

Revitalization study planned downtown

A revitalization study will be made of downtown Acton. Members of the Business Improvement Area have agreed to hire Anthrogram Limited Planning and a contract is being drawn up.

At a cost of \$3,875, the company will study the downtown area and prepare suggestions for downtown improvements, street-scaping, etc.

The members of the B.I.A. in meeting with the representative of the firm, D. Flowers, were insistent that the ideas should be practical ones, functional as well as aesthetic.

Mr. Flowers told them not only would his company make suggestions, but they could also make separate estimates and oversee the

actual work.

The first stage of the study is to assess the functional and aesthetic problems of the downtown as well as any unexploited assets which could be developed as attractive features.

Committee illustrations will likely be made showing suggested changes to buildings. A com-

mittee will likely be established to act on the recommendations which come out of the study.

The planner will be ascertaining attitudes of officials and departments in the areas of zoning, public works, utilities, etc. and the B.I.A. budget will be taken into account.

An appropriate theme might be suggested. Parking

will be considered.

Public display After a preliminary study has been made, Anthrogram will attend a meeting to discuss the subject. Then a draft report will be prepared, and copies circulated. Then Anthrogram will prepare an implementation schedule based on priority ratings, prepare final report and illus-

trations for public display.

B.I.A. Chairman Henry Strachyra says he hopes the drawings will be ready in time to be shown at the fall fair. There will also likely be displays in store windows, he said.

"We're running on a modest budget and trying to keep it as realistic as possible," Mr. Strachyra said.



Citizen of the year

HE COULDN'T come to his own party! Dr. Frank Oakes was told Monday evening by a Chamber of Commerce committee that he had been chosen Citizen of the Year for 1977. However, he was going to be out of town on the planned date of May 27 so the Chamber hastily re-arranged the dinner for Friday evening, June 17. He's a former councillor and school board member and recently retired from his veterinary practice.

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Centre funds set for year

Plans are being made for a general membership meeting of the Community Services Centre.

At a board meeting, acting chairman Peter Marks reported the financial campaign was a complete success. The centre is being financed by \$5,687 from Halton Hills and the remaining 20 per cent of the budget from local donations.

More board members will be sought to fill vacancies.

Increased use of the Centre was reported by co-ordinator Terry Grubbe.

Since nurse Shirley McKay has been granted a leave of absence, the baby clinic can no longer be held at the centre. Ms. McKay had special training as a nurse practitioner and is not being replaced by the Health Unit.

11 unit motel addition

Halton Hills' only motel, The Cedar Springs, R.R. 1 Georgetown on Highway 7 between Acton and Georgetown is slated for a facelift and an expansion.

Halton Hills planning board decided last Tuesday the town has no objection to the addition of a second floor consisting of 11 units at the motel. The town's decision will be forwarded to the Niagara Escarpment Com-

mission who will have the final say.

In addition to the extra units the existing building will also be refurbished.

The owner Max Bogovic also wants to build a home at the rear of the motel as owner's quarters.

Councillor Peter Pomeroy urged planning board support the plan "because of the shortage of motels in Halton Hills."

Try for land separation fails

An application for a land severance near Crewson's Corners was turned down because it had very little going for it.

