

Mayor Duby predicts expansion in future

Acton Mayor L. G. Duby looks at Acton and the Ramification growth, transportation studies and regional development will have on the town. Les, as he's affectionately known in Acton and district, has been re-elected to head the influential Central Ontario Regional Development Commission (C.O.R.D.C.) for another year and is past president of the town and village section of the Ontario Municipal Association.

We are "involved" -- and the "rush" is on -- for residential development, that is, and we must act wisely and progressively to cope with it.

The next few years will require every ounce of experience that is available, to deal with the pressure of development. Available lands to the east of us (Brampton, Georgetown, etc.) are now depleted, and Acton has become the market place.

Are we surprised? No! What is happening is a natural phenomena, and it was bound to affect Acton, as it has been for years in communities around us. Regional requirements already are having a profound effect on the part that Acton, as an existing community, will have in the development of the total area.

Being on the perimeter of two major growth areas (Wellington-Waterloo and the Metro Complex), our job will be to look to Acton's best interests, to whatever degree we have control. To condition our values to accept what will be an asset to our community and fight those things that could have a detrimental effect on our economy and physical well being.

Time alone will give us the answers, and while I have always personally felt that an optimum growth for Acton would be up to 7500 population, for a place we all would like to live in, we may have to accept some degree more population to cope with the "demand" factor.

Since Acton "is" a nice place to live -- we have a "built-in" responsibility to accept the natural growth that comes due to new residents who settle here for that one reason alone.

Our job will be to do everything in our power to retain our present assessment ratio, and not allow new growth to be subsidized by the long term residents of Acton.

New development must be self supporting in every aspect of its influence on the community. In this way we can welcome our new citizens in the proper perspective, and they can justifiably share in the growth and development of Acton.

This part of new growth is readily understood and where we have local control, we can debate the issues and make decisions.

It is dealing in the areas controlled by other levels of administration where it is like trying to nail jelly to the wall. However, let's face tomorrow with a will to do whatever we must do, in the best way we can.

We must realize also by now that the METARTS (Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study) presentation and its eventual rebuttal recommendations from all controls involved in the study will have a great bearing on what patterns of growth will take place everywhere including Acton.

CENTRAL ONTARIO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CORDC)

I would like to mention at this time that as recently as this week, (CORDC), engaged the services of "Fenceco" Foundation of Canada Engineering Corp. Ltd. and the services of Mr. P. E. Wade (who was involved in the complete "METARTS" study) and his staff of engineers to assist CORDC in evaluating the proposals of the study as it affects Acton and other communities in the fringe area of Metro Toronto. Meetings will be held in Acton, as also

where, to get the local reaction of the whole central Ontario region to prepare our criticisms or approvals of the proposal.

Some pointed comments --

1. SENIOR CITIZENS ACCOMMODATION UNITS --

I have had many enquiries as to how we are progressing; at this time, surveys and land availability studies are completed, and specific recommendations are now being submitted by O.H.C. for O.M.H.C. approval. In other words, sites have been selected, and the town is now awaiting results.

2. LOW RENTAL HOUSING --

Once again, site location, enquiries are completed; O.H.C. are making their recommendations and we are awaiting their accepted proposals.

3. APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT --

The first apartment complex is expected to get underway by early October, if there are no hitches in present arrangements.

4. FAIRY LAKE DREDGING --

We all understand we have passed the halfway mark with regard to material pumped and time required. It is now imperative that all parties involved in the operation should determine the most beneficial placing of the balance of the material to give us the desired final result, satisfactory to all parties.

5. SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT --

Tenders have now been called, received and successful bidder selected. Due to all the delays we have had in required processing, the contract price is considerably in excess of what was anticipated and we are now faced with some additional delays in acquiring now financing approvals. We are still hopeful of a starting date by early fall. Much credit is due our staff, who have kept a plant designed for 3,000 people producing an accepted result for the present population of 4,500. The new plant is designed for growth to 7,500.

6. INDUSTRIAL BASIN --

Since we have now finally agreed to develop a basic access road to the area; and have taken steps to promote its develop-

ment, it is our hope we will soon see results that will help us to retain our assessment balance with the expected residential construction and expansion.

7. I would like to see a continuing effort on the part of all property owners in Acton, to support the "Keep Canada Beautiful" program. The result would make Acton a more interesting and attractive place that we can all refer to as "our home town."

