

Developer drops Rattray appeal

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority has finalized the purchase of 25 acres of the Rattray Marsh after developer Clem Neiman dropped an appeal on the closing of the transaction last week, authority chairman Roy McMillan revealed Monday.

Neiman had refused to accept a cheque of \$225,000 for the land last November and appealed the closing date because the CVCA was considering the purchase of the remainder of his property near the marsh.

A consulting firm is still appraising the cost of the remainder of the Neiman property.

The 25 acres finalized last week consisted of wet marsh. Conservationists and ratepayer groups have been pressing for the purchase for more than 10 years.

At one time the developer had considered turning the marsh into a yacht basin.

McMillan said the remaining land would be considerably more expensive than the first 25 acres.

The marsh, purported to be the only of its kind between Oshawa and St. Catharines on Lake Ontario, has been noted by biologists and zoologists as a haven for rare plant and bird life.

Lakeview boy drowns in rain-swollen creek

A six-year-old Lakeview boy drowned last Wednesday when he and three playmates fell from the dead tree on which they were into a creek swollen by heavy rains.

Bradley Ritcey, of 1255 Canterbury Dr., was playing in the tree with Paul McGillivray, 8, Kimberley McGillivray, 6, and Daniel Tremblay, 8.

A branch broke, throwing the children into Cooksville Creek at the corner of Canterbury and Atwater Avenue. The creek, moving at which police estimates to be seven or eight miles an hour, carried the three

surviving children about 60 feet downstream before they were able to reach the shore.

The Ritcey boy didn't reach the shore in the 10 to 15-foot-wide creek.

The accident occurred about 3:23 p.m. and the boy's body was discovered by Bill Hoag and Robert Hastings, both 18, near the Lakeshore about 4:10.

The boys were drawn to a bridge near Lakeshore Road by a crowd of people and, on being told of the accident, followed the creek towards Lake Ontario. They found Ritcey's body at the mouth of the creek and removed him from the water.



Members of Canadian Cancer Society, Port Credit Branch, held work meeting Monday at First United Church on Lakeshore Road to assemble kits for the April Cancer Campaign. (Times photo by Ray Saitz).

'EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS' BANKS Credit buildings in jeopardy: study

BY JOHN KERNAGHAN
Nearly 100 structures built on slopes of the Credit River could be in jeopardy because of 35 "severely hazardous" banks along the waterway, a group of Erindale College students told the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) this week.

Spokesman John Garrity told authority members and municipal engineers that the 100 buildings, mostly residential, are located between Lake Ontario and Glen Williams.

Garrity, along with Garrey Green, John Buckley and Neil Hester have surveyed the risk of landslides and slope failures over a 29-mile stretch of the river as a college research project.

angles, rate of erosion, percolation and soil materials in slopes the four students drafted a valley rim line — the distance from the river on which it will be safe to build over the next 100 years.

They recommended that the CVCA map the remainder of the valley to locate and identify further hazard slopes and called on the authority to press for regulations to allow better land use along the river.

Garrity reported that only one mile of the surveyed section had complete zoning restrictions; seven miles had no restrictions and the remainder only partial controls. He noted that 20 miles had been judged either severely or moderately

hazardous.

The students told the authority the 100-year criterion was used as a possible guideline for plans of development now being hatched but not yet started.

They called for a minimum setback of 35 feet from the valley rimline as a regulation to be followed by community planning boards in approving future development.

Garrity said that no government agency is responsible for hazard land control. He said the Strategic Planning Branch of the Ministry of Environment should spearhead a move to better controls.

Mississauga Deputy Reeve Grant Clarkson, a CVCA member, suggested the

survey should be forwarded to the new Peel regional council since a regional land use plan would be its first duty.

Mississauga deputy engineer Mike Maughn, who also sat in on the presentation, admitted there are definite problems with building near the river banks but said the student-recommended setbacks are too conservative.

"If their idea of the valley rim line is tempered with the thought that their survey is not 100 per cent infallible then it is probably a good line."

He said it is the town's practice to demand grading of slopes or the use of gavians on banks when slope deterioration is feared

EDC is overlooking small businesses, MP charges

Small businesses take second place to large foreign corporations when applying for loans from the Export Development Corporation (EDC), Peel South MP Don Blenkarn told the House of Commons this week.

Debating a bill to increase the EDC's capital structure from \$850 million to \$1.5 billion he asked Minister of Trade Alistair Gillespie: "How can we justify treating the small businessman like this when he has contributed so much to the development of Canada?"

"He cannot afford to lobby or entertain, but he pays 10

per cent and the big corporations pay seven per cent."

The EDC grants loans to businesses to buy Canadian raw materials and products in order to promote Canadian goods in foreign markets.

Blenkarn said he had analyzed the export problems of Mississauga businesses and learned that the federal government is offering no help whatsoever.

He cited one small manufacturer of wheelbarrows and concrete buggies who was forced to go to the province of Ontario for

assistance to sell products in places like Peru.

The Peel South member noted that of 43 corporations using EDC funds, eight are employing 64 per cent of the money and asked: "Is this government only interested in the big, the powerful, the foreign-owned?"

