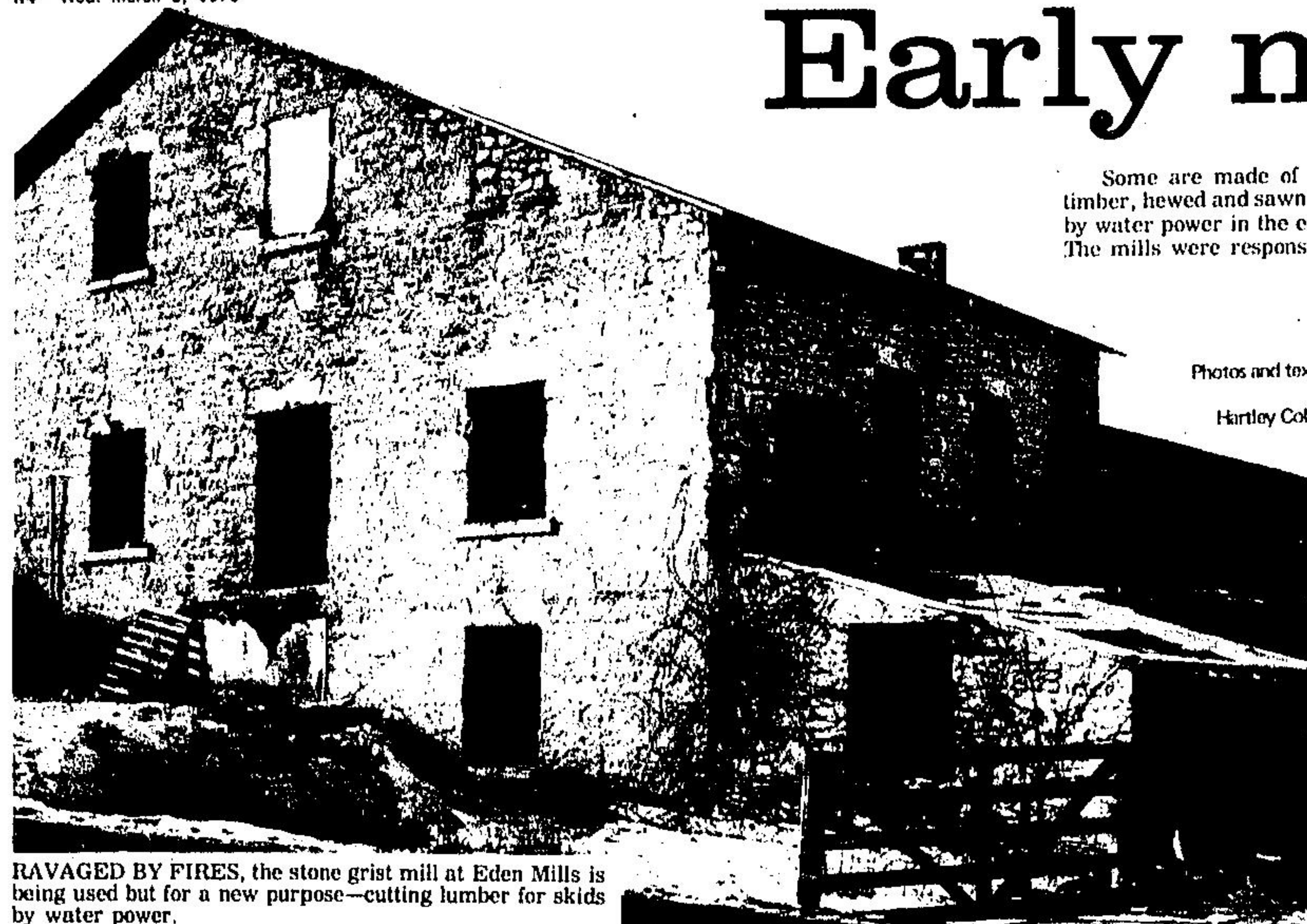


# Early mills still dot cou

Some are made of huge blocks of stone, others of timber, hewed and sawn on the site, but all were operated by water power in the early days of this part of Ontario. The mills were responsible for settlements which grew

into hamlets, villages and towns of early Ontario. Some of the settlements have long disappeared when other modes of power were used. Today we have black power, white power, red power, electrical power and many other forms