8. DID YOU KNOW --

Statistics show that only plus or minus one per cent of the electorate in any community, are informed to the point where they have been involved sufficiently in community affairs to make public statements with a background of personal knowledge.

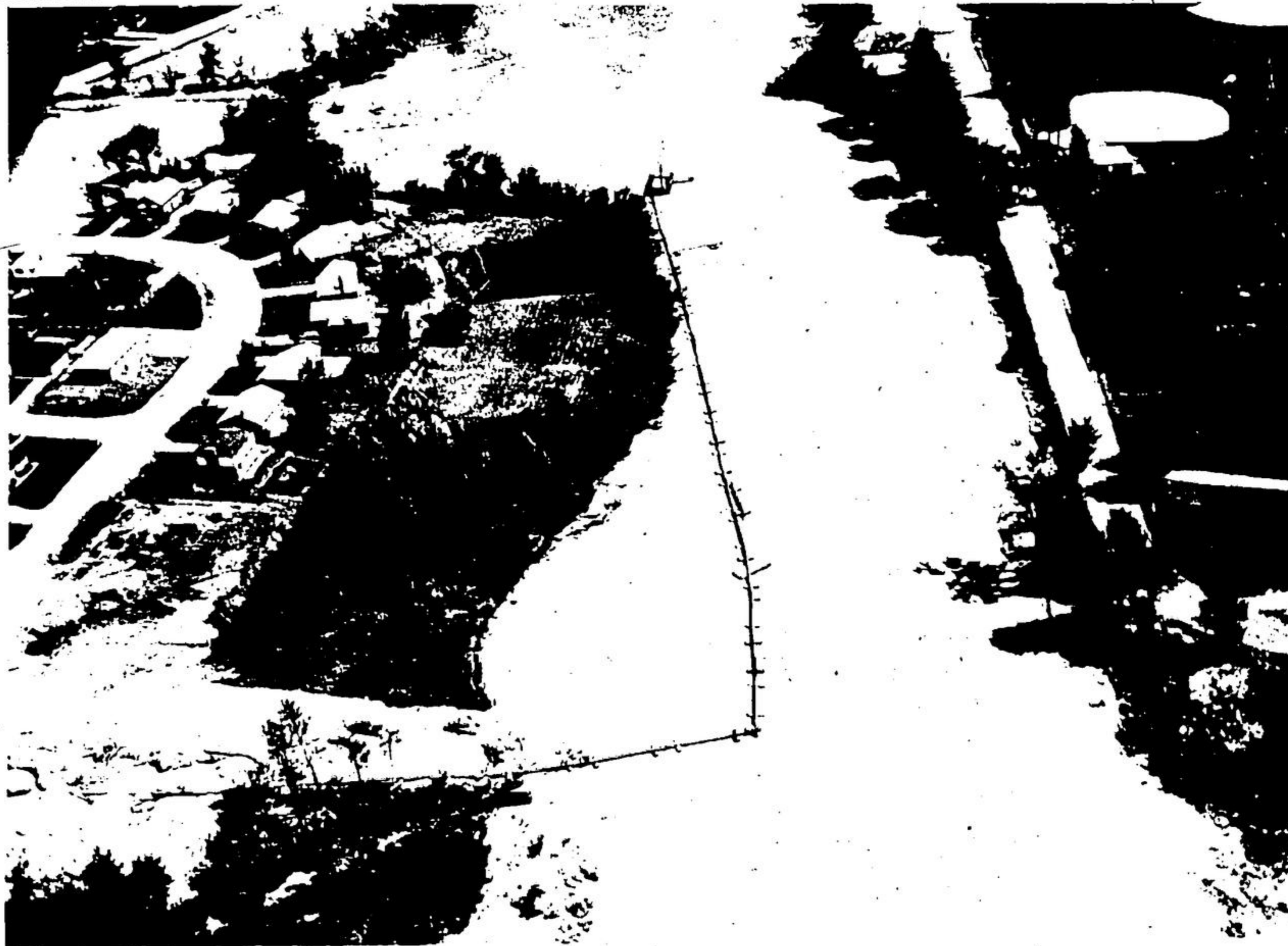
Let's take Acton for an example. Included -- council, school boards, planning board, commission and chamber of commerce and others; and we do well to be imperative that all parties involved in this indicates only one thing -- there is a lot of room for more interested groups in any municipality, to become more active in promoting the best interests of the community in which they live. Happy Holidays to Everybody.



