

TWO NEW TALL bays are being added to Blow Press' operations. Work is expected to be completed this week.

## Blow Press expands to meet market calls

Blow Press Ltd. is raising its roof because industry Press can more quickly demands more and more assemble large presses, such

bays means the company is monster is the largest press able to assemble four huge produced here, said Mr. presses at once, according to Becker. It is used in Toronto punch press designer Heinz to punch out automotive tons.

The company already has a and the new ones are being the rear of the plant.

East, off Wallace Street. 35 ton Stahlkran Crane. It said. joins the older 20 ton crane

The expansion work is by Becker said. Dulker Construction of Rockwood. The new bays, started business between 35 and 40 three weeks ago, are to be years. finished this week. Mr. Productivity should in-Becker said last week that crease somewhat, but I'm not construction was right on sure how much, he said,

as the 80-ton machine com-Construction of two new tall pleted last month. The

Next year's orders are for pair of two storey tall bays, large machines, Mr. Becker said. Expansion means Blow added to the existing ones at Press is keeping pace with market demands. Before, Mr. Blow Press is on Perth Becker said, the company Avenue, which is the first might turn out 15 small street north of Mill Street presses a year. Today three orders for small machines is Also new at Blow Press is a considered quite a bit, he

"We had to have the change the company used for years. to meet the market," Mr. Blow Press has been in the

Expansion means Blow Asked if he thought additional staff would be needed, he said: "Not really, no".

The 80-ton press which the company finished in July was a Unimatic with external dimensions of about 14 feet by 8 feet, it has a capacity of 400

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Chairwoman Jo Lister agreed but suggested a public relations job might be better

In order to do so the board be invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Betty Fisher and John Ferguson, who helped initiate a 3,500 name petition against the new library, and who carried the fight to the Ontario Municipal Board, will

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# Acton makes compost for mushroom farmers

John Andersen's compost for growing mushrooms, and business began five years ago the more than one million in Acton, and business has been mushrooming ever since. He sells compost to growing of 312 million pounds mushroom farmers in the area, and is the only person in Ontario to sell custom fungus, are not planted the

compost. hay, horse manure, corn cobs, "brewers' grain, a chemical called Acto 88, gypsum, ammonia nitrite and potash. It is especially used

square feet of compost he sells each year goes into the of mushrooms.

Mushrooms, being way corn or wheat are. They His compost is a mixture of are kept in compost beds in dark and cool buildings, to keep them away from the light that would kill them.

Long history Mushrooms have a long

history as food, and in Caesar's time there were already laws governing the grading and selling of them. The first records of their cultivation occur in the time of the Sun King, Louis XIV, where they were grown on the floors of caves in France.

Mushroom technology has advanced since then, and the spores are now grown in sills, usually in six layers.

The basic method is the same, only different. A mushroom farmer still spreads the spores throughout a moist mulch and hides it from the light. What has changed most is the preparation of the mulch. Each growing area in Mr. Andersen's plant is sterilized by heating the air to 150 Fahrenheit, while the bed and the compost reach 160 degrees. They stay at this temperature for eight hours, and the temperature is kept around 130 fahrenheit for eight days before the mushrooms are planted.

46 million Canada produces 46 million pounds of mushrooms this " way every year, importing another 40 million to keep up with the demand for those who prefer pepperoni and mushroom pizzas to the plain undressed variety.

