

Press province to give grants sooner

A brief tabled at the Halton County Board of Education's July meeting last Wednesday asks that the provincial government pay 100 per cent of their grant to the boards during the boards' fiscal year which runs January to December and that the grants be paid according to the normal cash flow of an operating board.

According to the brief 55 per cent of the board's spending is done in the first six months of the year but the province in 1971 had only provided 37 per cent of their share of the grants during the first six months leaving the municipality to pick up 71 per cent of their share during the first half year.

Lags behind

According to the brief, the point is, the Department of Education delays its payment of grants and lags behind throughout the year and the load on the municipalities is increased.

The municipalities suffer in

two ways; first because most of their available funds are tied up in funding the Board's operation and the interest on monies borrowed for themselves and for the board would be an unnecessary charge if the department would maintain its fair share of the current operating expenditures.

Some municipalities argue that if they did not have to pay such a large percentage of their share so early in the year they could invest monies in short term loans and collect interest.

In a town the size of Milton there would not likely be enough funding at any rate to invest in short term loans. However the smaller communities are hurt by the system. In Milton alone it cost the town \$1,350 in banking charges for loans last year because their funds were depleted before the end of the town's fiscal year.

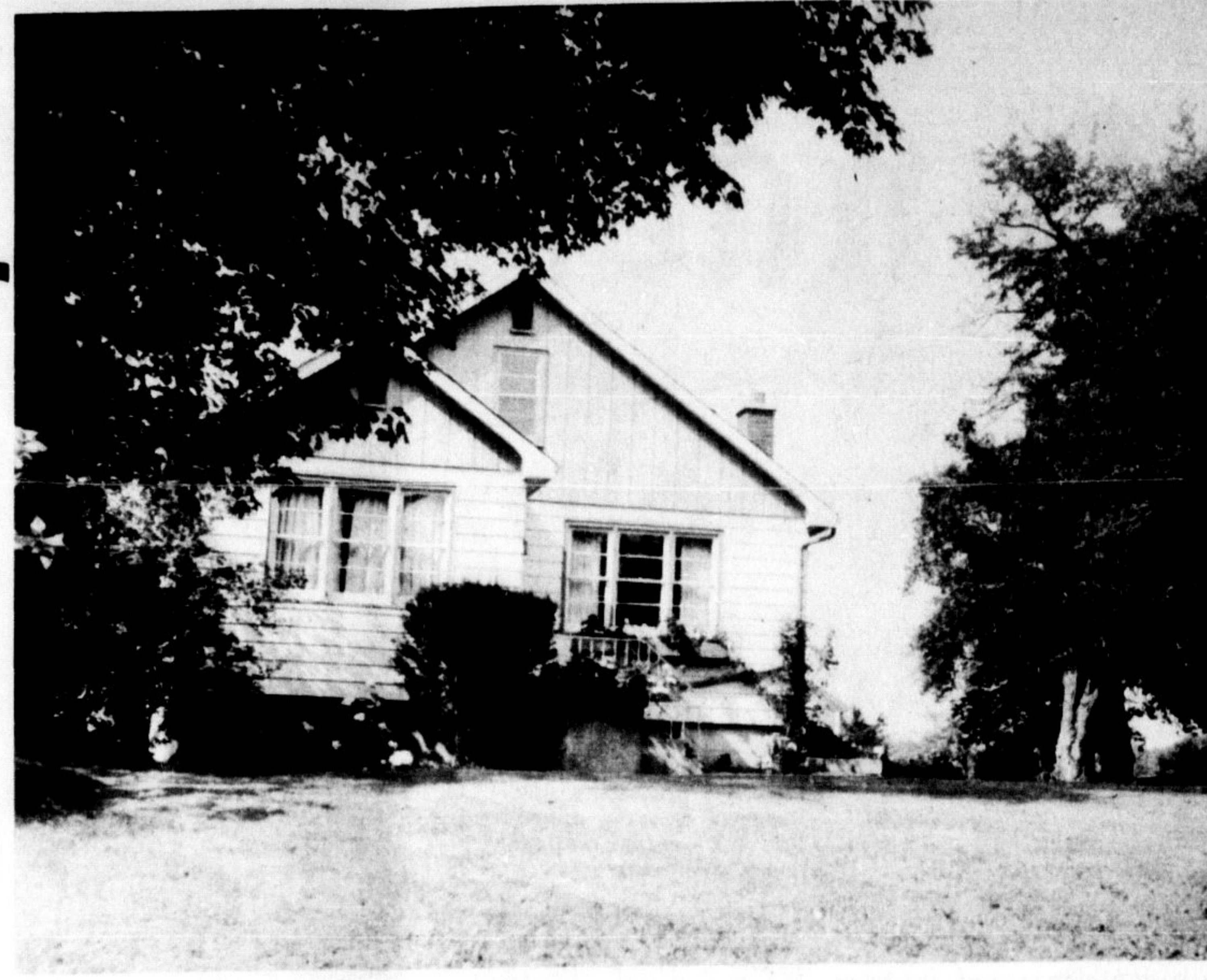
Had the grants been paid by the province in relation to the board's cash flow it may not have been necessary for Milton or other towns to engage in financing projects through debentures or bank loans.

