

Antique show in Elora

Forty dealers are scheduled to be on hand at the Antiques in Elora show Friday, Aug. 20 through Sunday, Aug. 22.

Dealers travel from across Ontario to take part, bringing with them a wide range of collectibles and antiques.

Period furnishings, Depression glass, pottery, prints, jewelry and watches are

just a few of the slated attractions.

Adult admission is \$3 and is good for the entire weekend. Parking is free. The show is on from 3 p.m. through 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Sunday.

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Area dryness a hot topic as council ponders course

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

Town council is looking into the possibility of bringing a new public golf course to Milton.

But the proposed area is just too dry for the bid to hold water, argued resident Ian Jamieson.

Council voted to proceed with a technical report on an application by Glen Schnarr and Associates on behalf of the owners, Kaneff Properties.

The application is to open an 18-hole golf course beside the already established private Wyldewood club on Trafalgar Road.

The two courses would not be under the same ownership and would likely serve a separate clientele due to the differences between private and public links.

If eventually approved, the new course would sprawl across 63 hectares of land on the west side of Trafalgar Road, between Derry and Britannia roads.

That land, along with Mr. Jamieson's, is bisected by the middle branch of the 16 Mile Creek.

But the flow of the creek has been dwindling steadily over the years, said Mr. Jamieson.

"I have observed a steady and substantial decline," he said. "The flow is now so sluggish that sedimentation occurs."

Beaver dams sprouting up along the creek are proof of its diminished flow, said Mr. Jamieson.

"I don't think they try to build on a fast flowing creek. It seems to me their efforts are indicative," he said. "Fish habitat has been impaired and conservation threatened."

But Wyldewood property manager Mike Cree said there has been no noticeable change in the creek flow since he took on the job more than a decade ago.

"We've been drawing water since the course was built in 1958," he said. "The creek hasn't changed that much in the 11 years I've been there."

"Any recent decline is likely due to meager rainfall, not the impact of golf courses," said Mr. Cree.



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— BRIAN PENMAN

But the problem may run deeper than that, Mr. Jamieson responded.

"He said he didn't see much difference in the flows. That simply statistically is not true," Mr. Jamieson said. "What he sees is not really there. I live there. There is not water to take."

The creek won't suffer if a second course is approved, assured Glen Schnarr of Glen Schnarr and Associates, speaking for the Kaneff project.

Instead, the new links would draw water from the creek only during peak flow times, like the spring runoff.

"It's not taken during periods of low flow," said Mr. Schnarr. "It is not like the old water taking that used to occur."

The water would then be stored in ponds for use throughout the year.

Designing smaller fairways with drought resistant turf could further reduce the course's water intake, he added.

But what would happen if there was no water to take, wondered Councillor Brian Penman.

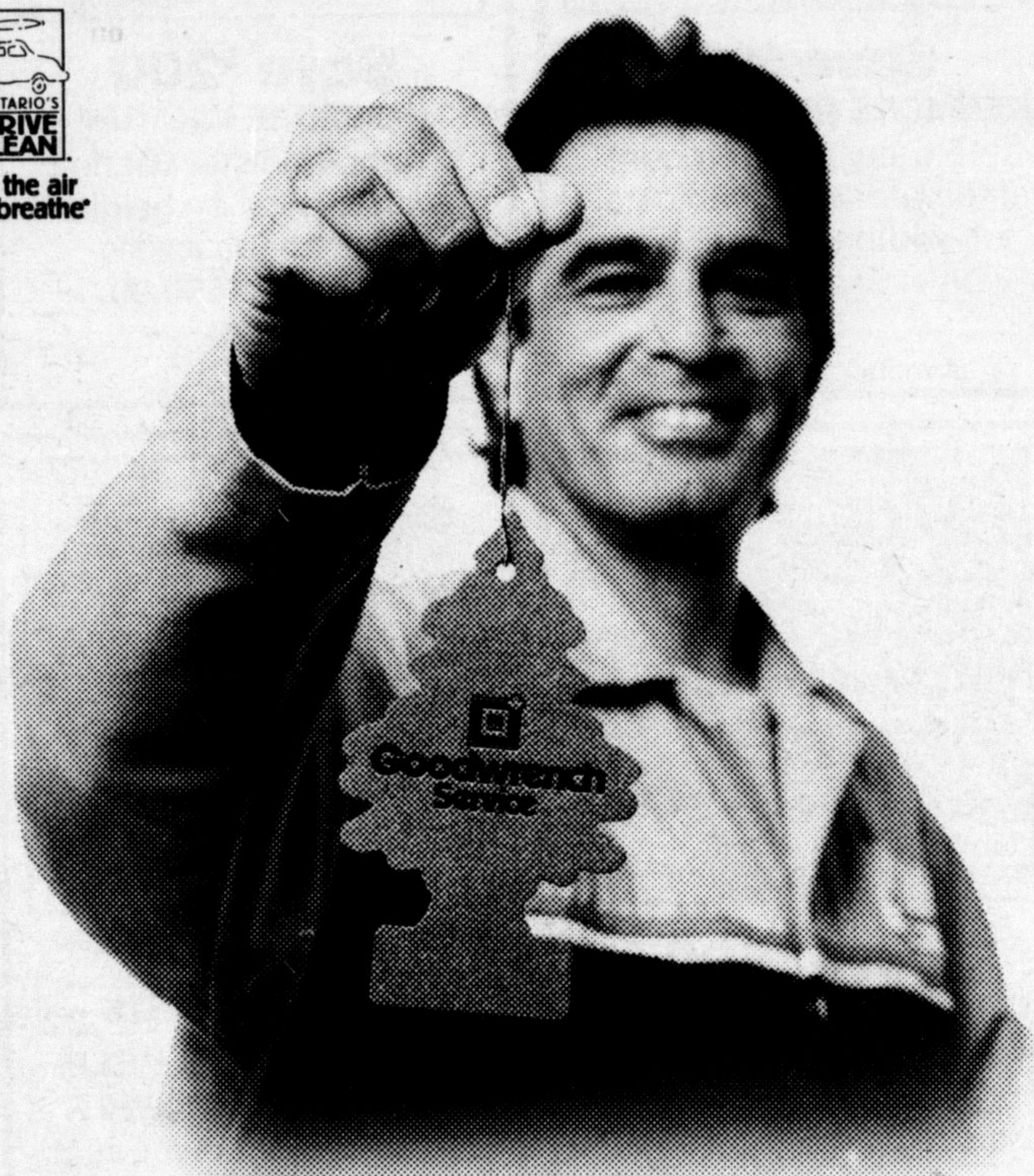
Increasingly low levels of annual precipitation could mean that arid conditions are here to stay, he said.

