

FIRE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED a self-propelled combine at the farm of Earl McDowell of Hornby Monday at suppertime. Mr. McDowell was combining a field of wheat just east of Trafalgar Rd. when he noticed the machine smoking. He used a fire extinguisher to halt the flames but it took Milton Fire Department's pumper truck

to finally extinguish the smouldering fire. McDowell, who owns the machine jointly with Les King of Hornby, said it must have been an electrical problem that started the fire as the machine suddenly quit and he noticed it burning. He is pictured watching at left while firefighters hose out the interior of the combine.

(Photo by R. Downs)

Limehouse operator predicts shortage

A Limehouse quarry operator warned Esqueping council Monday night that wayside gravel pits would remain eyesores within the township unless some provision was made to have them cleaned out of gravel and rehabilitated with funds set aside by provincial regulation.

Mac Duff, operator of a quarry on the Fifth Line near Limehouse, also took a poke at some measures in the new Niagara Escarpment Planning Act, which he said could develop into a serious shortage of aggregate products unless they were relaxed.

Duff said he would feel the pinch this year and someone is going to end up with egg on their face if the shortage became general and material was not available for roads and building.

Admitting to a vested interest in decisions of the Niagara Escarpment Planning Act, Duff said his own operation's plans to expand to his north, which had been worked out over a period of years, were now sidelined by new provisions in the province's plan for the Escarpment. Yet, he said, west of Yonge St. (No. 11 Highway) there were few places where gravel could be mined except the Escarpment. New controls would effectively freeze them.

The Limehouse quarry operator felt the strict measures of the Escarpment freeze had been dictated by a committee of environmentalists who paid scant heed to the province's demand for products from the quarries.

"I'm an environmentalist myself," he told councillors with a smile, noting he belonged to the Bruce Trail Association and kept an active interest in other associated groups, but felt the commission had not taken other important aspects into consideration.

Under the circumstances he asked council to support him when he presents his case for expansion to the commission in

charge of issuing licences to Escarpment operators.

Reeve Tom Hill said they likely would support him if he was going to rehabilitate his quarry.

Duff said the property was worthless now unless something was done.

Deputy-Reeve Len Cox told Mr. Duff that the Escarpment planning act was introduced to control indiscriminate use of the important natural feature but he saw areas where control would be a bind. He felt the need for quarry products would be a "leg up" for operators.

Reeve Hill told Mr. Duff that it would be useless for council to support any bid from him at the present time and advised him to wait until members of the Niagara Escarpment Commission were appointed by the province and county. The time to make it will be when the commission is formed, he suggested.

Duff read figures showing the increase in business his quarry had experienced since 1970, including a 31 per cent hike in 1971 and a 39 per cent increase in 1972. He admitted some aspects of the Escarpment Act had been good but pointed out the Esqueping area was the only one in the county suitable for quarries.

It is bad enough to be put out of business by mismanagement, he told council, but to be legislated out of business was almost unbelievable.

Duff also said he was going to push for small wayside pits to be cleaned out of gravel, and rehabilitated such as those which presently were eyesores on the Sixth Line. He said it would never be done unless it was financed under the government scheme to allot so much per ton extracted to do the job.

Although he did not disclose details, he said he was working now on general principles to outline his plan for the commission.

Steering committee formed for regional police force

When regional government comes into effect in Halton next Jan. 1 a regional police force will be established to cover the entire region and four present police forces will disappear.

At a meeting Wednesday in Oakville, a steering committee of nine people was named to guide the transition smoothly and effectively. They include six elected representatives—Halton Warden Anne MacArthur, Acton councillor Orville Chapman, Nassagaweya Deputy Reeve Jim Watson, Milton Mayor Brian Best, Burlington Mayor George Harrington and Esqueping Reeve Tom Hill; and three members of existing police commissions—Judge William K. Warrender and Percy Cowan of the Oakville Commission, and Glenn Magnuson of the Georgetown Commission.

Working committee
Beneath the steering committee, a working committee of nine police officers has been established to make recommendations and come up with the necessary facts and figures for the steering committee. They include the four chiefs of existing Halton forces—Floyd Schwartz of Georgetown, Ray Andress of Milton, Fred Oliver of Oakville and Kenneth Skerrett of Burlington, plus OPP Staff Sgt. Welch, Oakville, inspector Harry

Wilson and Sgt. Walter Southwood, Burlington Deputy Chief Jack Jeffries and Staff Sgt. McPherson.