Stay under ceiling

The brief notes, "The board of course is concerned at the fact that the carrying charges are part of the cost per pupil and hence, make it more difficult to remain under the ceilings of the department."

The board's brief urges two steps be taken: 1. The board requests that 100 per cent of the grants payable on a budget be paid during the board's fiscal year (January to December) and that rather than a five per cent hold back now in effect, reconciliation be made the following year. The brief suggests boards be charged interest on over estimates to emphasize the need for strict budgeting.

The second request urges a more realistic apportionment of the payment of grants by the Department be established in relation to the normal cash flow of the boards. In other words the board wants the money when the need is there rather than several months later.



THE HOME OF Arn Coulson on the Guelph Line in the Lowville Area was one of those that would have been seriously affected by the now forgotten plans to reconstruct the road. The house is located on a large lot. The original proposal would have left the house on an island with road on three sides. —(Staff Photo).

ESQUESING Township Council BRIEFS

At their regular meeting Monday night, Esquesing Council:

- Received a letter of thanks from the Glen Williams Minor Softball Association for their generous support.
- Reeve Tom Hill received an invitation to the Open House and official opening of the addition to the ARC workshop in Hornby, September 11 at 2 p.m.
- Instructed building inspector Tom McLean to inspect property owned by Harry Hooper, Lot 24, Con. 1, regarding operation of a wrecking yard and give a written report to council.
- Instructed roads superintendent C. E. "Bud" Snow to erect CURVE signs on each side of the bridge on Five Side-road between Concessions 8 and 9.
- Endorsed a resolution, passed by Georgetown Council, petitioning the Minister of Municipal Affairs not to accept the recommendation of the Select Committee on Election Laws, namely that any resident of Ontario since the first day of January in any election year otherwise qualified to vote in any municipality be entitled to stand for office in any other municipality and that the disqualification of candidates be generally less restrictive than heretofore and such grounds as non-payment of taxes be eliminated.
- Endorsed a resolution passed by Kitchener Council asking the province of Ontario to amend its grant regulations, so as to provide a 75 per cent subsidy on all cost involved in all matters of water management, including water supply, water control and water quality.

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40 enrolled in Po Co program

Current Recreation programs were reviewed during the monthly meeting of the Recreation Committee and Parks Board on Thursday following reports from staff on the various activities.

The PoCo program, a combination employment service and leadership training project had an enrollment of 40 with the major interest appearing to be in the employment service aspect of the program. John Comber and Randy Hood appeared at the meeting to inquire about delays in payment for work performed. It was pointed out the payments are made within two or three days of receiving the cheque from the employer. In one instance the employer was to be asked to make payments more promptly.

Recreation Director Bob Martin reported the adult hour at the pool from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. was being well attended and the moms and toddlers session was also meeting a need.

Playground supervisor Mrs. Gail Tummson reported increased enrollment at the playground programs with an average of 35 to 40 children participating at the J.M. Denyes School, the W.I. Dick and the Bruce St. schools.

Enrollment in the day camp program of 30 for the first period was also ideal. Bus trips to the Science Centre and to Centre Island are planned as outings for the children in the programs.

A final wind-up parade with a Disneyland on Parade theme on August 19 will conclude the summer activities. The Board indicated an interest in participating and agreed to look into the possibility of providing five cent hot dogs and a nickel drink in the Rotary Park at the conclusion of the evening parade.

