

Urge County Building Be Region Headquarters

Halton county council abandoned its original idea of selling the county administration building on Steeles Avenue to the provincial government, and instead will recommend it be retained for regional government headquarters.

The building has been occupied for county and court purposes since 1962, when it was built at a cost of \$1 million dollars.

Reeve Leslie Preston of Burlington, chairman of the property committee, told council last week that many possible sites had been studied by the special committee, but none were as centrally located as the present building.

"Milton is the geographical centre of the county and it's reasonably close to the more densely populated areas of Oakville and Burlington," he said.

If the recommendation is accepted, the province will have to move its court facilities to another location.

COULD BE MODIFIED

Reeve Preston said one of the two courtrooms in the building could be used as the regional council chambers, and the rest of the space could be modified to accommodate regional departments.

Deputy reeve Dave Coons asked if space for the new regional police force, the Halton Region Conservation Authority, and the Halton

County Children's Aid, had been taken into consideration.

County Clerk administrator Garfield Brown assured it had.

Mr. Brown said the present building contains 50,000 square feet, while regional government would require at least 70,000, which could be provided by an addition to the building.

"We've done our best to co-operate with the province in regional government," said Reeve. He said the province would file a motion in court tomorrow of Georgetown, and it would be

natural that they in turn would give us the greatest possible cooperation, in getting our operations going."

Members of county council have stated that Milton would be the best place from the standpoint of communications, especially for regional police headquarters, since all municipalities, except Acton, can telephone there without toll charges.

A new county garage for the works department, situated

near the present building is also a factor in the change of thinking of many of the members.

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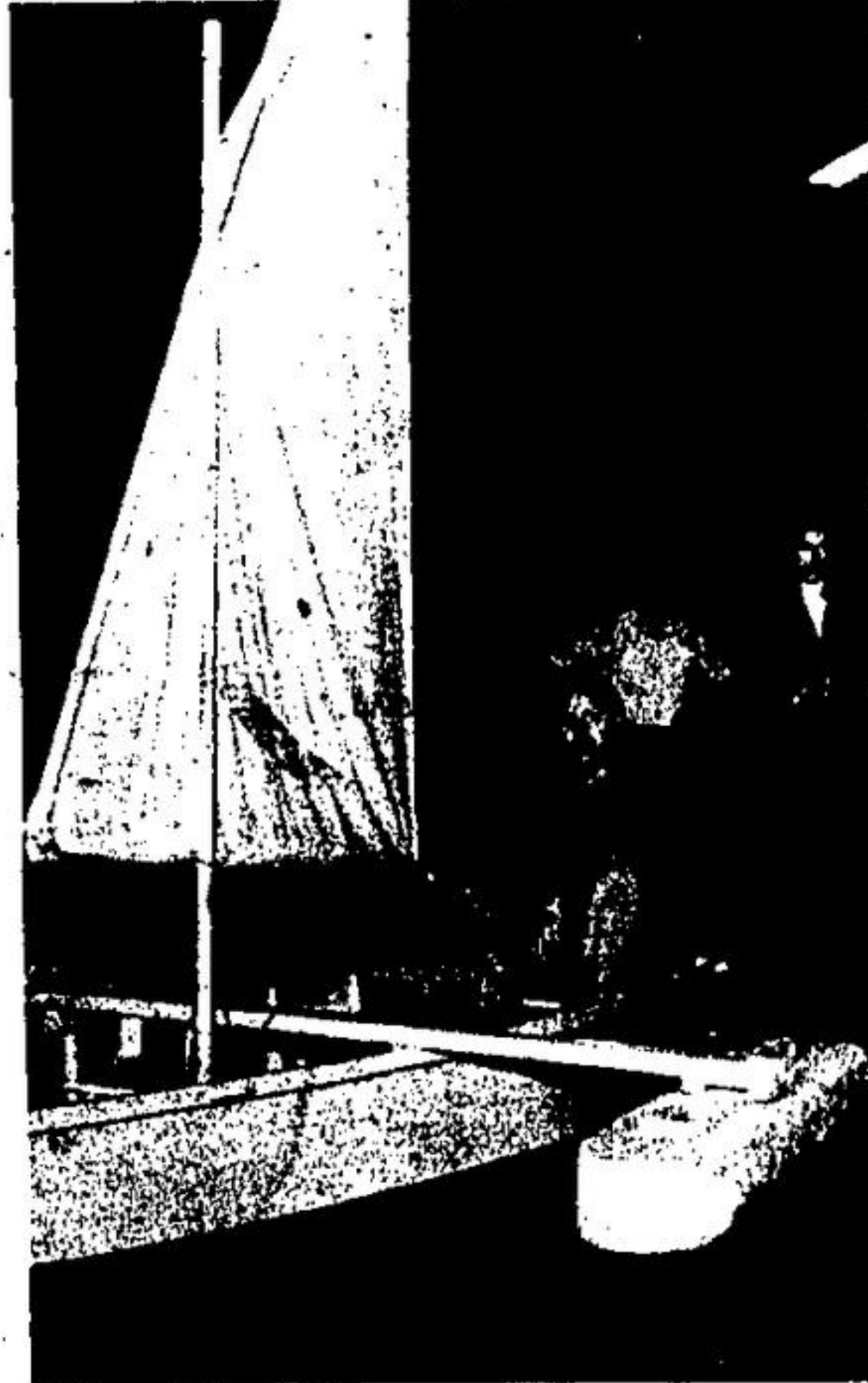


