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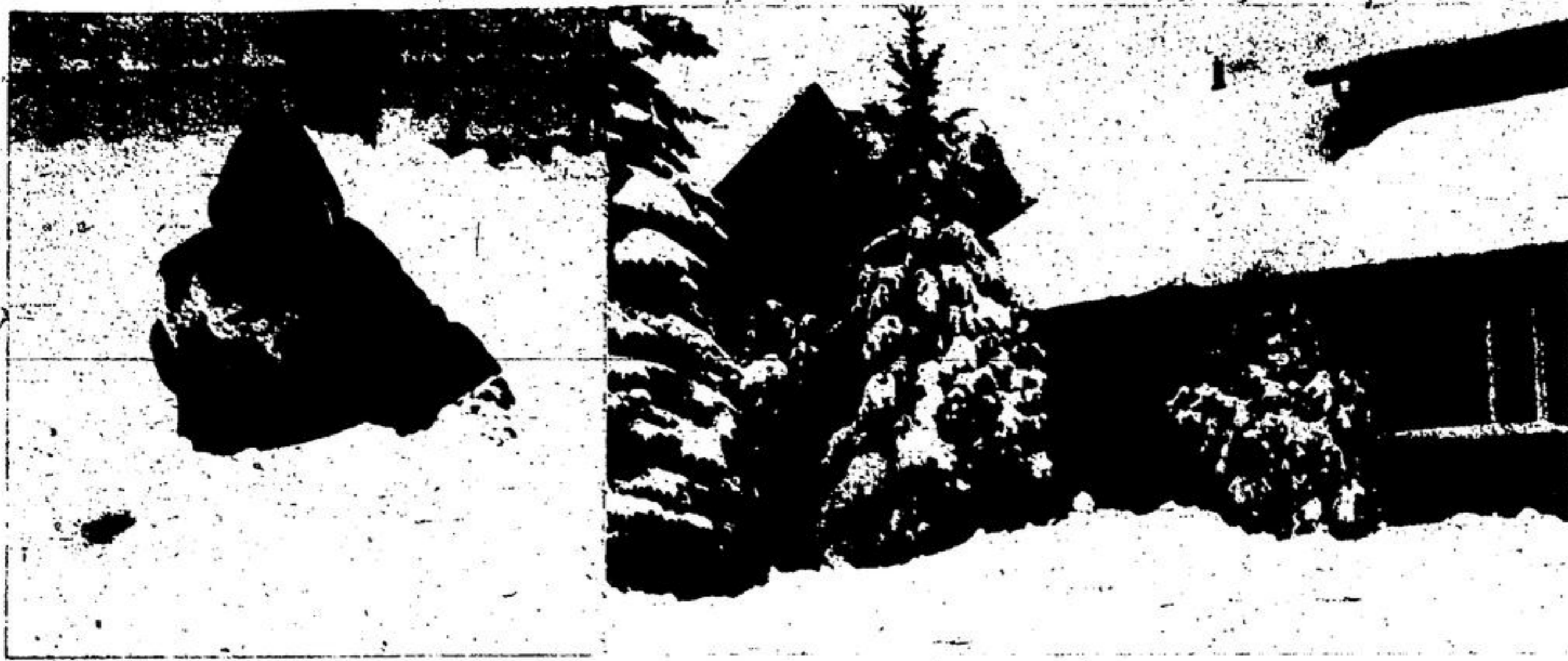
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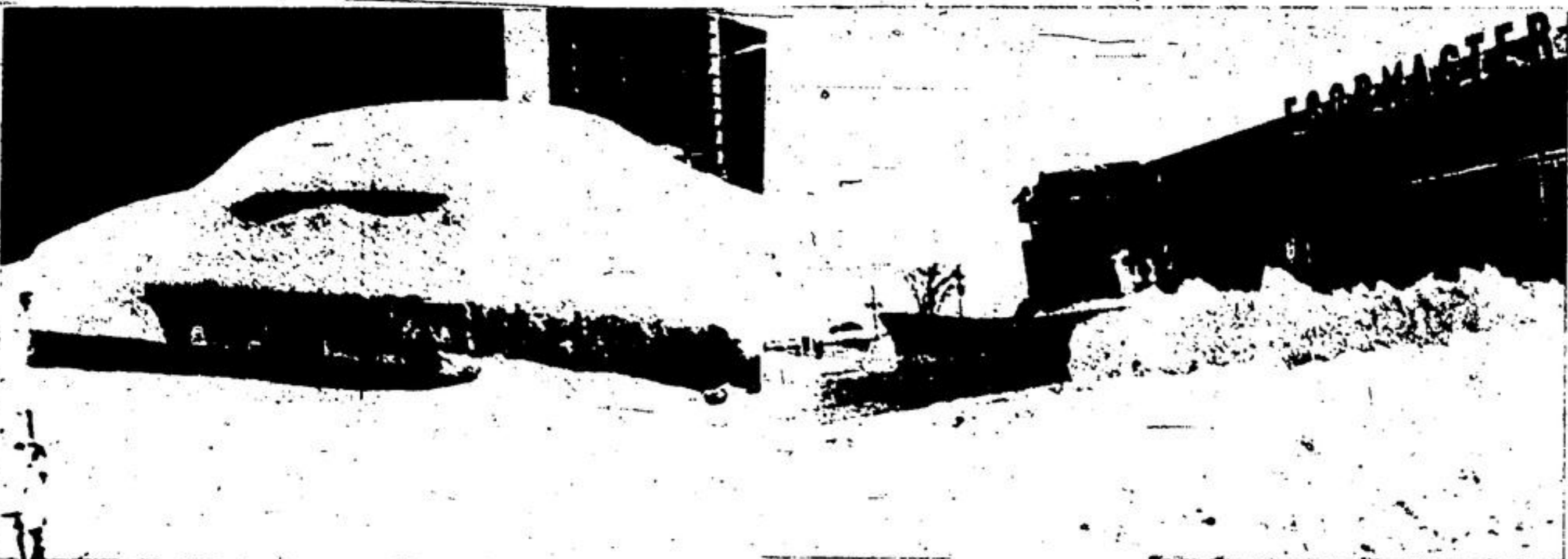
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## DOWN CAME THE SNOW — TO BLANKET THE TOWN



