pilkington), while Sid Vanderveer will replace Ross G. Brown in Group 1 (Dundalk, Grand Valley).

Two new Provincial Appointees include Mrs. Heather Morris and William Rimmer, replacing McKay

Peters and Mrs. B. G. Schneider respectively. All other appointments have been confirmed and remain unchanged.

Also at the Executive Committee meeting, it was recommended that season passes be issued for 1978 at last year's price of \$25. It was decided to make the passes available at this unusually early date due to the Elora Gorge Conservation Area being officially open for camping and day use during the winter months. This will allow visitors to this area to make use of the season's pass for both winter and summer activities.

The Royal Commission Inquiry into the Grand River Flood 1974, as well as the Treasury Board Report—1971 recommended that a com-

prehensive water management plan for the Grand River Basin be initiated by the Province and the Authority, with the co-operation of the municipalities. It was stressed that staff assigned to the study should be relieved of sufficient other duties to make their contribution reflect the importance of the assignment.

The initial response was the formation of the Grand River Implementation Committee in 1972, made up of representatives of the Ministries of the Environment and Natural Resources and the Grand River Conservation Authority which later was expanded to include the other resource ministries—Housing and TEIGA. The general terms of

reference for the study were developed by the Committee in 1975 and approved by the Province in 1977. The funding allocation to complete the study during a period of three years, included provision for a full-time study co-ordinator.

In early November 1977, the position of Study Co-ordinator was advertised and 38 applications were received. Eight applicants were chosen for interviews by a Selection Committee appointed by the Grand River Implementation Committee.

The position requires a person to co-ordinate the study components to be carried out by the Ministries and the Authority and act as project manager for the Basin study. The objective of the study is to prepare a plan including alternatives and policy statements for the integrated use of water and land resources and to identify the necessary trade-offs to achieve protection against flooding, acceptable disposal and transport of waste effluents and the provision of adequate water supplies. The position requires the participation in various technical committees, the assessment of study proposals from various Provincial Ministries municipalities and other agencies, and the initiation of methods, procedures and programs necessary to carry out the study.

Fish wins Guelph Tory nomination

Albert Fish won the right to carry the federal Tory banner in Guelph riding during the next national election.

Mr. Fish, who played in the early 50's for the Acton Football Club, captured 72 of a total of 134 votes during the nomination meeting. More than 200 people attended the gathering.

The nomination was contested by Steve Bourdreau and Mario Bonafacio.

Mr. Fish is a real estate agent.

Guelph riding includes Pilkington, Puslinch, Guelph and Eramosa townships plus the city of Guelph.

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At the January 13 meeting of the GRCA Executive Committee, it was recommended that A. F. Smith, P. Eng. be appointed to the position as Co-ordinator—Grand River Basin Water Management Study, effective March 1, 1978.

apply. The committee learned there is someone prepared to buy the severed lot. LDC member Bill Coats, of Acton, moved denial of the application. There is a need for areas to be free of development, a place for wildlife to go, he said. Also the municipality does not recognize the site as a built up area, he said.

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LDC blocks northern subdivision by default

The Land Division Committee unanimously turned down a bid for a separation that may have worked into a subdivision on the northern end of the 1st Concession. The most significant point is it's a subdivision by default, LDC chairman Brian Fletcher said.

argument of Guelph lawyer Bob Berry, who represented Gough, that a separation would be infilling.

Infilling is a term used to refer to granting an application on a lot situated between homes.

Reports to the LDC indicated the land has one previous severance. The new application calls for almost two acres to be sliced off six acres. The land, acquired ten years ago, fronts on 22nd Sideroad.

Lawyer Berry argued that the reasons why the LDC turned down a separation bid five years ago no longer

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No lot levy on split

Regional Land Division Committee granted a conditional free separation to Henry Craig Reid of the north-east half of Lot 23 on the 8th Concession.

Reid told the committee one of the homes was for his father, the other for an uncle.

Nichols told the committee there would have been no lot levy paid on the two houses ten years ago. While LDC chairman Brian Fletcher argued for a lot levy to be paid, committee member Des Morrow's view that there be no lot levy prevailed.