Mayor L. G. Duby



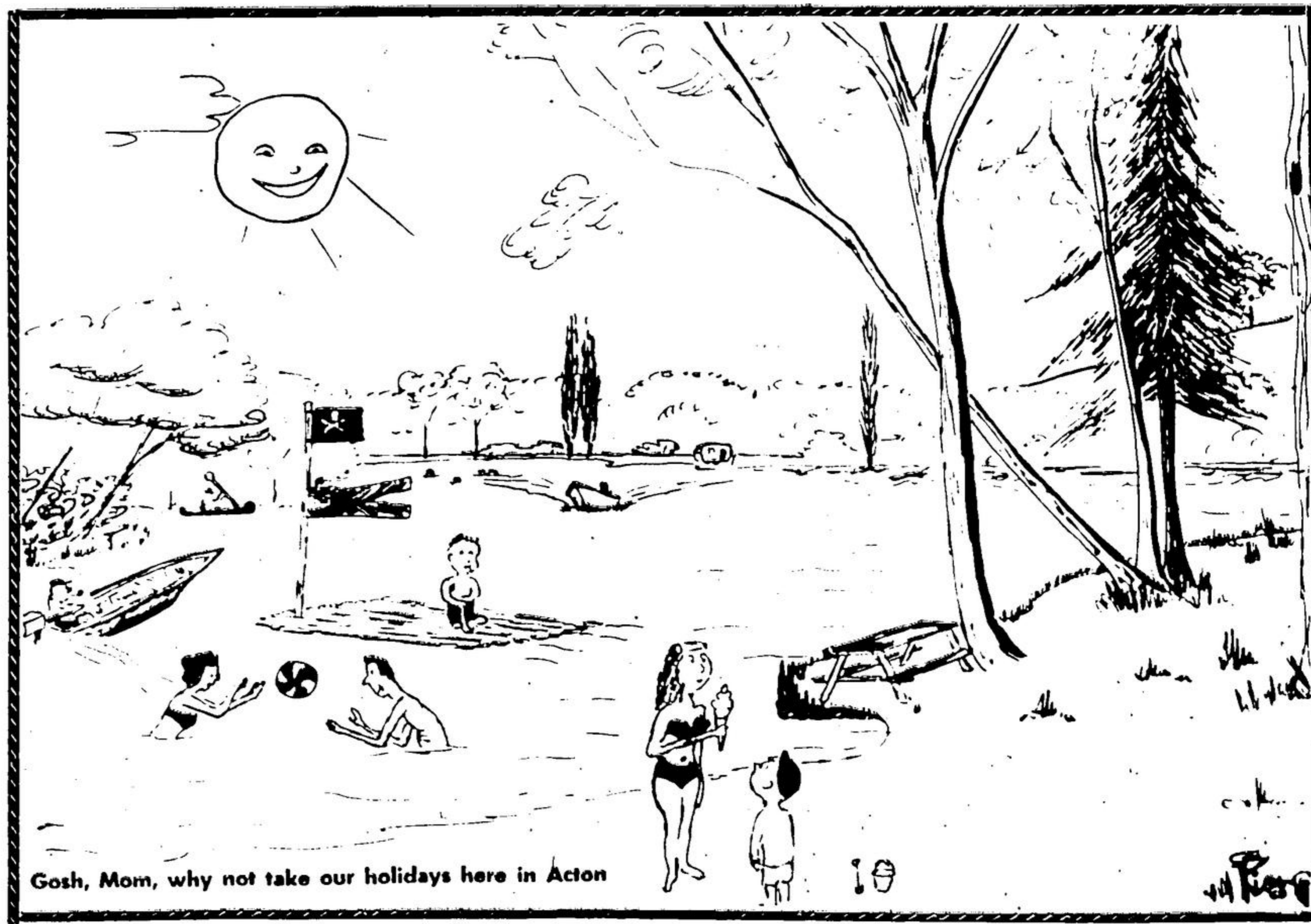
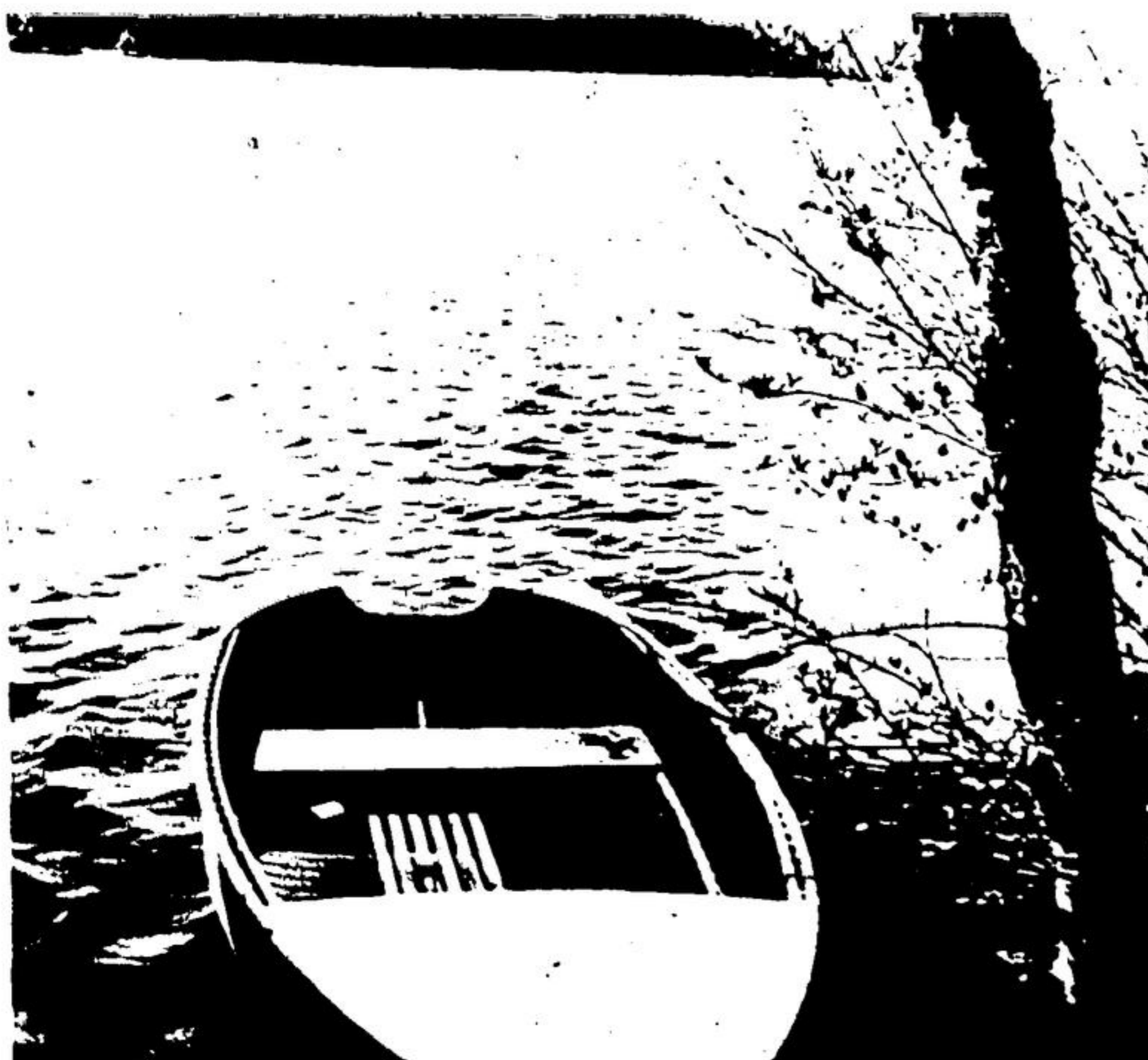
THE HON. WILLIAM G. DAVIS, Minister of Education assists Acton Mayor Les Duby to award diplomas at the recent C.O.R.D.C. seminar at the University of Guelph. Mayor Duby also received a diploma along with Councillor Bob Drinkwater and clerk-administrator Jack McGoachie. (Staff Photo)



FAIRY LAKE DREDGING is making a new lake out of the 80 acre body of water and providing fill for new construction in Lakeview subdivision. Areas not dredged yet are apparent in

this aerial view. Four hundred thousand cubic yards of silt will be removed from the lake. (Staff Photo)

ONE NATURAL FEATURE which has made Acton well known is Fairy Lake. Originally dammed by the pioneers to supply water power to a flour mill, the lake now supplies water for Beardmore and Co. as well as being the centre for summer recreation for town and district. Visitors come from many miles to enjoy the lake's waters or to camp at either of two tourist parks on the south shore. (Staff Photo)



Gosh, Mom, why not take our holidays here in Acton