

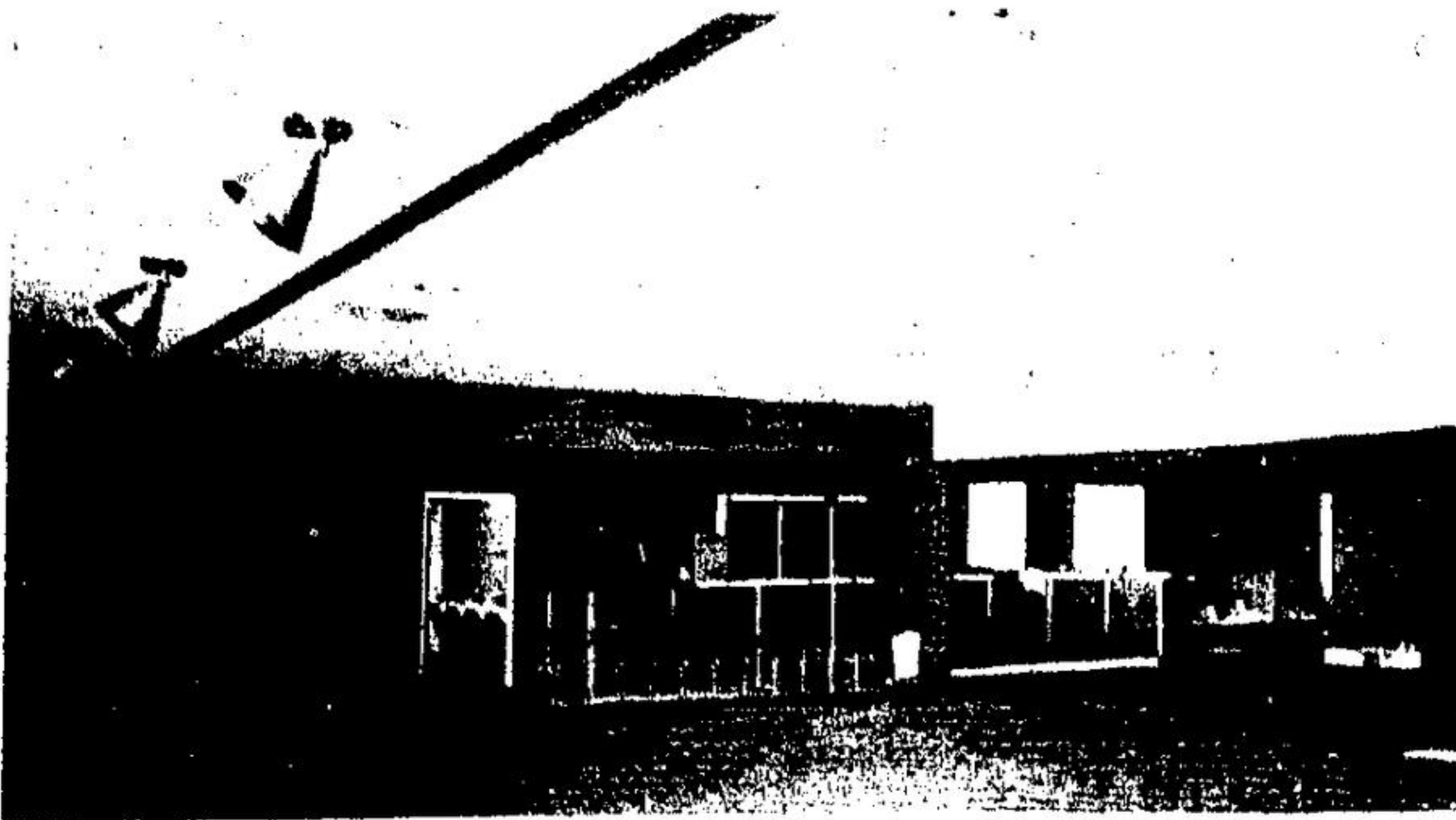
# Tentative date set for Legion opening

The scheduled opening for one of Acton's most exciting projects has been changed and it plans fall according to Hyle, the public open house for the new Acton Legion Hall will be held Sunday, Sept. 15.

According to Fred Allen, one of the members of the works committee, water mains, heating air conditioning and other facilities are all completed. With the exception of a few minor details most of the structure work is finished.

Rugs and flooring have been laid for some time. Mr. Allen said that one thing not completed will be gas as the Union Gas couldn't get the main in from Mill St. into the building. "It will not be an exact date because the end of September or first of October," he said. As a substitute measure for gas cooking at the hall, propane will be used temporarily.