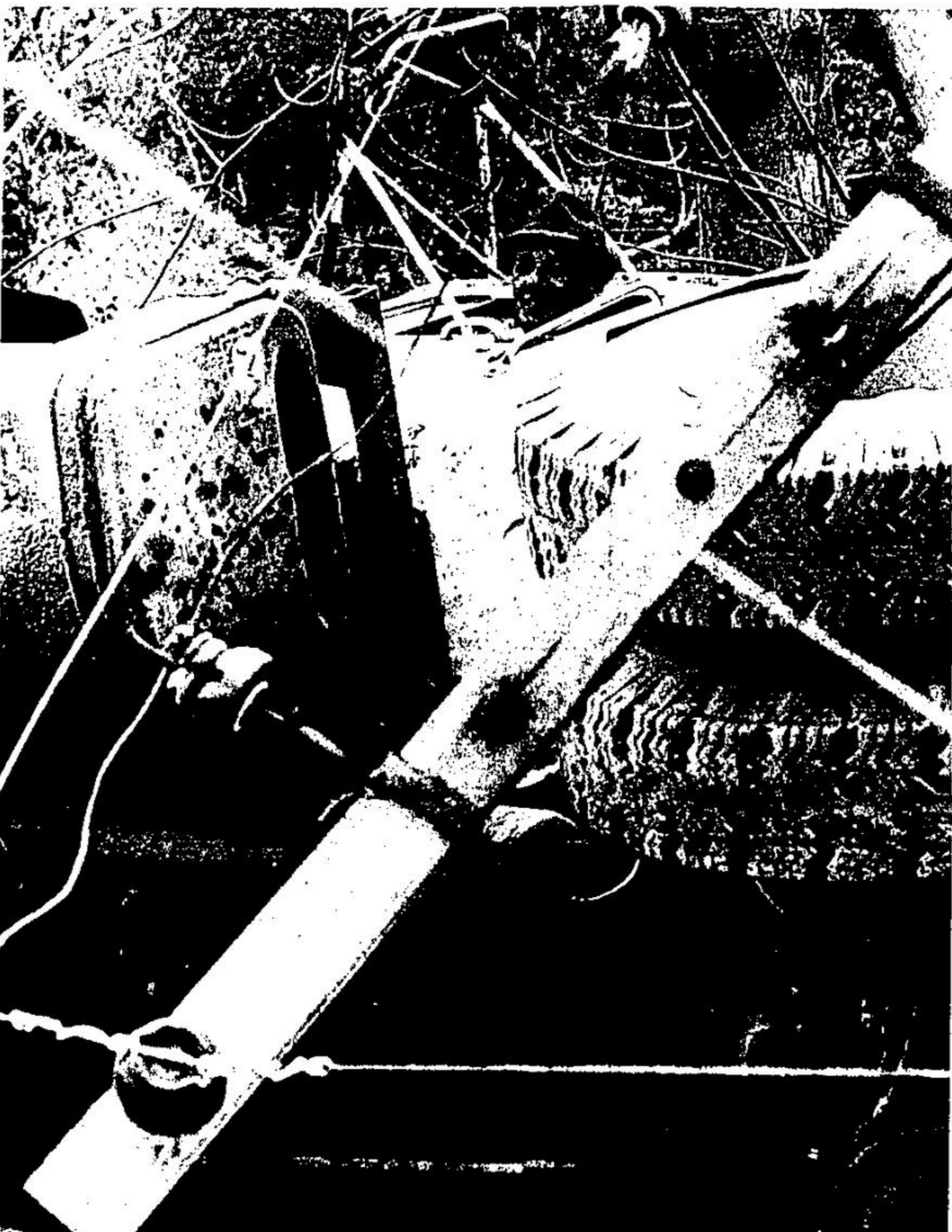
Regional land division committee denied the application of Steve and Helen Trutiak for a severance on the west half of Lot 32 on the First Line. It was for some 45 acres. The decision was made at a regular meeting at the Esquing office building on the Seventh Line Tuesday.

"You're beat", said committee member Des Morrow to Mrs. Trutiak.

and the Trutiaks are not active farmers.

Mrs. Trutiak asked how the other houses, located near the Trutiak property, got to be. The committee informed her that prior to 1974 the rules governing separations were quite lax.

The meeting was the second for the Trutiaks. At the first meeting the committee suggested the applicants may want to get a lawyer considering the wealth of reports going against them.



Name committee soon to study town hall

A committee will be named soon to discuss the town hall question. The clerk will contact Dr. George Elliott, who made the citizens' presentation to council last week, and the gathering of names will commence from there.

It has been suggested that there will be five local people on the committee as well as representatives of other interested groups.

JACK MITCHELL, Milton, looks out from the cab of his overturned tractor trailer through a maze of hydro wires, on the 4th line. He was unhurt in the Friday accident, but the wires on his truck prevented him from leaving until hydro workers had cut off power to the area.

Volunteers busy with many fires

Acton volunteer firefighters have been busy the past two weeks.

A chimney fire at the home of Earl McCoy, 67 Willow St., on May 4 was the first. Fire chief Mick Holmes reports no damage.

A grass fire along the railroad tracks two miles west of town on May 6 needed the attention of the firefighters, as did similar fires behind Mowbray Place and along Highway 7 near the first line, all on the same date.

Another grass fire on May 7 on Crescent St., has chief Holmes suspecting children. That same day, firefighters were called to a fire in a garage bin at the Chicken and Pizza Spot. Chief Holmes said something was thrown into the barbage. There was someone in the store at the time who turned in the alarm.

A car fire on Eastern Ave. resulted in the loss of a 1969 Mustang belonging to Winston Brent on May 8.

There was no damage to a furnace at the home of George Kolozsvari, 60 Mowbray Place on May 10. Chief Holmes explained that Mr. Kolozsvari had been cleaning the furnace when it was flooded with oil. The flames were out before the firefighters arrived, the chief said.

Boy Scouts reported a fire in the bush along 25 sideroad east of Highway 25 May 14.

Children were again suspected by Chief Holmes at another grass fire on Crescent St. on May 16.

Manufacturer employing 700 interested in locating here

A major Canadian company which manufactures products for retail shelves everywhere in Canada is interested in locating in North Halton and is trying to get the necessary land for a plant in either Acton or Milton. The company would employ 700 people.

George Gray, wearing two hats as PC candidate in the current election campaign and president of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, broke the news to Georgetown Rotary Club Monday night in a bag of assorted industrial goodies promised for Halton Hills.

