

# Speyside quarry may open with lakes and camp sites

Two large lakes with camping and picnic area in Speyside, donated to the Halton Region Conservation Authority, is the long term plan of Standard Aggregates, better known locally as Consolidated Sand and Gravel, when and if their 600 acre property is quarried.

Standard Aggregates want to operate the quarry south of Speyside and to do so must have the land designated a mineral extractive industry in the Official Plan.

Leo Glergon, property manager told Halton Hills Planning Board Tuesday night the land was purchased in 1960, and by 1962 80,000 tons of material had been removed. He said the operation came to a standstill

when market conditions declined.

He explained by 1970 they were ready to continue, but the Esqueing holding by-law, the N.E. Protection Act, the Pits and Quarries Act, and the fact the land had not been designated extractive in the Official Plan, prevented it.

A plan of the rehabilitated quarry, progressively implemented as sections are quarried out, showed two lakes, one 100 acres, and other 300 acres, with landscaping, picnic and launch areas, and marina and launch facilities. When completed perhaps 25 to 30 years down the road, the whole area would be turned over to the Halton Region Conservation

Authority.

Mr. Glergon claimed the project was approved by Esqueing council in 1962.

Mr. Glergon said there would be no quarrying closer to the escarpment than 1000 feet, and the Bruce Trail would be left undisturbed. By having direct access to Highway 25, only four miles from Highway 401, no municipality roads would be used, said the property manager.

He stated the site is well hidden from public view and screened by mature trees, with little urbanization around it.

Mr. Glergon claimed the first lake would be completed in 15 years, with a portion in about eight years, and the second lake would be com-

pleted 35 years from now. No loss of farm land is involved, according to the property manager, since the 600 acres, only 70 was ever farmed and that land is rated class five or six soil.

He told planning board the processing plant could go ahead immediately approval is obtained, creating jobs in the area and work for independent truckers. He said there are 120 million tons of dolomite in the property, and warned there could be shortage of mineral aggregates unless additional mineral resource areas are designated, before the land is developed for other uses, sterilizing it for minerals forever.