The LDC learned last week from Milton lawyer A. J. "Bud" Nichols who represented Reid, that for at least a decade there has been two homes on the lot. Mr.

Ten years ago I know the levy was \$500, and if the land was in the family for five years, no lot levy was due, Morrow said.

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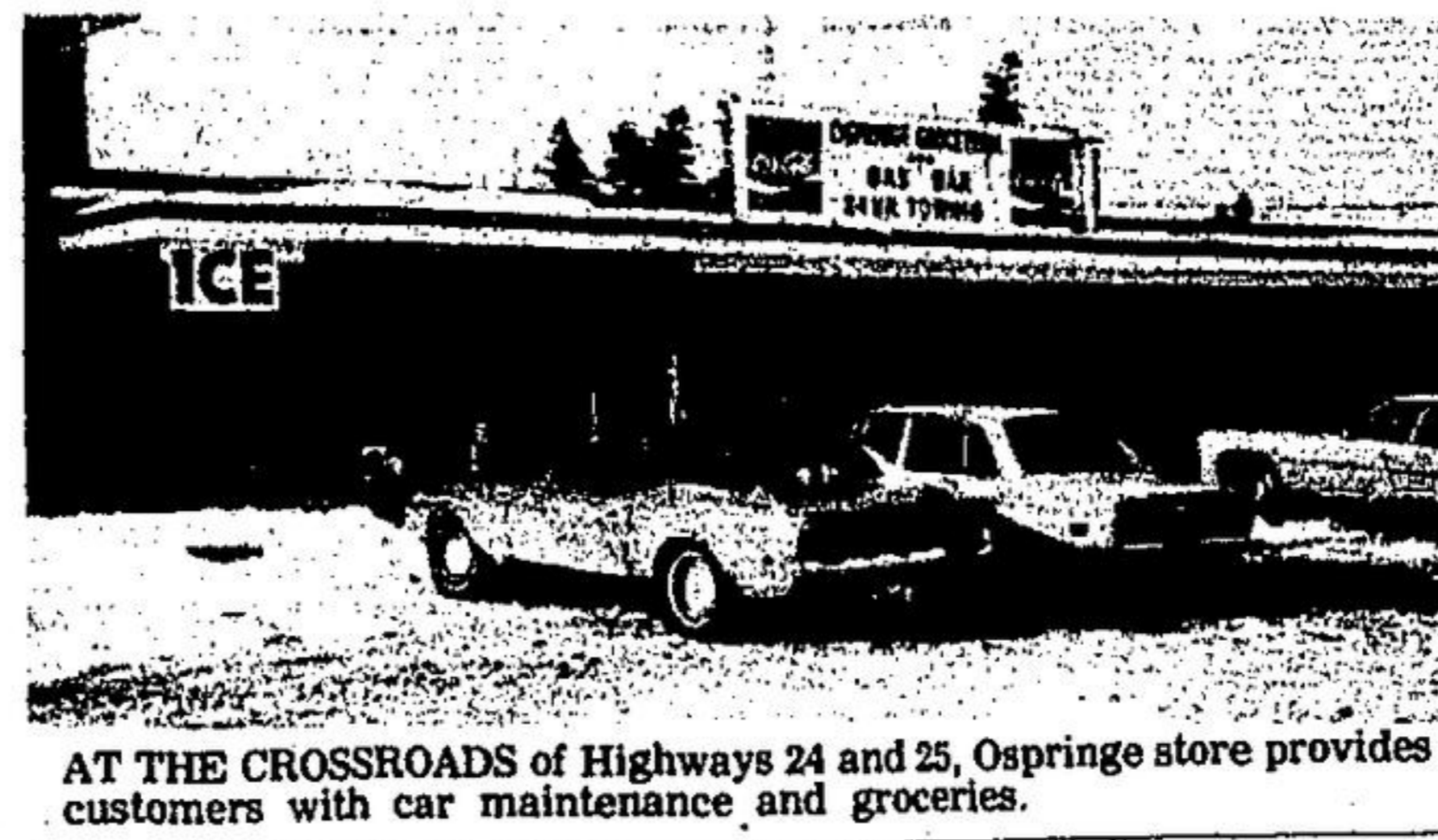
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