



SOME OF ACTON'S most stately homes are along Bower Avenue, which is zoned CIH for possible expansion of the downtown business section. Mayor Les Duby contends there is



enough room for commercial expansion along Mill St. and homes such as these should be zoned residential to remove the cloud from over owners' heads. This was the subject of a



special meeting of planning board last week where the mayor received support for his ideas. It was decided to survey residents in CIH zones to get their views on the subject. Turn



inside for full details of the meeting. —J. Jennings Photos

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## Dog detects drug cache

Three Acton people have been charged following the seizure Friday of four and a half ounces of what is believed to be hashish. Its value is about \$400.

The three suspects scattered when chased by police but were apprehended. The substance was thrown away during the chase.

The noted O.P.P. drug-sniffing dog Yoko was brought to Acton from Oakville by his handler John Foley, and detected the main cache in plant pots at the rear of the Bank of Montreal. Some of the substance was also located beneath bushes on Mill St.

The case is turned over to the

Kitchener detachment of the R.C.M.P. Date of court appearance is pending the outcome of the chemical analysis of the substance.

Two young men and a young woman have been charged. According to police, one of the men is presently awaiting sentence on two trafficking charges laid by Toronto police and trial on a drug charge laid by Acton police.

The same day a young district girl was also charged with possession of what is believed to be a small amount of hashish. She was stopped on Mill St. Friday afternoon.

## L.I.P. grant too late

A Local Initiatives Program grant project for Acton has had to be abandoned, due to late acceptance and unreasonable conditions. The disappointed applicants are three high school teachers, Bill Coats, Boris Shean and Ian McGillivray who sought \$4,800 as part of the cost of establishing a store.

They just learned last week that the application was approved, provided their plan was changed. And these changes, according to the applicants, were impossible to arrange.

**Student store**  
Their proposal was for a student store run by adults. As an educational project, students would look after the ordering, inventory and control of the store. Daily operation would have been by two full-time adults and one part-time adult over a six month period.

The idea grew from the operation of The Closet, the present small store at the high school, and the current closing of the town's stationery store. The three teachers felt the time was set to locate the store in the vacant premises left by Dills Stationery store.

**Call last week**  
The L.I.P. plan was announced in November and the application from Acton was sent in early

December. After weeks with no reply, Mr. Shean received a phone call from Ottawa last week indicating their grant would be approved—if they could provide the 15 man-months of work required within the next four months.

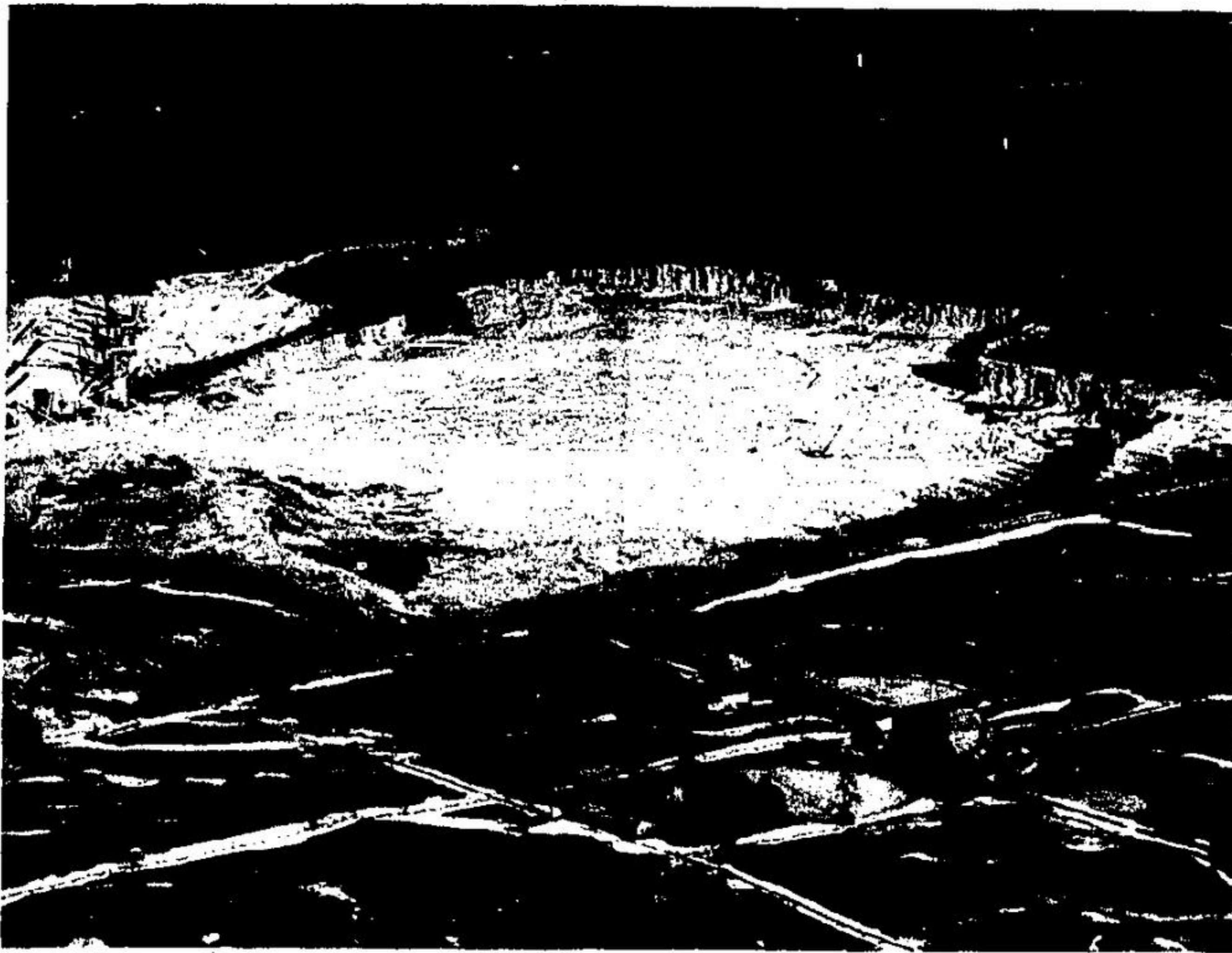
These 15 man-months are required by the program. Because of the nature of the operation, the organizers felt they couldn't possibly even get going for a while, with quarters, renovations, stock and staff all to be settled.