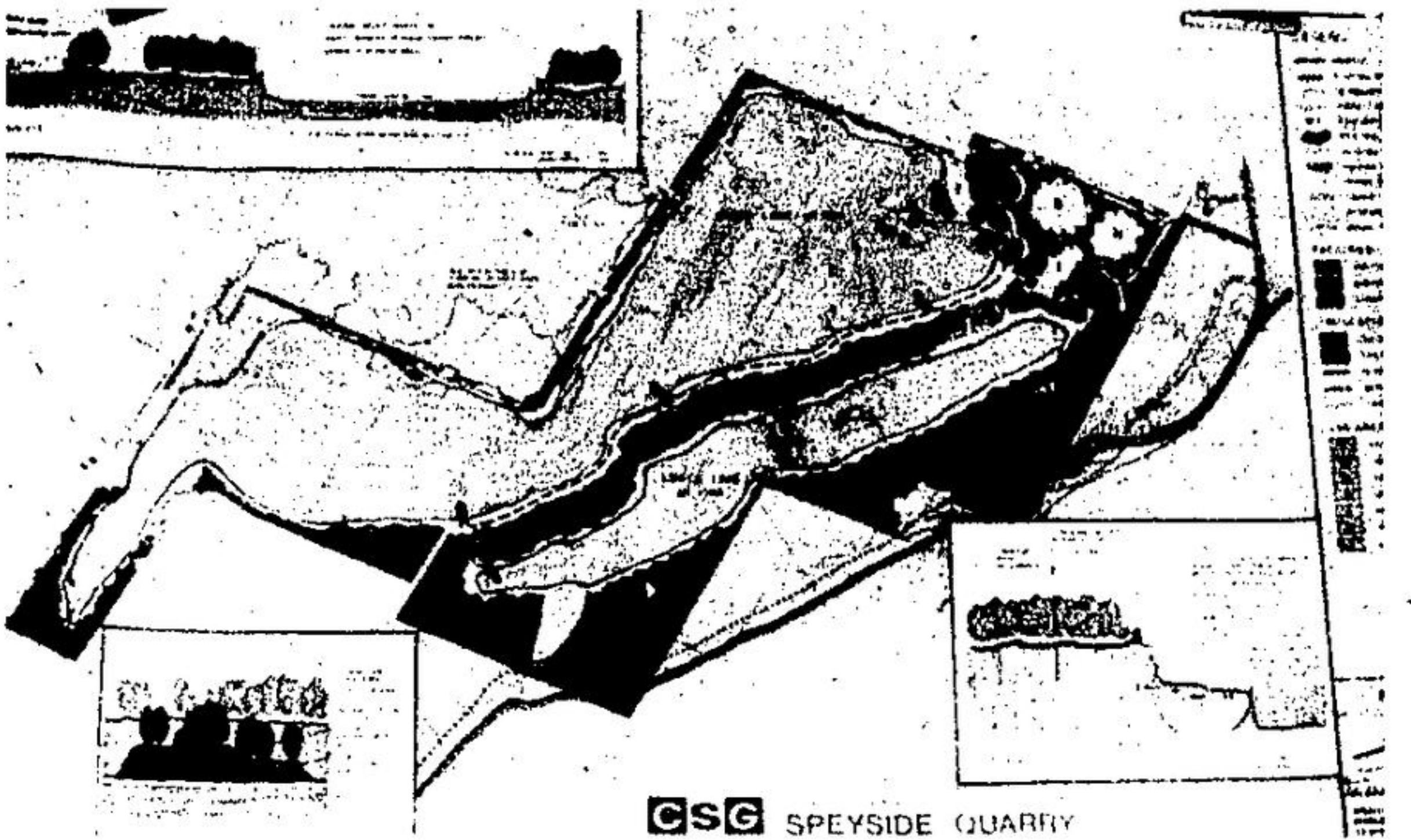
Films of other quarries,

some completely rehabilitated, and some in the process were shown. Cattle grazed and corn was growing on the former pit floor.

Mr. Glergon said he was seeking the town's approval, and a recommendation to the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the Region.

Mayor Tom Hill said the proposal had come to Esqueing council, and said he was pretty sure council gave its approval. He presented a motion to approve the proposal and forward the recommendation to the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Members of council decided they wanted a report from the planner before making a decision, and asked the planner for one.



CONSOLIDATED SAND and Gravel may reopen its quarry south of Speyside. The long term plan for the 600 acres includes camping and picnic lands surrounding two lakes.

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# 18 mill increase for Eramosa

Eramosa township residents will be paying higher taxes in 1978 than those in Rockwood and Eden Mills.

Eramosa township council passed a by-law accepting the 1978 budget after months of work and planning.

Eramosa township residents will be paying an additional \$19 on every \$1000 assessment. Rockwood residents will pay \$13, and Eden Mills residents \$15.

Eramosa mill rate, for residential is 184.912, Rockwood is 184.966 and Eden Mills is 180.733.

Township residents will face an 18.982 mill rate increase, while separate school supporters see a 17.642 mill increase. Commercial and business taxpayers will be paying 21.610 mills more than in 1977. Separate school supporters in commercial and business will be receiving a 21.121 mill increase. Rockwood taxpayers are getting off with the lesser increase, but are still facing an 13.009 mill increase for public school supporters and 11.669 for separate school. Business and commercial in Rockwood, for public school, are

paying 14.584 mills more this year, and 13.095 mills more if supporters of separate schools. Taxpayers of Eden Mills will receive a 15.167 mill increase. Separate school supporters face an increase of 13.827 mills. Business and commercial will be paying 17.124 mills more than last year. Separate school supporters will pay 15.635 more mills. The elementary public school for residents and commercial and business contributed the most to the mill rate increase with 7.982 and 8.848 respectively. In contrast, the county actually asked for less money this year asking for .711 mills less for residents and .907 less for commercial and business. The village of Rockwood remains at exactly the same mills as last year for general, street lights and garbage for both residents and business. The village of Eden Mills saw a nominal increase in mills needed. They are asking for .517 mills more for residents and .603 for business. For street lights, the budget allows for .767 from residents and .903 from business.

Garbage amounts to .874 more mills for residents and 1.029 for business.

Other decreases in the mill rate can be credited to the Grand River Conservation Authority at a drop of .093 mills for residents and .110 mill drop for business. The library will receive a cut in mill rate of .001 for both residents and business.

Other increases were, the elementary separate schools at a mill increase of 6.623 for residents and 7.359 for business. Secondary schools will receive a mill increase of 3.061 for residents and 3.402 for business. Cost of fire protection went up .985 mills for residents and 1.158 for business. Recreation is costing an additional 1.581 mills

for residential and 1.859 for business. Township costs accounted for an additional 6.257 mills this year for residential and 7.361 for business. Police villages will be costing only .284 mills more for residential and .335 for business. Henry Holman Jr., deputy reeve, was the only one on council opposing the rate increase.



FUN DAY was held Friday at Rockwood Centennial School. The messiest event was feeding each other rippling, gooey, jello, blindfolded. There were no prizes for the student wearing the most jello.

