

NEC approves 303 requests

The Niagara Escarpment Commission meeting in Toronto Oct. 3 announced that 523 applications for development permits have been received. A development permit is required in about 40 per cent of the Niagara Escarpment Planning Area before a local building permit can be obtained. To date 303 approvals have been issued.

Development controls came into effect on June 10, providing the NEC with a set of regulations on an interim basis to control land use until the Master Plan is prepared for the NEPA.

In attempting to preserve the escarpment and yet not

create a "freeze" on land, the Commission may approve some types of development which are compatible with the natural environment of the Niagara Escarpment, said Walter Gowing, manager of Information Services.

The Georgetown head office covers the regional municipalities of Halton and Peel and the County of Dufferin. This office has received 190 applications for development with 141 processed—of which 108 have been approved as they satisfy the goals, objectives and policies of the Commission. Other offices in Clarksburg and Grimsby handled requests from other escarpment areas.

Under the Development Control system, when the Commission makes its decision on an application, a copy of this decision is sent to the applicant and all property owners within 400 feet of the subject land. Recipients of this notice may appeal against it, in writing, to the Minister of Housing within 14 days. An independent hearing officer will then hear the

appeal and report to the Minister of Housing, who in turn makes the final decision on the appeal. The goal of the Commission as set out in the Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act is "to maintain the Niagara Escarpment as a continuous natural environment while seeking to accommodate demands compatible with that environment."

Bullet proof glass?

Georgetown commuters could soon be riding to Toronto on GO trains equipped with bullet proof glass.

GO transit spokesman Tom Henry said in an interview this week that vandalism is

costing GO a lot of money and is on the increase. He said windows on GO trains are being smashed at record rates and is forcing the transit system to look into the possibility of installing special armored glass on all its cars.

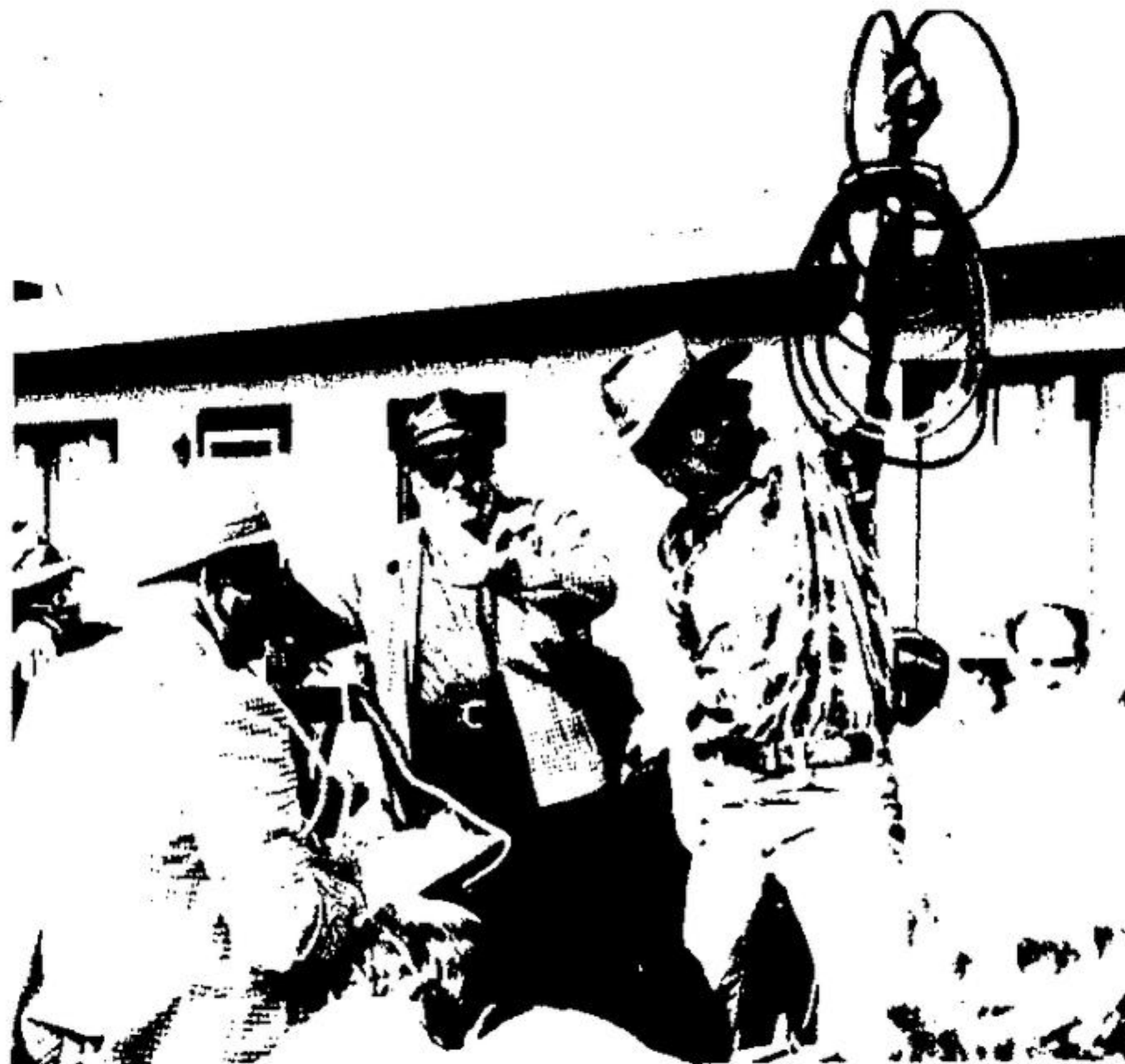
Welcome
Firefighters are welcoming visitors to the hall during Fire Prevention Week.

