



CAROLINE NURSERIES opened a new addition to their flower shop on No. 7 highway, two miles west of Acton, which doubled the size of facilities. The bright, attractive addition is full of flowers for Christmas, being admired by proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. John Rol and clerk Mrs. Grace Robertson. The Rols have been in business at their present location for nine years. (Staff Photo)

Motion by Jim Snow

Modular system urged for construction work

Halton East M. P. P. Jim Snow introduced a resolution in the Ontario Legislature recently that would standardize and simplify the manufacture of building equipment. He asked the province to adopt the Modular Dimensional System.

This system would simplify the manufacture of building equipment, accessories, materials and the assembly of these for the construction of buildings.

Mr. Snow said the system along with a motion he made earlier in the year calling for the adoption of a Standard Building Code, would provide an excellent base for improvements in construction efficiency and productivity, accessories and materials.

Among the advantages affiliated with the adoption of the system are:

- it would eliminate need for stocking more than one standard range in sizes of components and reduce inventory costs.

- time for architectural and engineering drawing is shortened and more readily understood. Resulting economies in time and cost can enable the design profession to deal with a greater volume of work.

- estimating and pricing of work is easier and more accurate.

- supervision of construction is more efficient.

- workmen understand their assignments better and work is performed with greater ease.

- waste of materials is minimized.

- job and site cutting is reduced or eliminated.

During his speech in the legislature Mr. Snow discussed the Beam program which was inaugurated in 1967 to assist in achieving greater productivity and efficiency in the manufacture and use of building equipment, accessories and materials.

Mr. Snow said the objectives of the plan were to establish a comprehensive construction information system; to have the Modular Dimensional Co-ordination system adopted;

to industrialize the building process; to adopt the uniform building regulations and standards and to establish a design awards program to improve the design and development of construction materials and processes.

The program was the result of the efforts of three advisory committees and six conferences across the country in 1967. Over 1,200 senior executives of Canada's manufacturing, contracting, architecture and engineering firms were invited to the one day conferences.

It was the opinion of the Halton East M. P. P. that if all work on buildings constructed by the various departments of government as well as those subsidized by the province were of Modular Design along with those firms already using it, it would be sufficient to convert the whole industry to the

system. He said the remaining volume would not be enough to maintain the unco-ordinated use of non-modular components and in a short time the Modular system would be adopted throughout the industry.

Cars collide

One minor accident was investigated this week by Acton O.P.P. The cars involved were driven by Jacob Van der Brink, 277 Main St., Acton, and Emmerson Anderson, R.R. 3, Acton.

The Van der Brink car, travelling west on Mill, was struck by the Anderson car making a turn onto Mill from Wilbur. The accident occurred Saturday at 5:05 p.m. and Cons. McArthur investigated. Damage amounted to about \$95.

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Town hire full-time engineer?

Increasing cost of engaging engineers and the large works programs anticipated in Acton over the next few years, prompted a resolution from councillors Tyler and Drinkwater that No. 1 committee consider engaging a full-time, professional engineer.

Councillor Tyler said there was a tidy sum going out of Acton for engineers, as much as \$50 an hour, and \$20 an hour for draftsmen. Many of the projects could be handled by a town engineer who could draw up plans and supervise projects and the town would still be ahead.

"It's a point in the right direction but it's going too far," observed Reeve Bert Hinton.

Mr. Hinton said it was a good idea to hire an engineer as the head of the works department but the town would still have to engage consulting engineers on major projects. A professional engineer could not do the work a firm can do. The reeve thought the time was coming to take on an engineer at \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year and he would earn his money.

Other councillors argued that the price of engineers came much higher and they accumulated experience and wage hikes together. However, it was agreed the suggestion was

Annual Christmas banquet enjoyed by Golden Age Club

On Tues. Dec. 3, the Golden Age Club enjoyed their annual Christmas banquet which was catered to by the Anglican Church women in Luxton Hall. They served a bountiful and delicious turkey dinner with lots of trimmings.