# Trustees angered at group's deletion

Rockwood village trustees are angered that they were not asked to serve on the liaison committee for the sewers and water project.

Trustees Betty Eastwood and Audrey Billon attended Eramosa township council meeting Monday evening and asked why they were not on the committee. They appreciated the fact that citizen at large Don Hills was placed with the group, but expressed extreme disappointment at

their own absence.

Reeve Bill Adsett explained to the women that the Ministry of Transportation and Communication had the final say on who served on the committee. The Ministry, he explained, felt that Mr. Hills could provide a liaison between the committee and the trustees.

Mrs. Eastwood said the group has no connection with Mr. Hills, and accused

council of not establishing good communication between council and the trustees and council and village residents. She said council was defeating the entire purpose of the liaison committee.

Deputy Reeve Henry Holman Jr. admitted that the trustees should be reconsidered, but again pointed out the final decision was up to the Ministry of the Environment.

Committee members in-

clude township clerk treasurer Lloyd Hindley, roads superintendent Bob Hamilton, Mr. Hills, a representative from township council, a representative from the Ministry, a representative from the construction company which did the work, and a representative of the company laying the pipe.

Council decided to ask the Ministry for a village trustee to sit on the committee.

# Rockwood Pioneer fever rising

Plans for Pioneer Day, to be held in Rockwood July 1, are well underway. This year is a special celebration. It marks 75 years since Rockwood was incorporated as a Police Village. There are many activities lined up for township residents and visitors of all ages.

The Acton Citizens Band will lead off the parade from the school at 1 p.m. Children are encouraged to decorate

their bicycles, wagons or doll carriages and march along. Kids can dress up Mom, Dad and the family pets and have them join the parade. Prizes will be awarded for different categories including best bicycle, best horse, best float, etc.

The bed race gets underway at 2 p.m. This year the course will be along the roadway in Rockwood Park. The bedracers will begin at the north park entrance and finish in front of the Com-

munity Centre, after the beds have made a 360 deg. turn at the southern park entrance. This should prove interesting, and sort out the best in bed wheel engineering!

The Costume Contest starts at 3 p.m. The fashion runway will be the ramp entrance to the Community Centre.

Tug of War Games get underway at 3 p.m. The firemen and scouts already have their teams lined up. Adults and kids are welcome to get teams ready for this event.

At 4:30 the firemen will cool everyone off with a fire hose fight. At 5 p.m. the Lions will be set for a Barbecue Dinner. A dance in the Community Centre at 9 p.m. tops off the evening.

Many other events will be run concurrently throughout the day. At the baseball tournament in the ball park, the United Church Women will be serving pie and coffee.

At the Town Hall the Sunshine Club will run their Tea Room and Bake Sale. Don Hills has organized a photo display of Rockwood, past, which can be enjoyed there too.

# Estimate \$300,000 for plan

Eramosa Township Recreation Committee met last week. The final draft of a booklet listing all township recreational activities was submitted. This booklet will be delivered to residents with their June tax statements. An estimate cost for the development of Rockwood Park was submitted by the Guelph firm of Gamsby and Mannerow. The general site preparation, the outfitting of the soccer field, two baseball diamonds,

total's play area, natural picnic area, roadways and parking, are estimated to cost over \$300,000.

Pat Duffy, Ministry of Culture and Recreation representative, was on hand to explain the means of provincial funding on this project. The Community Recreation Centres' Act will provide twenty-five per cent of the cost of each athletic field to a maximum of \$75,000 each.

One-third of the remaining cost is available through Win-

tario, if it is matched dollar for dollar by private funding. The private funding can be single or group contributions or tax dollars. Volunteer labor can have a price tag put on it and this can be considered as private funding. Wintario will match 50 per cent of the expense for equipment such as swings, slides or vehicles like lawnmowers and tractors.

Mr. Duffy pointed out one problem—the Community Recreation Centre's Act fund has no money left in it for this year. He advised that applications be submitted now, and that by 1980, funds from this source should be available. Recreation Committee Chairman Henry Holman will direct the filing of the applications. A plan for the funding of the general site preparation and the soccer field will take first priority. The Rockwood Park Drawing Plans will be hung in the foyer of the Community Centre.

At Rockwood Park the Horseshoe pitching tournament starts at 1:30 p.m. The Lionettes Flea Market, Horticulture Plant table and the Junior Farmers Food Booth will be on these grounds as well. Events for kids - three legged races, wheelbarrow races, tire races, the egg and I, water-filled balloon throwing and wet sponge contests will be featured at Rockwood.

