

Water project progresses



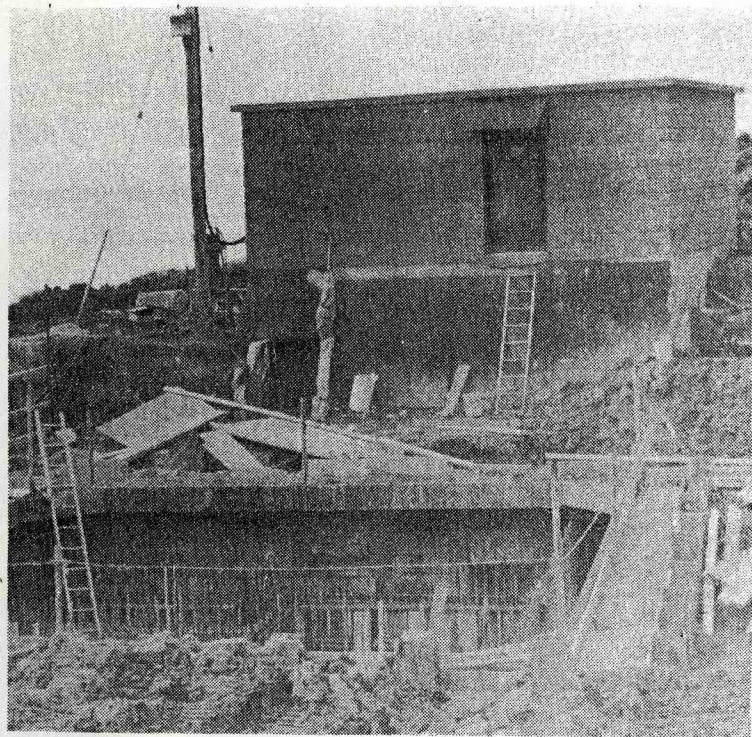
Site inspector Tom Gonyou looks over the site plans

By Sheila McBrayne

West Lorne's Water Intake Project is about one-fifth complete and work will continue on into the new year.

The project is divided into two contracts. The first contract is with Voyager Marine who are working on the valve chamber and all the work in the lake. This contract started on July 6 and will be completed by the end of 1992.

The second contract is with Stone Town of St. Mary's and this company is working on the modification to the high lift, construction of the new low lift and the excavating of the earth. This contract began on July 20 and is expected to be completed some time



Construction mid way on low lift building.

in 1993.

The consulting engineers of the approximate \$5-million project is Proctor and Redfern Limited from London.

Presently, the workers from Voyager Marine are dredging out the lake bottom, where they will be placing the 590 metres of pipeline. The pipeline itself will be saddled by concrete mouldings to anchor the pipe. Site Inspector Tom Gonyou said that the marine workers have had some problems with the wind. "If it's too windy, or if the wind is blowing the wrong way, they can't work," he said. When the conditions are right, the men work around the clock to take advantage of the good conditions.

A tug and a barge come to the site via Lake Erie from Port Stanley with the trench digger and other supplies. The concrete mouldings are also being transported to West Lorne's Intake Project on the barge.

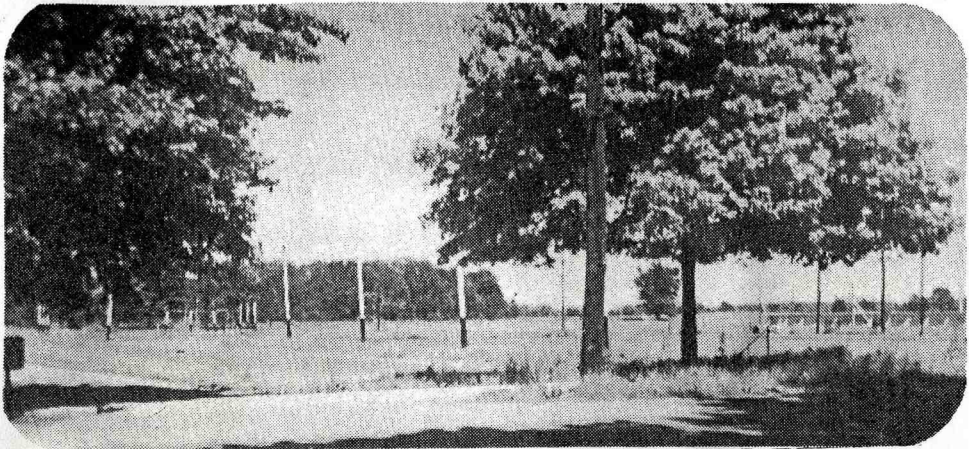
The pipeline is extended out into Lake Erie for about 590 metres (from the valve chamber to the

