

Residents Say Hydro Lines Will Disrupt Their Lives



THIS CENTURY old 200 acre farm along the fifth sideroad Georgetown belongs to Fred J. Brown. Founded in 1826, the farm is bisected by the

boundary line between fourth and fifth town lines which is the proposed hydro line route through Georgetown and Limehouse. The Brown

family feels that a bit of heritage will be destroyed by the towers and that their farm and livelihood will suffer.



THIS HOUSE belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Karn on 17th sideroad Georgetown, is situated between the fourth and fifth town lines. The

Karn's who have only been living in their home for about three months fear that they will be forced to sell it when the hydro lines are built.

Hydro has not yet approached any of the area residents to negotiate land transactions.

Although the precise location of the hydro power lines has not been finalized, it is a certainty that the towers will run between the fourth and fifth lines in Georgetown.

Home owners feel threatened and farmers feel powerless against the Hydro behemoth. Although only two per cent of the province of Ontario is suited for agriculture the rich area from Belleville to Windsor and north to Owen Sound delivers 40 per cent of Canada's agricultural products.

Mr. John Schneider of RR 2 Acton, a spokesman for the Interested Citizens of North Haldon and Wellington, believes that the Hydro made "a most regrettable presentation to the area residents". A well informed citizen, Mr. Schneider has written letters to Ontario energy minister Darcy McKeough, conducted meetings and represented farmers and non-farmers in the Limehouse-Georgetown area.

One of Mr. Schneider's major concerns is the protection of farm land, a rare commodity which is becoming an endangered species. "I can't understand it," said Mr. Schneider. "On the one hand the government says they are preserving the escarpment but then they run the lines right through prime agricultural land and accelerate its destruction." "The hydro hasn't made any compromises as far as I can see."

BILL KARN is a non-farmer who lives on the 17th sideroad. He and his wife have only been living in their home for three months. The house sits on the 4th and 5th line boundary so it

BALLINAFAD Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marshall motored to Kincardine on Tuesday of last week. They went to visit Mrs. Marshall's cousin Miss Lillian Delaney who is a patient in Kincardine General Hospital.

Visiting with the Marshall's this past Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and family of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. John Polo and family from Rockwood.

appears to them that the power lines will go over top of their residence or adjacent lot. "We just moved in," said Mr. Karn who is still completing the construction of his house, "but we may have to sell-out."

"Unfortunately," he continued, "the house will be appraised at a lower price because it is not completed." The Karns wrote plenty of letters and received mimeographed form letters which added little consolation.

CASEY BOSS owns a 100 acre farm along the 4th line. A pork producer, Mr. Boss and his son also grow asparagus and corn. "The government is not honest," said Mr. Boss. "It believes that the hydro and the government lie. They withhold information so these hearings are just a waste of time and taxpayers money," he added. Mr. Boss also feels that the hydro is not offering enough money for the farm land. "They are trying to get this land for peanuts," he said. "They just don't give a hoot."

TOM BEER owns a 100 acres along the 5th line. "I haven't heard what's exactly going on," he said, "but these towers and lines will definitely have an adverse aesthetic effect on me." "I don't want the lines," he admitted, "but the hydro will just bother someone else."

HAROLD BROWN farms 200 acres along the 4th line. He and his sons grow corn, hay, barley, oats and raise cows. "There's not much a fella can do about it," he conceded. "It seems that the hydro had their minds made up years ago." "The hydro doesn't give us enough money for our land," he added, "but I'm getting too old to care and my sons will not be farmers."

GEORGE SHARPLES owns 80 acres along 17th sideroad. A hobby farmer with a few head of cattle, Mr. Sharples and his family enjoy their quiet home and have plans for building another home for their children in the future. "It's something that can't be helped," said Mr. Sharples, "but it's a damn nuisance." "My major beef is that hydro won't give enough

money for the lots, especially the frontage lots," he continued. "I believe that if hydro takes a lot they should pay for it by the going lot price so we can be adequately compensated."

KEN McLARTY is a non-farmer who owns two acres between the fourth and fifth line along the 15th sideroad. "Our property will be the hydro property," he said, "so we may have a tower outside our window." Mr. McLarty believes that the hydro doesn't care about public feeling. "Although the towers will be outside my door, hydro doesn't ask me my feelings. Hydro instead confers with the land owner or whose property they sit even though he can't see the lines from his house," he added.

Mr. McLarty feels that although the citizens failed in having the route changed there was some satisfaction in voicing public opinion. "We moved to the country," mentioned Mr. McLarty, "to have a nice quiet view but since we've been here there has been one issue after another. I don't want to move from here."

JACK PEMBERTON owns 200 acres on either side of the fourth line. He has about 14 horses and 60-70 head of cattle. "This business is nothing new," he said, "it has been going on for years."

A. W. BENTON farms in Limehouse along the fourth line. "I don't want the lines running across my property anymore than anyone else does but there is nothing I can do about it but wait and see."

