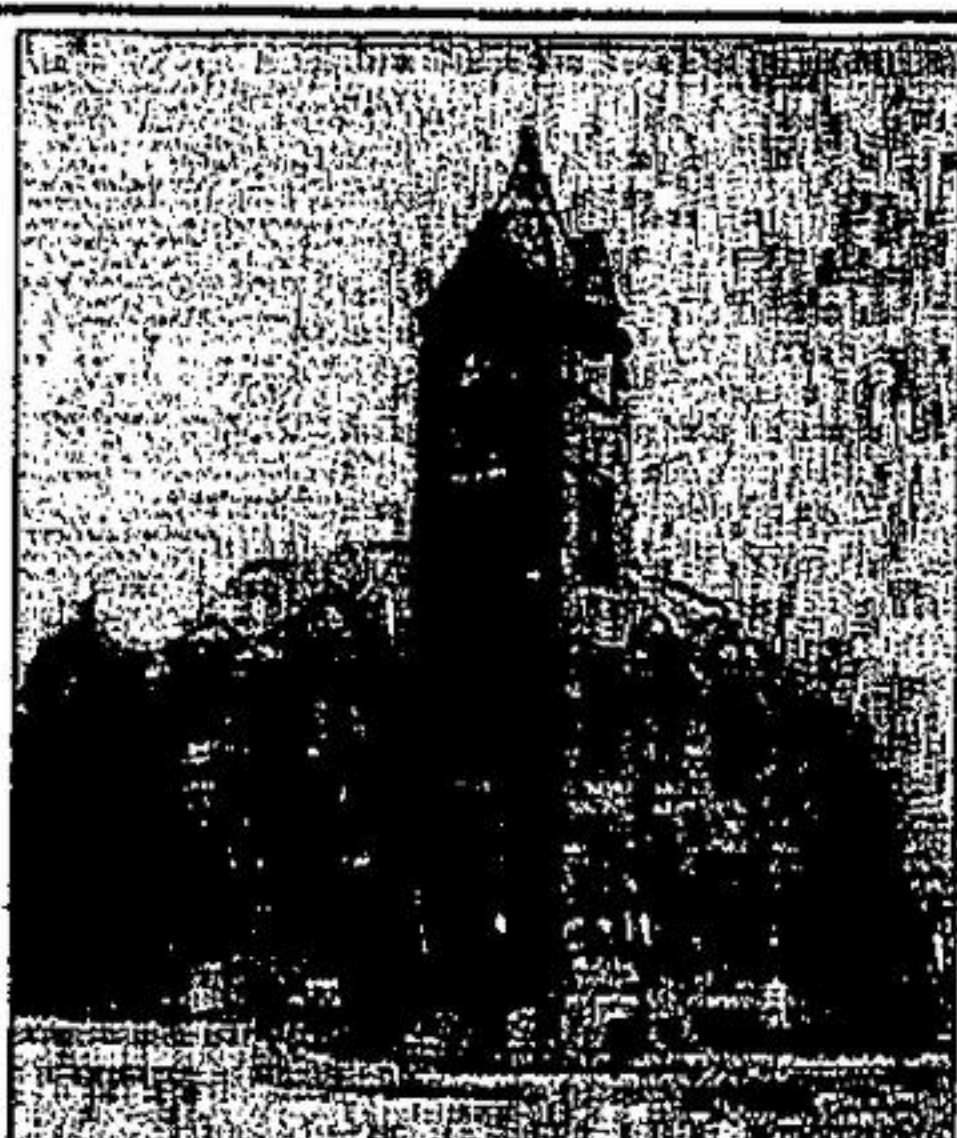




Beverly House, the Beardmore mansion.