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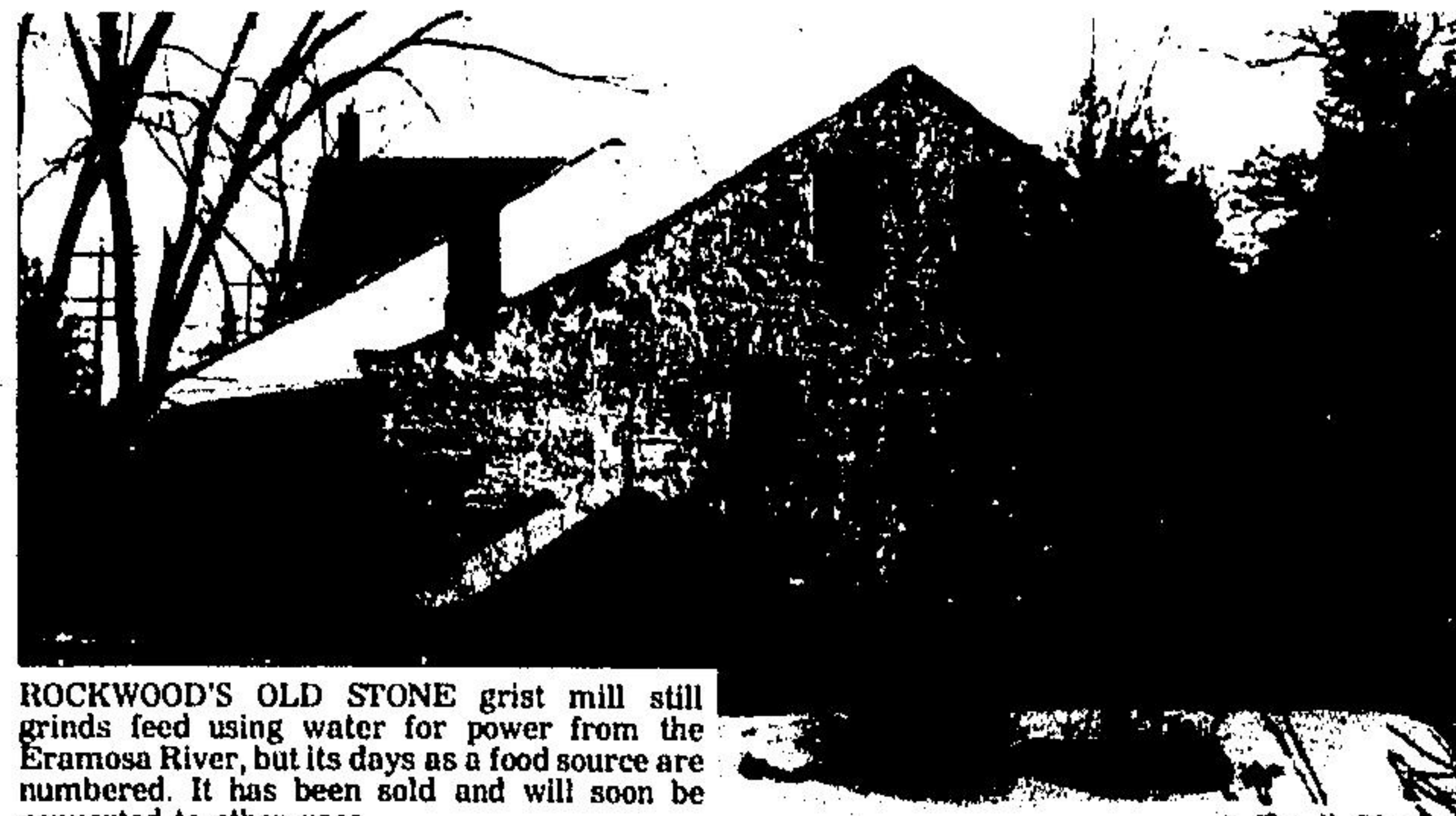
**RAVAGED BY FIRES**, the stone grist mill at Eden Mills is being used but for a new purpose—cutting lumber for skids by water power.

