

Tree-cutting Bylaw--An In Depth Look

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By Lanark County Forest Supervisor

Lanark County has recently passed a by-law to regulate the cutting of trees. The by-law is enforced through field inspections at the time of cutting.

The diameter limit by-law will serve to maintain and im-

prove the forest, soil, game and fish resources of the county by preserving and improving the woodlands. The county feels that this is a necessary measure in order to ensure future prosperity of this area in terms of recreation, tourism, wildlife, aesthetics, and future wood availability.

The tree cutting by-law is not considered as a restrictive measure on the farmer or landowner since it does not interfere with the rights of a person who has been the registered owner of the land for at least two years when trees are cut thereon for his direct own use, i.e. building of a house, barn, firewood etc.

The by-law is intended to limit the commercial cutting of healthy trees below 10 inches in diameter (measured 18

inches above the ground) for such hardwood species as maple and oak; and 12 inches in diameter for basswood, red and white pine. The cutting of woodlots according to these regulations will ensure that enough healthy trees are left on an area to quickly recover from the effects of logging.

The by-law also does not apply to (a) trees that are cut for use as Christmas trees, (b) trees which are diseased, damaged, or insect infected — such as white Elm, or (c) forest plantations which may be cut in forest stand improvement operations in accordance with good forestry practice.

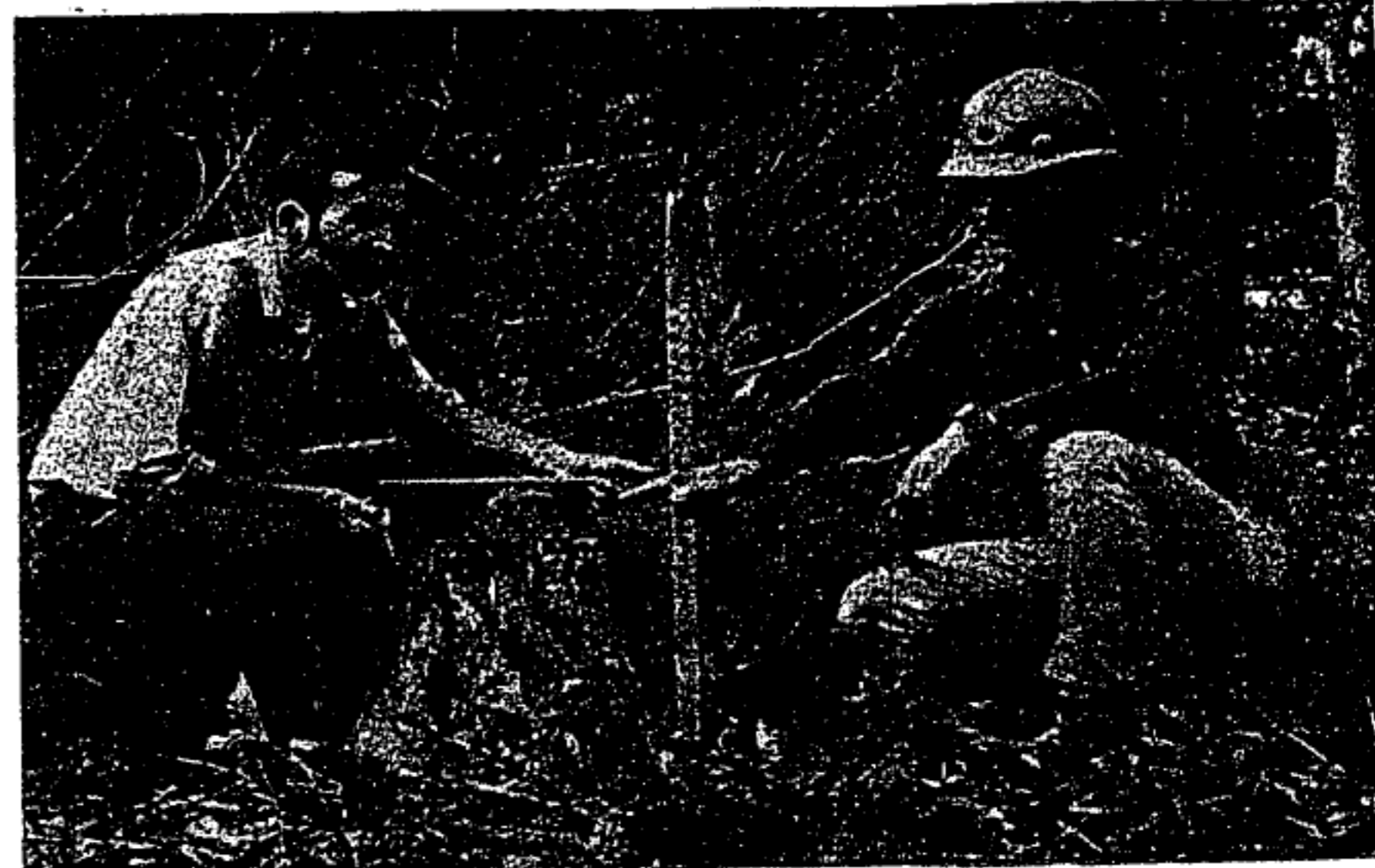
By adhering to the tree cutting by-law the residents of Lanark County will derive many benefits at the present and in the future. By avoiding the devastation of clear cut-

