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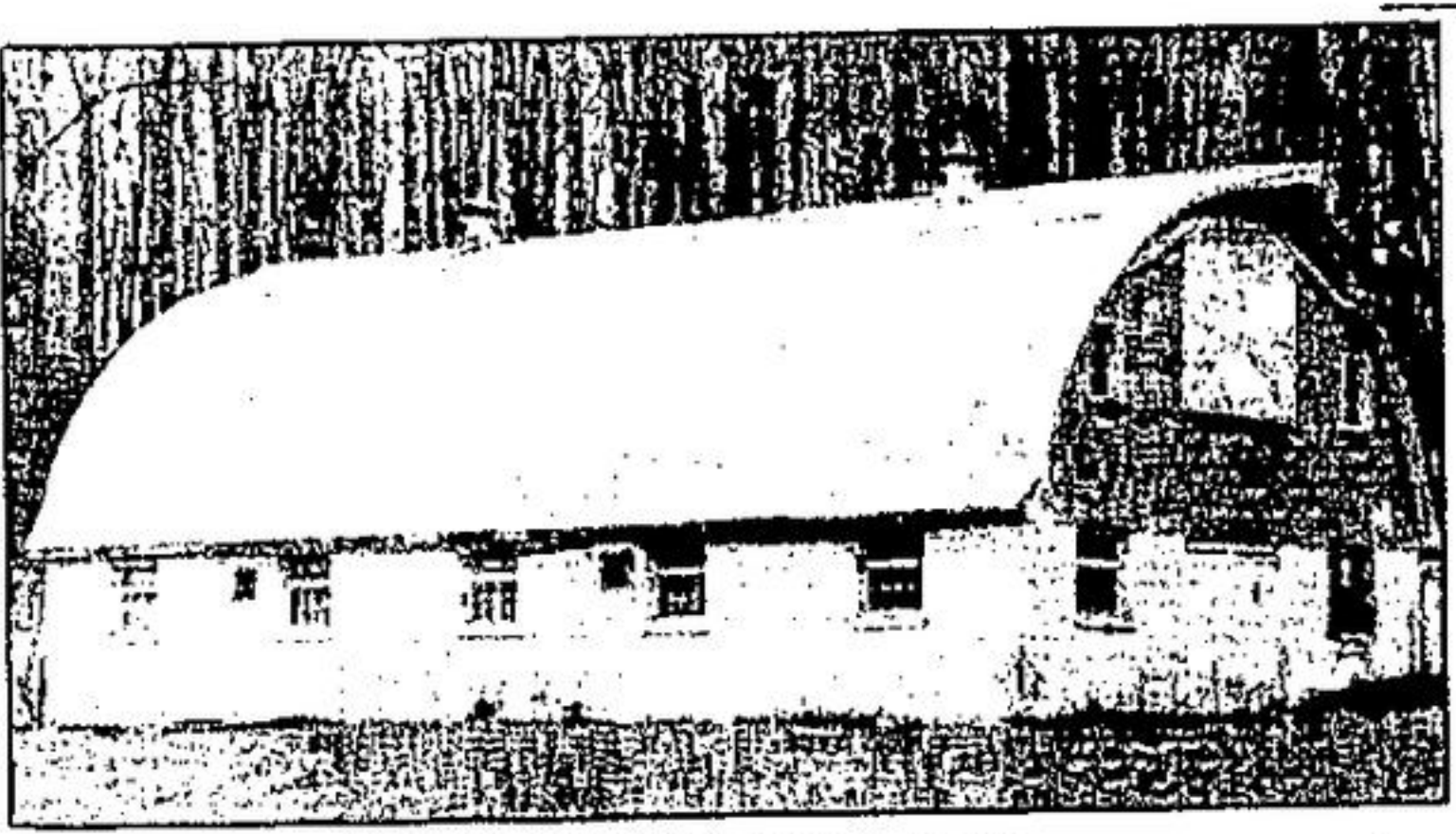
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Converting barn to Education Centre.

CVCA to spend \$65,000 converting barn

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is going ahead with plans to convert the horse barn at the Vaughan farm, near Silvercreek, into an "Education Centre."

At a meeting of the executive committee, Friday, a resolution passed approving the project at an estimated cost of \$65,000, 55 per cent of which is to be collected from the Ministry of Natural Resources and the remainder from all member municipalities.

"We're going to tell the architect we can't do it for that then he'll have to leave some things out," said Authority member R.K. Harrison.

The Minister of Natural Resources must approve the project before the Authority can go ahead with the project, which has been a dream for some time.

The Vaughan farm is located on the Eighth Line on the Escarpment. The Authority one day hopes to join it physically with the Terra Cotta conservation area by purchasing land in between the two areas.

Uniforms plague Halton police

It appears Halton's police officers will wear a variety of uniforms for some time to come.

Halton Regional Police Commission is again looking for information regarding patrol jackets after learning Thursday that a trial project has gotten the force little further ahead than it was last year.

Most uniform police officers on the Halton force wear the traditional Sam Browne tunic which features a leather belt and cross-strap. Some others have been sporting less awkward patrol jackets as an experiment. However, the patrol jackets have created some problems.

According to a report filed with the commission there is a design problem which interferes with the officer's access to his revolver. Also there is no practical place for the portable radio microphone.

The patrol jackets, on the other hand, provide greater mobility and they are warm, according to Inspector M. A. Macpherson's report. The Ontario Police Commission is also being asked for information regarding uniforms.

Halton Police Chief James Harding told commissioners he wants a decision "because my officers are starting to look like Casey's Army."

Chief Harding also indicated a preference for the traditional tunic for some occasions.

Obituary Cam Leishman

A life-long resident of Acton and district, Cameron Bruce Leishman died in Guelph General Hospital on January 6. He was 85 years old.