The latter four men were earlier this year named to the working committee and they have been spending their full time studying the introduction of a regional force in Halton, with part time assistance from the OPP representatives and police chiefs.

The steering committee is expected to hold its first meeting on Aug. 5. By mid-October it is expected a regional police commission will be named and it will likely be formed and at work by Nov. 1.

Two regional representatives are to be named to the five-member Halton Police Commission. The other three members will be provincial appointments, one of whom will be a judge.

Better facilities
Commenting on Wednesday's meeting and the work that has been done to date on implementing a regional police force, Milton Police Chief Ray Andress said he was looking forward to the regional force as it would mean better facilities will be available to some of the smaller police departments. Examples would be identification departments, safety officers,

more personnel and training facilities, he said.

Right now forces like Milton and Georgetown are too small to have their own identification staff and cannot spare even one man on a full time basis for safety and accident prevention work, he said.

Georgetown Chief Schwartz said the initial costs of a regional police force might be higher than present costs, but eventually the costs will taper off. Centralization of records and business offices, the sharing of facilities and the bulk purchasing power of the larger force would help reduce costs in the future, he indicated.

Clean-up work very rewarding

Hornby Garden Party's 26th annual show on Saturday night was a tremendous success, but the pile of garbage left behind by party-goers was also tremendous, according to parks superintendent Alf Bridgen.

However Sunday morning, under the leadership of the sponsoring Hornby Ball Club president and the garden party chairman, a group of young and old workers arrived to clean it all up. They worked hard and soon the park was back to its usual spotless appearance.

"It was a great credit to the club and those who showed up to help," said Mr. Bridgen. He treated the workers (and the children's favorite pet dog "Newfie") to ice cream.



ABOUT 600 PEOPLE attended the official opening July 10 of the new Elora Beef Cattle Research Centre. Present among the officials for the ceremony were (left) James W. Snow, Minister of Government Services, Dr. W. C. Winegard, president of the University of Guelph, and W. A. Stewart, Minister of Agriculture and Food (right). The research centre, planned and built to serve the needs of Ontario's rapidly expanding beef industry, has been designed to provide producers with accurate information in areas of feeding, housing and breeding. The Elora Beef Cattle Research Centre will be operated by the University of Guelph, under contract to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

Members prepare for competition

By Alice Summerfield
On Wednesday, July 11, the Halton 4-H Sheep Club held their monthly meeting at the Couper farm on Britannia Rd. Early in the year, each member had been assigned a breed of sheep to research, and at this meeting the presentation on each breed was given. This enabled the members to hear the outstanding features of each breed and also the origin of the various sheep breeds.

Albert Hunter, a 4-H leader, gave a most interesting talk on his recent trip to the United Kingdom where he visited a number of sheep farms.

Competition
Members were reminded of the judging competition to be held at the University of Guelph the following day. The next meeting is the inter-club evening to be held this year at the home of Mr. Hunter. Preparation of the lamb for showing will be discussed and an exchange of ideas between the various clubs attending.

Following the adjournment of the meeting, hot dogs and hamburgers were served and were certainly enjoyed by all. Alice Summerfield thanked Jamie Couper for being such an excellent host.

Ashgrove Happy Hoers try flower arranging

The Ashgrove Happy Hoers had their fourth meeting on July 19 at the home of Beverley Wingfield. Some of the members enjoyed a refreshing swim prior to the beginning of the meeting.

A weed identification contest had been set up by Beverley and the members were set to this upon arrival of the leaders. Twenty-one weeds were labelled for identification. The meeting then moved inside where the roll call "One improvement I have made or plan to make in my home surroundings" was answered by each of the members.

Marilyn McNabb distributed the covers and designs to all of the members.

The next meeting will be left until August 7 and will be held either at the home of Mrs. Bird or Mrs. Wickson. The leaders will be in charge of the lunch for this meeting.

Joyce Wilson gave a rundown on the progress of the Achievement Day committee which is looking after the skit for that day. The members were then cast into the various roles and the committee will meet again on July 24.

