

Expanded fruit market building offers greater service, selection

After five years, the Georgetown Fruit Market is moving on to bigger and better things in a new building. Partners Joe Scibilia and Frank Cuzzupe have been opening for business for five years at a store on Guelph Street. But as the business grew, they found themselves hampered by lack of space inside and outside the store. About a year ago, they decided to build a new store.

Construction of the new building, located just east of the old store, began last August. The grand opening will be held today. In the new building, the emphasis is on space and light. The walls are bright orange, and the stalls bright green. The aisles are wide enough for shopping carts to move with ease along the long rows of fruit and vegetables. The increase in size carries

with it an expansion in the produce to be sold. The fruit market will now carry such items as milk, bread, eggs, ice cream, pop and juice, which limited space in the old store would not allow to be stocked. The stock of fruit and vegetables on hand will also be expanded to include a number of items not available in local stores. Aside from the more common, garden-variety vegetables, the fruit market

will be selling some more exotic legumes. Such vegetables as dandelion, leeks, kale and rapini, which are both similar to broccoli, and anise, which is similar to celery, but has a licorice flavor, will be on the shelves. The selection of fruit, as with vegetables, will be limited only by what is in season. The store will have items such as papaya, persimmons, apples, oranges, grapes and kiwi fruit.

There will be large displays of flowering and tropical plants, and selections of seeds. The new building has one other major advantage over the old one. The displays area in front of the new building is closed off by a wall. Fitted into the wall, however, are retractable glass doors which can open up the display area during the summer. "It means we won't have to carry everything into the store at night and set up again in the morning," Frank said. Business hours will be the

same in the new building. The store will be open Tuesday to Sunday. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. On Sunday, the store will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. With the increased parking space, the increased display space, the wider range in stock and the new items, Mr. Cuzzupe and Mr. Scibilia hope to provide their customers with an even better place to shop.



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Credit counselling seeks funds

Halton Consumer Credit Counselling Service will be approaching the councils of Halton Hills and Milton for a donation so that the service can continue in North Halton. Janice Josiak, a co-ordinator-counsellor, said Monday that the councils will be approached early in the new year.

A request by the credit counselling service for \$2,500 from Halton region was denied recently, despite warnings that the service to North Halton, where about 25 per cent of the service's clients are, may have to be cut.

The service is funded 60 per cent by the Ministry of community and social services and 40 per cent from the United Ways of Hamilton-Wentworth-Burlington and Oakville. Some donations are received from financial institutions which benefit from the counselling service offered to debt-ridden consumers.

Mrs. Josiak said the service is preparing its budget in a way easier for councillors to understand.

Last Thursday she was at Georgetown and district high school to talk about credit and debt to students there, and will be going to Acton high school in January.

She said the service is still accepting clients from the north even though there is no funding coming from the area. To continue the service to North Halton about \$1,000 is needed, but donations from financial institutions amounted to only \$100. Some of the beneficiaries of financial institutions, however, have their regional offices in the more populous south of Halton from where they make their donations, she said.

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If the councils turn down their request, she said the service will be taking another serious look at providing assistance in the north.

Although she anticipates no cut off of service, it may mean that clients have to go to

Burlington or Oakville for counselling.

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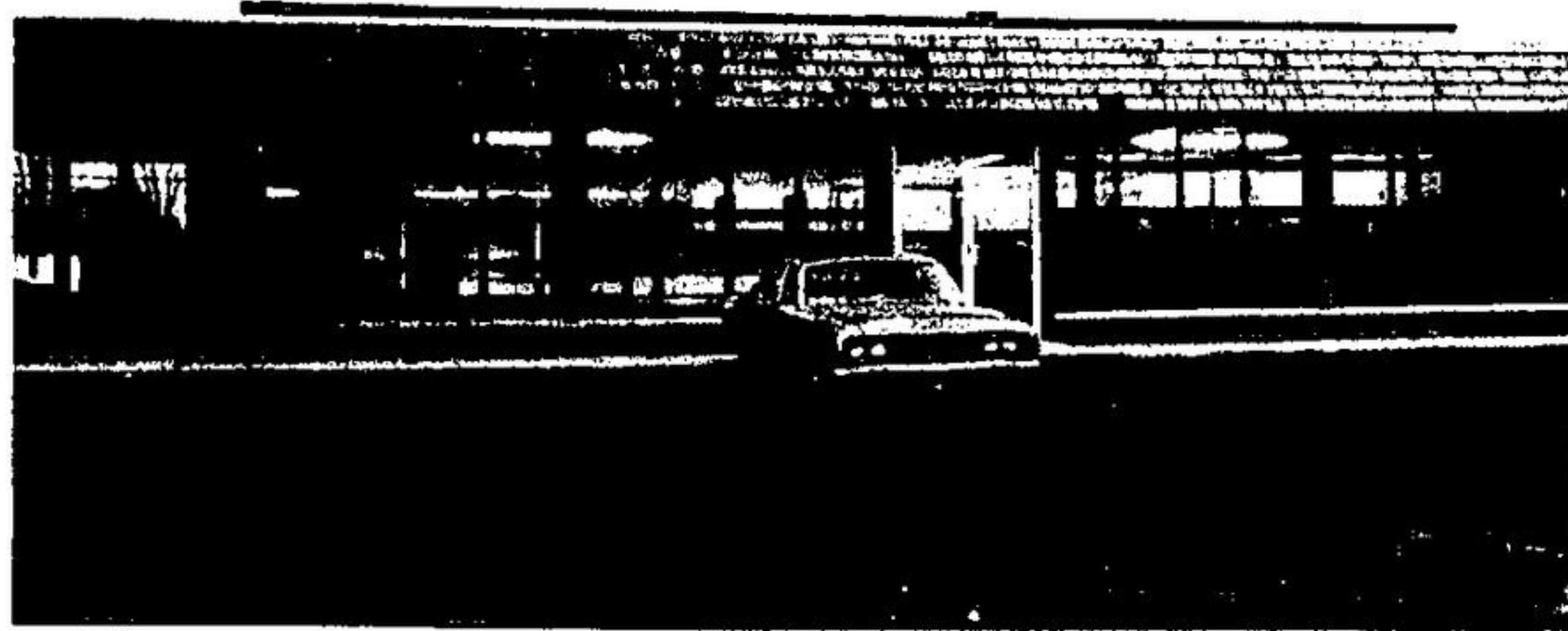
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