

Women's Year for all

To the Editor of the Herald:
"Out of the kitchen and into the world. That's what 1975, International Women's Year is all about." This is a quote from the article which appeared in last week's issue of the Herald. I object strongly to the connotations of that statement and maintain that this is NOT what 1975, International Women's Year is all about!
No matter what field a woman chooses to enter, whether it is a profession or being a housewife and mother, it does not necessarily follow that she is stuck in her kitchen and needs enlightenment as your statement infers.

As publicity chairwoman for the Halton Hills Local Council of Women, I wrote the original article submitted to your newspaper. I realize that you reserve the right to alter or cut out any portion but I think that you misconstrued the entire concept of an International Women's Year by using the above quote.

It should be a year to focus attention on the changing roles of not only women but men as well: an occasion for recognition, encouragement, and hopefully, consciousness-raising.

The following is a quote from a letter sent from the Honourable Marc Lalonde, Minister Responsible for the Status of Women, to several women's organizations: "1975 should be a year in which all Canadians become aware of the principles of equality; the need to fully involve women in all phases of our social, cultural and economic development; the year in which we acknowledge that women have a major contribution to make and should be accepted as equal partners in Canadian society."

Honey Cornfoot
For the Halton Hills Local Council of Women

Town should accept

To the Editor of the Herald:

With regard to your editorial of January 15 (They pay, We work) it seems unreasonable that, in addition to supplying funds for older home renovation, the provincial government should also be responsible, in every city, town and village in Ontario, for: determining who qualifies, distributing the cash, checking to see that the work was completed and finally, collecting the debt.

Correct me if I am in error, but, haven't municipalities for years been clamoring about the destruction of older homes to make way for newer residential, commercial and industrial developments? Haven't they also been complaining that they have lacked the necessary authority to deal effectively with this problem?

Albeit, the provincial government hasn't broken any speed records in introducing the program, however, now that they have come up with the cash, it does seem rather childish of municipalities to cry cost increase and absolve themselves of any responsibility in attempting to solve the problem.

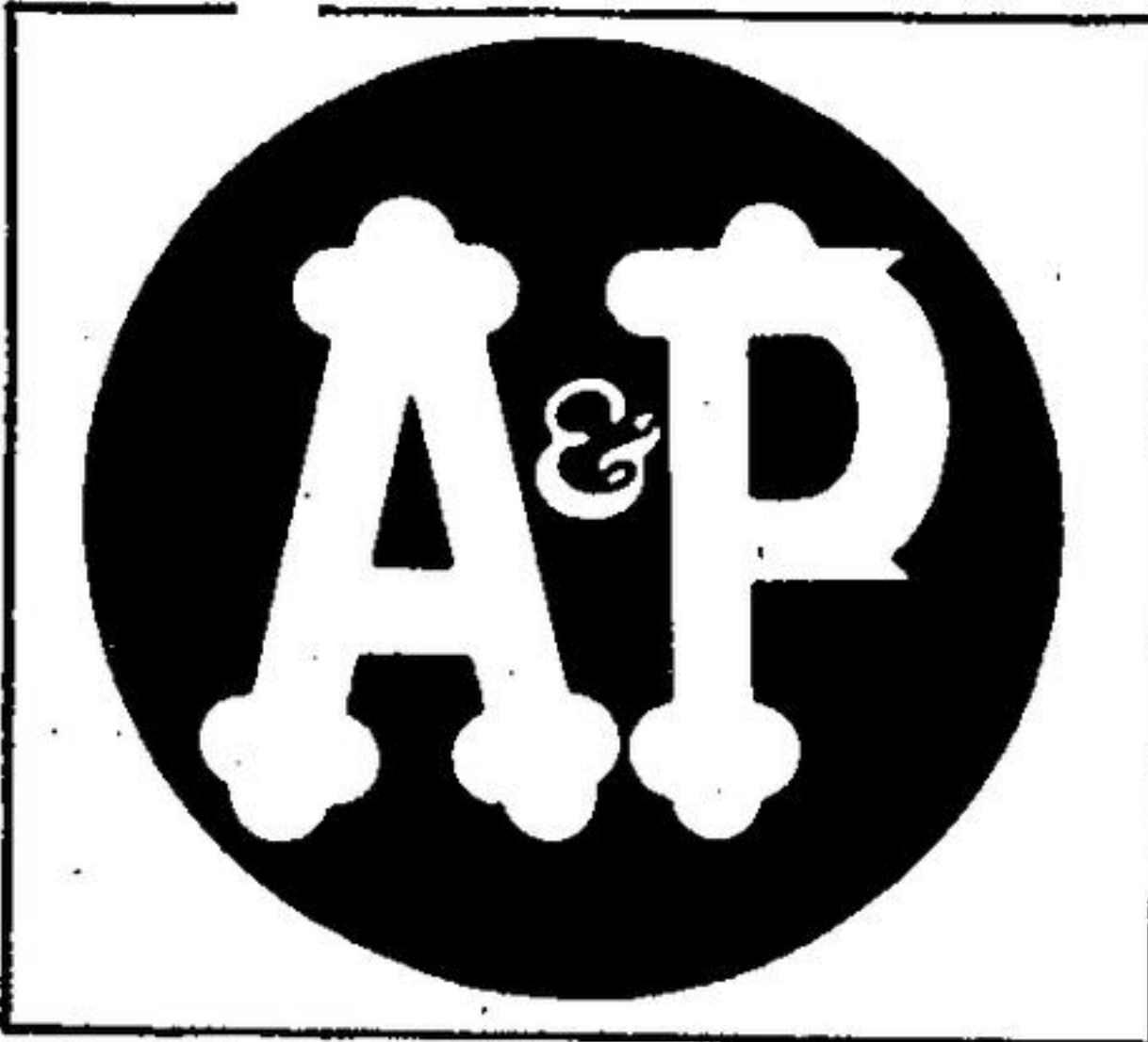
Aside from council's concern about the expense, there are other factors warranting consideration. For example, I would think that the power to decide what homes (in effect, what areas) would be eligible for assistance would be beneficial to a local government, while it might be a dangerous weapon in the hands of a group of Toronto bureaucrats, who, if not physically far away, are probably psychologically distant.

Further, I believe council was less than fair in blowing up the costs of administering the various steps of OHRP. This is an easy out and one being practised widely in Ontario; tell everyone that such and such will cost more money and blame Queen's Park.

It occurs to me, all municipalities in this province have, within their structure, the professional capability to carry out these duties. The Building Department, together with the Planning Department, could handle the processing of applications. The Property Tax Office, under the auspices of the Town Treasurer could process the financial details and the distribution of funds. Again the Building Department comes into the picture to examine the work on completion (much the same as it does for any other construction work) and to report that information to those charged with collecting the loans - those sometime experts of separating people from their money - the Tax Office, again.

The end result: preservation and hopefully beautification of existing neighborhoods with subsequent cheaper housing for the residents of your community.

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