



HYDRO CREW HAD TO cut down a large branch which fell against the Elliott home on Church Street East during Sunday's violent wind and thunder storm. Most of the family was home when the maple tree split. Mrs. V. Elliott, partially hidden by Gary, said there was a bang when the tree branch hit the house. Paul Elliott, right, stands with Russell.

## Kerr moves plug loophole

According to Milton Councillor Jim Kerr, Regional Council has been basing some of its most serious decisions on reports it hasn't had a good opportunity to read or study.

Kerr won support from Halton Region's Administration Committee Wednesday when he urged a change in the rules of procedure that will now prohibit Council from dealing with committee reports unless councillors have had the reports for 72 hours prior to the meeting.

He said there had been a number of occasions when council was asked to act on a matter, having only received a report during the meeting. In the case of the decision to spend over a half a million dollars in excess of the budget for the headquarters, council had received no written report.

The building committee had met earlier the same day and Chairman David Coons reported to council that the committee had not reached a consensus and he offered three different resolutions from which the council could make a choice.

The choice and the manner in which it was made has received harsh criticism in the past few weeks.

Kerr's suggestion was welcomed by the committee. Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said he felt the idea was a good one. "I agree our policy is not a good one."

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow said the suggestion could make his job a lot easier and help prevent

alterations that have taken place in the past.

"I've had to obey the rules of procedure we had to work with," he explained.

The committee recommendation goes before council for ratification or rejection today.

During the same meeting council considered changing the procedural rules in an effort to block councillors from having council decisions reversed.

Many councillors have complained in the past about council reversing its decision after a councillor who was

unhappy with the original decision reintroduced the matter.

Councillor Carl Eriksen said any intention to ask for a decision to be reversed should be published as a notice of motion.

He said delegations leaving a meeting could think a matter had been settled to their satisfaction, only to find later that a contrary motion had slipped through. The committee agreed that reconsideration should be given only after a person who voted in the affirmative changes his vote.

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## Limehouse

### Nursing home premature - BD

A proposal to build a 160 bed nursing home on the Fifth Line, about a mile north of Limehouse, was termed "premature" by Halton Hills Planning Board, this week.

The plan was submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission prior to the planning board bid, but no decision has been made as yet.

The three storey nursing home would be built on 30 acres of wooded land by Reltuc Development and Construction Corporation, headed by President Jack Cutler, who lives on the property.

Planning board made no comment on the plan, last week, other than the decision it was premature.

Mr. Cutler pointed out the heavily wooded area and the

set back from the road would make it almost invisible to neighbors, and said he could foresee no problem with the surrounding residents.

A freeze enacted by the Ontario Government has stopped the building on nursing homes. At present, Georgetown and District Hospital Board are trying to have the freeze lifted on a 100 bed nursing home adjacent to the hospital.

"Before I spend any more money, I'm waiting for N.E.C. approval. They have total control of this area," said Mr. Cutler.

He said the company feels the project has merit, and would fill a need. He said the land is no good for farming, and pointed out the staff requirements would give employment in the area.

### Might include reflecting pool

The proposed new regional headquarters building might still be highlighted by a \$16,000 reflecting pond.

The pond was one of the first things to be taken out of the specifications when the tenders came in away over budget.

But now some members of the building committee feel that it will be penny wise and pound foolish to leave the pool out of the specifications.

The matter came up before the committee after Oakville's site plan committee recommended that the region consider including the pool, for aesthetic purposes.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett said Oakville Council felt the pool should be included.

"I'd love to see the pool in and I know we are over budget already," Burlington Councillor Dave Coons said.

Regional Chairman Ric Morrow urged the committee not to rule out the possibility of including the pool - for the time being anyway.

Oakville Councillor Carl Eriksen said he never sup-

ported the overexpenditure that put the cost of the building up to \$2,700,000, but now that that is done, he would have to support the inclusion of the pool. He suggested a service club or other interested body might be interested in providing the \$16,000.

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## Beaver property for sale

Beaver Homes in Milton, a division of Beaver Lumber Co. Ltd., has listed its Harrop Dr. building and property for sale - but the company does not want to leave the Milton area or close down its local manufacturing operation.

"We hope to be able to lease back the portion of the plant presently used for our manufacturing operation," said Brian Musson, Operations Manager at Beaver Lumber in Milton.

He explained the Beaver plant was originally designed to house three divisions of the Beaver firm, but two of the operations were withdrawn a few years ago. The one remaining operation uses only about one-third of the 40,000 square foot building and one-third of the 6.5 acre site.

"The building is not being used to full capacity," he said. "If successful arrangements can be made, it may offer an opportunity to attract further industry to the Milton area."

Business is currently strong, he added.

Beaver currently employs 25 people and he said the employees will continue to be a major factor in Beaver's future growth.

### Car on side

A car driven by an Acton man ended up on its side Sunday morning, north of Halton Road 12.

Dave Kociuk of 333 Queen St. was at the wheel when his car crossed the road and struck the opposite shoulder, police say. The rear end of the vehicle swung around and the vehicle landed on its right side, police said.

Police estimate \$500 damage to the car.

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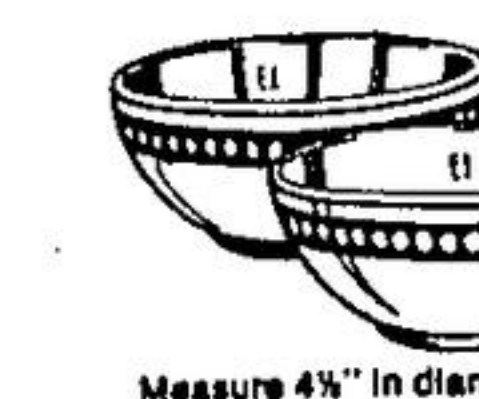
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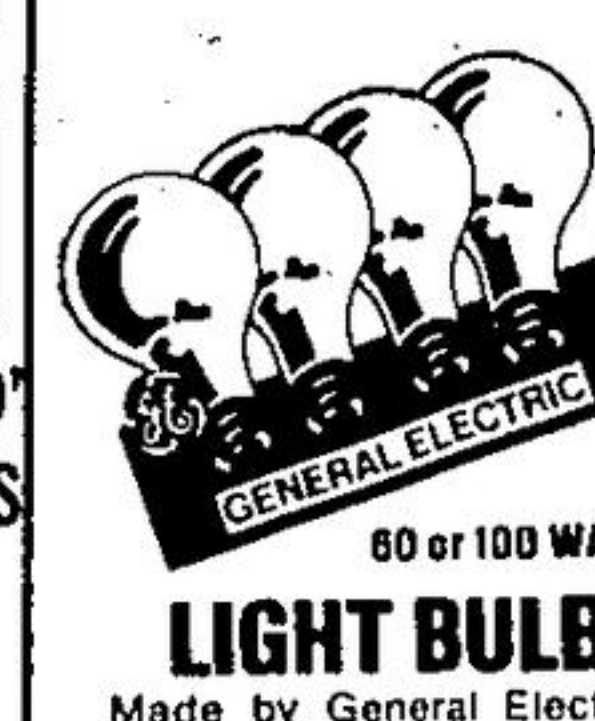


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