



Acton sewage plant opened

Official opening of Acton's newly-expanded sewage treatment plant highlighted Wednesday's public works tour of Halton region facilities by members of regional council and their special guest, Ontario Environment Minister George McCague.

Also on hand for a brief tour of the plant and an opening ceremony at the Churchill Road south site were Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed, regional chairman Ric Morrow, and several regional councillors, Halton Hills Mayor Tom Hill and Councillors Roy Booth, Russ Miller, Pat McKenzie, Les Doby and Walter Diehn.

Representatives of the general contracting firm which expanded the plant, Varmae Construction Company Ltd., and consulting engineers R.V. Anderson Associates Ltd., also took part in the ceremony.

Regional public works committee chairman Jack Rafits commented that despite the concerns shared by many Actonians that Halton's regionalization four years ago resulted in a loss of community identity, the former town "deserves to be the first" urban area in Halton to have a regional public works facility opened.

Corn McKenzie pointed out that the Acton plant is required to produce the highest quality effluent of any such facility in Ontario because of the condition and small size of Black Creek, into which it is disposed.

Mr. Reed recalled that a former environment minister swam in Burlington Bay to demonstrate its cleanliness after a pollution control plant was built on its shores. Granting broadly Mr. Reed then invited Mr. McCague to follow suit by wading through the "final stage" of Acton's sewage treatment process.

The Liberal member drew a few additional laughs from onlookers by drawing their attention to one of several headings listed in a pamphlet outlining the treatment process. One part of the process the pamphlet explained ominously is "grit removal".

Before snipping the ceremonial ribbon at the doorway of the new pollution control plant, Mayor Hill, Mr. Morrow and Mr. McCague unveiled a plaque commemorating the event which was donated by R.V. Anderson Associates.

The latest addition to the plant will increase its sewage treatment capacity from 675,000 gallons per day to

approximately one million gallons per day.

The original plant was built in 1951 to handle 250,000 gallons and expanded in 1969. The ministry announced last August that the new expansion will be the last unless the growing technology of sewage treatment can provide some innovations.

Cost of the 1978 expansion is \$1,167,543, of which the ministry and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation are contributing \$700,000 and the region provides a \$467,543 debenture. Both the cost of the project and the amount of time needed for its construction exceeded expectations.

Churchill Community Church celebrated its 145th anniversary with a full congregation Sunday. Among those in attendance were, left to right, Archie Kerr, Wulf Swackhammer, Irene Swackhammer, Rev. T.J. Reese, former minister of Erin United Church and guest preacher, Rev. Jim McFadden, minister of the church, Lydia Kerr, and Harold Griffin. Mr. Griffin, at 81, is the longest living member of the congregation, having attended this church since his childhood.

Church celebrates 145th anniversary

It's been 145 years since the congregation of Churchill Community Church first gathered together to worship, and ten years since the United Church presbytery tried to close it down, but the church is still going strong.

Churchill became a community church in 1968, rather than closing its doors as ordered by the presbytery.

"They tried to close the church because they said the young people are all going to church in Acton," Harold Griffin, at 81 the longest living member of the congregation, said. The young people were more determined than anybody to keep the church open.

The congregation was first formed in 1838. In 1841, the Congregational Upper Canada Missionary Society was formed at Churchill. Union in 1925 changed the church to Churchill United Church, and ten years ago, rather than allowing the church to be closed, the members broke away and became a community church.

Mr. Griffin, who said he has been coming to the church since his mother carried him in, in her arms, said that as far as is known, the building is the oldest church building in Ontario which has seen continuous service. This building is the original building, and was

built by the members themselves.

"They cut down pine trees and built it like a barn frame," Mr. Griffin said. "Jack Swackhammer had lumber for a new house, but he said he could wait a while longer for his