FRED J. BROWN farms 200 acres with his son along the fifth sideroad. His family has been on the land since 1826 when his great, great grandfather started farming. The century old farm is in danger of being physically scarred for life. "I feel the hydro could have gone over less productive land," Mr. Brown said. "I went to the meetings and supported my neighbors but now I think

it's a snow job." Mr. Brown's 23 year old son, Ted, is proud to carry on the family heritage but he feels now that the lines will destroy

about a third of the farm so that he must reconsider his future. "Machinery and fences have to be grounded, the grain crops and cattle are affected and a host of unforeseen difficulties will arise," he said. "You really don't have any control over your land," added Mr.

Brown. This really makes me mad, in fact it makes me boil." The residents between the fourth and fifth Georgetown lines expect the Hydro to come to their houses to negotiate property some time in the fall. The residents fear that the area is programmed for industry.

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LEGION NOTES

BY ROMA TIMPSON

Like a good many of you I've been away on holidays and haven't been around the branch to pick up any news to report.

I was fortunate in finding a friendly couple in the cottage next to us though and as it turned out he is a Legion member and his wife is an auxiliary member so we had several conversations regarding our branches. Frank and Betty Schwab belong to branch 217, New Toronto-Humber Bay and are very active in their branch.

Frank is also an active Lion and has been president of this very fine service organization. We parted company inviting each other down to our respective branch. We're going to meet 'at the fountain' on Warriors' Day and they hope to make it up around Ashgrove way for the International Plowing Match wind-up.

We also had the pleasure of a visit from a former member of our branch none other than that sweet lovable 'character' Jack Culbert. (Well the character part is true anyhow). Jack hasn't changed at all and it was just great seeing him again after a few years. Jack was a member at Stayner but is now active in Collingwood Legion. He asked how everyone was and said to say 'hello' to his many friends.

At this time of year with so many folks travelling to other towns and cities the Legion is one of the first places you look for upon arrival. You know it is a place where you are going to be made welcome and in some cases you have a chance to renew old acquaintances.

Most towns have a legion and in the larger cities there are two, three and even four legions on hard at work. In over 2,000 communities working for young and old alike, with their Air Cadet leagues and track and field activities plus essay contests to their Senior Citizen housing units and hospital work.

There are over 400,000 members, 90,000 auxiliary members in Canada. About \$80,000,000 in halls and over one and a half million dollars a year spent on community programs.

Ethel is keeping well and also a busy gal selling Real Estate. Ethel keeps up to all the news through the local newspapers and says hello to all her friends.

Met up with Lorne Veale also while away and a lot of the ladies will remember Lorne as they have danced to his very fine selection of records at many dances and receptions in our hall. Lorne asks to be remembered to all his friends that he has met over the years and unfortunately for us he is not playing at as many dances as in the past. Perhaps we can coax him down from the resort area later on.

Friends Say "Farewell"

On the evening of the 27th of July, 1974, a going away party was held for Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Dorothy Moffat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sanderston, 8 Orchard Blvd., Georgetown.

A delightful supper was enjoyed due to the generosity of the guests who consisted of: Mrs. Nellie Goldham, Mr. and Mrs. D. Doig, Mr. and Mrs. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Strang, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. E. Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. B. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lynce, Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. G. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. F. Peters, and Miss Eve Clarke.

During the course of the evening Dick and Dorothy were presented with a silver tray and sherry glasses.

They will be residing in the vicinity of Nanapanee and will be starting a lumber and building supplies business at Newburgh. We wish them every success in their new venture.

Traffic Victim

A Kitchener man became the third traffic accident victim of 1974, following a collision on Saturday, July 20, 1974, 500 feet east of jct. of Int. 38 (Campbellville Rd.) on highway 401.

Garry W. Kutt, age 38, 10 Conway Dr., Kitchener, Ontario, was pronounced dead on arrival at the Milton District Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bird, Ashley and Helen are enjoying having relatives visiting them from England. Mrs. Bird's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flint, from Nottingham arrived last Thursday to spend three weeks here.

On Saturday afternoon a disastrous storm struck the Ballinafad area. Ball stones as large as golf balls came down with terrific force and played havoc with the crops and gardens.

The storm lasted quite some time. Most of the tender greens are in shreds and some of the peas were shelled from the pods. The flower gardens took a terrible beating too.

The junior farmers' held a dance in the community centre on Friday evening. It was fairly well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Klatt of RR 2 Erin were honored guests at a party held in the Ballinafad community centre on Saturday night. They were celebrating their silver wedding anniversary.

Family, friends and neighbors were present to congratulate the couple and wish them many more happy years together.

Many relatives from the Ballinafad community were invited to attend the reception at a dance at the Acton Meadows Golf and Country Club on Saturday evening. It was the bride and groom of Saturday namely, Miss Linda Kirkwood and Herb Osborne whose wedding took place earlier that afternoon.

Sorry to hear of the serious car accident to Jerry Buchanan. It happened while driving through dense fog on Friday night when the car he was driving missed a turn at the bottom of a steep hill along the fourth line at Limehouse.

He, along with his two companions suffered head injuries and were taken to a Toronto hospital. We sincerely hope for a complete recovery soon.

Miss Heather Kirkwood has returned home after spending a pleasant holiday at Algonquin park. —Winifred Smith

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