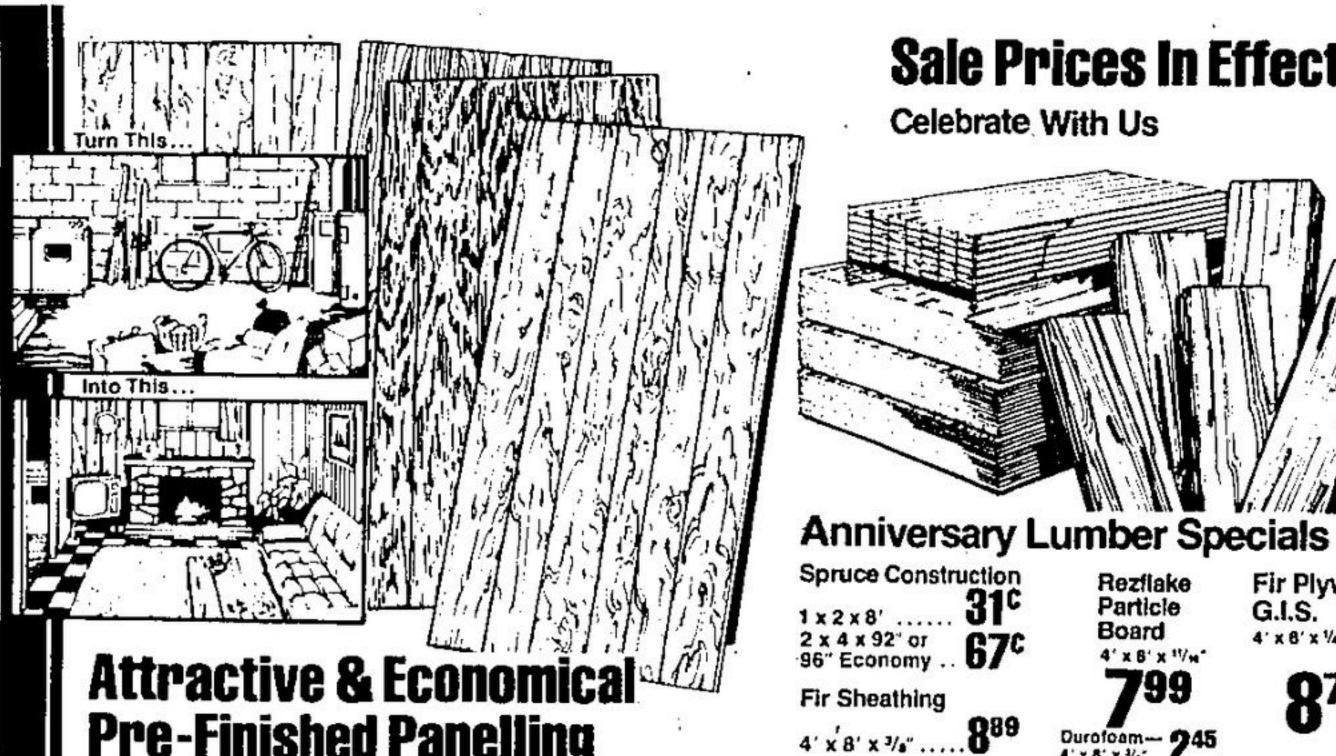
Mushroom farmers from Hamilton to Simcoe use Mr. Andersen's compost for their work. He supplies 26 mushroom growers in Ontario, as far east as Bowmanville, on

the other side of Toronto. The materials he puts into his compost come from all over the area. He uses 85,000 bales of hay a year, and right now has 50,000 bates in a stack, "the largest haystack in Acton" he said, which measures 600 feet long by 40 feet wide by 14 feet high. The hay has been accumulating since January.

The provincial government Eighteen people are emhas said it would match every ployed at the farm, moving 35 dollar the municipalities pay to 40,000 feet of compost every week. According to Mr. Both Milton and Halton Andersen, in spite of the piles of rotting hat and manure, Hills Councils were stated to deal with the matter at "We never smell it. We've never had a complaint."

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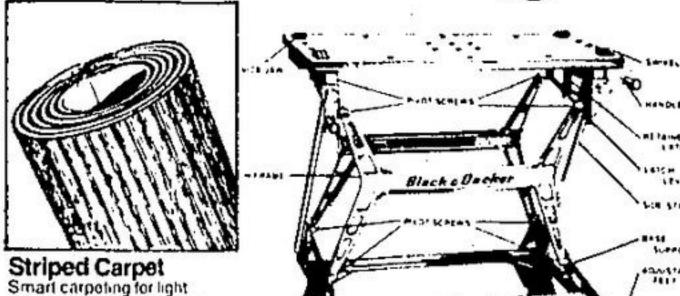
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meetings last night.

Highway 25 while John Andersen supervises.

Halton Region's Adminis-

tration Committee doesn't

feel the region should contri-

bute to the rebuilding of Co-

balt. A fire in that municipal-

ity last May demolished 118

homes, 31 apartments and

The committee recom-

mended no aid be given by the

region after being advised

that Oakville Council had voted to provide \$4,200 for the

fund. The committee felt that

because Oakville had acted upon the matter, it was best

to treat it as an area munici-

\$300 damage

2 place Friday.

damage at \$300.

Wednesday

Burlington's Administration Committee has recommended city council make no contribution and that relief be

Vandals damaged doors and

Guelph OPP estimate the

Barn razed

Acton and Milton fire depart-

ments were called to a barn fire, at John Milne's farm on

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