The Heritage Group will direct an Historical Walk in Rockwood. The Junior Farmers hope to have wagon rides along the route from Rockwood Park, to the Town Hall to the Baseball Park and back again.

These are the people to contact with your entries: parade, Carl Meadows, 856-4664; bed race, Tim Kingsbury, 856-4232; tug of war, Tony Reid, 856-9819; costume contest, Mary Coulter, 856-4624; dance tickets, tennis club members; and barbecue supper tickets, Lions Club members.

# Council urges Reeve to ask Armbro for fill

At the May 15 meeting of Eramosa council it was suggested that Reeve Adsett contact Armbro Construction about fill for the playing field at Rockwood Community Centre.

The fill was previously promised by Armbro during

construction of sewers and water and council is anxious to find out the company's intentions. In the case of Armbro's refusal to honor this agreement council suggested approaching the township solicitor if further action is to be taken.

# Bills, grants for Rockmosa

Henry Holman, Jr. Deputy Reeve of Eramosa Council, approached council at their May 15 meeting to request payment of the recreation committee's bill to Gamsby and Mannerow for the preparation of the cost estimates and the basic drawing of the planned playing field at Rockmosa community centre.

Although the committee are planning to apply for Wintario and Culture and Recreation grants to foot the cost of construction, council was asked to pay for the planning preparation work done by Gamsby and Mannerow.

It was moved that the treasurer pay the bill to the company for \$1825.75, for the plans and estimates that were provided.

Mr. Holman told council that grants from Culture and

Recreation were not available until 1980 but asked if the clerk might fill out the forms now to get the recreation committee's request on the waiting list.

Mr. Holman told the council that the committee is willing to work under the funds which are available to them at this time and to stay within these limits. He also told council that the expenses after construction of the playing fields would be minimal. The main expense is the construction of the fields, he said.

Mr. Holman felt the soccer field and the parking lot should be first on the list and that the ball park could come later.

John McLeod suggested that they could obtain fill to fill up the area and that funds for construction could come from both inside and outside the area and from grants and donations.

Mr. Holman suggested a list of the materials used and the machinery time be kept as these can all be considered in the grant application.

It was moved that the clerk apply for the grants for the playing field at Rockmosa community centre.

# Franks are 50 years wed

Andy and Elsie Frank celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a private family dinner Sunday at Harrop House.

The couple - she is the former Elsie Storey - were married in Rockwood, May 11, 1928, by Rev. H. Goslin. After a honeymoon trip to Cleveland, Ohio, in their '28 Nash, they settled on a farm north of Brookville. They lived on the fruit farm for 37 years until their move to Milton in 1965.

Mr. Frank, who was selected Milton's Citizen of the Year in 1973, has had a varied and active life. The man who started out apprenticed to his father in the building trade went on to

become sheriff of Halton County for 12 and a half years from 1958 to 1970. In between, in addition to farming, he worked as a real estate broker.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Frank enjoy music. She still plays the piano at home while he occasionally plays a few tunes on his violin with Milton senior citizens orchestra.

During the thirties Mr. Frank and his band, which included his father and sister, played for dances all over the country. The band, known as The Sodbusters, had its own radio program over Hamilton station CKOC during the winters of 1931 and 1932.

Specializing in old time music, the Sodbusters were well known for their theme song Put on your Old Grey Bonnet. People used to write in their requests, Mr. Frank recalls, adding that Cavell Radio, a Milton firm, was their first sponsor and Biltmore Hats of Guelph, their second.

After his retirement, Mr. Frank was approached by Milton Chamber of Commerce to assist with a membership drive. In the course of collecting memberships, he found many people wanted a farmers' market in Milton. He presented the ideas to the Chamber.

In three weeks Mr. Frank,

using the experience he had gained as a farmer going to the Guelph market, had the market off the ground. That was 1972. The market is still going strong although he is no longer in charge.

The couple share an interest in bridge and both play a lot of it. Lawn bowling is another activity they share. She was on three trophy-winning teams last year and he on one. Mrs. Frank is on the executive of the lawn bowling club; Mr. Frank is a former president of the group.

