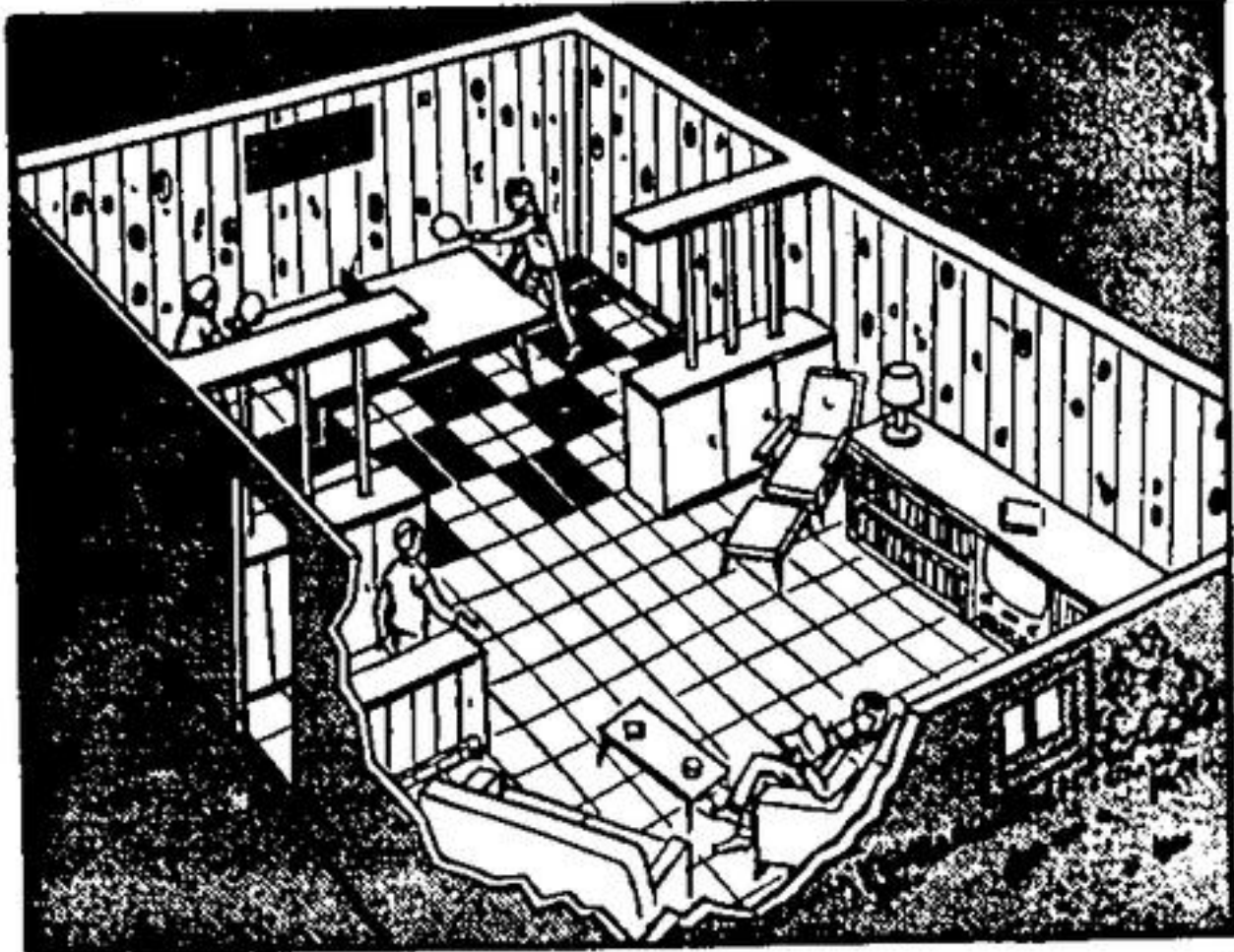


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Sylvia Moore, Wellington Square School, Burlington, was judged Halton's top orator when finals for the public school speaking contest were held in Lorne Skuce School, Trafalgar, last week. She won the Women's Institute cup.

Second place winner was Margaret Whewell, Bruce Street school, Milton, who was awarded a cup presented by Halton Teachers Institute.

Fourteen contestants, each a winner in elimination contests, competed. There were no Georgetown competitors, they having been eliminated in a prior contest in Acton the week before.

Mr. D. Kemp, chairman of the public speaking committee, presided and while the judges were making their decision there was a program which included musical selections by the triple trio of Lorne Skuce School, directed by Miss M. Tuck. Mr. M. Evans, music supervisor of Oakville gave a demonstration lesson with eleven pupils on how the recorder is taught.