So, to use up the required number of man-hours in time, the store would have to have a full-time staff of four!

**No way**  
The feeling was unanimous—no way could it be done. Although the application was for \$4,800, the total cost would have been about \$10,000, to be recovered in sales and inventory.

The L.I.P. plan is intended to provide employment in a period when unemployment rates are high, and should start the beginning of December to be over by summer. The announcement in November was felt to be late by the applicants here who had considerable figuring to do before their proposal could even be prepared.

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## BIG INDUSMIN DUSTBIN

AERIAL VIEW shows the aggregates mining and processing operation of Indusmin Limited at Acton. The company proposes to restore the quarry area using shredded, compacted and baled garbage as fill, and says it is confident

there would be few, if any, environmental problems from the use of such fill. The quarry, covering about 115 acres, is already excavated to a depth of 60 feet. It could accept about one million a year of the compacted bales.

## Announce new proposal to haul garbage here

A solution to Metro Toronto's garbage problem was wrapped in a more attractive and inexpensive package and presented to Metro Executive yesterday (Tuesday) by Anglo Recycling, a division of Anglo-Canadian Pulp and Paper Mills Ltd.

Anglo president Robert W. Billingsley flew in from Quebec City to announce in Toronto an offer to handle up to 400,000 tons of residential refuse a year at a price of \$6.30 per ton, 25 cents per ton cheaper than the offer Metro

accepted from CP rail to haul the city's garbage to a site believed to be in the Harriston area. Billingsley said his company plans to build a \$3 million recycling station for the treatment of solid waste and the processing of commercial and residential solid waste on Commissioners St. in the city.

The Anglo announcement followed by one week the revelation that Indusmin Ltd. will proceed with an application to the waste management branch of the Department of the

Environment for permission to operate a sanitary waste disposal site in worked-out quarries on the Third Line, south-east of Acton.

**Outlines proposal**  
At a joint press conference, Billingsley outlined steps in a process which would have Metro garbage sorted for materials which can be recycled, then have the remaining waste shredded into compacted bales and shipped in covered gravel trucks to the Acton quarries, where they would be stacked and covered each day with limestone

screening. Materials such as cardboard boxes, newspapers, automobile tires, glass and metal would be sorted out of the garbage for recycling. Cardboard would be recycled by an associated company Acme Paper Products, which already has a plant in the city and newspapers would be recycled at the Anglo-Canadian Mill in Quebec City. Glass, metals and shredded tire material would be sold to industrial consumers.

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## Acton, Georgetown reps added to region committee

After 45 minutes of discussion at Halton County Council last week, the warden's select committee on regional government was enlarged to allow representation from Acton and Georgetown on the committee.

Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow had recommended the entire council should be included on the committee. Members feared the committee would be too large and unworkable with 14 members.

Chairman of the five member committee appointed by the warden at the council's first meeting of the year, Burlington's Les Preston pointed out it was a warden's committee and it was up to her and her alone to appoint members.

Acton and Georgetown members agreed but felt the fact they weren't represented was unfair and unrepresentative. Committee members Preston and Len Cox of Esquewag both argued that the committee's purpose was a fact finding one. When the matter of representation was considered they argued they were considering the matter not from a

parochial stand point, from a county standpoint. They said when it was time to vote and make decisions it would come to county council.

Acton Deputy Reeve Peter Marks pointed to minutes of the committee's meeting at which the committee voted four to one to endorse the original county stand in proposing a three borough region.