Mr. Davidson donated the ice cream for dessert and the club provided generous amounts of

white and chocolate cakes. Mr. Davidson, president, called the executives and their 'better halves' to the head table at 6:30 p.m. All joined in singing the theme song and grace. A toast was drunk to the Queen.

Almost every member had turned out, except a very few sick or ailing, and were given a

hearty welcome. Mrs. Fryer, on behalf of the club, thanked the hard-working caterers for the wonderful dinner.

The head table was introduced by the president. Mrs. Coscar gave a reading appropriate to the Christmas Season.

An orchestra consisting of Mr. Fuller, violin, Mr. Winton, piano

and Mr. Davidson gave lively music throughout the evening and Mrs. Milne gave several humorous readings in her very talented and wonderful manner. Mr. Healey showed some beautiful pictures he had captured of various beauty spots seen in their travels; Mrs. Healey gave a running commentary. Then the crowd limbered up for a few games, waltzes, do-si-does and grand changes. The oldest member present was C. K. Browne but when up waltzing with his wife he looked one of the youngest. All voted the evening an enjoyable occasion another high-light in the club's history.

Snoopy, Red Baron winners in parade

Snoopy and the Red Baron went gunning for their third prize Saturday, Dec. 14 in the Bramalea Christmas Parade.

The Snoopy float, designed and built by commercial art students of Sheridan College, has already won two trophies and \$100 for its student creators.

It took first place honors in the Oakville Christmas Parade, and jomed Santa's entourage in

worth while. Deputy-Reeve F. Oakes said it was a matter for No. 1 committee to study and break costs down so council could make a decision based on knowledge.

The matter was left with the committee.

Georgetown on the same day to take the best float trophy. Both parades were held Saturday, Dec. 7.

Fifteen enthusiasts spent three weeks building the float. Participating were Dave Cox and Eric Thomson of Georgetown, Penny Houston of Bramalea, Pat Calvert and Dave Campbell of Brampton, Bob New of Oakville, Hope Osborne of Cooksville, Mary Douglas of Malton, Darlene McLeary and Bob Hopp, Toronto, Lynda Branston, London, Gil Coelho, Guelph, Peter Brunning, Niagara, and John Berry and Bob Wilson, Dunnville.

Student-faculty co-ordinator of the project was Larry Weissmann.