operations the county people will also avoid (1) the destruction of valuable and ecologically delicate wildlife habitats, (2) the problems of greater spring run-off, higher water tables, and water erosion, (3) ruining the tree's beauty and aesthetic appeal of Lanark County and (4) wood shortages in the years to come.

Since we all live in an age of changing times and intensive land use, we must look ahead in trying to avoid potential future problems. At the present time man is using nature's resources at a phenomenal rate. Never in the history of man has such a drain been put on the earth's resources. The current outcry is continually echoed in the word — shortage — a shortage of electrical power, gas, oil, fuel, etc. The

next shortage will be that of wood fiber and lumber. Unless we plan the wise use of our timber resource now, we will pay a great price for our mistakes in the years to come. We are fortunate that trees are a renewable natural resource; that is, if properly managed and regulated Lanark County's timber resource will produce timber and wood fiber on a sustained yield basis indefinitely; in addition to providing the county with excellent recreational and wildlife opportunities.

The county's people should be grateful of the fact that their elected representatives continue to look far enough into the future by passing a tree cutting by-law that will ensure a continuing future for Lanark County.



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES District Manager Wim Vonk, left, and District Forest Supervisor Ed Borczon hike through the woods regularly these days to check up on the woodlot clearance activities of outside operators. After measuring stumps in this lot near Ferguson's Falls the officials were satisfied that no real harm has been done in this case.

Loot Recovered By OPP

While investigating five cottage break-ins in the Noble Bay area, along the Rideau Lake system, the Perth OPP found \$1,200 worth of stolen property hidden in the bush.

The property recovered Saturday included shotguns, rifles and television sets.

Two Ottawa people, including a juvenile, have been arrested and charged in connection with the recent break-ins.

While the rash of outboard motor thefts continues at a slower rate this week, there has been, in the Christie Lake area, an increasing number of tent thefts.

Grant For Perth's Last Duel Park

The Honourable Leo Bernier, Minister of Natural Resources, and Mr. Douglas Wiseman, MPP for Lanark, announce the approval of a provincial grant of \$25,000 to the town of Perth to carry out further development work in last year approved park.

This park comprises some 25 acres of land in town on the south bank of the River Tay.

The town council proposes to proceed with further capital development work in this park in accordance with the approved development plan. This work will include the construction of a gatehouse and washroom building, construction of a washroom facility in campground No. 1, construction of 50 additional campsites in campground No. 1, tree planting and other general development work.

