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ing increases of 60 per cent in the water rates for people in the Acton urban services area. But even those increases won't be enough to cover all of the work that is being done and needs to be done of the Acton water system, Mr. Farmer told a press conference Monday.

If Halton Region's \$34,209,472 budget was to be passed without any cuts the increases in Halton Hills would range from a low of \$12.34 in Georgetown to a high of \$27.83 in former Esqueping.

Two M.Z. Bennett pupils swept top honors in the sixth annual Georgetown Optimists public speaking contest at Georgetown last night. Adela Rodriguez and Stephen Saxon, both 12 years old, talked their way ahead of four other contestants.

Both sides on contract negotiations between Beardmore and Co. and the union had little to say at the hearing into this Thursday's meeting at Mohawk. Talks are still carrying on and reasonable progress is being made, John Greifeneder, the company's chief chemist said Monday.

Disston (Canada) Ltd. said union negotiations are waiting the appointment of a conciliation officer before they get down to bargaining again.

Halton Regional Health Unit officials are still working to control any possible outbreak of diphtheria in Halton.

Another adjournment is necessary in the Bradley-Georgetown hydro expropriation hearings at Acton Legion hall because the interest of the people of Ontario is so great, the hearing officer ruled yesterday.

Halton Hills now has a fire chief for the whole town. Monday Mick Holmes chief of fire area number one, Acton and surrounding area, was appointed to the position of chief for both districts one and two. Area two is comprised of Georgetown and the surrounding area.

Following union meetings Monday, agreement has been reached on contract negotiations with Beardmore and Co. A vote was taken by union membership.

A four year frustrating battle for a building permit for a small industrial building on Main St. North, by Mogen Toft, came to a close to a solution Monday night at Halton Hills council.

Halton Region Public Works committee approved sewer and water budgets for the region at special meetings Thursday and Friday.

A downed tree between Acton and Speyside caused a hydro blackout in the immediate area, and a disruption of cable television service in Acton, Milton and Georgetown on Monday. The large badly rotted tree in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Norton on Highway 25 toppled at 9:30 a.m. taking hydro and cable wires with it as it fell to the ground.

Over 30 people voted unanimously to form the Acton Business Association Wednesday evening in the fire hall. Marilyn Ottaway was elected chairman, Art Cooper secretary and John Burnstead treasurer. On the board of directors are Don Lindsay, Wayne Ruse, Grace Robertson, Ed Wood and John Coniglio.

Paper work preparatory to Main St. reconstruction is still underway but the work should be done early in the

summer, according to Bob Austin, Halton Hills engineer. Tenders for the removal of two houses on the site of the senior citizens housing in Acton should be called in the next two weeks, Conservative candidate George Gray announced this week after a meeting with Gordon Hickory of Ontario Housing Corporation. Mr. Gray learned there are 45 new applications received in Acton and 90 in Georgetown, assuring the construction of the 53 sites here.

Fire chief Mick Holmes blames the eight grass fires since Saturday on carelessness and thoughtlessness. Mr. Holmes said some fires were started by people burning off their grass from their fields, and then the fires got out of hand. He stressed this is illegal as well as dangerous.

Mr. Justice Minister Peter Cory of Ontario Supreme Court has reversed a decision by Halton Regional Council to proceed with work on a landfill site at the corner of Britannia and Tremaine Rds. in Milton.

Land division committee took its cue from the town to deny Ontario Hydro's bid for a piece of land for its controversial power corridor. Traffic is being detoured off Main St. this week during the installation of a sewer line. The present patch of construction extends from Mill St. to Brock Ave. The remainder of the work will be done during the next stage of the construction.

Although three municipalities are turning clocks forward in the wee hours this Sunday morning, introducing Daylight Saving Time, Halton Hills evidently will be remaining on standard time. Halton Hills council either neglected or forgot to pass the appropriate resolution to make the time change at Monday's meeting.

Acton's old town hall will be demolished and the Acton fire hall renovated, if council accepts a Halton Hills works committee recommendation next Monday.

At an enthusiastic meeting Friday night, members of the Actonians group agreed to make a presentation on Bill 151 which set up regional government in Halton. However, since notice was just given in the Free Press of April 13, they felt they did not have long enough to prepare, and wrote Halton Hills council to that effect. They are preparing a report which will be presented later to the regional committee instead. Recently appointed fire chief for Halton Hills Mick

Holmes will soon have an assistant, Monday, Halton Hills works committee approved the hiring of a deputy chief.

Water rate increases in every municipality in Halton with the possible exception of Oakville will come into effect July 1, providing Halton Regional council endorses a resolution coming of the public works committee.

