

Residents protest noise

Residents of 17 Sideroad who suffer through the daytime noise from gravel truck traffic now lose sleep at night from a crushing operation being carried on at the Sixth Line, area resident Peter Snider said Thursday.

Mr. Snider who contacted The Herald, says he is annoyed by a comment made at the last works committee meeting by George Mugford, manager of highway construction for Armbro Construction.

Mr. Snider quoted Mr. Mugford as saying, "although crushing is being carried on for 24 hours, it cannot be heard from the roadway because the pits are set a back from the roadway and surrounded by trees." The comment was made in answer to a question from Coun. George Malby who wished to know what hours trucks would be hauling gravel and when crushing was being carried out.

Mr. Snider, of Wynfield Kennels on the 17 Sideroad, said his house is on top of a hill and the noise from the pit carries down the valley. Sometimes, he said, his family is drifting off to sleep when the "clanging, banging and crushing" wakes them. Sometimes they are awakened after being asleep for hours, Mr. Snider said.

During the hot weather he said he used to leave dogs in outside runs, but the noise from the pits upsets the animals and they start barking. The Snider's have about 100 dogs in kennels.

The Snider's home is set back 1/4 of a mile from the road. He said his neighbors, Roy and Joan Inoson, "get the noise even worse because they don't have part of a hill to block the clanging."

Sixth Line residents weren't available for comment. Mr. Snider said they must hear the noise even worse.

He criticized works committee for "throwing 17 Sideroad residents a sop when discussing preparing a bylaw prohibiting trucks over 10,000 tons."

Mr. Snider is a trucker and, he said, he sympathizes with truckers from Indusmin, but "sometimes our house shakes and windows rattle from the vibrations of the trucks."

"I have counted 10 to 15 trucks travelling along 17 Sideroad in five minutes," he said. He feels truckers should vary their route and give the resident a break.

Mr. Mugford predicted that 15 hired trucks will start hauling gravel steadily from Ordco pit on the Sixth Line and Spitzer pit on 20 Sideroad for the construction widening of the interchange at Highway 401 and Highway 10 starting the first two weeks of September.

Trucks will travel Trafalgar Road, 20 Sideroad and 17 Sideroad. Mr. Snider said, "it will really get grim when the trucks have to go up the hill in low gear on 17 Sideroad."

There is an anti-noise bylaw in Halton Hills which states in part, "any unreasonable or unnecessary noise or sound arising from an excavation or construction work whatsoever, including the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building, ..." and also "the noise or sound created by driving any vehicle bearing materials, articles or things which are loaded upon such a vehicle in such a manner to create noise" is contrary to the bylaw.

If any person is convicted of a breach of any of the provisions of the bylaw they shall forfeit and pay at the discretion of the convicting magistrate a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each offence and every such penalty shall be recoverable under the Summary Convictions Act.

Mr. Snider did call the police, but heard no reply from the officer. Police said they must take into account whether noise is being created under normal operational conditions. There has been much controversy over 17 Sideroad between the residents, works committee and truckers.

Grease fire

Firefighters assisted a person Sunday who received a serious burn on the leg from a grease fire at Centennial Apartments, 182 Maple Ave. Fire prevention officer Larry Brassard said the person had fallen asleep after placing a pot of grease on the stove and awoke to see the fire. The apartment dweller grabbed the pot off the stove and spilt the grease on his leg. Mr. Brassard said 10 per cent of the fires in the past three years have been grease fires.

Shot fired

Unknown assailants assaulted several youths, Aug. 26, hitting the youths with a butt end of a shot gun and later fired a shot, police said. Confusion surrounds the report due to the "intoxicated condition of the youths." One youth was taken to Georgetown and District Hospital suffering from bruises to his arm.