Thanksgiving
Most stores and offices will be closed next Monday for Thanksgiving.

NOTICE

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Oct. 14th, 1975

**WORKS DEPARTMENT
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS**



OWNER GORD THOMSON holds up one of the items from a farm cart-full at the Thomson auction sale Saturday. The family is trekking west to Alberta this week, pioneer-style. Wendy Thomson will report back for the many who want to hear more instalments to the adventure story. She is author of popular column *The Painted Box*.



All the past week, I planned to write a little each day instead of sitting down with two blank pages at the end of the commotion of having an auction and trying to remember what I did when. But here I am doing just that anyhow.

Monday I started moving boxes and boxes of things into the living room sorting all my belongings carefully into types of things—writing things, children's things, artist's things, etc. By Tuesday, I'd given up and was just throwing everything into whatever box was closest.

Of course, I was quite short of time anyhow because I tore into the Free Press darkroom every chance I got. My husband couldn't quite see this, thinking about all that had to be done at home, but actually it was all that kept my sanity intact, I think.

It was great to be able to lock the darkroom door and leave all the other problems and confusion outside. Then, all things going along as usual, the lock jammed on the door and I was trapped in there till somebody jiggled the knob the right way and let me out.

First time
Tuesday was the day I decided to take the new "four-on-the-floor" truck into town for the first time. I slipped out of the house in a hurry figuring the thing I least needed was a seatful of back-seat drivers.

I managed all right out to the 25 highway. Then for some reason or other, I couldn't find third gear again. Most of the way into town was driven on the shoulder in second gear, before I discovered where third was, and got on my way.

Wednesday the sun was out and I could hardly stay in the house to get anything done. Gord says there aren't too many maples in Alberta, so we won't see the same coloring as there is here in the fall. I feel that this area is putting on a special show for me this year, since I might not be

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Back again
On finding from the auctioneer that it had been sold, I tore out to buy it back. After hearing my frantic explanations that the structure was what my dogs were supposed to go to travel to Alberta in, the gentleman very kindly sold it back to me and said he'd find something else for his rabbits.