This grant is made available under the Parks Assistance Act and the municipality will contribute an amount equal to the grant.

95 Charges Laid in June

As a result of 341 occurrences reported and investigated, the Perth Police Department laid 95 charges during the month of June.

The breakdown of the charges was: Highway Traffic Act, 48; Criminal Code of Canada, 23; Liquor Control Act, 22; Food and Drug Act, 1; and, Narcotics Control Act, 1.

Included in the total number of occurrences are 12 motor vehicle collisions.

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North-South Battle For Roads Revived in County



EXPERIENCE '73 sponsored by the Province is providing work for six students in town and providing daytime activities for up to 75 young-

sters. The activities include arts and crafts, various sports at the Last Duel Park site and afternoon swimming at the pool.

Glen Tay Block Race Tonight

An annual event which had its beginning 81 years ago in Perth is to be held tonight (Thursday) with few minor

changes from its early inception.

Perth's history tells stories of many interesting and vital activities interpreted by some as a microcosm of Canada's development from scattered colonies to a great nation. Throughout this history sports events have been present.

Over the years there have been many changes in some sports areas. Lacrosse has lost much of its popularity, baseball is no longer a major drawing card in the area and hockey is undergoing a rebirth of popularity.

The one sport that has remained constant is long distance running.

In 1892 hardware merchants Rogers and Nicoll, began sponsoring the annual Thanksgiving Day Race around the nine and two-fifth miles Glen Tay Block.

The date of the event has

changed from its early inception. The track no longer takes the runners along miles of bumpy pebble roads and unstable wooden sidewalks but the distance and route are the same and the enthusiasm of the competitors and spectators is as great as ever.

There are two competition divisions, junior and senior. Senior competitors vie for the Bill Wilson Memorial Trophy while prize money is offered to the best in the junior category.

The race gets underway at 6 p.m. at the start and finish line on Gore Street and spectators are advised that this is the best location for viewing the event.

Approximately 20 runners are expected to participate including a number of local men and the 1967 winner, Canadian Olympic Running Team member Ron Wallingford of Sudbury.

Awards will be presented at the finish line around 8 p.m. tonight.

New Charts Available For Tay and Rideau

A new detailed Chart of the Rideau Canal System — Ottawa to Smiths Falls N 1512, is now available for sale to the public. Chart N 1512 supercedes Chart N 1576 which has been withdrawn from sale to the public and completes recharting of the

Rideau Canal System Ottawa to Kingston. Chart N 1512 — Ottawa to Smiths Falls and Chart N 1513 — Smiths Falls to Kingston, including the Tay Branch to Perth, may be purchased at \$4.00 each (Canadian funds) by counter sale only during the navigation season from the Lockmaster at Ottawa Locks, Smiths Falls (Detached) Locks, Kingston Mills Locks, the Canal Superintendent at Long Island and Smiths Falls or from the Rideau Canal Office, 1404 Scott Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Theft Warning

People using the local swimming pool, off Mill Street, are asked by the Perth Police Department to refrain from leaving wallets, purses and other valuables in unlocked cars.

In the past two weeks the police have received numerous reports from swimmers of missing property. Most of these cases involved property left unattended in unlocked parked cars.

They can also be purchased at Chart dealers or directly from the Hydrographic Distribution Office, Department of the Environment, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, KIA 0H3.

Unfair Distribution Says Carleton Place Reeve

The Province is being asked to approve subsidy allocations amounting to \$576,000 providing for work on five road projects in Lanark County this year.

Although the county will not be employing additional personnel for this work the contractors and sub-contractors involved are expected to hire some help from the areas in which the work is to be done.

TEMPERATURES RISE

During the roads and bridges committee report, temperatures began to rise as county representatives from the north end accused the south end of getting all of the roads and all of the reconstruction work.

"It is becoming very difficult for us to support road projects all over the county when we, in the north end, are getting nothing," Deputy Reeve Lennis Davey, of Almonte, told Lanark County Council in reply to the monthly report.