Judges for the contest were K. Y. Dick, Milton lawyer; J. Elder of the Burlington high school staff; and William Jones, head of the English department in Oakville-Trafalgar high school.

Other young people who spoke in the contest were Nula Dineen, St. Mary's, Oakville; Ana Scott, and Bill Stafford, Lawrie Smith School, Burlington; Carmen Richtofen, S. S. 3, Nassagaweya; Judy Adkins, Lockhart School, Burlington; Shirley Williamson, Pinegrove, Trafalgar; Laurie Stewart, Maple Grove, Trafalgar; Carol Forbes, S. S. 2, Esqueping; Rickey Luckett, Oakville Central; Dorothy Rodgers, McCurdy's, Hornby; Margaret McPhail, S. S. 16, Campbellville; Lesley Anne Duby, Acton.

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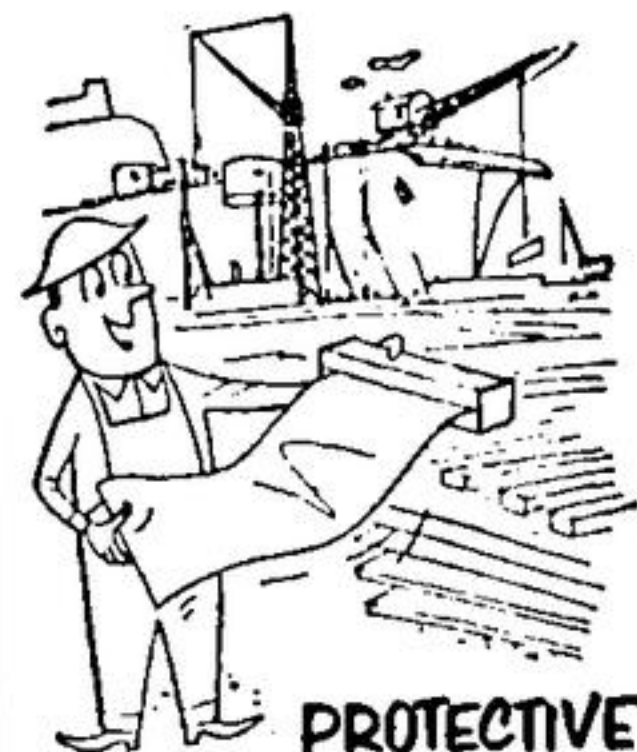
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Official Opening Saturday For New Hydro Town Building

A town which saw the world's first practical transmission of electricity will chronicle another important chapter in its history on December 15th, when the new office and service building of the Georgetown Hydro - Electric Commission will be officially opened by Lt.-Col. A. A. Kennedy, DSO, ED, commissioner of Ontario Hydro.

Discussing the new building, which reflects the town's continued growth, Graham Farnell, chairman of the local commission, recalls that 44 years ago the ratepayers of the town voted in favour of joining the Hydro family of municipalities. Since that time, he states, the local utility, in cooperation with Ontario Hydro, had spared no effort in serving the people of Georgetown.

"For some time now," Mr. Farnell says, "we have realized that our office space and storage facilities had become inadequate and would have to be replaced by more spacious quarters to enable this tradition of service to be continued. The modern building on Water St. is the result."

The early industrialists of Georgetown, Mr. Farnell points out, made extensive use of water power from the Credit River to drive the machinery of their factories before electricity became available in commercial quantity. In 1888, John R. Barber of Georgetown erected a 100 horsepower turbine on the Credit River to supply power for his paper mill. The transmission of power over the two-mile line connecting this early hydro-electric plant and the mill is reputed to be the first practical example of power transmission in the world.

"Georgetown first received power from Ontario Hydro in 1913," Mr. Farnell states. "During the first year of our commission's operation there were 354 customers within the municipality and the power demand amounted to 72 kilowatts. By the end of 1955, the number of customers has grown to 2,007 and the power demand had increased to 4,607 kilowatts."

The two-storey structure, which is to be the new headquarters of the Georgetown Hydro Electric Commission, was designed by R. W. Hall of Brampton. It combines functional utility with the most pleasing features of modern architecture. Set in grounds adjacent to the past office the building has a 46-foot frontage with a depth of 113 feet and is faced with red brick, and aluminum skirting plate-glass. The front section of the

Violinist, Baritone
At Community Concert

Subscribers to the 3-program community concert series heard a young Toronto violinist and a baritone soloist who were paired in the second concert in the auditorium of Knox Presbyterian Church on November 28th.