Members were quizzed on the Food Guide for Health and the rule for vegetable eating in particular. The reasons for eating vegetables were brought out by a dialogue between Mrs. Wickson and Karen. The use of

vegetables in the meal plan and methods of cooking were also reviewed.

Grace Bird who is employed at a local florist's gave a demonstration of flower arranging, giving pointers and explanations as she went along. Following this members were given an opportunity to test their own flower arranging abilities, using flowers that some of the members had brought from their home flower gardens.

The meeting closed with a lunch provided by Cindy Cordingley and Marilyn McNabb.

Crop club talks costs

The fourth meeting of the Halton 4-H Crop Club was held on July 10 at Bob Merry's place on the Fourth Line.

A tour of everyone's plot will be held Aug. 14. Members looked at soybeans, corn and barley which Mr. Merry was growing. Afterwards they had a discussion on costs for producing grain, followed by a drink and doughnuts served by Mr. and Mrs. Merry.

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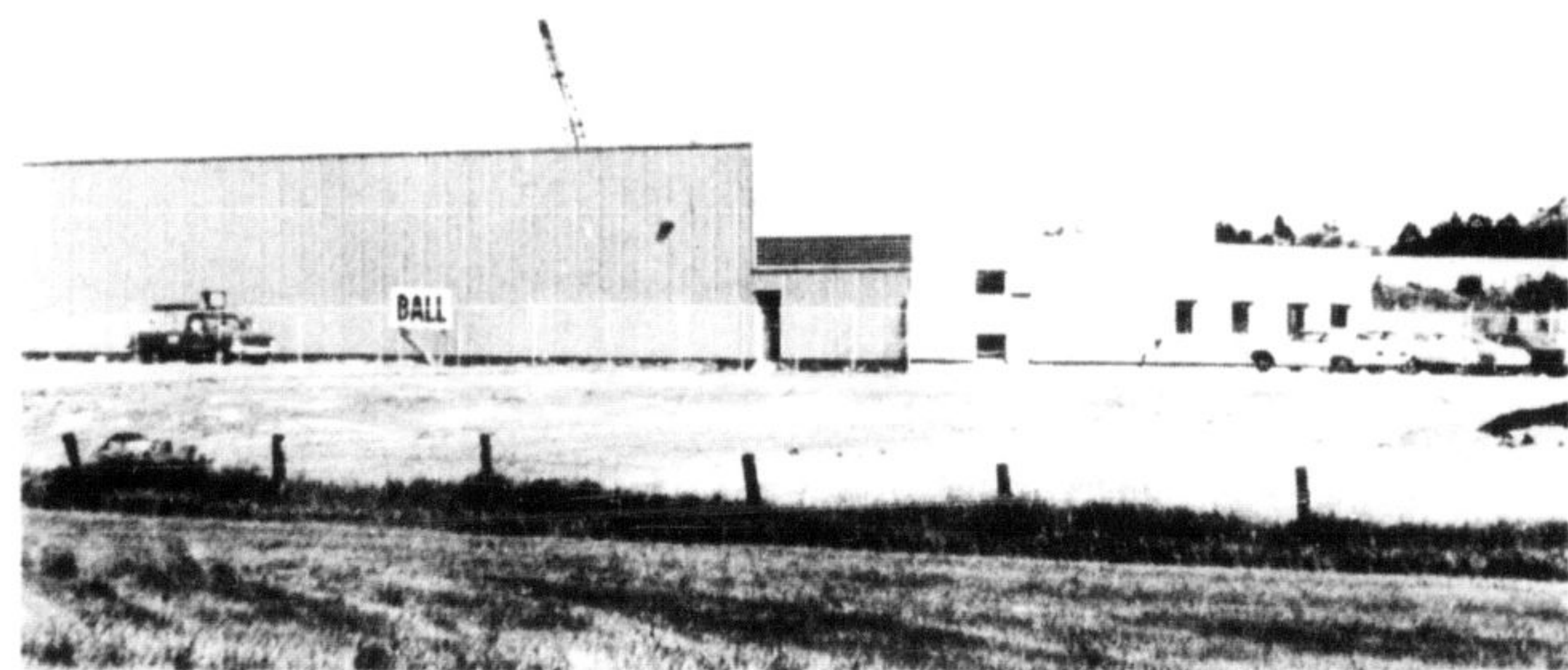
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