Installation of a new fountain in Rotary Park was noted after discussions with the town staff; plans were announced for the Rotary Club members to have a painting session in Rotary Park to posts and benches; and the purchase of two new cemented benches was approved for placement near the shuffle board court in Victoria Park. Benches currently there have deteriorated.

Still owes

At the present time the province still owes \$1,100,000 for the 1970 operation of the board. Part of the problem lies in the fact that the boards' and municipalities' fiscal year does not coincide with the province's. The battle is an old one. For many years municipalities have had to finance projects and bear the expense of financing until the province sends grant money through.

The board's brief, dealing with education grants only, will be the topic of discussion at a future board meeting and if approved by the board will eventually be sent to Queen's Park for consideration.

Lowville people happy scenic village remains

The people of Lowville are rejoicing after hearing the decision of Halton County Council to drop plans to reconstruct the Guelph Line through the village.

The people of the village feel their road is one of the county's most scenic. At a public meeting and in letters to the county, residents protested the road project and argued the road would demolish the scenic beauty of the winding road through the village.

Marg Bradbury who operates the general store near the park at the foot of the hill described it as living proof that city hall can be beaten.

They don't want it
While only a resident of the

area for three weeks Mrs. Bradbury felt as do most of the people in the village. "The people don't want a new road, they want scenic beauty and a peaceful place. That's what they want and that is why they came here," she said.

"Too many people think you can't stop plans at any level of government. People moan but they don't go to meetings. You can stop it, these people stopped it," she said.

"If people don't go to meetings and things don't go their way it's their own fault. I'm glad they didn't go through with it," she said.

With that victory over and done with Mrs. Bradbury's next wish is for the town of Burlington to

post signs telling people where the Lowville park is. "People don't know they come here and ask," she said. Her store abuts a common entrance to the park.

Mrs. Les Brown said "It would have been a shame if they had gone ahead. We lived in a cottage near the dam and that would have had to be taken out if it went through. We moved further north on the road this year," she said.

Mrs. Brown said she and her husband rented in Lowville but own a house in Burlington. "We don't want to have to leave the valley though," Mrs. Brown commented.

Among those who are especially happy with the stop work order must be Arn Coulson. Had the project gone through Coulson's home that now stands on a spacious lot it would be on an island surrounded by highway.

Correction

Mrs. Frank Weller's name was omitted in the report last week of the Hornby Garden Party. Mrs. Weller along with Mrs. Chisholm donated flowers to the show this year as they have for many years in the past.