Two of Acton's doctors, Dr. Craig Hutchinson and Dr. R. Wilson from the Glenlea Medical Clinic, are moving their practice to the United States to escape what they call "bureaucratic red tape". The writ is issued, the candidates are out and the race is on. After 19 months of minority government Ontario residents will go to the polls June 9. Candidates are incumbent Julian Reed, Liberal; Bill Johnson, New Democratic Party, and George Gray, Progressive Conservatives.

Deadline for a legal strike at Disston Canada is Sunday, May 8, following receipt of a "no board" report following conciliation meetings.

People who are opposed to the Acton town hall being torn down so parking and an expanded fire hall can be provided for volunteer firefighters will have a chance to try to change Halton Hills council's minds at a special meeting next Monday. However, judging from comments at Monday's council meeting there isn't much chance anyone will be able to persuade council to spare the old building.

Thirty-four people out of some 50 applications have been interviewed by representatives of the Ministry of Housing concerning senior citizens housing units, planned in Acton.

Disston Canada Union members walked off their jobs at noon Monday and are preparing for a lengthy strike, according to Union public relations man Brian McDonald.

Halton Hills works committee will recommend council proceed with the third and final reading of a by-law to purchase the Hotchen's Bakery property on Willow St. for public parking.

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.

John R. Glynn, R.R. 1, Limehouse was killed in a glider accident Sunday afternoon. An experienced glider, Mr. Glynn, 63, was flying out of Toronto Flying Club when the tragedy occurred near Keldon, a small village close to Mount Forest.

A land developer eager to construct a subdivision in Ballinafad, struck out during an Ontario Municipal Board hearing. However, he intends to come back to the plate again.

Anyone receiving the guaranteed income supplement to the old age pension who wants to apply for the \$100 reduction in property tax must apply before September 1 of this year.

Flames and smoke could be seen in Lakeview subdivision Sunday evening as Acton

volunteer firefighters fought a blaze on the First Line. Acton resident Jim James was one of the recipients of the Optimist club Law Enforcement awards presented last week.

After being on strike exactly three weeks, Disston union employees went back to work Monday. The two year contract, which was approved following mediation, gives a seven per cent increase in the first year, retroactive to the first of February.

Halton Regional Police are looking for new quarters and have two possibilities lined up.

The Ontario Court of Appeals last Tuesday unanimously overruled an earlier decision by the Divisional Court over expropriation hearings on the proposed 500,000 volt Ontario Hydro corridor from Bruce to Milton. The court ruled expropriation hearings should

consider alternative routes for the corridor and Mr. Justice Thomas Zuber said it appeared the Solandt Commission study into Hydro corridor proposals did not deal with a route between the transformer station near Milton and the Bruce nuclear station on Lake Huron in a substantial way.

All three men seeking election to Queen's Park Gary Dawkins, Bill Johnson and Julian Reed, are optimistic about the upcoming provincial election in Halton Burlington. All three feel they have been received well both at meet the candidate meetings and in the door to door canvassing.

Acton's police office no longer has a sergeant in charge. Sergeant Richard Hilton put in his last day here Friday and he has been transferred to Oakville. Sgt. Hilton's tour here lasted a year.

the 21 individuals receiving Halton Hills Recognition Certificates Thursday in Georgetown. Kevin Parker was National 1976 champion, Novice Men's Figure Skating, while Nancy Wong was 1976 Ontario free throw champion.

When Liberal MPP Julian Reed goes back to Queen's Park he'll have a stronger mandate from the people of Halton-Burlington than he had when he was first elected 20 months ago. The whopping plurality of 3698 votes forms a definite contrast with the margin of less than 500 votes that put Reed in office in September 1975. He topped Tory Gary Dawkins, and NDP Bill Johnson in the new riding of Halton-Burlington.

Land for a Catholic elementary school and for the first Catholic high school north of Five Highway has been donated to Halton Separate

School board. Acton Community Service Centre could expand its premises into the front of the town offices in the Y building on Mill St. If Halton Hills council accepts a recommendation from finance administration committee.

Monday, Halton Hills works committee decided to feed Acton's ducks again next winter.

Town cemeteries look like an English country garden, but the parks are a disaster, Councillor Peter Marks told Halton Hills finance administration committee Monday night. He asked if the town does any weed spraying.