A 24-HOUR SNOW left Acton blanketed in 16 inches of snow Sunday. White capped trees, houses and cars created a scene of beauty but the heavy snowfall also created a lot of work and hardship for ratepayers and motorists. Top left photo shows the Heller home on Bower Avenue with pine trees encased in snow. Top right shows tiny Sandy Ross with her dog "Cindy" as they romp in the high drifts. Bottom left is a car almost completely covered in snow after being parked in a driveway overnight and bottom right is a large machine clearing the lot at Acton Red & White store.



## Possible Sewage Plant Extension Brings Council Debate on Committee Jurisdiction

Investigation into possible extension or construction of a new sewage disposal plant caused a minor discussion Tuesday evening when council led off with its first regular business meeting for the year.

Deputy-Reeve R. R. Parker told council the Ontario Water Resources Commission had called meetings with town council, Beardmore and Co. officials and engineers to discuss the possibility of either an extension to or replacement of the present disposal plant.

**Further Meetings**  
He stated O.W.R.C. claimed the present disposal plant was running at near capacity and investigation into a system to cope with both municipal and industrial waste was being made. He said meetings to this effect had been held during 1963 and 1964 and at that time the O.W.R.C. decided to take an extensive survey. He noted this information was now available and further meetings would be called.

**No Financing Yet**  
Mr. Parker explained there would still be quite a number of meetings to discuss technicalities and it would be some time before financing would enter into the picture. Mayor Les. Duby stated he was opposed to the

reeve's suggestion until such time as financing was involved. Councilor Robert Drinkwater stated the project should be dealt with the same as any other in the past and it was strictly a committee problem until financing was involved. Then the subject would be brought to the entire council for discussion and approval.

**Own Jurisdiction**  
Present procedure entails each of No. 1 and No. 2 committees investigating problems within their own jurisdiction and bringing back recommendations to the council for discussion and decisions. Councilor Earl Masales wondered if breaking up this system was a good thing.

**All Questions Return**  
Deputy-Reeve Parker reminded two members of the finance committee should be asked at future meetings. Councilors C. F. Leatherland backed the reeve's suggestion.