Milton presented dissent from this view and was successful in convincing the province that Milton should centre a fourth borough in central Halton.

Marks argued that it appeared the committee was more than a fact finding body and should have

representation from all seven municipalities that now exist.

Under the province's proposals the seven municipalities would be reduced to four. Warden MacArthur said she felt there would have to be a change in the current setup. "I had hoped we would get down to the mechanics and leave boundaries to the end, but we didn't do it that way."

The committee held their first meeting Jan. 25, just two days after the meeting at which the province announced their proposals for the region. Last Tuesday the committee visited Niagara Region where they received advice and information from which they hoped to get

some direction that may help them implement regional government in Halton.

Acton Reeve Pat McKenzie and Georgetown Reeve Ric Morrow were added to the committee. They'll join Oakville Reeve Allan Masson, Burlington Reeve Les Preston, Esquewag Deputy Reeve Len Cox, Warden and Nassagaweya Reeve Mrs. A. MacArthur and Milton Reeve Bob McCuag.

The committee was slated to visit Waterloo Region yesterday and York Region today. The committee will meet to correlate information gathered and make a presentation to council by the end of this month. Council have until

March 31 to make representation to the province.

**Municipal reports**  
Several of the existing seven municipalities are developing reports of their own in the meantime. Burlington Deputy Reeve Dave Coons suggested all of the municipalities should submit briefs to the county and then the county would submit all of the material along with its own brief to the province.

In the period between now and the end of March the county is expected to comment on the division of responsibilities, the make up local councils and committees and a host of other areas.

## O.F.A. says Toronto garbage Toronto problem

"The Ontario government must intervene and stop metropolitan Toronto from dumping garbage in the countryside," says Keith Matthe, second vice-president, Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

The OFA, in its annual brief to the Ontario cabinet, demanded government intervention if Toronto politicians do not cancel their plans to bury 400,000 tons of garbage yearly in rural areas.

Toronto has signed a preliminary contract with CP Rail to freight and deposit this tonnage annually in the countryside for the next 15 years. "Toronto's garbage is Toronto's problem, and the city must find its own solution," says Brockville dairyman Matthe.

"Who wants to live near a giant garbage dump? Nobody, and especially not farmers. We have too much pride in our land to idly permit others to sour it."

The OFA representatives told premier William Davis and his ministers that burying garbage in deep pits would risk water-table and air pollution, growth of vermin, and land depreciation.

The farm group called it an insult to farmers. "Much of this garbage is excessive packaging and wrapping from food. This needless waste is demanded by the consumer, but only serves to raise the price of food. It is an injustice to pin the price of this extravagance on the farmer, then dump it upon him," protests Matthe.

## Groundhog spotted looked fat, healthy

Groundhog Day, February 2, passed with only one report of a groundhog being seen and it turned out to be scrap of paper. However, Saturday Babs Ellis of Rockwood saw one of the furry creatures scurrying along a field on First Line, Erin township, half-mile north of Acton Meadows golf club.

"He looked fat and healthy," says Babs, and determined to find something more to eat.

Tradition says that if the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2 we can expect another six weeks of winter. If it is cloudy with no shadow, then Spring, the elusive lady with slow feet, is supposed to be just around the corner.

Friday's weather was warm and cloudy with fog and little chance of the groundhog seeing a shadow, so it is commonly supposed that we will have an early spring.

The skeptics will wait and see and most will hope it is true.

## O'Connor opposes capital punishment

Halton's freshman Conservative MP Terry O'Connor made a speech in the House of Commons at Ottawa Wednesday in which he called for a five year extension of the partial ban on capital punishment, which he termed "the lesser of the evils."

An abolitionist, O'Connor said

reasoning a human life for any reason admits society's inability to cope with the behavior of the killer. Society must protect itself from killers and rehabilitate them, "not... perpetrate further deviation under the guise of legal murder," he suggested. "I am unequivocally opposed to the use of the death penalty."

## Marks likes Milton

Acton Deputy Reeve Peter Marks has gone on record as saying he is in favor of a four borough Halton region with Milton forming the core of the central borough.

"I've read their brief and it deals with considerably more than the county's submission. They deal with planning, engineering, servicing and community orientation and use these factors to prove their point. It makes more sense than the county brief."

"The county argued three boroughs are better because the two townships wouldn't have to be split. This doesn't make a lot of sense to me," Marks told this newspaper.

**Not council's view**  
Marks stressed that was his view, not that of the north or that of Acton's. He is the first county

councillor to favor for the fourth borough. Burlington Deputy Reeve Dave Coons noted, however, that he wasn't opposed to a fourth borough.

## Tools stolen

An overnight break-in at Mackenzie Lumber was reported Saturday morning to Acton O.P.P. Missing items totalled an estimated \$650 including electrical tools, jig saws, chain saws, sanders and measuring tapes. They were apparently on the display counter when taken.

Entry was gained through a back door on the south side, according to police.