At its regular meeting last Wednesday, July 18, two motions were presented by the committee and approved by Council.

NO CARRY OVER

That the county request a supplementary allocation of \$576,000 from the Ministry of Transportation and a revised statement of proposed expenditures for 1973 Highway Improvements for the county be submitted showing a total of \$1,245,075; and, That all urban rebates paid within the county be at an equal percentage rate as of 1974.

The first motion results from the adoption of a new system of payments by the province which requires individual areas to request assistance in lump sums rather than for each project one at a time. As of next year this assistance will have to be requested along with the regular maintenance money when the annual budget is submitted for approval.

In presenting the first motion Road Committee Chairman George Hill said:

"The result of legislation and money flow concepts carried over from one year to the next in the following year. This means that the additional allocation of \$150,000 supplementary assistance will not be available this year.

The committee decided, because of this, to revise its program deleting construction work on County Road 11, Appleton Road, from this year's work.

County Engineer Robert Strachan replied to Deputy Reeve Davey's comment on construction in the north end by explaining the work that will be done this year is based on a roads needs study carried out several years ago. According to this study "the Appleton Road work is not needed as much as the other jobs".

The five jobs to be done this year are: completion of Westport Road, reconstruction of Gore St., E. County Road 4 reconstruction, County Road 5 reconstruction and pre-engineering and design of Bridge St. bridge in

Almonte. The first two jobs have already been started. The County Roads 4 and 5 reconstruction work were selected over the Appleton Road project this year according to their use and condition. Council was told that a half mile stretch of County Road 4, near Black Creek, has for the past five years been subjected to severe flooding every Spring. The Bolton Creek Bridge along County Road 5 is considered dangerously unstable.

On the topic of the work on the Bridge Street bridge, Almonte's representative asked if he could be assured by someone that this reconstruction work will be done this or next year. He asked for something to be done before the bridge falls in.

The county engineer told him that the pre-engineering and design work being done this year is the \$22,000 forerunner to the actual reconstruction and said that he will recommend that this work be completed when the funds are available.

UNFAIR

On the second motion, dealing with equalizing rebates, Carleton Place Reeve E. W. LeMaistre expressed the opinion that the distribution of county roads in Lanark "is very unfair".

"I am not trying to pit the north end against the south," he said, "but it seems that all of the construction work is being done in the south end of the county."

He also said it was unfair that his town should have only one county road while Perth has five.

At present Perth and Carleton Village are receiving rebates of \$150 each.

Warden Daines said, "I am supposed to be here to administer the County of Lanark and not battle one end against the other."

Almonte Reeve John Gaudin said this was true but added that his town and Carleton Place are far from the area that is getting all the benefits.

It was pointed out to the members of council that although Perth does have four more county roads than Carleton Place, it amounts to a difference of only half a mile of road.

The distribution of the county road miles was given as follows: Perth, 1.3 miles; Carleton Place, .8 miles; Almonte, one mile, and Lanark Village, 3.3 miles.

Motorcyclist Killed On Highway 15

A Smiths Falls motorcyclist was killed in a single-vehicle accident on Highway 15 at 2 a.m. last Saturday.

Thomas Howard Lumsden, 23, 9 Helen St., lost control of his vehicle while rounding a curve, one mile south of Beckwith Station Road. Death was caused by a fractured skull.

On Friday, at 10:30 p.m., a car driven by Sharon Durant, of Brockville, went off Highway 15, one mile south of Carleton Place.

The driver and three teenage girl passengers, Cathy O'Meara, Barbara O'Meara and Fern Tindley, of Carleton Place, suffered minor injuries in the accident which caused \$1,500 damage.

A Belleville man driving a truck owned by Schaefer's Lumber and Saw Mill, RR 4, Perth, suffered minor injuries when the truck went off a Bathurst Township road at 4 p.m., Saturday.