Cam Leishman was especially well-known to older people through his 30 years at the post office, and to the younger people as a crossing guard for 20 years. He was custodian at the old Mill St. post office, his family living in the apartment upstairs. After retiring, he became a crossing guard.

His main spare time interest was sports. He played on town ball teams for many years and hockey until he was well over 40 years of age. Later he became an ardent bowler and cribbage player. In all these sports he enjoyed being on winning teams over a period of decades.

In younger years, he played the alto horn for Acton band, when it was under the direction of John Hill.

He was born in Crews-on-Corner October 4, 1895, but the family moved to Acton when he was a youngster. He attended Lorne School and Acton schools. His parents, Agnes Lamb Leishman and William Leishman, had eight children, of whom Cam was the last survivor. They were Ada Leishman Barber, Margaret Leishman, who died as a child, Elizabeth McCole, Eva Hewitt, Halton, John, Allan and Cameron.

He worked at the railway station under agent H.S. Holmes before joining the army in Hamilton during World War I. He served overseas with the Canadian Engineers.

He was a member of the Legion and there was a Legion service at the Shoemaker Funeral Home. He was a member of Knox Presbyterian church. He had also belonged to the Oddfellows and Orange Lodge.

He and Jean Robertson were married in Toronto, August 20, 1921. Surviving as well as his wife are son: Allan and daughter-in-law Hazel, Hawkestone; grandchildren Cameron Drew Leishman and Allana Jean Brown, and one great-grandchild, Jeremy Brown. A daughter Margaret Helen died in 1929 at the age of two.

The Rev. John Robertson conducted the funeral service January 8 and interment was in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeff Floto, Belwood; Bill Evel, Snelgrove; Bill Barber, Georgetown; Henry Cripps, Charles Kirkness and Ed Footitt, of Acton.

Decision '80

Burlington—The same names that appeared on the ballot in the last election will be on the February 18 ballot. Tory Bill Kemping, who was acclaimed as his party's candidate, will be challenged again by Liberal Tom Sutherland and Dan Dunleavy for the NDP. Kemping is the incumbent and was party whip during the six-month Progressive Conservative government. The 60-year-old Kemping has held the seat for eight years and was re-elected in May with the largest majority in his career, 32,092 votes. Dunleavy pulled in 8,000 votes for the NDP last time round. Sutherland, for the Liberals, attracted about 16,000.

Guelph—Four candidates are in the running for the federal seat. PC Albert Fish is standing for re-election. He was first elected in May when he dumped incumbent Grit Frank Maine, from office. Liberals have nominated veterinarian Jim Schroder this time around. Carrying the NDP banner in the Guelph riding is 45-year-old James Finamore, who placed third in the May election. Finamore is president of the Guelph and District Labor Council and was acclaimed as NDP candidate. The fourth man after the federal seat is Robert A. Cruise who represents the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). Rockwood and parts of Eramosa township are in this riding.

Brampton-Georgetown—Grit Ross Milne is taking a crack at unseating Tory John McDermid. So is the NDP's David Moulton. All three ran in the last election and were nominated. On May 22 McDermid captured the seat for the Tories from Milne.

Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe—Looks like a two horse race for now for the federal election seat. Conservatives acclaimed Minister of State Perrin Beatty at a meeting in Orangeville. The 30-year-old Ferguson is seeking his fourth term as an MP. Running against the Tory incumbent is Erin Township resident Cecil Chambers for the New Democratic Party. Chambers is a farmer and real estate broker. He was a member of the Erin Village school board. The 53-year-old Chambers is married to 1977 NDP provincial candidate in Wellington-Dufferin-Peel Marion Chambers.

Report Pits don't affect wells

The excavations at the Odorico and Pihutti pits on the Sixth Line have no effect on water levels in the area, a report from the Ministry of Environment informed Halton Hills council this week.

The report claimed the excavations do not penetrate the water bearing strata and could have any impact on water levels.

It noted water bearing strata in the area generally provides poor water supplies for domestic wells, and cited well logs in the area to back this up.

A copy of the report will be made available to the Sixth Line residents committee who have been protesting the listing of the pits.

Halton Hills Deputy Planning Director, Brian Kroft, has decided to follow the adage "go with the young man."

The 35-year-old planner, who worked for the town since July 1977, has resigned to become Senior Official Plans officer in Edmonton, Alberta. Prior to coming to Halton Hills he also worked in planning at Halton Region and Welland.

Erin Township Council passes tax by-law

by Doris Fines

One of two by-laws dealing with taxes was brought forward at the meeting of Erin Township Council.

The first one, an interim tax payment, doesn't have to be renewed, but the second one, for the actual amount of levying has to be renewed each year.

In this first by-law, interim payments will come due March 31 and May 31. The convenience of paying at the bank has been eliminated on this bill, and tax notices are to be delivered or sent by mail at least 14 days prior to the due date.

The government has changed the one per cent interest rate on overdue taxes to one and a quarter per cent per month. The new interest rate applies to taxes coming due in 1980. The one per cent interest still holds for 1979 and before.

Motions were passed at the meeting authorizing any council member to attend the Good Roads Convention on February 25, expenses paid, and also ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) convention on February 11 to 14.

Council had previously held membership in ROMA, but decided this year to also join AMO (All Municipalities of Ontario), as they feel it would benefit them to be a member of both associations.

Regarding the Harry Locher appeal to the OMB on council's decision not to allow a rezoning of the gravel pit, Erin Township Council re-affirmed a previous motion retaining solicitor John Herron for the hearing.

Since Roger Truemner, the County Planner, has a fair amount of his time

Protest booze ads

A motion from Thunder Bay to ask the provincial government to enforce its directives on all "life-situation" ads which suggest alcohol is "a natural and necessary part of all sports and recreation situations."