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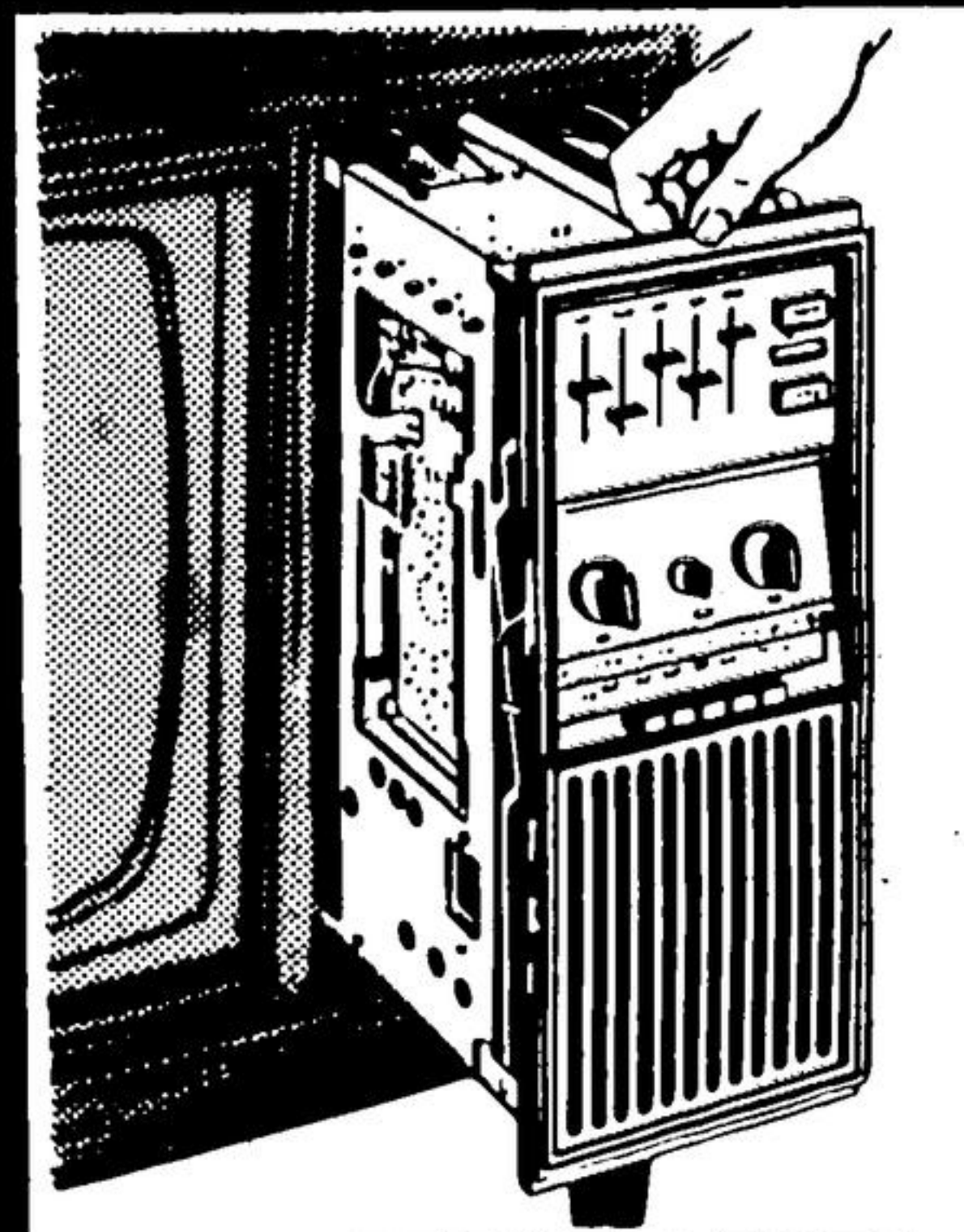
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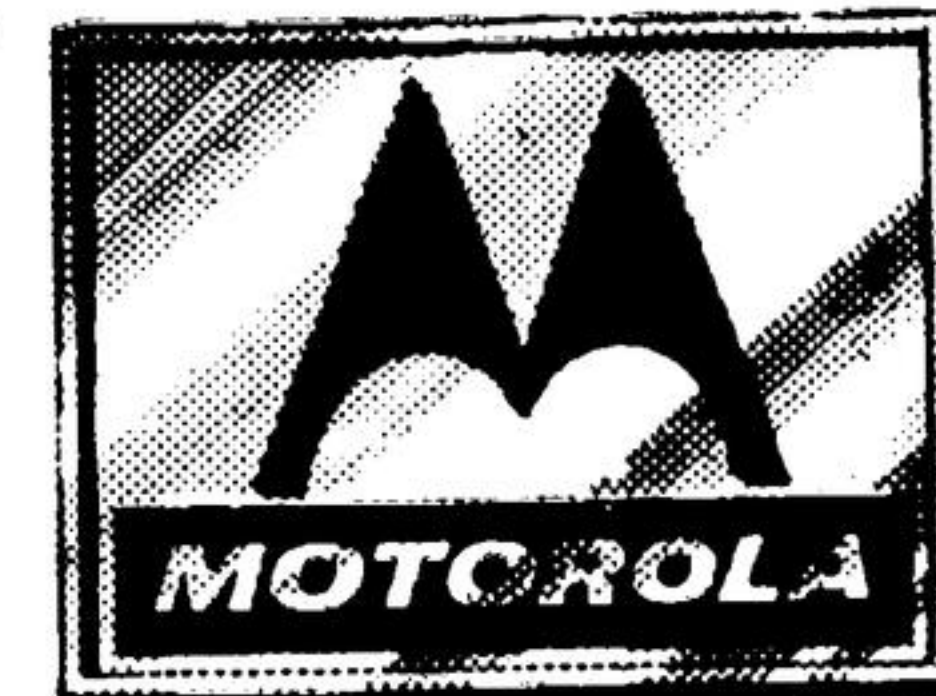


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