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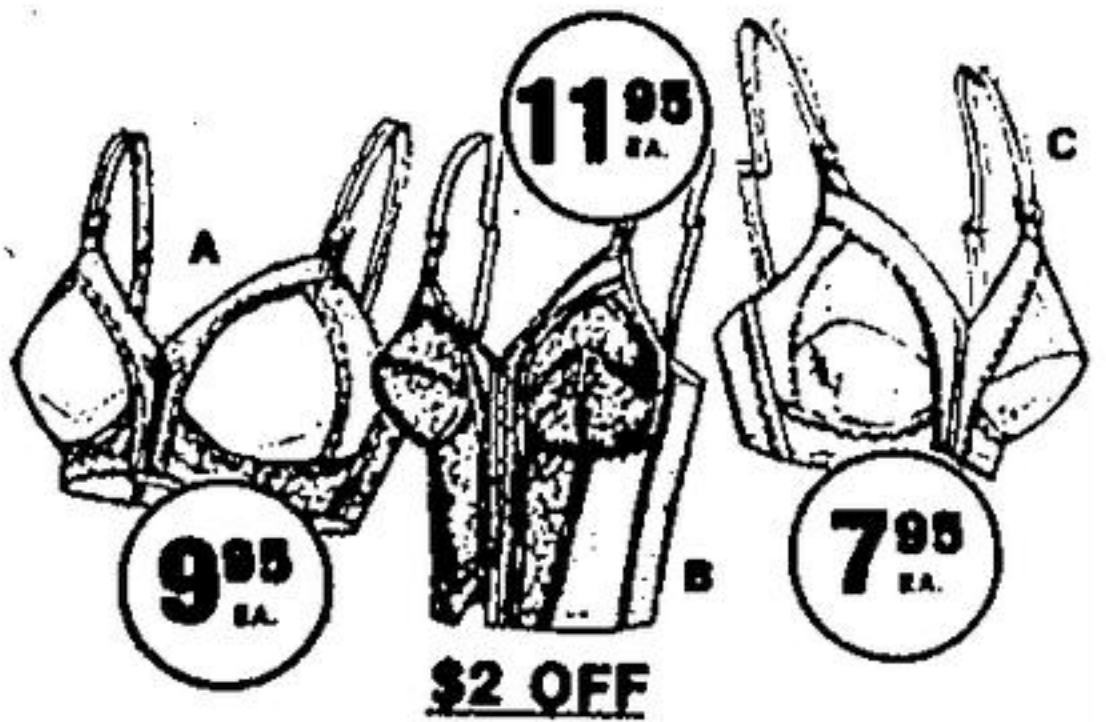
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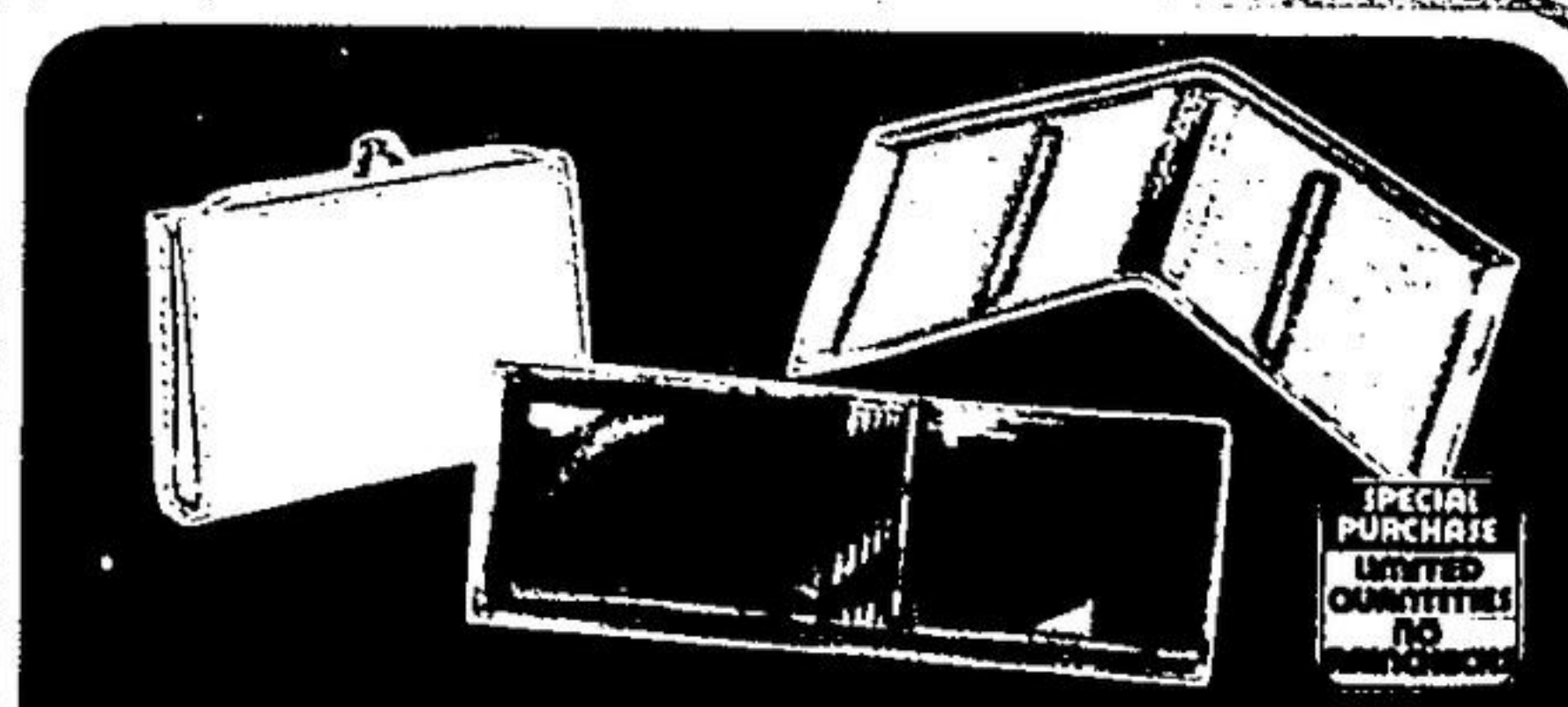
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