

## Spent Seven Weeks as Junior Conservationist

Plenty of hard work in the outdoors with time for recreation and leisure activities, as well as a pay cheque to boot, was the lot of a Georgetown youth, Garry Belanger, 16 Valleyview Road, and 29 other Ontario teenagers this summer.

These lucky young people, 24 boys and six girls, from 16 to 18 years old, participated in the annual Junior Conservationist Award Program sponsored by

the Conservation Authorities Branch of the Ontario Department of the Environment.

Places in the education work program, designed to further knowledge and experience in the conservation field, were awarded to the students, selected from the 150 or so applications submitted by the Boy Scouts, secondary schools, conservation authorities, 4-H Clubs and other resource-oriented organizations

around Ontario.

**SMALL GROUPS**

All told, the students spent seven weeks in the program, the first two at the Albion Hills Conservation Area where they were given an intensive education course in resource management techniques such as map reading, water pollution testing, compass reading, and surveying. Upon completion of the course they were then divided into four

groups of six to eight persons each in order to work independently on projects.

The four groups were under the overall supervision of a university student co-ordinator and worked in close co-operation with the Ausable River, Grand River, and Saugeen Valley Conservation Authorities while studying the four small watersheds of the Bayfield River, Eramosa River, Saugeen River,

and Luttrell's Creek, in western Ontario.

At the end of the seven weeks, each group compiled its findings which will be submitted to the Conservation Authority in that area. Significant emphasis may be placed on these reports since similar tests and studies have not been conducted in these areas, at least, in recent years.



Students participating in this summer's Junior Conservationist Award Program, sponsored by the Ontario Department of the Environment, study and carry out conservation projects for conservation authorities in Ontario. Reading air photo surveys and profile maps are, from left to right, Frances Hodge, Acton and Garry Belanger, Georgetown (standing), Ian Davie, Rexdale and Susan Carr, Etobicoke.

### Two Year Project Completed

## \$1.25 Million Esqueusing Dam Opened

Scotch Block Dam and Reservoir was officially opened by George Kerr, Halton West MPP and department of the environment minister.

The 500-foot long earthwork dam was started almost two years ago by Bot Construction Ltd. of Oakville. The project cost \$1.25 million.

The dam is off Highway 25, five miles north of Milton on the middle branch of the Sixteen Mile Creek in Esqueusing Township.

### 4-H Homemaking Clubs Organize Fall Project

4-H Homemaking Clubs are now organizing for their fall project "Focus on Fitness". Training school for the local club leaders was conducted September 13th and 14th by Home Economist, Mrs. D. Bannister. Leaders present at the workshop at Ligny Hall represented fourteen 4-H clubs throughout Halton County.

At the Training School, the Leaders received their manuals and supplies for the project. Requirements of club members and study topics were discussed. Each did a sample of huck weaving. The safety film "Unrestrained Flying Objects" was viewed, following the Leaders' Luncheon on Tuesday afternoon.

**FITNESS**  
Topics to be covered by club members during the eight meetings of "Focus on Fitness" include physical and mental fitness, basic first aid, safety, public health services, and citizenship. Each girl will keep a record book and assemble a first aid kit. She will learn a new craft, which is one way to make good use of her leisure time. Clubs must plan a nature hike or an educational tour.

Leaders of the Halton 4-H Homemaking Clubs are:  
Acton - Mrs. Russell McNaughton; Ashgrove - Mrs. M. Rentenaar; Mrs. Geo. Wilson; Ballinafad - Mrs. Leo Jamieson; Mrs. C. Plouffe; Bannockburn - Mrs. Jeanette Cox; Mrs. Lois Henderson; Campbellville - Mrs. Dorothy Inglis; Mrs. Verle Mahon; Dublin Jrs. - Mrs. J.F. McCarron; Mrs. Patricia Kinton; Dublin Seniors - Mrs. W. Lauby; Mrs. N. Douglas; Hornby North Jrs. - Mrs. Thos. Bousfield; Mrs. J. Cordingley; Hornby North Srs. - Mrs. Evelyn Smith; Mrs. Mary McKay; Hornby South - Mrs. Cecil Patterson; Mrs. Marie Kiernan; Limehouse - Silverwood - Mrs. B. Lindsay; Mrs. R. Gow; Nassogaweya - Mrs. J. Ferrer; Mrs. Hilda Heist; Norval - Mrs. W.F. Laidlaw; Mrs. Jean Castle; Palermo South - Mrs. E. Eakins; Mrs. B. Northwood.

## Loitering By-Law Lesser, Two Evils

While some town councillors are not too happy with Georgetown's anti-loitering by-law, council seems to be in agreement that it is the lesser of two evils.

The town by-law duplicates a section of the Criminal Code to some extent, and councillors who oppose the local by-law have argued that loitering can be controlled under the Code.

But the catch is that, if a prosecution is registered under the Criminal Code, the guilty party has a conviction in his record. A fine under the local by-law is not a criminal matter.

According to Mayor Smith, during a discussion at a council committee meeting last week, there is a problem for a policeman in enforcing the by-law.

"If he tells a group of young people to move on, and there are five adults down the street doing the same thing, he has to warn them too" he said. "If he doesn't, the kids say he is picking on them."

"I don't want to see the by-law dropped" he added.

**CONFUSION ON PLAZA IMPLEMENTATION**

Deputy Reeve Speight complained that two elderly women had stopped for a chat on Main Street one day and were told they must move or could be charged with loitering.

"Maybe we could re-design the downtown business district so there are places where people can talk" said Cr. Joan Smith.

Cr. Ernest Sykes said that there is a confusion about implementation of the by-law in plaza areas, which are private property. If the present by-law doesn't cover these areas, he said changes should be made to give protection to plaza merchants as well.

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**STOCK FISH**

Following the unveiling of a plaque to commemorate the official opening, Kerr and Halton East MPP and Minister without Portfolio Jim Snow joined Humphreys in stocking the first fish in the new reservoir.

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