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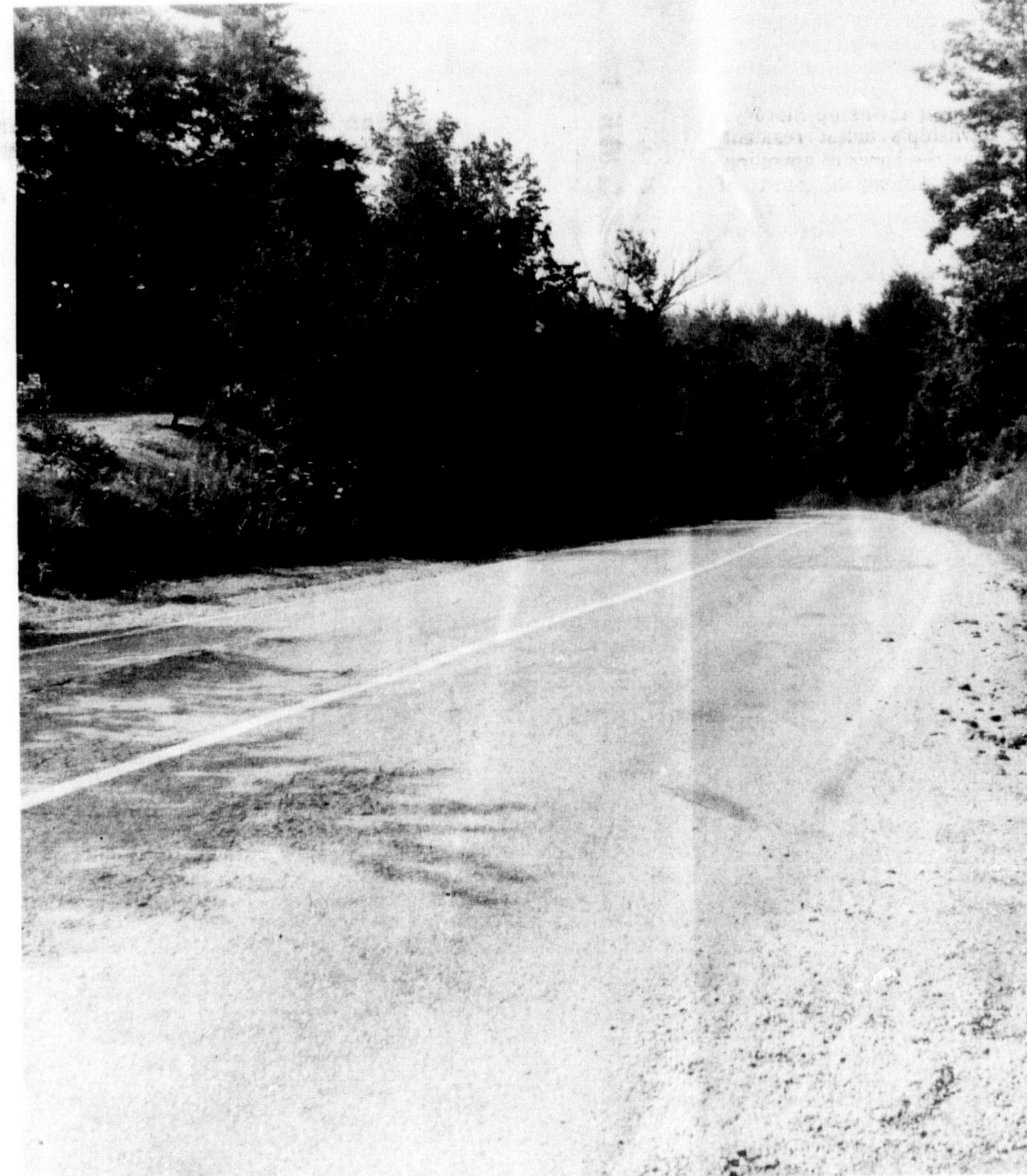
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Learn camping

The PoCo program had also had a camp out for girls in which budgeted for their food during the three day camp and learned camping skills as well as enjoying a recreation program. The girls were aged 13-15.

The crafts aspect of the PoCo program is to be reduced to three days a week rather than five. Emphasis will be on macrame, ty-dye-batik-skin and scuba diving.



MIXED WITH THE scenic beauty of Lowville Road is some danger. This picture shows one of the bends in the road. The people living on the road have said they would accept the danger that exists as a thing that has to be and are prepared to travel at lower speeds. — (Staff Photo).

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4-H Wisconsin trip was a lot of fun

Excellent 4-H achievement throughout the year earned five Milton area teens a trip to Wisconsin this month, and a chance to view different farming techniques, farms and the surrounding countryside.

Lois McNabb of Georgetown, Bill Stokes of Campbellville, Norma Leslie of Acton, Sandy Bennett of Burlington and Dave McKinnon of Milton motored to the southern state with "chauffeur-chaperone" Mrs. Hazel Reid of Georgetown area. The five members and chaperone were billeted in different homes throughout the state.

"We opened our eyes to their crops and animals," said one of the members. "Their crops are ahead of ours here, but not by too big a margin."

arrived in the states," she noted.

The group enjoyed individual trips to a meat packing plant, a musical instruments factory, historical sites of the state and crisp walks through the "neighbourly" countryside.

"I was particularly impressed that in their groups they can be a member at nine years of age. Here youngsters must be 12 before they can be a 4-H member," she noted.

Each of the members made note that most farms had grade cattle rather than registered herds. "We compared cattle types, grade and size of herds," another of the teens noted.

The group all met for a swimming party at a pool, one night of the trip and five of the six returned home together. Miss Leslie was met by her parents in Wisconsin and they continued on a family trip through the south themselves.

"It certainly was worth it's weight in gold," Mrs. Reid concluded. "Trips such as this give everyone a better understanding of other farming methods and techniques."

Enjoy stay

Mrs. Reid noted she enjoyed her stay "very much". "It was certainly a friendly group to travel with. I guess I was more of a chauffeur than a chaperone," she chuckled.

The group drove the 557 mile trip all in one day. "And we were treated like royalty when we

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