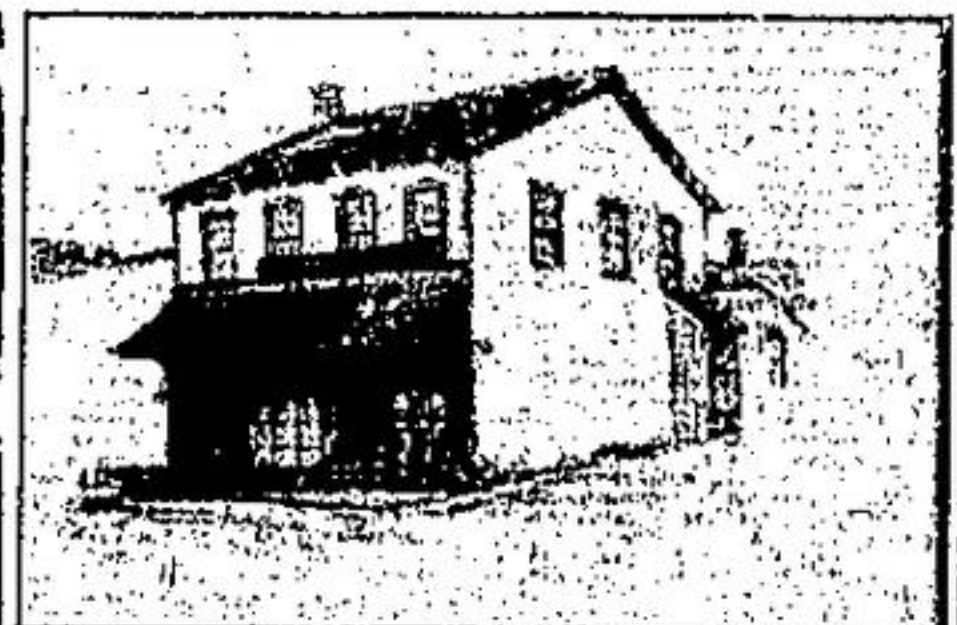


Acton's old post office. The Toronto-Dominion Bank now stands there.

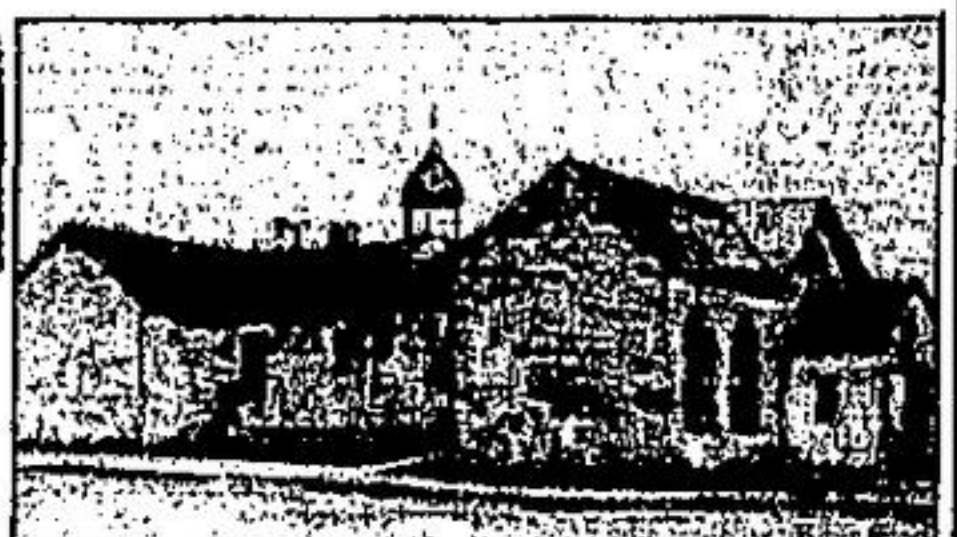


Acton's first post office, where the Bank of Nova Scotia now stands.

This week thru the lens
Artist's view of Leathertown



Henderson's Store, Acton's first bank because the store contained a safe.



The first stone school built in Acton. Robert Little School is on the site today.