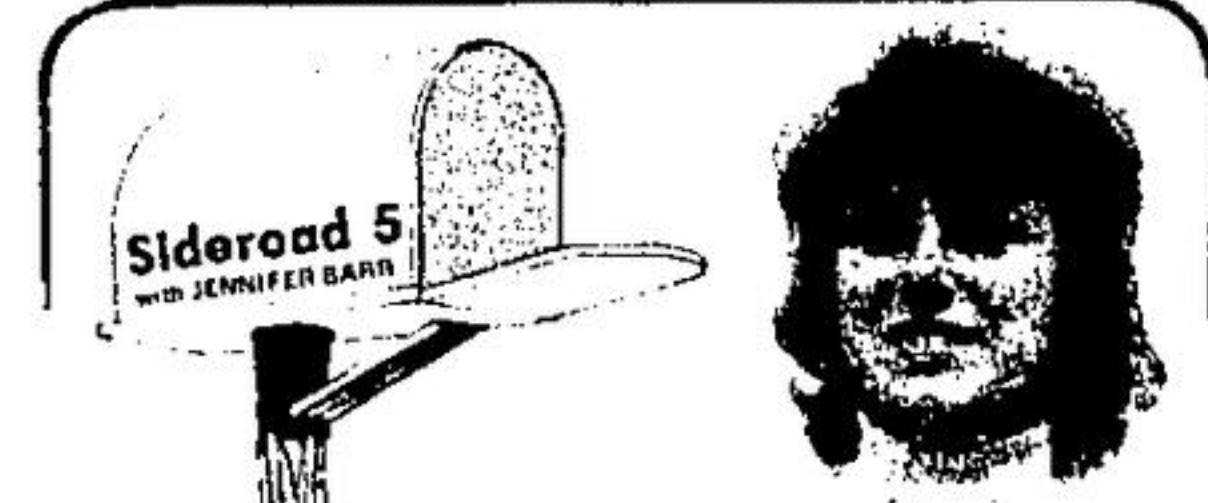
Then there's their interest in antiques, gardening and travel. Mrs. Frank seems to have a special knack for growing African Violets and Baby Tears. She's a member of the Horticultural Society; he's a director of Halton Agricultural Society. Their travels together have included trips to the west coast and to Barbados. They are members of St. Paul's United Church in Milton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank have three daughters, a son and 11 grandchildren. Daughter Jean Somerville lives in Acton; Joan Hansen in Guelph; Donna Pridham in Exeter. Son Reid lives at home.

Asked what advice they'd give to newly-weds, the Franks replied: "You have to give and take."



MILTON RESIDENTS Andy and Elsie Frank celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Sunday at Harrop House. Mr. Frank, who was Halton County Sheriff for 12 years, was selected Milton's citizen of the year in 1973.



Friday was one of those days. It was pouring rain, damp and raw. I awoke with a headache. My father was coming for a visit the next day and I'd assigned myself far too many jobs to do. I had company coming in the afternoon and had to get downtown sometime to replenish the shelves.

Sounds like home, doesn't it?

Not now, Lucy

Along about 11 o'clock I was still arguing with my bread dough that had chosen today to be sullen and unco-operative. Instead of becoming spongy and elastic with kneading it was acting like play dough after it had spent three days in the closet. My attitude probably had something to do with it—I was swearing expertly and heaving the mess around the counter with belligerence. I still had five hundred things on my list (do you make lists of things to do?).

Grabbing my hat and leaving the dough to fend for itself, I headed out to go downtown. I glanced at the sheep in the pasture wondering if I should put them in, it was pelting with rain.

Lucy looked a bit funny. She seemed to have too many legs and she was fussing about something.

"Lucy! No! Not today!"

Why do they always choose to give birth on the worst possible days?

Happy Mother's Day

Barn coat and boots replaced going-to-town outfit and I stopped to the barn to gather the very new wee lamb in my arms and get it inside. It was hard to hold, being covered in the bright yellow amniotic sac and mud—Lucy had chosen the only muddy spot in the whole field to produce her baby.

The wee shivering babe was rubbed, wrapped in sacks, and given to mama to feed. Mama didn't want it. So Foster Mama had to fool around for more than an hour convincing Lucy that motherhood really wasn't so bad when you got used to it. Eventually she agreed to stand still while her daughter had lunch and the crisis (THAT crisis) was over.

At this point I was waiting for more lambs to be born. Lucy is the world's fattest sheep and I had spent the winter assuring Mack I wasn't overfeeding Lucy—she was so fat, I said, because she was going to have quadruplets at least. She didn't. She had one tiny lamb and shrank not a bit. Must have overfed her.

The birthing business seemed to be catching because four days later the other ewe, Penny, produced an identical daughter—easy as pie—nothing to it when you know how.

So now we have two charming girl lambs as winsome and captivating as only a lamb can be. Why did we used to sacrifice them on altars?

We were going to keep the one female lamb we hoped would be born (no one has the right to be lucky enough to have TWO females in their first year of lambing), but now we have choices to make.

Oh dear, I can see us with FOUR ewes going through this lambing business again next spring.