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IT STARTED WITH A COMPLAINT

Government Cancels Pit Operation at Terra Cotta

Provincial attention has been focussed on a gravel pit in the Terra Cotta area as the provincial government took the first in what is believed to be a series of "get-tough" measures with Ontario quarries.

Mines Minister Leo Bernier Monday announced he had cancelled the licence of Consolidated Sand and Gravel Co. for the Terra Cotta pit.

It was the first time the government has ever cancelled a pit and quarry licence, which come due every 12 months for renewal.

Mr. Bernier said that he has launched a stepped-up program of recreational and scenic protection which will involve "careful examination" and rehabilitation plans put forward by the 150 Niagara Escarpment pit and quarry operators.

SIMILAR ACTION
The department of mines and northern affairs is already set to take a similar look at permits now in effect in the Hockey Valley area, Mr. Bernier said.

"We have not declared all-out war on the pit and quarry operators," Mr. Bernier said. He said the examination of permits is an on-going process.

However, he said, his department was "muddled" by Consolidated Sand and Gravel in its site plan and the government's initial reaction was to examine all quarry rehabilitation plans to see if companies are living within their permits.

NOT SHOWN
The cancellation came about as the result of an investigation of a complaint by L. R. Symmes, a Terra Cotta resident who charged that Consolidated Sand and Gravel had failed to include all the buildings within 500 feet of the quarry property.

Mr. Symmes said his house and those of other residents were not shown on the site plan.

Mining Commissioner Forbes McFarland said there was no deliberate attempt on the part of the company to mislead the department and that the violation came about as the result of carelessness.

SUSPENDED
After Mr. Symmes' complaint, Mr. Bernier suspended the company's licence in July and ordered Mr. McFarland to hold public hearings into the dispute.

Mr. McFarland, in an Oct. 20 report to Mr. Bernier made no recommendation on whether Consolidated's licence should be renewed. However, he recommended that the licence suspension be lifted until Nov. 30 when the licence came up for renewal.

Mr. Bernier disregarded the recommendation and continued the suspension.

The minister said the government is committed to protecting the area in which the quarry is located.

Conservation Authority Works Gets \$50,000

Halt Region Conservation Authority will likely get approximately \$50,000 for special winter works projects.

Murray Stevens, Authority general manager, says each of Ontario's 38 Authorities is allocated winter funds on the basis of welfare and Manpower unemployment figures.

He says the Authority is planning renovation of many of its picnic tables, as well as construction of 250 additional tables this winter.

The works program will also include renovation of Authority buildings, including some of the property homesteads, and an addition to the Authority sawmill.

Bill Sargent suggested a clean-up of the valley area around Highway 25 and Queen Elizabeth Way be included in the winter works.

"That's the area of the proposed new Bronie Park," one HRC member said.

"It needs cleaning up anyway," Sargent replied.

APPOINTMENTS
Brock Harris, Milton Authority representative, and staff technical advisor Bill Warwick have been appointed HRC members of a provincial committee to guide the winter works program.

Stevens says it is necessary that the winter works program get off the ground no later than

Jan. 1.

He suggests that in addition to the ideas of the Authority staff, various municipalities could offer suggestions for work to be included in the program.

He adds there are still many unknown factors in the winter works program, including interpretation of a ruling by the federal government that to qualify for assistance a program must involve at least 30 man-months per project.

"Every time I ask," Stevens says, "I get a different answer to what a man-month is."

Credit Valley Will Get \$70,000, Add 30 to Staff

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority is waiting approval of its \$70,000 Winter Works Program for 1971-72 submitted to the Conservation Authorities Branch, Department of the Environment, on November 25, 1971.

This program, when approved, will employ 30 extra personnel on the staff of the Authority...four supervisors, one typist to assist the present office staff and 25 laborers, to be employed through welfare and manpower offices.

Material and equipment are available to start work on the following projects, weather permitting.

To demolish the old barn and clean up debris around the Orangeville Reservoir.

Construct 20 privies for use at Meadowvale, Orangeville and Limehouse Conservation Areas.

Renovate the old concession booth at Terra Cotta Conservation Area for use as a machine workshop.