The driver, Hubert J. Hicks, and a passenger, Fred Lynch, also of Belleville, suffered bruises

in the accident.

Four people were injured in a car-van collision which took place on Highway 29, one-eighth of a mile north of Appleton Road, at 11:30 p.m., Sunday.

The drivers involved were John P. Savage, 19, RR 2, Carleton Place, driving the van, and Dale B. McDougall, 19, of Almonte. Both drivers suffered fractures.

Passengers were Donna Wright, 17, RR 2, Carleton Place and Mildred Drummond, 18, RR 3, Almonte. They suffered cuts and bruises.

The vehicles collided in the southbound lane causing \$2,000 damage to the van and the \$3,000 car was totally wrecked. The four youths were treated for injuries at Carleton Place Hospital.

At 7 a.m., Sunday, Bruce M. Cardiff, of RR 4, Perth, suffered cuts and bruises when his car went off a Bathurst Township road causing \$600 damage to the vehicle.

Impaired Drivers Pay Penalties in Court

During Tuesday morning's Provincial Court session five men were fined for impaired driving and two were fined for refusing to take breathalyzer tests.

Three of the five impaired drivers were men from Perth. They were Garry F. Cordick, 39 Brock St., Walter J. Norwood, RR 4, Perth, and Herbert N. Richardson, of 95 Drummond St.

Cordick and Norwood were fined \$150 while the third man, a pensioner, was fined \$50. On top of the fine Richardson was given a one year driving prohibition.

The two other impaired drivers were David John Creighton and Walter Stanzell. They were fined \$150 each.

BALL HOCKEY PLAYOFFS
The Perth Ball Hockey League playoffs start August 1st, 1973.

The men fined for refusing to take breathalyzer tests were Donald M. Buchanan and Robert Lloyd Henderson.

Buchanan was fined \$90 on that charge and an additional \$50 on a theft charge, to which he pleaded guilty, involving a July 23 incident. Court was told that the Coleman stove and lantern stolen at that time have been recovered.