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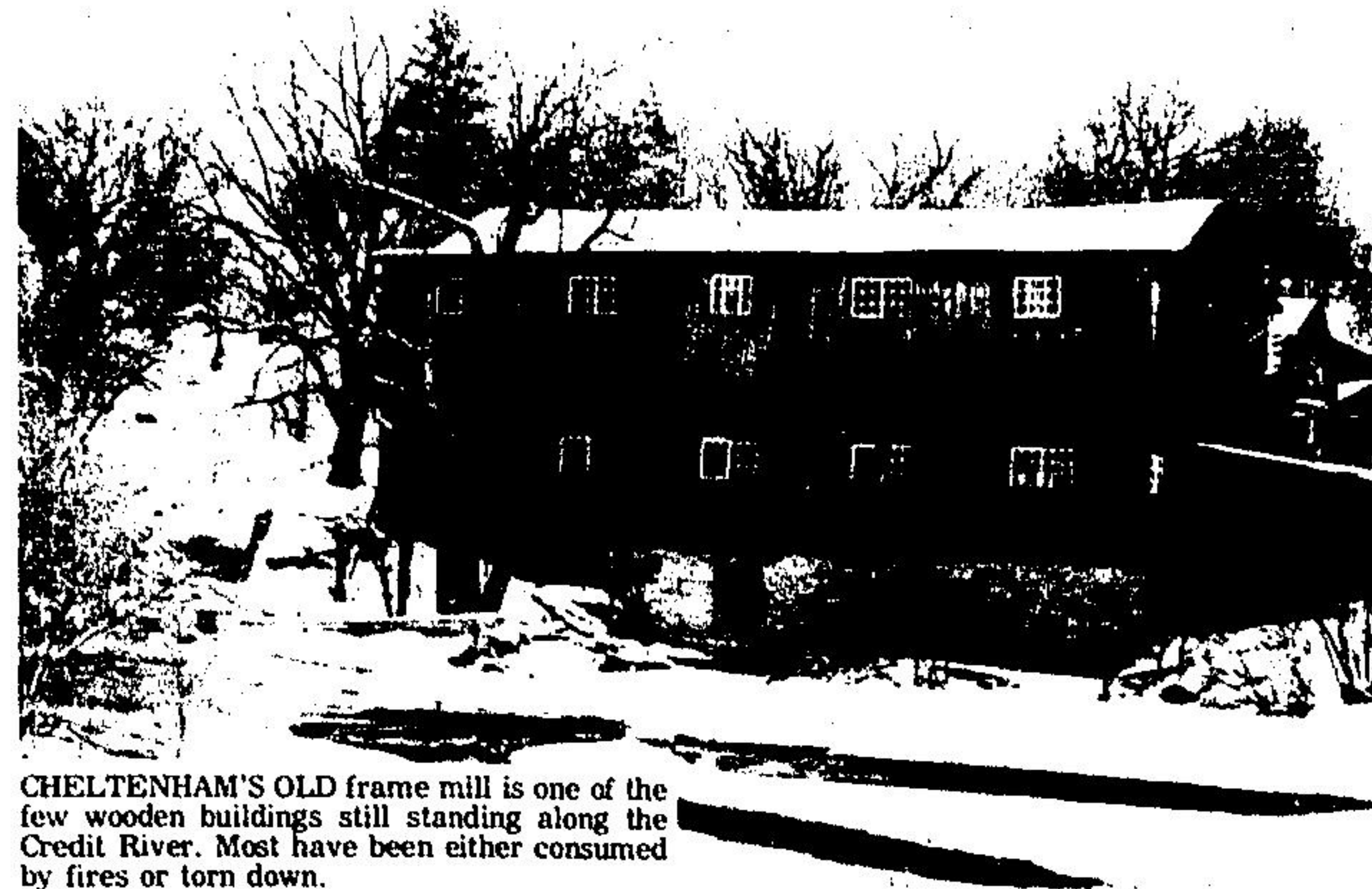
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**ROCKWOOD'S OLD STONE** grist mill still grinds feed using water for power from the Eramosa River, but its days as a food source are numbered. It has been sold and will soon be converted to other uses.



**LINDSAY'S FLOUR MILL** at Acton is still a going, growing concern. No longer tapping the waters of Fairy Lake, it grinds bread flour from wheat that has unusually fine qualities, a product of grain from fields in North Halton and South Wellington.



**CHELTENHAM'S OLD frame** mill is one of the few wooden buildings still standing along the Credit River. Most have been either consumed by fires or torn down.



**HORTOP'S FLOUR MILL** at Everton, along a rocky gorge is no longer used but a landmark for fishermen who seek big brown trout in season. The old mill race still exists but its eloquent silence speaks of another age.



**RELIC OF A SMALL VILLAGE**, long from Halton is this old mill. Dakota, the Cedar Springs Community Club resort, was devastated one day in Oct when the powder mill which employed were on duty and five of them community of rustic homes covers t that early Halton disaster.