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CVCA working on new plans

Hikers taking their toll of lime kilns

The crumbling ruins of the Limehouse kilns, once a local centre of thriving activity, are under close observation by the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

The CVCA hopes to soon restore the lime kilns which are believed to date back as far as the 1840's.

A plan was once made up for the CVCA concerning the restoration of the kilns and the development of a park in the area however, Joan Rollings of the CVCA noted, "the plan was so atrocious that we scrapped it. We are very conscious of the area and we realize the great historical and ecological value. But we have to be very careful so that damage is not done to these areas."

Ms. Rollings commented on the ecological sensitivity of the area. "Because one of the kilns is along the Bruce Trail

overuse has become a big problem. Irreparable damage could be done if people just run all over the place. It is somewhat of a dangerous area as well. There are rock crevices there 20 to 25 feet high and someone could very easily step over one."

The formation of a park and the restoration is one of the authority's long-term projects. "We need an in-depth overall study made of the area and we have to get everything down on paper before we take any further steps," she commented.

The Limehouse kilns mark a very significant era. In 1883 over 100 men were employed at the kilns in Limehouse. Over 70,000 bushels of lime were produced annually with an additional 6,000 barrels of "water lime" produced. These kilns were roughly 18 by 22 feet at the base, tapering towards

the top and reaching a height of about 53 feet.

At Limehouse there were two different types of kilns. To the left, as you enter the conservation property, there is a long row of kilns about ten feet high known as 'pot' or set kilns. These are believed to date back to the 1840's.

These were not very efficient as a charge had to be placed, then burned and allowed to cool before the operation could begin again.

The other type of kiln at Limehouse, the draw or 'shaft' kiln marked a fairly advanced stage in the process of lime burning. These are believed to date back to the 1870's. These kilns required a three-day starting-up period to obtain a hot fire, after which lime could be drawn every five or six hours when additional rock would be placed in the top of the kiln.

It was around the 1917's when the kilns usefulness drew to a close. The reasons are somewhat dubious. Some believe it was because of the danger of blasting in the quarry and the operations of the kilns being placed in a confined area. Others believe it was economic factors which caused the stop to production. With only eight to 15 tons of lime per kiln per day being produced by the draw kilns the economical factors were not favorable.

The kilns of yester-year have become all but obsolete. Today's modern technology, with gas-fired kilns, can produce many tons per day. The crumbling remains, hiding behind dense vegetation is a reminder of times past. However, if the CVCA does go ahead with their tentative plans, it will not be of times forgotten.

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Have you heard of the latest dance craze? It's the politicians Walt... One step forward, two steps back and then, sidestep.

Town approves \$1.5 million of capital works

The town will be carrying out just over \$1.5 million worth of capital works this year. Town council last week approved the 1975 capital works budget, revised over the past month by town treasurer Harry Henderson. It details where \$1,582,550 of capital projects will take place this year in Halton Hills and where the money for them will come from.

True to the town's policy of keeping debt to a minimum, only \$300,000 of the total will be debentured. All of that is to cover the costs of a centralized municipal building study plus the acquisition of needed land. Ontario Municipal Board approval for that project is yet to be received.

The province's part in Halton Hills' capital works projects this year will be in the neighborhood of \$450,000.

Halton Hills' three major projects this year are all road reconstruction projects. With a gross cost of \$153,000, work on Sargent Road from Mountainview to Rexway ranks as the town's number one project for 1975.

Work on Acton's Church Street from Main to Eastern is second on the list costing \$144,000 and Raylawn Crescent reconstruction, costing \$128,000, is third.

Installation of storm sewers on Normandy Blvd. from Guelph to Main, and on Rexway Drive, from Delrex to Sargent Road, will cost \$105,000 while storm sewer work in the area of James Street in Acton will cost \$94,000.

Esplanade hasn't been forgotten. It will get its share of capital projects this year. Its largest will be culvert work on the Fourth Line (\$35,000), Fifth Line (\$23,000) and the Sixth Line (\$40,000).

Road work in Halton Hills will require a total of \$723,000, approximately half of which will be paid for by the province. Parks and recreation have been allotted \$311,000.

Of that, one-third or \$100,000 has been set aside for the Georgetown Lions Club community hall and changeroom renovations. The Lions Club, through donations, will provide \$73,000 of that figure while the other

\$25,000 will come from the province through the Community Centres program.

Other recreational capital projects and their costs (in brackets) are: Acton Arena roof repairs (\$80,000); Georgetown Memorial Arena parking lot repairs (\$18,150); construction costs of the Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena (\$52,000); lights for Emmerson Park (\$8,000); fences for Prospect Park and Emmerson Park (\$1,500 each); soccer fields at Cedarvale (\$12,000); lighting and screening of ball diamonds at Fairgrounds (\$15,000); ball screens at Hornby, Limehouse and Prospect Park (\$5,200).

The renovations to the Georgetown library building will get \$20,000 from the budget. The Georgetown Hydro Electric Commission will receive \$229,000 which should be paid back completely through revenue raised by the Hydro Electric Commission.

Seven capital projects originally planned to be carried out this year got the thumbs down signal from council and its committees, for a saving of \$517,000. One of the largest items to be dropped was the acquisition of an aerial fire truck for Acton. That would have cost \$192,000 but, because of difficulties Milton has run into with a similar truck (a new building may have to be constructed just to house it) council decided to defer it for the time being.