Gray said he received a phone call at 10 o'clock Sunday morning from a representative of the manufacturer who indicated an interest in the Georgetown area for a labor intensive light manufacturing plant.

The plant would hire 700 people. It is a new facility of a major Canadian company, he said with popular products sold on retail shelves everywhere in Canada.

Gray said he acquainted the representatives of the company with the available land in the area and they seemed interested in locating in either Acton or Milton because little land is available in Georgetown. The land in Milton is described as being east of 25 Highway and north of 401 in the proposed Milton industrial park. The Acton land is in the industrial park.

The company is a responsible manufacturing firm which ships to all parts of Canada, Gray told Rotarians, and they are interested in breaking ground soon on a new plant to take advantage of the tax break on equipment and lower interest rates

the present time.

The PC candidate said the company was not interested in locating in the former Polysar plant in Milton but was looking for enough land for a completely new facility.

Surprise goodies It was one of several surprise industrial goodies the PC candidate announced Monday. Others included the news that the shutdown Domtar Fine Paper plant in Georgetown would very likely be opened soon by another company employing as many as 850. A large corporation, Gray said the company was now investigating adding to the present plant and was not studying the engineering possibilities.

He also said a West Toronto company interested in locating in Georgetown had contacted him last week after they saw his election signs, not realizing he was also president of the Georgetown

Chamber of Commerce. The company is expanding into an entirely new line of light steel manufacturing and would not be closing its present plant in west Toronto, he said, but would like to expand in to Georgetown.

He also said negotiations for purchase of the Beaumont yarn plant on Lamb St., Georgetown, were proceeding and it would mean another 20 jobs for Halton Hills.

Gray stressed there were attractive possibilities for manufacturing in Halton Hills with a large labor pool and he thought this was attracting manufacturers.

The PC candidate claimed credit for initiating negotiations between Domtar and the new company interested in locating at the former paper mill which closed down in April, leaving 176 employees out of work. Many have since found jobs.

Senior citizens

Enough applications to fill all 58 units

With any luck at all Acton's 58 unit senior citizens apartments building proposed for Elizabeth Drive will open late in the summer of 1978.

Christa Hale, Ontario Housing Corporation, unveiled plans for the seniors residence for Halton Hills planning board last Tuesday night.

She said originally the project was to be done in two phases but there are now enough applications, 61, to fill the whole building so the whole project will be done at once. Miss Hale noted several different agencies must still approve the project.

Hopefully tenders will be called in July, she reported, and a rough estimate calls for construction to start late this fall.

"It will be completed hopefully late next summer," she said.

Miss Hale said its completion would likely coincide with completion of a sewage treatment plant expansion in 1978.

Regional architect Glen Taber said the site slopes up seven feet from the sidewalk to the building and will have three floors and be L-shaped. He explained as many existing trees on the property as possible will be kept and considerable landscaping will be done so the appearance will be attractive and increase the value of neighbours' property.

There will be a ground floor, a second floor and a basement floor all with units. Plans didn't call for an elevator but persuasion by planning board led O.H.C. to change the plans following the meeting and include an elevator.

Councillors were very concerned, about the lack of an elevator not being in a senior citizens' housing complex especially for residents with heart problems and urged strongly an elevator be included.

There will be recreation areas, a garden for the seniors, crafts room, common room and other facilities and the units will be 465 square feet with bedroom, a kitchen-dining room, living room and balcony.

Special units and common facilities will be especially equipped for the handicapped.



YOUNG JIM McMULLEN began breathing again after a car accident thanks to the quick thinking and fast action of Constable Brian Farrell. Jim was in an accident at Crewson's Corners involving a car and two pedestrians. When Const. Farrell arrived at the scene (he was off-duty at the time) he was told a nine-year-old had been killed. He examined Jim, detected no pulse but began mouth to mouth resuscitation until Jim began breathing again. Jim spent quite a while at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto and is now completely recovered. He was at the Optimists' Respect for Law and Order Awards night in Georgetown to make his own presentation to Const. Farrell who also received a Law Enforcement Award. His parents Barbara and Dave McMullen of R.R. 1, Acton also attended.

Renovations over budget

Renovations at Acton Community Centre came in over tender, but Halton Hills council decided to go ahead with it, Monday night.

The contract was awarded to Mike Mastrangelo at a price of \$22,000.

The town's cost, less subsidies, had been budgetted at \$15,000, while the bid price less subsidies, will be \$18,150, leaving \$3,150 to be financed from general revenue.

The Community Centre contract will include new changerooms, washrooms and storage rooms.

B.I.A. board now official

The bylaw has been passed officially appointing members to the board of management of the Business Improvement Area. The board is in effect for a year, commencing May 2.

On the B.I.A. board are chairman Henry Stachyra, Dave Swetman, Bill Yundt, Terence Gwyer, Ed Wood, Mike Kinal and councillor Pat McKenzie.

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