point of intake) to ensure a good sample, Mr. Gonyou explained. The pump is already sunk in the water.

West Lorne may have noticed truck loads of large stone going through town lately. These loads of sandblasted Armor Stone are being transported from Amherstburg. There's about four loads brought to the site each day. The stones are being used to protect and stabilize the shoreline.

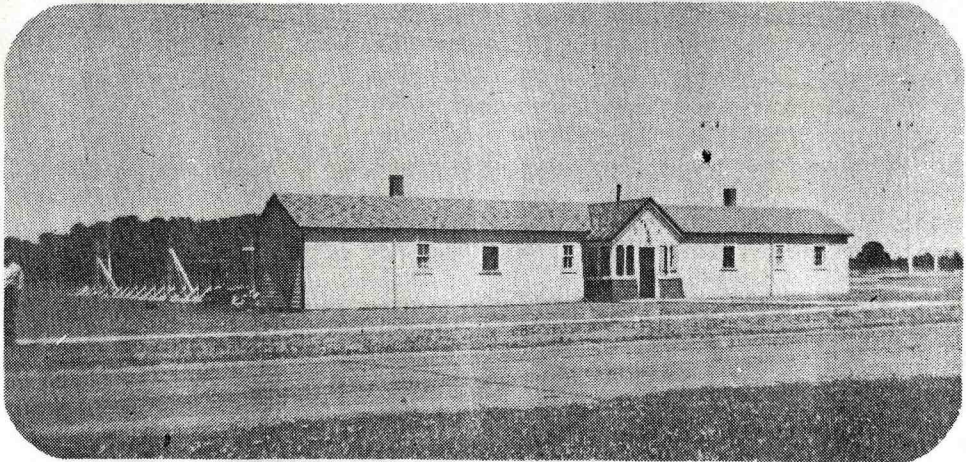
The West Lorne project, when completed, will service 10 municipalities. West Lorne is the legal owner of the system, while Dutton, Dunwich, Aldborough, Rodney, Ekfrid, Glencoe, Mosa, Bothwell and Newbury have all purchased capacity in the system.

The need for this new intake system surfaced about three years ago with the Zebra Mussel problem.



Forty-five years ago the late Henry Miller gave West Lorne 11 acres for a Community Centre, 40 years ago it looking like this from the Jessie St. corner. White and black poles

in the middle were for strings of bowling green lights, boards for the outdoor rink are in the right background.



Forty years ago the Recreation Centre building, which contained change and rest rooms, plus a central heated room, looked like this, and opened onto the outdoor rink behind. When the hangar was moved from

Fingal air base it was located immediately behind. The ball diamond was floodlit then too as poles and lights behind and at right prove.

Photos by Harley Lashbrook



March 1994

Skating Carnival

Celebrating 40 years

By Ruth Ferguson

The West Lorne Figure Skating Club is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

To celebrate, this year's carnival will be made up of numbers from past carnival themes. At present there are 175 members of the club. Membership peaked at more than 200 a few years ago. Everyone takes part in the carnival, including the adult learn-to-skate group.

Club president Helen Campbell joined the board in 1988 and stated that they try to make the carnival bigger and better every year. "We continue to strive for improvement and hopefully we do so," said Helen.

Since this is a special anniversary year, as part of the carnival the club is asking former members to bring their skates along to take part in a parade of skaters during the show.

