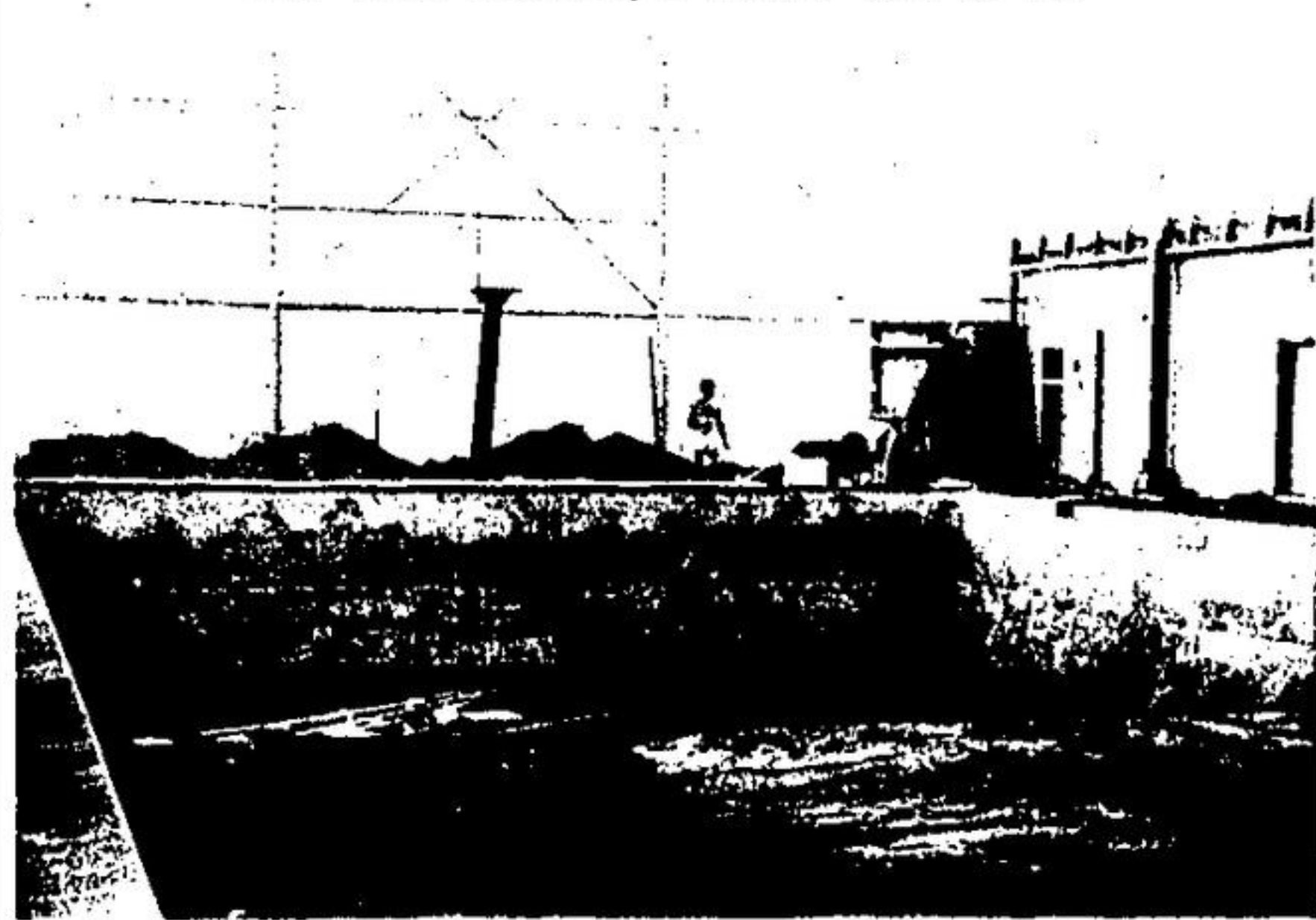


IN THE SWIM, POOL THAT IS



Acton Pool Takes Shape

Despite delays in construction, Acton Lions Club still hopes to open the new centennial swimming pool on fair day, Sept. 21, as scheduled.

A holdup occurred when the board of education's roofing consultant advised a change from the original gravel roof to a more superior steel roofing. The bath itself couldn't be completed until there was no danger of leaks in the roof. With problems ironed out, construction is again underway and the project is nearing completion.

Lions Club officials say they are doing everything in their power to make it a public swimming pool, not just available to a select few like the arena has.

TOP: Loring Construction of Windsor employees lay tiles around the edge of the pool. The base for a one metre and a three metre diving board can be seen. LEFT: Randy Koebel and Ken Geddes of Condon Construction add insulation and siding to the building.