A happy group of friends assembled Friday evening in the Music Centre to applaud beaming Dr. Frank Oakes

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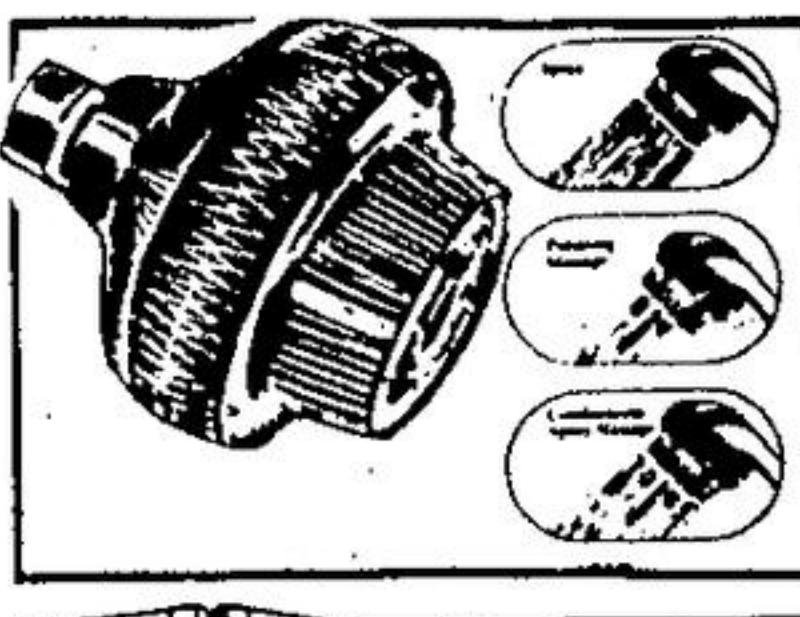
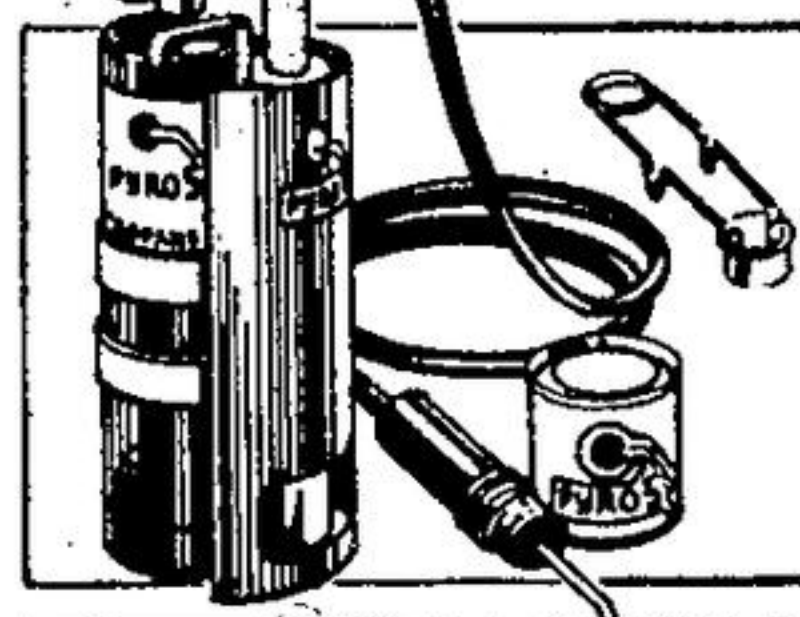