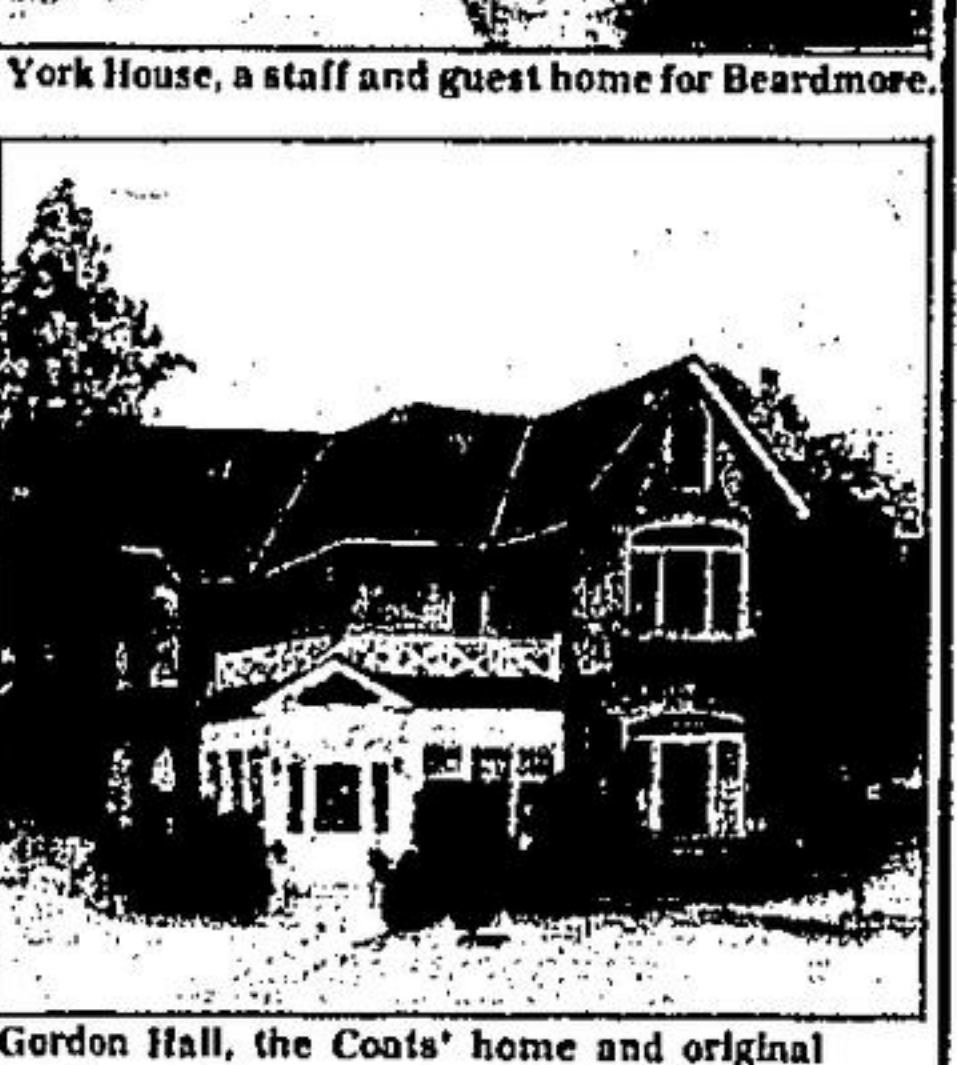
Hill Hall on Main St., another Beardmore mansion.



York House, a staff and guest home for Beardmore.



Moorecroft, the home of H.P. Moore.



Gordon Hall, the Coats' home and original location of the Bannockburn School.

Chamber establishes committee study proposed region lot levies

Acton Chamber of Commerce has set up a special committee to prepare a brief to Halton Hills and Halton region dealing with proposed industrial and commercial lot levies. Regional Councillor Dave Whiting, who is also a vice-president of the Chamber, said he will perform liaison between the region and local committee, consisting of Paul Nielsen, Dr. Ron Trenton and Doug Fread. Discussion of regional lot levies on industrial and commercial property has been promoted by the Oakville servicing report, Whiting said.

He explained this report says water and sewer services must be installed in advance of development in Oakville, as well as the rest of the region. Sixty per cent of the services need to be in place by 1990, even though only about one-third of new development will materialize by then.

Installing new water and sewer services in Halton will eat up 96 per cent of the capital costs of the system in the years ahead, work on existing water and sewer lines will amount to four per cent of the costs.

While the region receives money from developers and provincial subsidies from the provinces, unless industrial and commercial lot levies are brought in there will be a \$4.5 million shortfall elsewhere.

An industrial-commercial lot levy of \$2,040 an acre has been proposed for Halton. Councillors feel taxpayers shouldn't be paying for new services, that should fall to developers.