Work on the Tenth Line costing \$140,000 was deferred 'til 1976 as was an \$80,000 project on the Fifth Line. Widening of Guelph Street that could have cost \$60,000 was also deferred by the works committee.

A \$30,000 planned addition to the Georgetown Volunteer Ambulance Service's building also fell victim to council's axe. That has now been included in the \$300,000 centralized building study.

The town's capital budget must now be passed on to the regional treasurer, Don Farmer, who, in turn, will send it to the final authority in approving its contents; the OMB.



BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO. Sherri Marshall of 5 Sarah St. travels around town with her dog Bootsie, right behind. Sherri's father

built the three-wheel bike with the wooden carrier in order to make Sherri's paper route a little easier.

Limehouse residents fight wrecking yards

Limehouse, long known for its more scenic attractions such as the old lime kilns, is earning a new name for itself: Junktown. And Limehouse residents don't like this new distinction.

The point of contention is a wrecking yard operated by Halton Auto Wreckers. The yard is located right on the main street of the quiet village and, according to several residents, "it's like a bad sore, degrading the town."

A group of residents, led by Ross Irwin, met with town council last week to present a petition signed by 253 Limehouse area residents requesting council to take steps to remove the wrecking yard from the village.

Mr. Irwin told council that, because of the wrecking yard, "people are beginning to call our town, Junktown. It's a pretty town and a lot more could be done with it, but with

this wrecking yard right in the centre. The main street of a town is not place for a wrecking yard. You certainly wouldn't want it here in Georgetown."

When told that the council had taken steps to make sure that the wrecking yard met all requirements of the town's licensing bylaw, another member of the delegation said, "we're no longer concerned whether or not the fence there is the right height. We want to see the entire operation relocated."

Although council reserved any action on the citizens' requests pending further reports from the town's building inspector and solicitors Councillor Harry Levy did comment, "We are not blind to what is taking place there. We know there's something going on out there and we are now seeking advice as to what direction we can take and what we can do about it."

Go-Kart crash kills one

A 20-year-old Georgetown resident died after sustaining injuries from a go-kart he was operating swerved off the roadway and struck a tree.

Robert Gilmore, 53 Stevens Crescent, was pronounced dead early Wednesday morning following the late-night collision Tuesday on 22 Sideroad, just west of Highway 25.

Gary Sparling, also of Georgetown was with Gilmore when the accident occurred.

He was driving a second vehicle. According to Milton Ontario Provincial Police the wheels of the two vehicles collided which forced the vehicle operated by Gilmore to swerve.

The vehicles were not equipped for night driving. Charges have been laid for traffic violations and in connection with the theft, the previous Sunday, of two go-karts from the Limehouse Go-Kart Track.

Donates board

Rick West Insurance Company Limited received approval from the general administration committee to install a score board on Diamond "B" in the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The company will install the

score board with no charge and plan to keep up the maintenance of the score board as well. Rick West Insurance Company had previously erected a score board at the ball park at Glen Williams.

Cable hike

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission announced last week that approval for an increase in the monthly subscription rates and installation fees of Halton Cable Systems had been granted by the commission.

The increase will not become effective in Georgetown until the system is rebuilt and converter service, with additional channels, is available. For the 4,000 subscribers of Halton Cable Systems the basic rate of \$6 will be increased to \$6 when the extra service is ready in the Georgetown area, early next year.

Residents of Acton and Milton can expect the increase to become effective within a few months at which time extended channel capacity will be available in those areas of distribution.

Rates for additional outlets will also be increased by \$1 per outlet, from \$1 to \$2.

Installation rates will be increased to \$15, from \$10, for first-line and converter installation. "If we can complete an installation in one trip, both main line and converter, then the charge will be only \$15," explained president and general manager Arthur J. Jamieson. "If we must go back later and

install a converter it will be another \$15."

The new receiving tower that will serve Acton, Milton and Georgetown, is complete and is in the final stages of tests while serving the community of Acton. Further construction in Acton is underway to complete coverage of the town within the next month.

Converters necessary to tune in the extra channels offered can be leased from the company for an additional \$2.50 or bought outright for \$80.95 plus tax. Residents already owning their own converters can add them to their own lines without fear of prosecution under the new system approved by the CRT.

"The new rate structure will permit maximum usage of the full capabilities of the systems as the subscriber sees fit," added Mr. Jamieson.

The subscriber can now make use of the full channel capacity with the company's converter or one of his own with no additional charge for the supplementary channels.

"We may be offering converters with a remote control power switch on them if there is sufficient demand for the deluxe converter," furthered Mr. Jamieson.

One acre swimming pool opens at Terra Cotta

Swimming will once again be a prime attraction at the Terra Cotta Conservation area. The Credit Valley Conservation Authority will officially open its new, one acre swimming pool at Terra Cotta this Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m.

Construction hold-ups have delayed the opening of the pool but the CVCA reports that all's ready for this weekend. It's all finished, painted and ready to take up to 500 swimmers.

Designed by Totten, Sims, Hubicki, the

pool is 140 feet by 310 feet in size. It has one acre of water surfaced area. One-fifth of the pool is deeper than four feet and the remainder offers graduated swimming and wading space for children.

CVCA chairman, A. Grant Clarkson;

chairman of the parks and recreation advisory board, Tom Hill; and parliamentary assistant to the minister of natural resources, Lorne Maccek, will jointly cut the ribbon and welcome everyone in for a swim.