Carolyn Gundy showed the talent which has won her many awards and engagements, including provincial tours sponsored by the Dept. of Education, in three groups of violin selections. Her Gregg Sonata in C Minor was one of her outstanding numbers.

Baritone Fred Hartley, also a scholarship winner, varied his solos from the portogues to Pagliacci to a group of negro spirituals. He sings twice weekly on the CBC Trans-Canada Matinee.

Elna Ritchie provided excellent piano accompaniment for both young artists.

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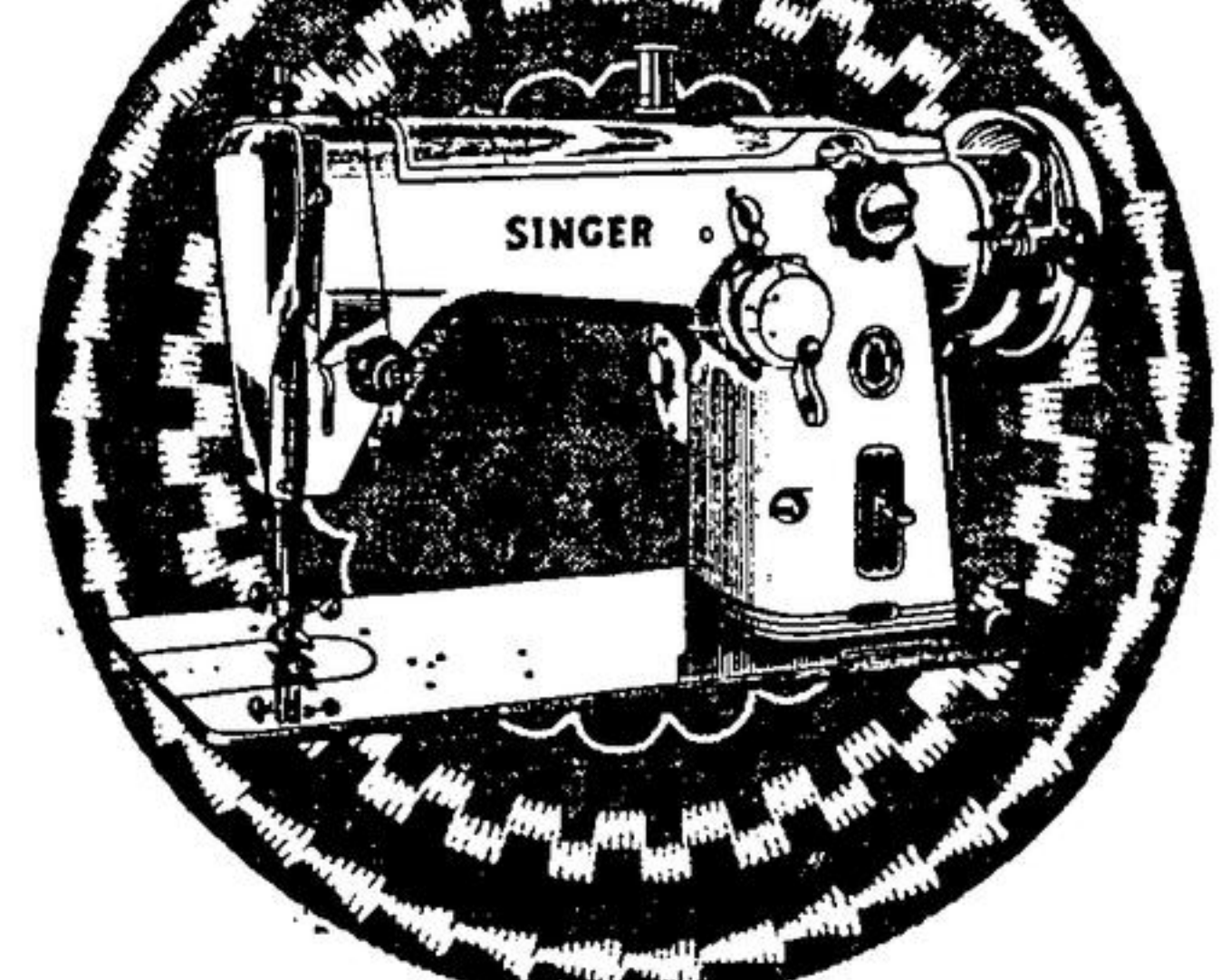
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