When the reeve insisted that two members from No. 1 committee attend No. 2 meetings on the subject the mayor remarked "the reeve must think the mayor is on vacation. I am ex-officio on all committees and am always in attendance at all committee meetings as a liaison between both". He suggested it this was not adequate someone should speak out and say so.

## Marching Mothers Collect For March of Dimes Monday

Acton will be canvassed on Monday, January 31, by Marching Mothers who will collect for the March of Dimes. Chairman of the drive is Mrs. J. Lowrie and the captains are Mrs. R. Knappton, Mrs. A. Walde, Mrs. K. Marshall, Mrs. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. Hargrave, Mrs. N. Price, Mrs. W. Mason, Mrs. W. Little and Mrs. A. Long.

Miss Beulah D. Garrow, district case worker covering Halton and neighboring counties for the Rehabilitation Foundation for the Disabled, reports 34 known cases and 15 active cases in Halton county.

The caseworker helps out with arranging transportation to clinics or hospitals and arranges such items as wheelchairs, special shoes and braces.

## Hearings

Hearings by the Plunkett Commission study on local government in Peel and Halton, are scheduled to begin Tuesday, March 22, in Halton County Council chambers at Milton.

The hearings will begin at 9:45 a.m., continuing to 12:30 and resuming for an afternoon session from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or later. They are expected to continue for three days.

## Many Visitors

### Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnston Observe 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Johnston, Scene St., Acton, were honored Saturday at their home by family, friends and relatives on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married in Hopkins, Minnesota, U.S.A., January 22, 1916 and came to Canada two years later where they have resided ever since. Mr. Johnston was born near Barrie and later moved to the United States where he met his bride-to-be, the former Hulda Himz, who then lived in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

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As well as many flowers, gifts, phone calls and visitors, the couple's prize possession as a token of their anniversary is a framed scroll from Provincial Secretary and Minister of Finance John Yaremko and a telegram from Governor-General Vanier and his wife.

Among the many gifts was a box of 50 cent pieces which was brought by a friend in Toronto. The two have lived in the Acton area for the past 25 years and moved to their present home nine years ago.

Children present to help celebrate were Roy of Toronto, Richard of Arthur, Charlotte (Mrs. Lawrence Cullen) Scarborough and Alfred of Toronto. Grandchildren were also happy visitors at the Scene Street home.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are fond of flowers and gardening and during the winter months they enjoy frozen food right from their own large garden, taken out of their home freezer. Due to a recent illness, Mrs. Johnston is no longer able to spend as much time in the garden but still enjoys



MARRIED 50 YEARS, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston, Scene Street, were honored by children, neighbors and friends during "Open House" Saturday afternoon. The couple received many flowers, cards and gifts.

## Innovations, Objectives Outlined By Warden in Inaugural Address

In a wide-ranging inaugural speech at Halton County Council, Warden H. H. Hinton Tuesday reviewed objectives he suggested for the various areas of county government.

**More Prevention**  
Changes in the Child Welfare Act have altered the provincial grant structure. "Thus the way is clear for greater emphasis on prevention programs in child welfare which should reduce the very high cost of children in care." A review of the adoption policy is also expected this year.

**Health Plans**  
Implementation of plans to move mentally ill patients who are well enough to be in the community into nursing homes is expected under the supervision of the Health Unit during the year. Completion of the program of applying fluoride to the teeth of all three year olds in the county is expected to be completed.

Financing anticipated this year would be for the new Martin

House residence for the aged, Milton District Hospital addition and possibly the Joseph Brant Hospital addition.

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**School Buses Run**  
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**Playground Leaders' Training Planned by Recreation Director**  
Meeting for the second time this month, Acton Recreation Committee decided two new members would be needed to fill the gaps left by resignations this year and recommended Jess C. Coles and Eric Lynch be included in the list of four names submitted to council for approval.

**Leaders' Training**  
Mr. Pearce also outlined his plans for starting a training school for playground leaders for next summer's program. He intends to have the playground staff chosen and trained by April.

**Resolution**  
Discussion on the proposed licensing of the community centre for banquets at the request of the curling club centred on whether council or the committee was

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