Change of the Open House date originally planned for Sept. 8 was required due to tentative hold-ups. Mr. Allen is confident everything will be set for a scheduled Legion open house which will take place on Friday, Sept. 13, followed by a ceremonial



A preview of the new Legion hall

NO CHAIRS—but the bar and washroom are there. It's one of the lounge areas in the spacious new centennial-year Legion hall. Date of public Open

House will be decided upon firmly when everything is here and in place. Legion officials are being welcomed next week.

The first event there could be the reception Monday following the postal delivery ceremonies. If weather is

ALMOST READY for banquets, dances and wedding receptions of the future is the main room of the new Legion hall. First events in the new building are planned for next week, with the public open house delayed till everything is ready.

Photo by Peter McCusker

# Bruce trail closed near Glen Williams

Douglas Starret, who lives north of Glen Williams, has closed the portion of the Bruce Trail which crosses his 106-acre farm as a retaliatory move against the Credit Valley Conservation Authority who advised Halton Regional Land Division Committee to deny him a land separation for two building lots.

The land division committee handed down its decision on August 13 and that night Starret closed the nearly two and a half miles of Bruce Trail.

"This isn't sour grapes and it isn't against the Bruce Trail. It just seems to me this is the only way to get people's attention," Starret said.

The night Starret applied to the committee, Les Easton, the chairman, said the Credit Valley Conservation Authority had asked them to turn it down because the land was on the Niagara Escarpment and that the land was deemed undesirable for development because of an old rock quarry nearby.

Starret says that the quarry is to be rehabilitated, the land is not on the face of the Escarpment, and it is a good piece of property.

"The chairman was the only member of the committee who had ever been out there and influenced the other members' impression of the situation," he said.

What really disturbs him is that a separation was given for housing on lot 30, down the road, and there are at least six houses being built in his area. Starret's separation of two lots was to be on lot 27 and he adds that the Conservation Authority says they don't know anything about lot 30, down the road, and there are at least six houses being built in his area.

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"I think they reached a certain point in the evening, were tired, and so decided not to grant any more separations because it would have meant too much bother for them," Starret remarked.

He said that the land isn't good for anything else since it is scrub and wooded and it has never been used agriculturally. Starret also points out that there is only a 14 per cent elevation rise on the property, well below the 25 per cent limit. He doesn't think that it is on the face of the Escarpment and says there are those who agree with him.

"I could understand if it was agriculture land or was on the Escarpment but this doesn't make any sense. I'm not a land speculator—just a farmer," Starret said. He added that his family has owned the land since 1859 and that the sale would be just another source of income for him. "It is a real shame when you can't sell your own land," he noted.

He said that part of the problem is that no one has clearly defined Escarpment land and some decisions are made by whom where building is concerned. "Why should I be penalized and victimized just because I live near the Escarpment?" he wonders. One Conservation authority official told him that the lots weren't really on the Escarpment, he added.

Starret pointed out that his problem isn't with the Bruce Trail Association even though they pushed for a freeze on

Escarpment Development but he feels it is the only way to make people notice his plight. "I'm sorry a lot of innocent people will be harmed by all this," he stated. The trail has been on his property for about 10 years now and he has never had any problems and feels badly that people will no longer be able to enjoy it. "In the spring and fall bus loads of children from Toronto would come through here and it was nice," Starret said.

After closing it down he put up signs, some of which were later torn down, and informed the Trail Association of his decision. George Roberts of the Bruce Trail Association has since come to Glen Williams and rerouted the trail back onto the road and around Starret's property. In addition to losing the two and a half mile stretch on Starret's land the closing has forced the trail an extra two miles away from its course.

"It is a sad thing this closing. We will talk to the Conservation Authority about rerouting it through their property adjacent to Starret's property," Roberts said. He admitted it would be quite a project since there is a 200 foot drop and gorge along the proposed new trail.

"I can understand his feelings and sympathize with him. We may have similar problems with other land owners too," Roberts added.

# Orfius cuts record

Members of the musical group Orfius returned from New York City last Thursday much richer in experience but quite a bit poorer in cash.

The band, consisting of Bill Cudney, Silver Creek; Bill Osborne, Bramalea; and Gary Slabodian, Brampton, went to New York on August 18 and recorded a record on August 21, at Record Plant, one of the top recording studios in the world today.

Their trip started off on the right foot when they were invited to play at the Tittle Tattle bar in East Manhattan on the 18th.

The next day they visited



DOUGLAS STARRET HAS CLOSED down the Bruce Trail causing it to be rerouted around his property. He closed it down after he was denied a

land separation by the Halton Regional Land Division Committee. There is about two and a half miles of trail on his land.

John Mitchell of Pollution Probe Georgetown says that Starret's logic is faulty in closing the Trail since the Bruce Trail Association had nothing to do with the Escarpment building freeze. "He is completely cutting

off a very scenic section from the public," Mitchell said. Starret is not sure what his next move will be and has not decided if he will appeal the decision. The final appeal date of the land separation decision is September 5.

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