MOTORCYCLE RECOVERED

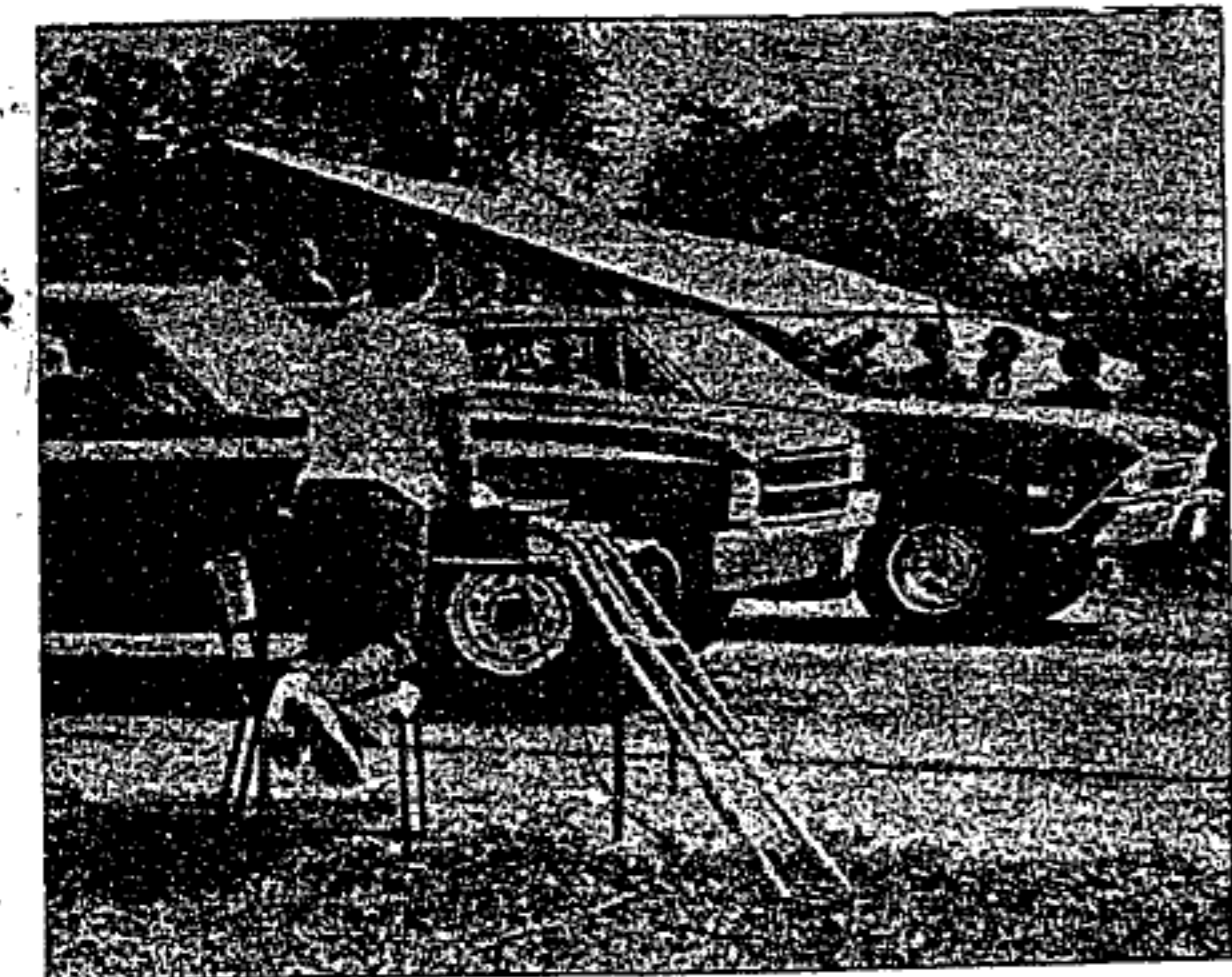
A motorcycle stolen from a visitor in Perth Saturday night was recovered, undamaged, in the Otty Lake area Monday.

The \$5,000 vehicle owned by Gary Courville, of Ottawa, was stolen from in front of the Imperial Hotel at approximately 10:20 p.m.

A local man and the owner found the motorcycle at 1 a.m. in the bushes near Otty Lake.



A GIRL FROM THE CITY enjoys every minute while visiting friends in the country through the Department of Agriculture's Urban-Rural Summer Exchange Program. Above, left, Ann Van-Alstine and "Brandy" of Balderson prepare to take Susan White, of Ottawa, on a tour of the countryside.



Competitors wait for the green at the starting line.

3,000 Watch Drag Races

The third annual Cambenders' Drag Races held Saturday on Rogers Road was by far the most successful to date.

A record crowd of 3,000 turned out for the event which attracted 175 competitors this year. Along with the local competitors many of the drivers were from London, Toronto and Montreal.

The top eliminator for the \$100 cash prize was Rejean Pilon, from Brownsburg, Quebec. He drove a super stock 1969 Chev Impala which had previously been the class winner at the Indy Summer Nationals.

The \$50 cash prize went to a Belleville driver, T. Johnston, who drove a super stock 1976 Chevelle.

The top eliminator of the 30 trophy winner class was Raymond Gravelle, of RR 2, Alexandria, driving a 1971 Nova. He claimed a \$50 cash prize. Second place and \$25 was won by Dave Pecke, of Campbellford, operating a 1968 Dodge Swinger.

There were no injuries or accidents and the 20 Cambenders, along with some volunteer assistance, kept the individual events running smoothly avoiding any unnecessary delays.

While it was a great day for all race enthusiasts it was a noisy day for Perth residents in the Rogers Road area. The members of the Cambenders Car Club wish to thank these residents for their cooperation.

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