

# Big Conservation Week goes over with a bang

Conservation Week was another decided success in Halton this year.

Last week's program promised something to interest practically everyone in the Halton Region. Conservation Authority watersheds, and it did. Innovations in the pilot project that began here last year (and spread across Ontario in '69) drew good crowds to most of the scheduled events and officials of H.R.C.A. breathed a big sigh of relief when it ended, vowing it was a terrific success.

From trap shooting to a trout derby, from playground conservation programs to an interdenominational outdoor church service, Conservation Week was people-oriented and families across the Halton region joined in the fun in one way or another.

Next year, organizers report the event may be held in June with the emphasis on "education". Miss Mary Foster, public relations officer for H.R.C.A., explained Conservation Week this year emphasized the recreational aspects of conservation, but there was a whole field open in education. She hoped a June celebration next year would allow the Authority to work with the county board of education in organizing school children's trips and outings to stress the need for soil and water conservation and enlist support for conservation programs.

Monday, July 7 the week opened with the Hon. George Kerr of Burlington, Ontario's newly named Minister of Energy and Resources Management and the minister directly responsible for conservation in Ontario, officially opening the Authority's \$2,500,000 Morrison-Wedgewood Creek diversion channel in Oakville. Over 100 guests attended the ceremony and watched Mr. Kerr release 20 young pheasants hatched at the Authority's Mounsbury game farm.

Thursday's program was "project preservation" day when playground attenders from Milton, Oakville and Waterdown and YM-YWCA children from Oakville carried out conservation projects such as planting trees and flowers, cleaning up parks, constructing small dams, or studying about turtles. Prizes were given for the best projects and all but one went to Oakville groups.

A busy day Friday saw orienteering clinics at Kelso for organized groups, and children visited Halton Museum and saw the conservation film "Valleys and Peoples" in the afternoon. The events were well attended by the young citizens of Halton.

A big day Saturday saw the one-day bass fishing derby organized by Halton Sportsmen's Association at the Authority's recently acquired Crawford's Lake near Campbellville. Over 400 adults and children showed up to dunk worms and tempt the lake's legendary bass population with artificial lures, and all had fun although only a few small bass were caught.

A naturalist club from Georgetown sponsored a trail hike at Rattlesnake Point Park that morning, and an orienteering clinic was held at Kelso. In the afternoon about 20 horses competed in a saddle club's open horse show at Kelso.

Sunday opened with a 9 a.m. open air church service for all faiths at Rattlesnake Point with Rev. Dr. Finlay Stewart of Kitchener as speaker. A good crowd attended. Many brought breakfast with them and organizers are considering having a breakfast service next year—inviting everyone to come out, cook breakfast at the park and stay for the church service.

Glen Eden Lake was busy with fishermen all day as the Halton Sportsmen's Association held their second annual trout derby, with prizes for the biggest fish landed in two age group divisions. All the winners were from Milton and the trout ranged to a size of one pound nine ounces. A Dundas fly tying club demonstrated the art of putting trout flies together on the shore, and elsewhere children and adults had fun competing in an orienteering competition.

Gun clubs from around Halton

competed in a 50-bird trap shoot at Kelso that afternoon, and Rovers from Milton, Brampton and Oakville warmed up for their big regional Labor Day weekend Rover moot at Kelso with a canoe jousting competition on Glen Eden Lake.

Not all the scheduled events came off last week. Some parts of the busy agenda had to be cancelled due to weather conditions or other mix-ups.

A library display day last Tuesday fell through, and Wednesday's swim meet of playground groups at Kelso was called off when cool weather

combined with a forecast of rain. As it turned out, the weather was beautiful but it was too late to reschedule this event.

Saturday's dog derby at Kelso fell through because of a mix-up in scheduling. Oakville Humane Society was supposed to operate the water races but couldn't find the Conservation Authority staff to co-ordinate it, meanwhile the H.R.C.A. officials spent the day looking for the Humane Society people. Only a couple of dogs showed up for the swimming races anyway, an official said.

An essay contest was also dropped from the program.

## "No end in sight" reports Halton M.P.

"No end in sight" was how M.P. Rud Whiting described prospects on Parliament Hill for a summer recess in an interview with this paper Friday morning.