However, Whiting says, there is a big difference between industrial-commercial land in South Halton and North Halton. He notes \$2,040 an acre isn't much on land selling for \$100,000 an acre or more in South Halton but it's another matter in the north where prices are \$30,000 an acre. Whiting suggests the answer may be to have two levels of lot levies, one for the south and a lower one for the north.

Industrial-commercial property yields assessments 2.5 to 3.5 times greater than residential property and tax dollars 4.8 to 6.7 times greater than homes, Whiting says.

In addition, he notes, an acre of industrial land produces about \$20,000 in investment and 20 to 25 new jobs. Also, in Halton, he says each job created in a plant creates another 1.8 jobs in the service sector.

The bottom line, according to Whiting, is if an area like Acton wants jobs created and the tax base increased taxpayers will have to foot the bill for new water and sewer services because developers just won't pay it up here. But for each dollar invested in services the municipality will get back many more in increased assessment and tax dollars which will pay off for existing ratepayers in the long run.

Hit by car

Boy dies a week later

A four-year-old Rockwood boy is dead more than a week after being struck by a car near his home on Main St. Tyson Fuller died Friday at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto. Tyson was struck by a car driven by Suzanne Cadden, 22, of RR 5 Woodville, Guelph OPP said, after he darted out in front of her vehicle. The accident occurred in front of his home at 315 Main St., near Gzowsky St. on August 5.

After being taken to Guelph General Hospital, the boy was airlifted to Toronto, where he was listed in critical condition.

No charges were laid. Tyson is survived by his parents Don and Sandra Fuller, sisters Tanya and Jennifer, and grandparents Clayton and Ed's Magford, of Guelph and Nancy and Ethel Fuller of Newfoundland.

Funeral service was conducted Monday at Parkview Pentecostal Church, Guelph, and interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Fullers had just recently moved to Rockwood.

Walking tour . . .

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- 16. Temperance Hall.
- 17. St. Joseph's Church.
- 18. Moorecroft—Home of H.P. Moore.
- 19. Acton Mews, original Free Press building.
- 20. Sunderland Villa, home of W.H. Storey of glove manufacturing fame.
- 21. YMCA building.
- 22. Town Hall.
- 23. Knox Manse area, where Rufus Adams lived and the elite area of town.
- 24. Post office—Rufus Adams' barn and Storey Glove plant.
- 25. Syndicate Homes (Semis on Bower Ave., 100 years old next year.)
- 26. Canadian Tire site, Beardmore home, bowling green, grain elevator, Ransom Adams wood lot, park.
- 27. Beverly House site (now apartment building) Beardmore mansion.
- 28. Old Legion Site. 29. York House—staff and guest house for Beardmore.
- 30. Railway station
- 31. Hide House.

Much, much more could be written about each stop on the tour. Most stops are famous for a number of things.

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In Saudi Arabia Canadian embassy is designed by local man

An Acton area man's architectural firm has been chosen to design the new Canadian embassy in Saudi Arabia.

Lloyd Sankey, of RR 4, says his firm of Sankey Consultants Limited was awarded the contract over 30 other firms which applied to the Canadian government. He says the final decision was made based on experience.

Sankey Consultants Limited/Project Planning Associates Limited, new partners for the deal, have completed preliminary designs of the \$10 million building which is being moved from the sea port of Jeddah to the capital city of Riyadh, which is in the middle of the desert. Sankey said all 85 embassies in Saudi Arabia must make the 600 mile move due to government demands.

While the cost of the project is \$10 million Canadian, in the Middle-East country it is valued at \$17 million. Construction costs, Sankey said, are 80 per cent higher over there.

Tendering of the construction portion is next spring, with construction hopefully starting in the summer. A deadline of late fall 1983 has been set for all the embassies to be completed. Right now, Sankey says, he has no idea if the winning construction firm will be from Canada.

From the outside, the building will look very plain, the architect explained. His firm has had to work a balance between Canadian architecture and Islamic tradition.

Because of the location, in the middle of the desert, there will be few windows and doors on the exterior. Hot temperatures and sand storms make this a practical move. "The interior is where everything will happen," he noted. There will be an interior courtyard with many windows facing into it. The building will hopefully be made of Canadian granite.

Sankey has already made two trips to Saudi Arabia for the project and plans one sometime next month. He figures he will be going back and forth as the construction advances.

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