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THE POOL TOTE staff, which handles the influx of swimmers, taking the money, handing out baskets for clothing and keeping an

eye on the change rooms, is the foursome pictured here. From the left are Liz Virag, Lois Gummer, Lynne Virag, and Howie Jacobs behind

them. The tote staff members are qualified lifeguards, who are called upon when the pool is operating at capacity.



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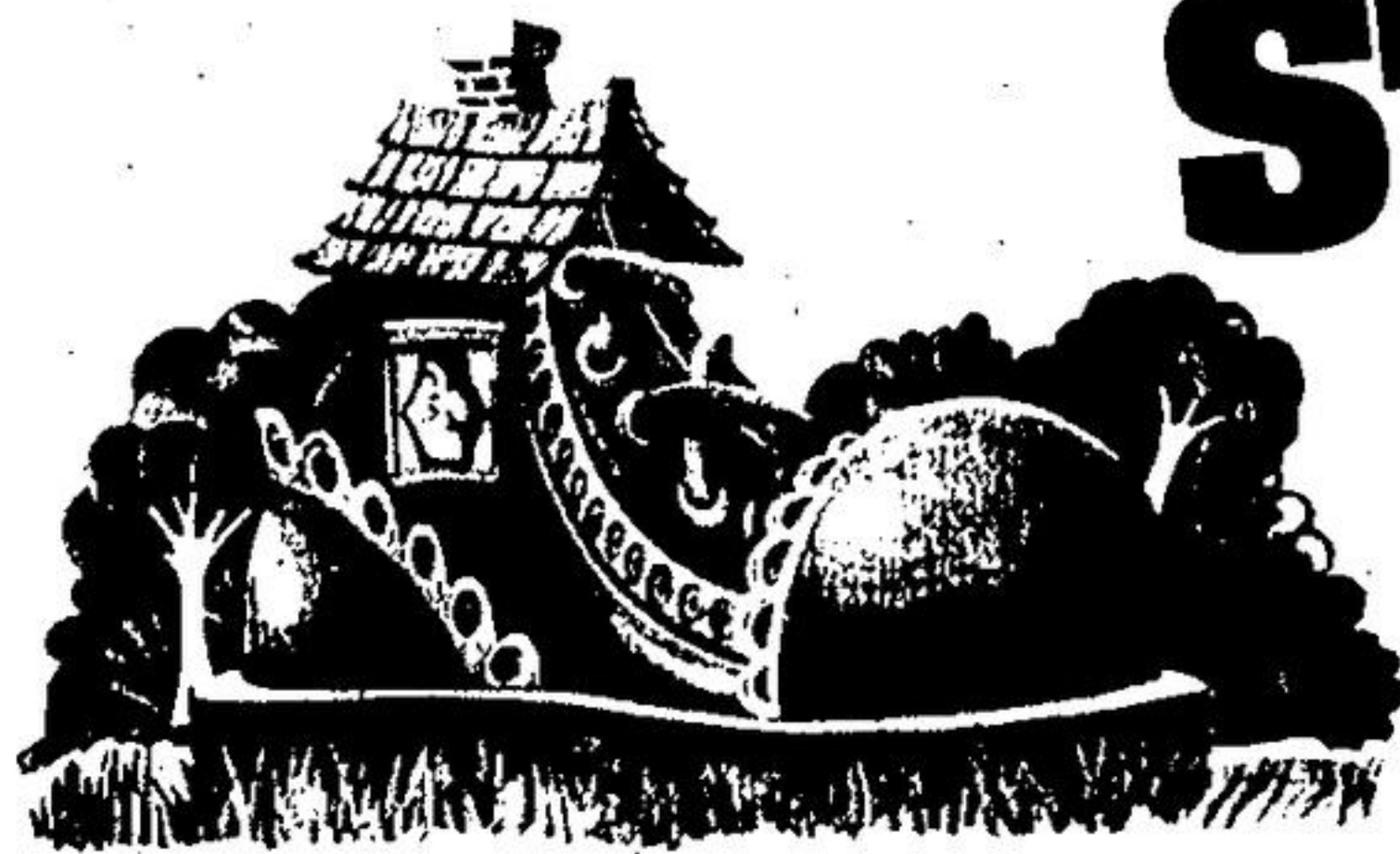
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