There will be 13 group routines including A Day at the Circus, Snoopy on Tour, Olympic Dreams and Land of Make Believe. Several soloists will also perform.

As a special attraction, Paul Kittmer and his partner, Sara Thury, will be feature skaters. Paul began skating at the age of 5 at the West Elgin Arena. He has been training in Toronto for the past three years and has been with his partner for one year. They recently competed in the Canadian Nationals in Edmonton in January and placed 9th in the novice pairs division.

The Figure Skating Club has three club coaches-Beth Evans, Patsy McGill and Greg Knight. These coaches teach the badge time and group lessons and also give private lessons. Four freelance coaches also teach out of the West Elgin Arena.

The figure skating club will have a memorabilia display set up during the carnival so people can see the history of the club.

Rehearsals for the March 5 carnival began in mid-January. The carnival is expected to be about 2 hours long. Shows will be at 2 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. Adult admission will be \$5, and preschoolers are free. There will be a reduced admission price for students. Tickets are only available at the door and there is no reserved seating.



This pigeon makes its home in an air vent in West Lorne's town hall. The roof leaks and chimney bricks are practically falling off. Wheelchair ramps must be installed next year.

Minor repairs completed at W. L. Community Hall after inspection

By Sheila McBrayne

The West Lorne Community Hall had its fire inspection December 4, 1990, and passed with only six small infractions being pointed out to be fixed. Jeff Slater, village employee, told council at the January 7 regular session of council that all the violations had been repaired or installed according to the requirements set by the inspecting fireman, David Cadogan.

"There weren't any major things that we had to take care of," Mr. Slater said. Clerk-treasurer Donna MacDougall said that the chain at the bottom of the front steps had been removed, but they were still waiting a warning sign to replace the chain.

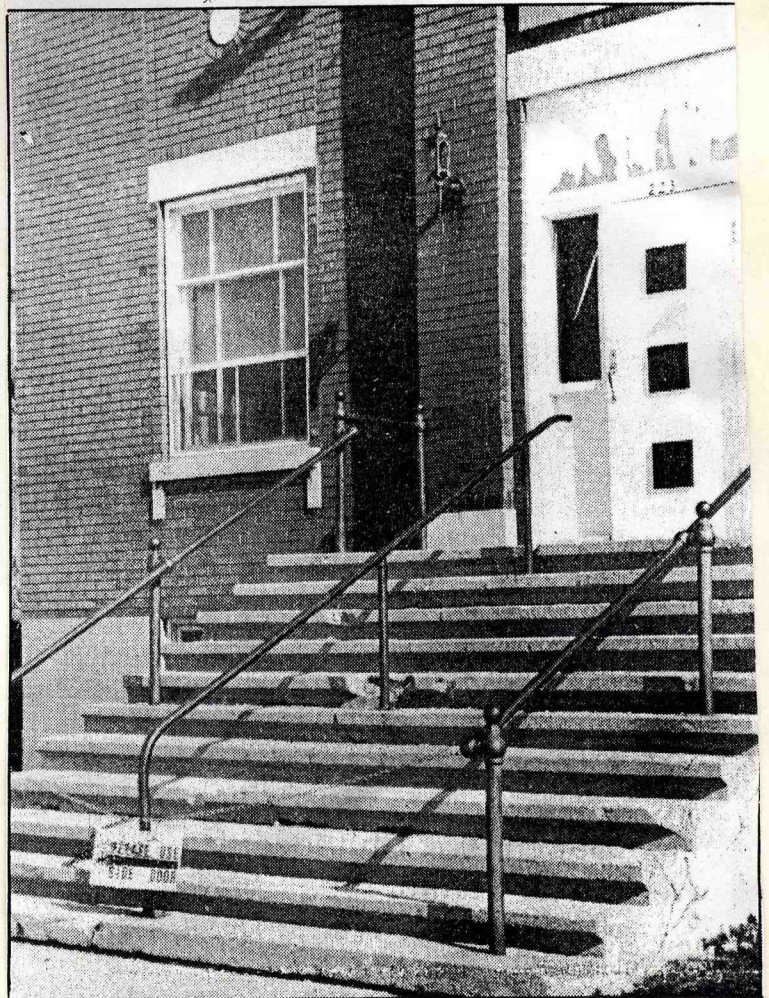
Other additives to the village's hall were exit signs and access to exit signs. Repairs were done to the side door to make exit and entry more