SEAL OF APPROVAL

Council Is Cool To Squeeze Play

A Ministry of Housing seal of approval on a development proposal to squeeze 17 additional units into a Georgetown subdivision did not impress the Halton Hills Municipal Council.

"I don't give a damn what the Ministry of Housing wants," snarled Councillor E. T. Hyde. "What counts is what we want in our town."

He complained that the proposal from Elkton Investment Ltd., a Toronto Development firm, would depreciate the value of most of the lots in the subdivision where preliminary construction work has just begun. The subdivision is located north of Prince Anne Drive and abuts Mary St. and Churchill Crescent.

The subdivision was approved in 1971 by the Georgetown Council and contains 11 lots each with a 60 foot frontage. The amendment to that original agreement sought by Elkton Investments would shave a 10 foot frontage off most of the properties to create enough space for the additional 17 lots.

The proposed amendment lost by a vote of seven to five when it appeared before the council, acting as a Committee of the Whole last night, with the endorsement of the planning committee and with explanations and promotions from Peter Heslin, a solicitor for Elkton.

Because it was acting as a committee the Council veto last night is not the final word on the subject, but indicated the council mood that will likely carry when it formally votes on the issue again tonight.

Mr. Heslin's arguments in defense of the sought-after amendment centered on the altered circumstances that he said have completely changed the housing picture in Toronto area communities during the three years since the agreement was originally signed.

"The Ministry of Housing wants more housing units," he said. "It's simply a matter of supply and demand. Housing lots that cost \$8,000 jumped to \$12,000 and on up to \$35,000."

Although Mr. Hyde saw the frontage reduction, with a subsequent reduction in property values and thereby municipal assessment as the main obstacle to the proposal, Councillor Ric Morrow welcomed the plan for much the same reasons.

He argued that the cutbacks could reduce the price of

properties in the area by as much as \$5,000, making the purchase of a home in the subdivision that much easier for families moving in.

As well, he said that the extra profits involved in the additional 17 units might make it more practical for the developer to construct better quality homes on the reduced lots.

The municipality would immediately benefit through lot levies collected on the additional 17 units, he argued.

The amendment hinged upon immediate approval by the Council and by the Ministry of the Environment said Mr. Heslin. He explained that construction of services for the subdivision had already begun and already some of the work

would have to be torn out if the lot frontage was allowed.

Even if the Council had favored the idea however, town planner Mario Venditti told Councillors that approval from the Ministry of the Environment and the Halton Region and the Ontario Municipal Board could not be obtained in less than two months.

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Plowing Match Draws Near And Council Not Prepared

Like a flustered debutante, Halton Hills doesn't know what to wear to its own coming-out party.

The International Plowing Match, to be held Sept. 24 to 28 will be the first big crowd drawer here since this municipality was created last January. The event has been all the talk of the county as far back as early in 1973 and now the great occasion is almost here.

This week the hosts of the event, the Halton Hills councillors realized that time had flown by and no plans have been laid for the municipal pavilion held in reserve for the town. There isn't even time left now to print complimentary books of matches.

The only suggestion that so far has come to council plowing match representatives Joe Hurst and Russell Miller is the proposal that a complimentary tea garden be set up on the site.

He told council that with a 30 by 10 foot area of space allotted to the municipality, the tea service might break down either into long queues at the front door or people being hurriedly ushered out the back.

As an alternative, he suggested that the council satisfy itself with providing "just a resting space", an area for elderly or just plain exhausted folks to settle down and to rest weary feet. That plot fizzled noticeably when the suggestion was made that since good quality, comfortable chairs would make the best impression, councillors should donate their highback leather padded council chairs for the two-day event.

NO CHAIRS  
"I suppose you'll all get up tight if I suggest we provide the council chairs," ventured Ric Morrow.

"You bet we will," responded Mayor Tom Hill.

Coun. Len Cox thought the

rest area suggestion was a little tame, but he couldn't immediately find an alternative. "It shouldn't be so passive that there is just a chair in there with a sign hanging on it saying: Compliments of Halton Hills." He complained but his suggestion to pep up the project failed to arouse much excitement.

"Even if we gave out complimentary yardsticks, or had a record player in there, even just books of matches," he suggested as an alternative, but it was stated that there is too little time even for the matches.

Once councillor thought that a beer garden sounds somewhat more lively than the tea garden idea, but the municipality has already been beat out there too. Already two beer gardens are in the works.

Another half-hearted proposal was defeated by the councillor who made it when he suggested that in other circumstances the municipality could mount a display based upon its history but he wondered just how much Halton Hills has to show for the eight months of its existence.

Faced with the dilemma and the call for help for plowing representatives Hurst and Miller, council agreed to work overtime at the crisis. Councillors will meet with the representatives in special sessions to seek solutions.



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