



HAROLD MADE ONE WHALE OF AN IMPRESSION

Harold The Whale, United Gas Company's entry in the Santa Claus parade was judged top float.

Ashgrove News

It's December again, the month for the colours of red and green to be prominent. The stores are all aglitter with Christmas decorations, lovely coloured lights are around the houses sparkling eyes and happy faces as they look eagerly for Santa to come.

We all know Christmas is the birthday of the Christ. Let us all celebrate it to his honour. God bless you as this happy time of joy is ushered in, and may he watch above you as the new year days begin.

Mrs. Gordon Wingfield flew down to Trinidad for a 12 day visit to visit her husband Gordon who has been working on a building project down there.

All her friends say congratulations to Miss Janice Cox who was the recipient of the advertising advisory committee award for high marks and achievement in first year advertising at Sheridan College of Applied Arts in Oakville.

This award was presented by the advertising and Journalism faculty of the college at a special awards night on November 26. Janice had a 97.5 average.

Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Wilbert Cleave, Mrs. Fred Ainsworth and Claude Pickett who are in hospital. May they soon be home with their loved ones.

—Mrs. John Belloddy

Developing Religious Course For Schools

Halton County Board of Education will work towards

developing a Religious Education Course based on the five great religions of the world. Trustee Doug Palmer reported on the progress of the committee on religious education, to a board meeting last week. The committee has been in operation for about two years.

Palmer and his committee held numerous meetings and reviewed

several briefs during their term. The course, once it is developed, is likely to be handled under the history department but could be dealt with under the arts, Mr. Palmer noted.

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The cancellation of a licence held by Consolidated Sand and Gravel to operate a gravel pit at Terra Cotta was described as a "triumph of the little man" over the interests of powerful commercial concerns by residents of this community 6 miles north of Georgetown.

John Agg, co-chairman of the 12-man Terra Cotta Preservation Committee, fighting the location of the pit for almost two years, said he was "very happy" to hear that Mines Minister Leo Bernier had cancelled the company's licence.

He described the location of the pit in the Terra Cotta area as a "desecration." He said the amount of traffic generated by the presence of the pit and the despoliation of the environment were two of the committee's primary concerns.

realize we have to start looking now rather than later."

GOV'T MISLED

Mr. Agg said he felt the department and the premier should be congratulated on the stand they had taken on the issue.

The decision to cancel the licence was taken following a complaint from a Terra Cotta resident, L. R. Symmes to the effect that the company had misled the department in the site plan it had filed. Several dwellings near the site had been omitted from the plan.

The Symmes family owns a six acre parcel of land adjacent to the 50 acre gravel site. Following the

announcement that the company's licence had been suspended Mrs. Symmes said she was "delighted."

FIRST TIME

"It's the first time a citizens' group has won a fight like this. It's very encouraging to the little people."

In addition to the Symmes family holdings, the Peel County board of education and the Terra Cotta Conservation Authority own parcels of land adjacent to the pit.

A dahabeah is a type of passenger boat used on the Nile.

PROOF

If the excavation had been allowed to proceed trucks at the rate of one every six minutes would be passing through the scenic area for the next 10 years, he said.

"The decision of the department of mines can perhaps be seen as proof that grass roots organizations can have an impact on the decision making process," he said.

"We have every reason to believe that without the opposition of the homeowners in the area, the pit would be in operation right now. This proves the little man can win if he fights hard enough, hopeless as it may seem at the time."

FINALLY LIST

"We were never really optimistic that we would win this round against Consolidated. We knew what we were up against. They are one of the biggest in the business but it looks like they finally lost a fight. Up to this time the sand and gravel interests have had it all their own way."

"If this is just the beginning of a get tough policy with the operators that's just fine. I'm sure a lot of homeowners in other areas will take heart from our success."

SYMPATHY

Mr. Agg said he was in sympathy with the position of the sand and gravel interest up to a point. But he said sooner or later gravel resources in close proximity to Toronto would disappear.

"Eventually these sites will run dry and they will have to start looking elsewhere."

Mr. Agg said he felt the department had already taken this point of view into consideration. "They

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