four West Lorne councillors are smokers, but are abiding by the new stipulation and reserving smoking for breaks. The new no-smoking policy was initiated by Councillor Dougal Carmichael in response to citizen complaints at the November 26 regular session of council. A resolution was passed by council at the meeting with the policy to come into effect December 3, 1990.

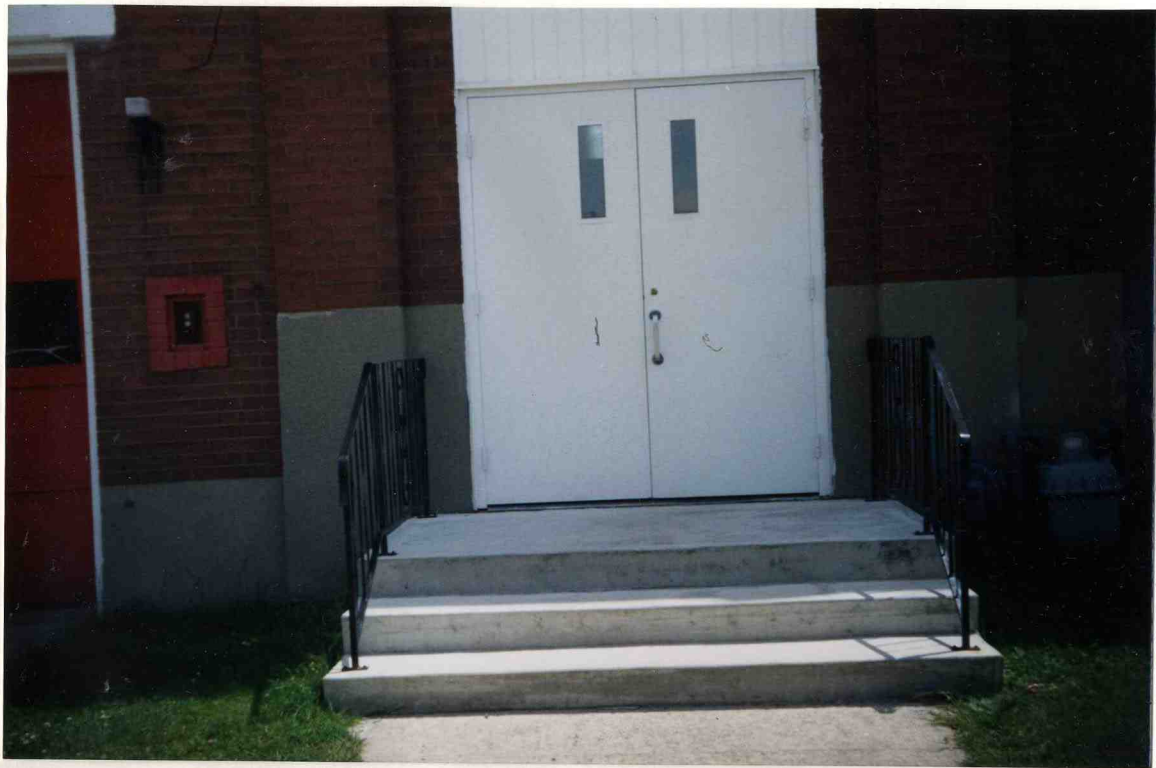
In addition to the no smoking signs posted in the council chambers, an occupancy load restriction is also displayed. The occupancy load of the chambers is not to exceed 60. This safety measure was part of the requirements set out by the fire inspection.

easily accessible. The West Lorne council chambers has also been designated as a non-smoking area. Three of the

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The front steps to West Lorne's town office have been chained off



New cement steps and railing and repairs to the door are some of the improvements made to the hall.