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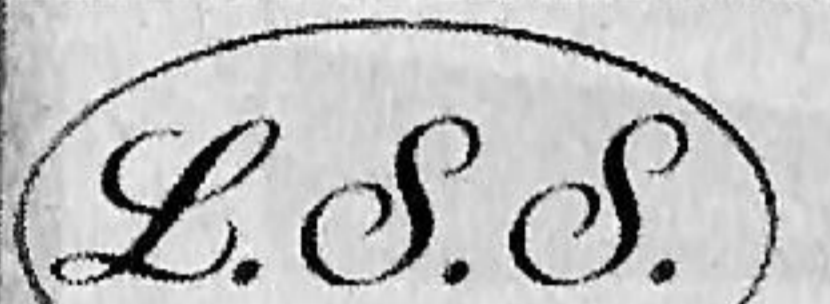
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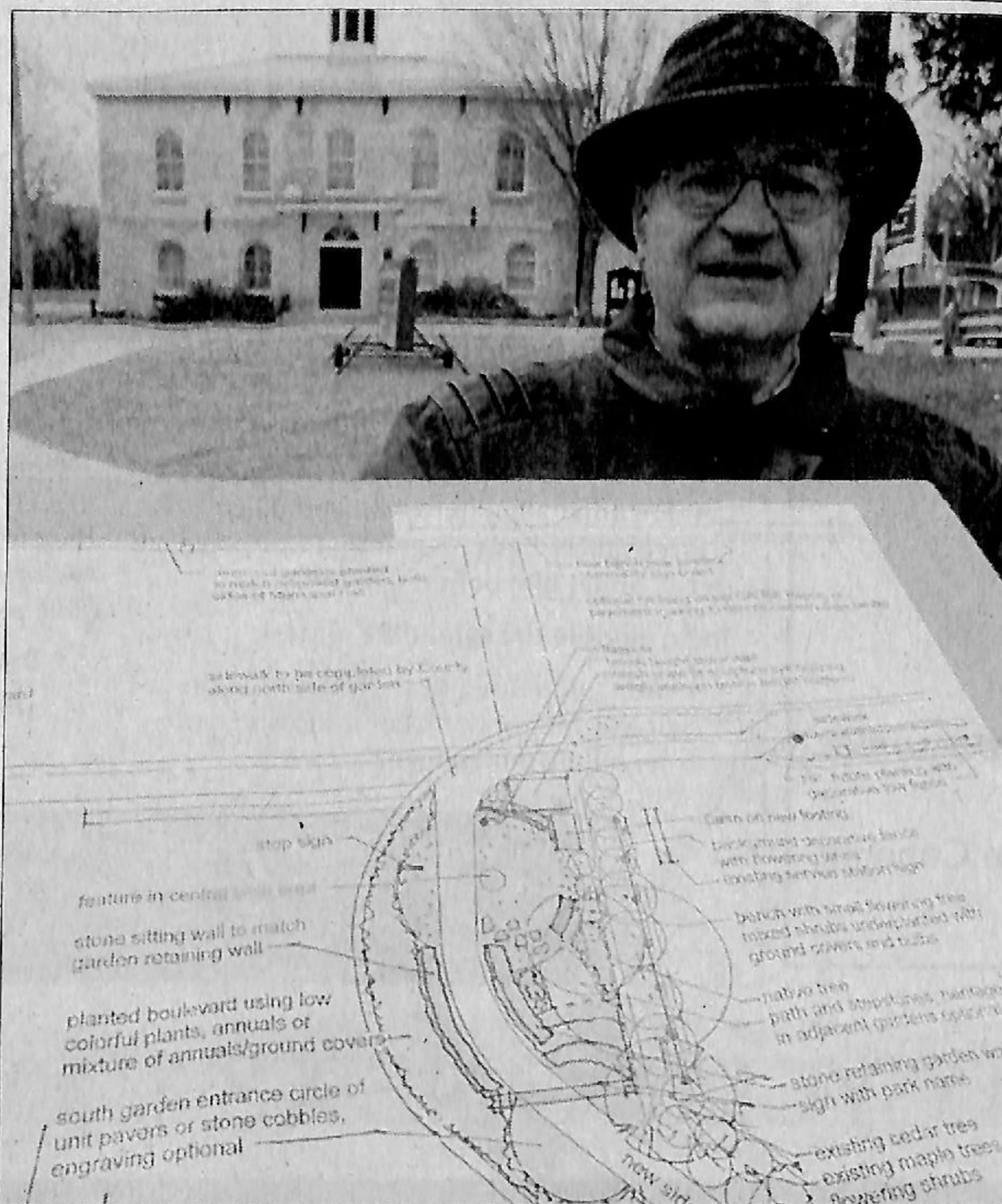


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John Liptay holds landscape architect Miriam Mutton's plans for the new Grafton parkette.

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Grafton gets a new parkette

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The Grafton Horticultural Society is overseeing a new project that will honour the two mainstays of the village's heritage: agriculture and commerce.

In creating what the group's ad hoc committee hopes will be an attractive parkette, they will take charge of landscaping and outfitting a new 40-by-70-foot parcel of land created at the corner of County Road 2 and Danforth Road when that intersection was changed around last summer.

A small triangular island of land that divided Danforth at that intersection to allow a right-turn-only lane was removed, and the road repaved to become a single two-lane street. The new parcel of land now occupies the space where the right-turn lane once ran.

Surprisingly, that small triangle of land had heritage significance to the community. And committee head John Liptay — whose six-person committee includes representatives from council and from Heritage Alnwick-Haldimand — hopes that the parkette will also be

significant.

Back in 1835, that parcel of land is where the Lawless family had weigh scales where local farmers could bring their grain to get an accurate accounting of the product before taking it down to the ships at the Grafton harbour, Mr. Liptay related.

Eventually, that service was no longer required. In 1926, they donated the land to the horticultural society — which has just begun a year before. In 1927, they built a retaining wall around it and installed the cairn that would serve as the area's cenotaph for more than 60 years.

When the new cenotaph was built on the grounds of the arena, the plaque was removed and the Local Architecture Conservation Advisory Committee replaced it with one that contained some local history.

"We are looking at calling it the Lawless Parkette after the Lawless family, who were a very prominent family in the history of Grafton," Mr. Liptay said.

That name is already represented at the corner, with the

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