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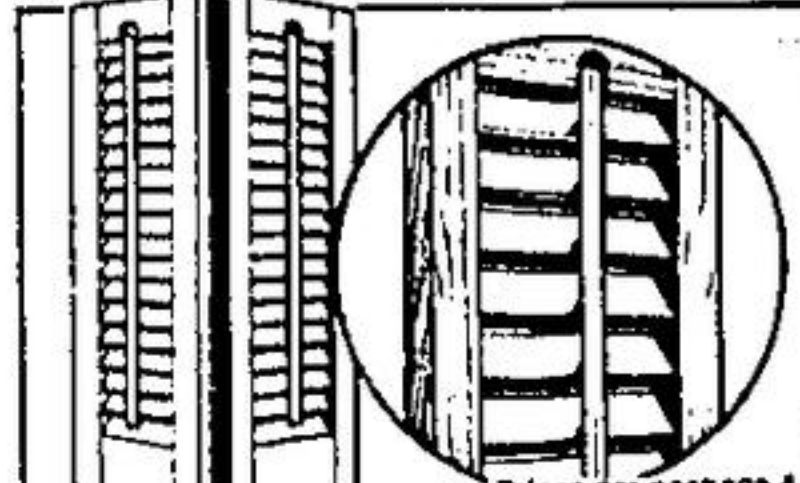
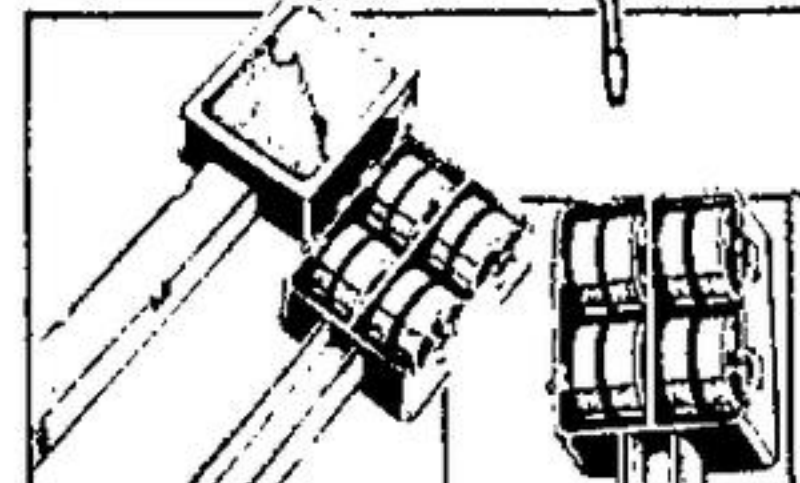
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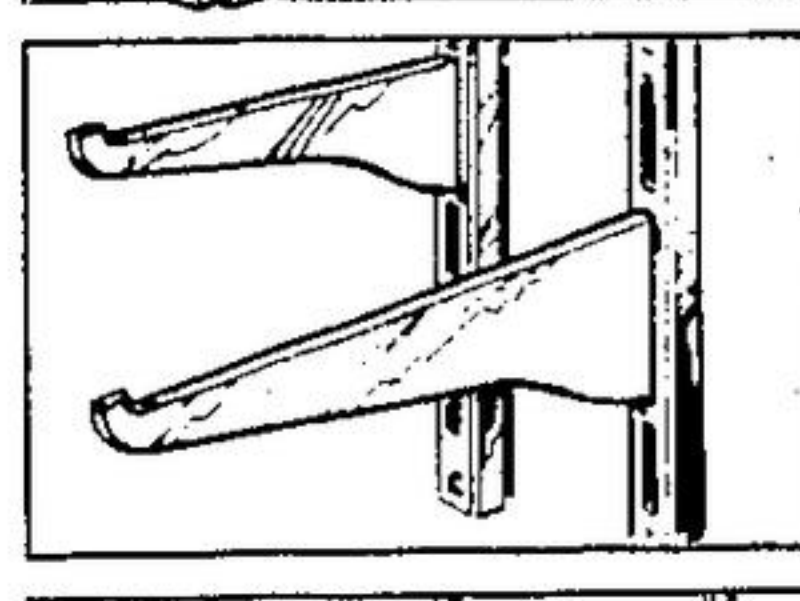
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