"The mood up here has changed considerably since we went into overtime sessions," the Halton M.P. reported.

Commenting on the adjournment the previous night, because of the absence of a quorum, Mr. Whiting emphasized the adjournment came in the private members' hour. Leader of the Opposition

Robert Stanfield was the only Progressive Conservative in the house, the Liberal ranks were down and when the N.D.P. saw the low count they dispatched some of their members to further reduce the number present. The result was the adjournment for lack of a quorum.

The Halton M.P. acknowledged that he was also absent at the time attending a meeting of the Ontario caucus. "I have to be truthful about it, I wan't there either," he admitted.

## Off to sunny Spain for car dealer, wife

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Clements of Bronte St. S. are basking in the sun in sunny Spain this week, enjoying a seven-day trip he won in an American Motors car dealer sales competition.

By meeting a quota at the local Allan Clements and Son agency, the Clements became eligible for the charter flight trip

to the Costa de Sol beach area of Spain. They left Saturday and return home this weekend.

It was the second dealer prize the Clements family has won in recent years for successful sales promotions. Not long ago their son George won a trip to Jamaica. George wanted to win the Spain trip this year but

### Council demurs

## Authority says Esquering must pay

Esquering council's refusal to approve Halton Region Conservation Authority projects at Crawford Lake and an additional levy for flood control drew a lengthy letter from the Authority advising the township council that they had no choice but to pay for their share of the projects.

Legislation provides that if there is no request to the Ontario Municipal Board within 30 days of the budget to change figures, a protesting municipality would be obliged to pay its levy. Appeals must be directed to the O.M.B.

Cost of the Crawford Lake project totalled \$2,612.97 for Esquering over the next five years with the bill for 1969 being \$243.60. The additional levy for flood control was estimated at \$2,505.60.

Esquering councillors were generally not in favour of the

additional levies because they felt the Conservation Authority was running in the red.

Reeve George Currie pointed out that the Authority had taken over the operation of the ski resort at Kelso after the project had lost money for private operators over the previous two years. He said the operation continued to lose money despite the more efficient operation, dropping \$5,000 last year.

"I thought we made it clear when they were here that we didn't approve of their projects because they were so much in the red," deputy reeve Tom Hill commented. He thought council was not obligated to pay anything unless all municipalities in the Authority's area agreed to the project.

"What about it Mr. Clerk?" he asked K. C. Lindsay. The clerk told council that

Acton took a similar case to the O.M.B. a few years ago but the Board refused to do anything to alleviate Acton's share of the bill and he suspected the township was in the same boat.

Councillor Ken Marshall echoed council's concern over what they considered fickle conservation projects. "How did

they get into this buffalo and bird business, anyway," he asked. "What does it accomplish?"

Council passed no motion to support the projects but clerk K. C. Lindsay told this newspaper it is not necessary to pay Esquering portion of the costs until the projects are completed.

### OBITUARY

## Ted Jennings

Active for a number of years in the Milton Recreation Committee and with the local scouting organization, Hedley (Ted) Jennings died at Milton District Hospital on Thursday, July 10 in his 63rd year.

Mr. Jennings was a cubmaster for eight years and from the inception of the Milton Recreation Committee until last year he was a member of that group, serving several years as its chairman.

He was purchasing agent for the P.L. Robertson Co.

Born in Leeds, England he came to Canada when he was

four years old and married Florence May Clements in Winnipeg in 1927. He gained his education at Ryerson and Central Collegiate in Hamilton. He had been a Milton resident for the past 35 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church and the Masonic Order.

He is survived by his wife, a sister Mrs. T. Irlam, Hamilton and three children Mrs. R. W. Read (Beverly) of Exeter, Mrs. Ron Salt (Shirley) of Hamilton and David Edward of Houghton, Michigan.

The funeral service was held Monday from the McKersie Funeral Home with Rev. C. Coles of Emmanuel Baptist Church officiating. Interment was at Woodland Cemetery in Hamilton.

Palibearers were Harry Overend, James Shields and Eito Nyholt of Milton, Robert Elliot of Willowdale, Dr. R. W. Read and Ronald Salt.

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