I wonder what we'd have done if I hadn't seen it being loaded. Put seat belts on all the dogs and sat them in a row against the back of the truck's cab? With Minnie in the middle?

I can see it now.

end of the day, and very tired but happy.

Sunday morning, the first jar I got was opening my eyes to walls empty of furnishings. The second noticeable thing was the silence. With all the appliances that buzz and hum gone, the house was dead quiet and very strange.

Then the phone began ringing. Friends wanted to know how I felt with everything gone. I was still too busy to feel anything. The amount of packing and cleaning to do yet is still enough to keep me hopping.

Little choice
This morning though, I woke to find Tansy-cat on the bed and we had a weep together. We can't take the cats with us and they know it. The trip in the back of a truck would be just too much for them and I don't want to take the chance of giving them away and not having them fit into their new homes. That doesn't leave me with too much choice.

Friday morning we'll pack the dogs and Minnie-the-ferret in the back of one truck and our belongings in the back of the other and head off to Breton, Alberta. There we'll find out for sure if our offer to purchase a farm there has gone through. If not, we'll just have to find something else.

But if it has, I'll write more about it from out there. I can't say too much now, as I haven't even seen the place, but it sounds interesting.

Incidentally, one thing that happened on Saturday just about gave me a fit! After everything was all over, I looked out the window and saw a man loading my dog-house camper on his truck.

Eyes on you
Erin Council met that night, and the sun was just setting as I drove up to Hillsburgh. If I had had both time and camera, I could have taken some tremendous pictures of the countryside in full regalia. However, I had neither, so I'll just have to try and remember it.

Incidentally, I'd like the gentlemen of Erin Council to know that I'll be subscribing to the Acton Free Press from Alberta and keeping up to date with what's going on in Erin. So please remember, sirs, that the eyes of the west will be on you.

Thursday and Friday were total confusion. Everytime I packed something, somebody wanted it. Gord misplaced his travellers cheques and I had to unpack everything I'd done up till then. It turned out I'd put them away in a little box of paper clips so they wouldn't get lost.

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Fall bazaar, tea planned by A.C.W.

June Hunter opened the October 1 meeting of the Anglican Church Women with the roll call "How to teach our children to be good citizens." Many good suggestions were made.

Ann Carr, sitting in for secretary Pat Wilson, read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Lindsay reported sending flowers to Mrs. B. Creasey.

Plans for the Lee family reunion dinner on December 6 were discussed.

The rummage left-over from the sale was disposed of to be put to good use. The Nov. 1 fall bazaar and tea was discussed and plans for a penny sale were finalized.

A light lunch was served by Marg Creasey's group.

Set date of inquest

October 15 is the date set for the inquest into the death of Ronald Lariviere, R.R. 5, Milton, who was found hanging in Georgetown police station, Friday, September 26.

The inquest will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Halton Hills administration building on the Seventh Line.