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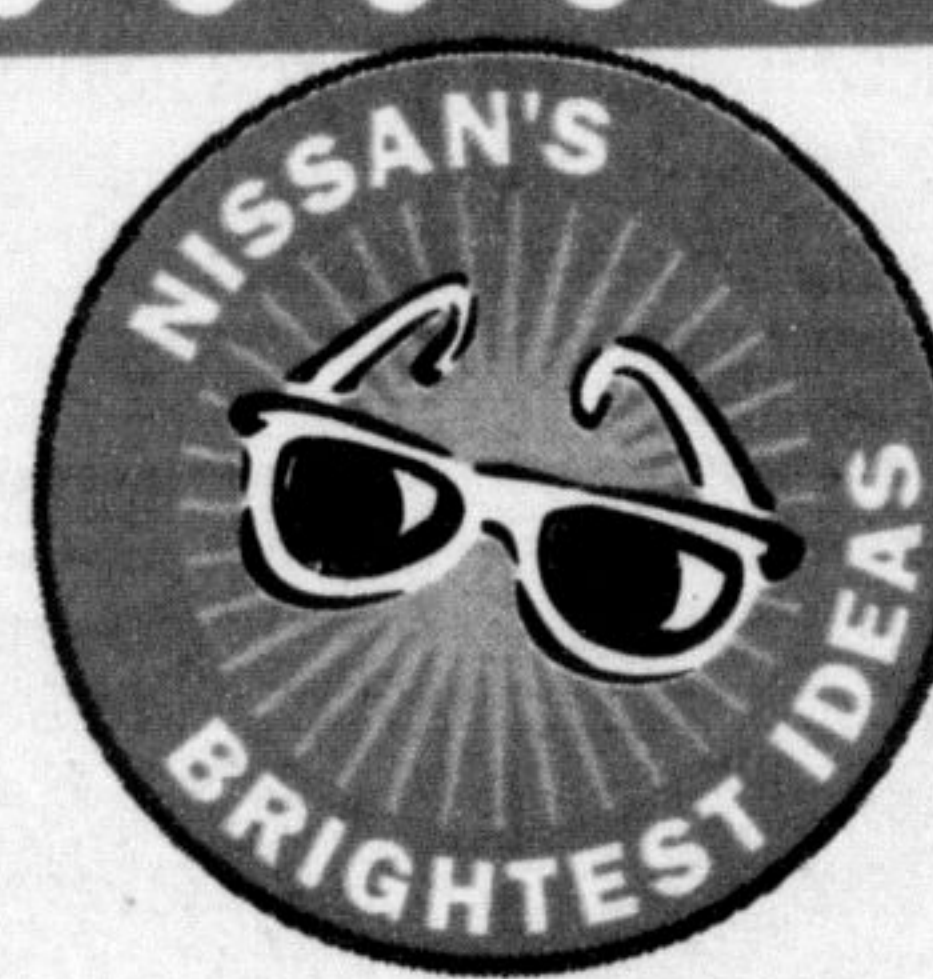
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