Cut dead trees and improve woodlots in Terra Cotta and Limehouse Conservation Areas.

Repair, paint or stain trash barrels and picnic tables for all areas.

Build 200 picnic tables.

Construct and paint signs for scenic route and conservation areas and install markers for snowmobile trails.

Remove debris and general clean-up of Authority-owned land on Fletchers Creek and Limehouse Conservation Area.

Cast concrete bench marks for marking Authority-owned property.

Repairs to pavilion at Terra Cotta.

Project planning is complete and work can proceed as soon as approval is received from the Ontario Government.

George Mino Was Ninety

Funeral service for George William Mino, 90, who died Saturday at the Guelph General Hospital, was conducted Monday at the Wall Chapel of the Lee and Custance Funeral Home.

Mr. Mino was born in Esquewong Township, Jan. 26, 1881. He had farmed all his life and had lived for the past several years in Eden Mills. He was a member of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church and was caretaker at the Lutheran Summer Camp at Eden Mills.

He often acted as an instructor in wood working at the camp and also took the campers trail exploring. Mr. Mino was a former Eden Mills Village trustee.

He is survived by his wife, the former Margaret Darby, three sons, George of Toronto, Nelson of Guelph, William of Malton and a daughter, Mrs. Syd (Margaret) Barnes of Carnarvon, Ont.

Also surviving are a brother Andrew of Georgetown; a sister, Mrs. Daisy Steeds of Toronto, 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Rev. Donald Sinclair of Eden Mills Presbyterian Church conducted the service and burial was in Eden Mills Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Mino, Wilfred Mino, Gordon Lawrence, George Mino Jr., Alan Barnes and Jim Mino.

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The position was filled by Glenn Magnuson, insurance agent, who was appointed to take his place.

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WATCH FOR DEAR
A couple of Dominion Seed House does, Ena Rogers and Ruth Gudgeon exit through a new gate in the perimeter fence which a company wag has topped with a Dear Crossing sign. The opening is used by a number of DSH female employees.

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At PM'S Residence

Rud and Pierre Discuss Local, National Issues

Halt Member of Parliament Rud L. Whiting lunched with Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau earlier this week to discuss matters of both national and local concern.

The luncheon was held at the Prime Minister's residence at 24 Sussex Drive. Whiting was recently appointed vice-chairman of Parliament's public accounts committee.

"We had a frank and open discussion," Whiting said. "The agenda was set by those of us at the luncheon and we covered a broad range of topics."

ALSO AT THE LUNCHEON
Also at the luncheon were: Hon. Donald MacDonald, minister of national defence; Hon. Robert Stanbury, minister of communications; Hon. Martin O'Connell, minister without portfolio; David Weatherhead, parliamentary secretary to Hon. Robert Andras, minister of urban affairs; Steve Otto, parliamentary secretary to Hon. James Richardson, minister of supply and services; and Hyl Chappell, M.P. for Peel South.

Police Commission

Magnuson Replaces Armstrong

John T. Armstrong resigned from the Georgetown Police Commission at the beginning of December. He has been a

member of the three-man commission since it was formed five years ago.

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Injunction Application

Douglas Office Staff Back on Job

Office workers by the hundreds streamed quietly Dec. 2, across picket lines of striking production workers at Douglas Aircraft of Canada to return to work.

About 600 office workers had voted Wednesday to return. President Ray Loma of Local 673 of the United Auto Workers said about 95 per cent were in favor of the return on the basis of a company offer which the members voted to accept Nov. 15.

REJECTED
The return also was on the understanding they will not be required to perform any work normally done by 4,000 production workers, members of Local 1967 UAW.

Production workers last week rejected the same offer despite a recommendation for approval by the international union's officers.

The walkout has halted production of wings for aircraft in the McDonnell-Douglas Corp. plant in Long Beach, Calif. Components are produced here.

PICKETS
An injunction application by

Douglas Aircraft Company of Malton against Local 1967 of the United Auto Workers to limit pickets at its strikebound plant was adjourned for one week in Ontario Supreme Court last Wednesday.

The adjournment was made on the provision that lawyers for Douglas Aircraft could seek a hearing within the week if trouble occurs at the plant.

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