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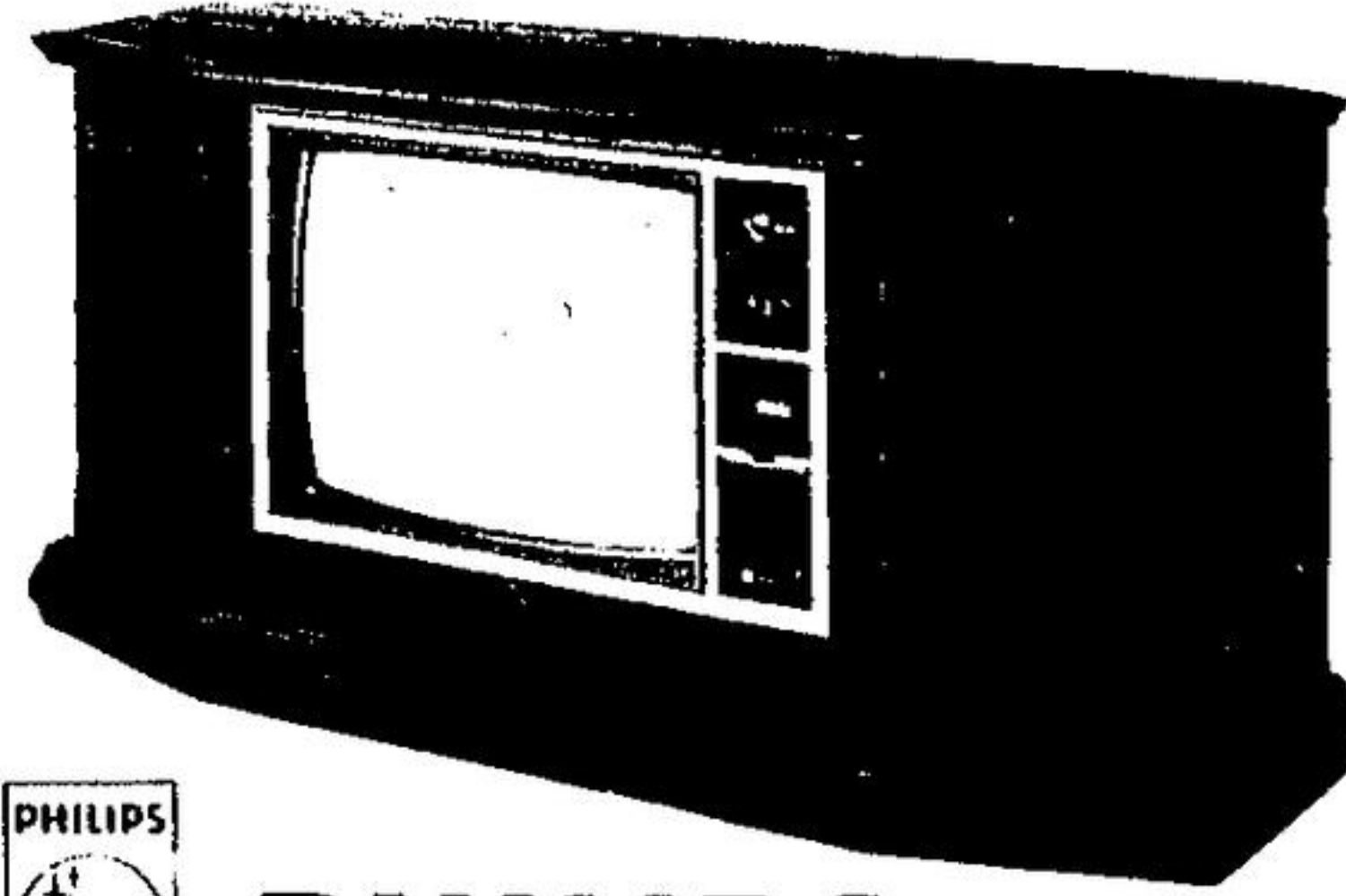
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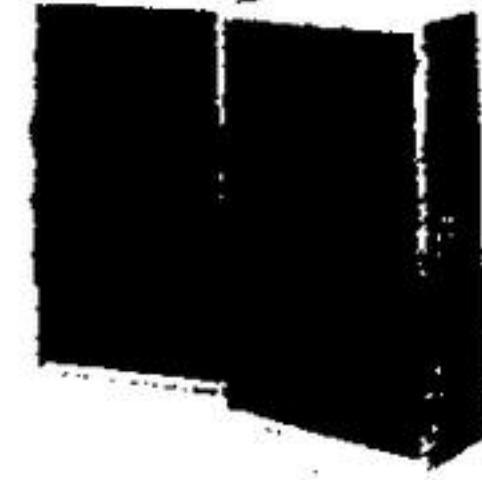
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