Blenkarn suggested a department within the corporation be set up to organize exports for small businesses across the country.

He said he was not impressed with massive sales that amounted to "one shot deals."

Trial statements clash

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police officer have the right to draw a gun?" he asked. "Does a father have a right to protect his family? I suggest that there is nothing more lawful or sacred than the head of a household protecting his family."

Crown attorney Greenwood asked the jury to consider the demeanour of Kelly during his testimony. He said his manner suggested his attitude on the day in question, and his testimony indicated what type of individual he was.

Questioning the accused's credibility, the attorney asked whether he seemed the

type of person to reason with Silk to put away his gun.

Greenwood submitted that there was \$6,000 in the envelope and therefore Kelly was ready to risk danger to his wife and child to avoid a serious charge.

As to discrepancies in testimony by the policemen, Greenwood said they hadn't compared notes and had related the facts as they knew them.

The jury acquitted Kelly on the charges of escaping custody and possession of a dangerous weapon. He was convicted of obstructing justice and pointing a firearm without lawful excuse.

No date for sentencing has been set.

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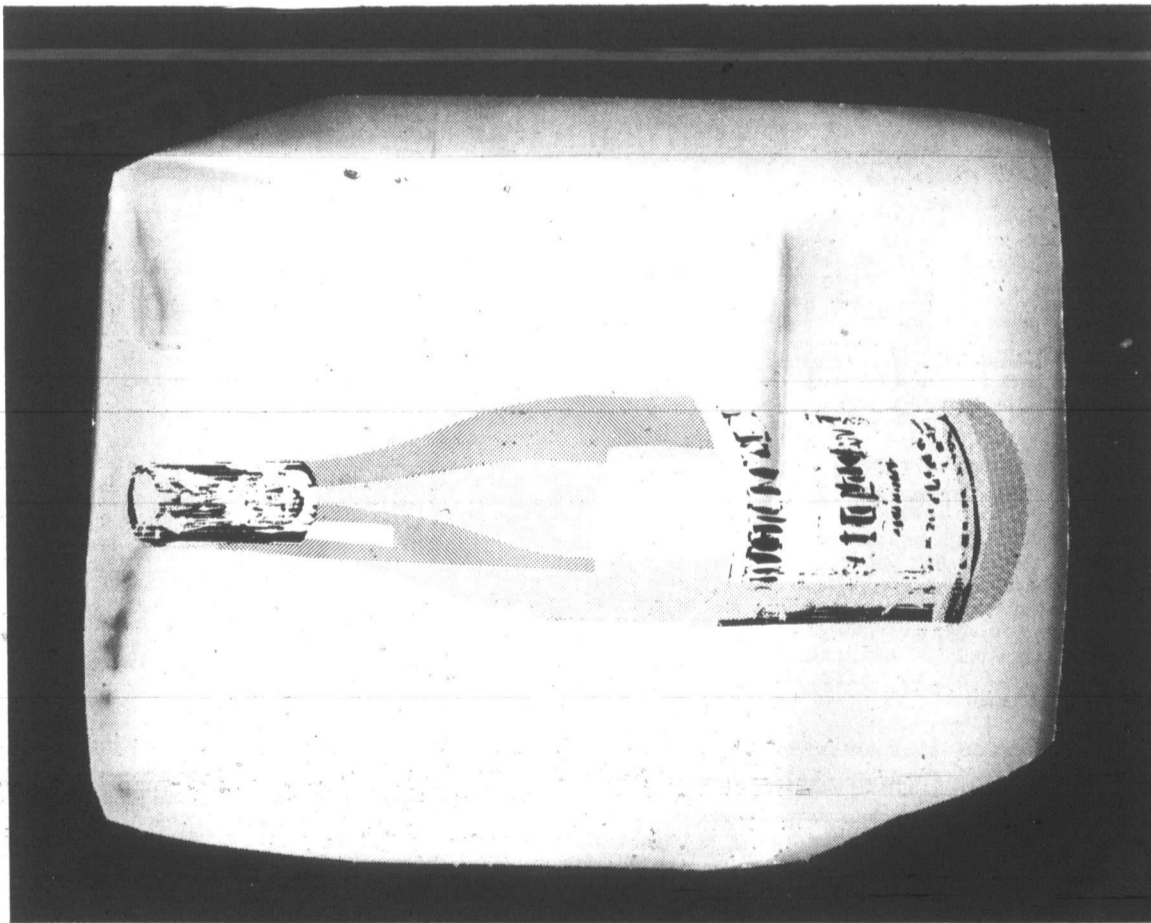
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- Goodwood** Monday, March 26th, 7:30 p.m. Goodwood Community Centre, Goodwood Park, Hwy. 47
- Aurora** Tuesday, March 27th, 7:30 p.m. Aurora Highlands Golf Club, 192 Yonge Street South
- Freelton** Wednesday, March 28th, 7:30 p.m. Marian Hall, Freelton
- Bramalea** Thursday, March 29th, 7:30 p.m. Victoria Park Arena, 20 Victoria Crescent

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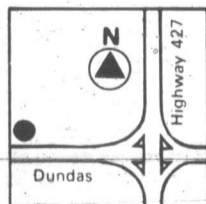
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