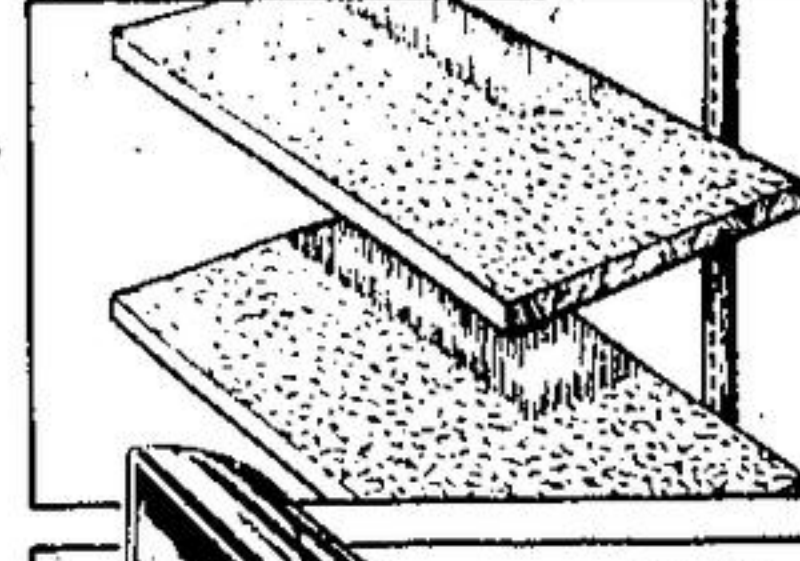
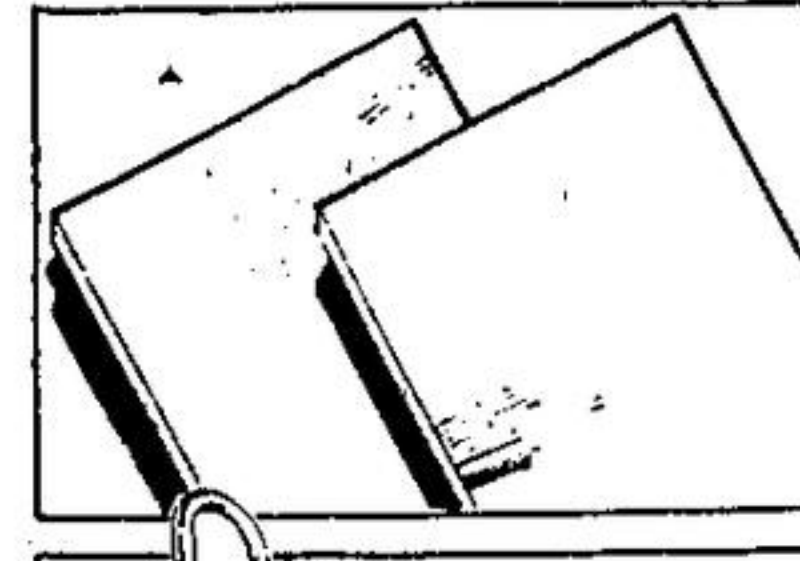
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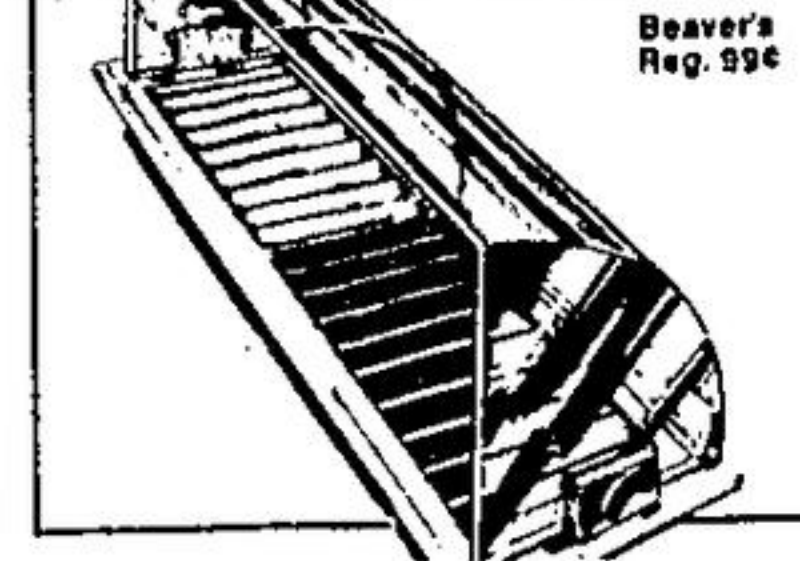
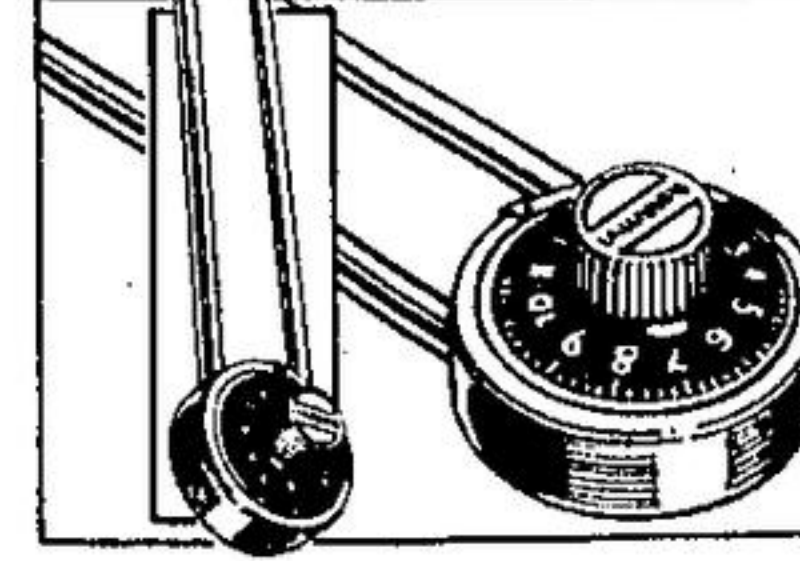
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