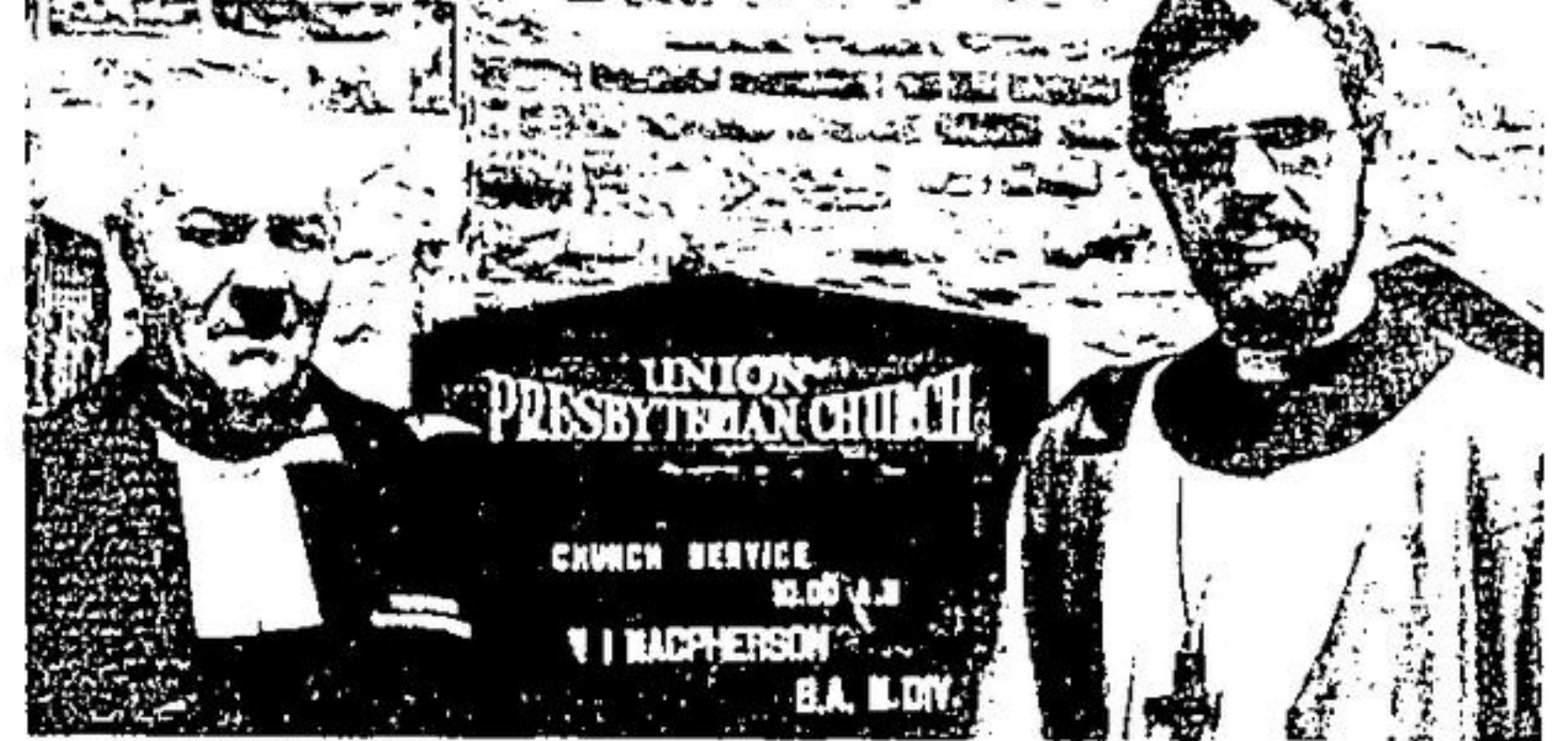
house, and he donated lumber to the church."

The building was originally built as a timber frame, sitting on stones, Mr. Griffin said. He recalled one occasion when "the pigs got loose and got underneath" that Sunday

they had to chase to pigs out before they could get enough quiet to hold the service.

Rev. R.J. Reese, former minister of Erin United Church was the guest preacher at the anniversary service.

As the chairman of the Armed Forces committee of chaplains, Rev. Ian MacPherson is the minister at Union Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Dr. Ross Cameron, left, was the guest speaker at the 145th anniversary of the congregation of Union Presbyterian Church Sunday. Dr. Cameron is retired, but serves

as the chairman of the Armed Forces committee of chaplains. Rev. Ian MacPherson is the minister at Union Presbyterian Church.

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Prayer groups forming

During the past few weeks women in the Halton Hills area have been meeting to pray for the upcoming Billy Graham crusade.

The 25 groups meet once a week to listen to a "Crusade Prayertime" radio broadcast.

The program features sacred music, an inspirational message and prayer request for the crusade.

After the broadcast the groups pray for the items mentioned. The program is aired Monday to Friday three times a day (1:30 am CHWO 11:15 am, and 8:15 p.m. 100 FM CING 9:45 am).

The groups are meeting in most neighbourhoods in Georgetown and also in Limehouse and Acton. Hundreds of similar groups are meeting in the greater Metro area.

For more information about the local prayer groups phone Sandy Copland (877-3528) or Janice Fuller (877-7690). Most of the women involved

in the neighbourhood prayer groups will be meeting for coffee and to see a film on Friday June 9 at 9:15 am at Mountainview Baptist Church. All are welcome.

The Billy Graham crusade will take place at Maple Leaf Gardens and the CNE Stadium June 11-18. A bus will be going from Georgetown. For information call Jean Ryan (877-3471).

Recording group at Baptist church

HIS AMBASSADORS will be in the Georgetown area, Thursday June 1st. This well loved touring group, is appearing at Maple Avenue Baptist Church, 177 Maple Ave. Georgetown.

The group, which has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada is now recording with Tempo Records of Kansas City. Their music has been arranged especially for them by Larry Mayfield of Nashville, Tennessee and is appealing to all age groups. Their newest recording is now available at Christian bookstores across the United States and Canada.

In the past two years of His

Ambassadors ministry they have traveled 100,000 miles across the continent. This tour will take the 16 member group another 35,000 miles throughout the United States and Canada. Their inspiring Christian music has been a blessing to thousands in love performances in churches, on college campuses, high schools and shopping malls throughout the continent.

You certainly will not want to miss this vibrant group of talented musicians, dedicated to presenting the Lord Jesus Christ in word and song. Make your plans now to see and hear HIS AMBASSADORS at Maple Avenue Baptist Church on June 1st at 7:30 p.m.

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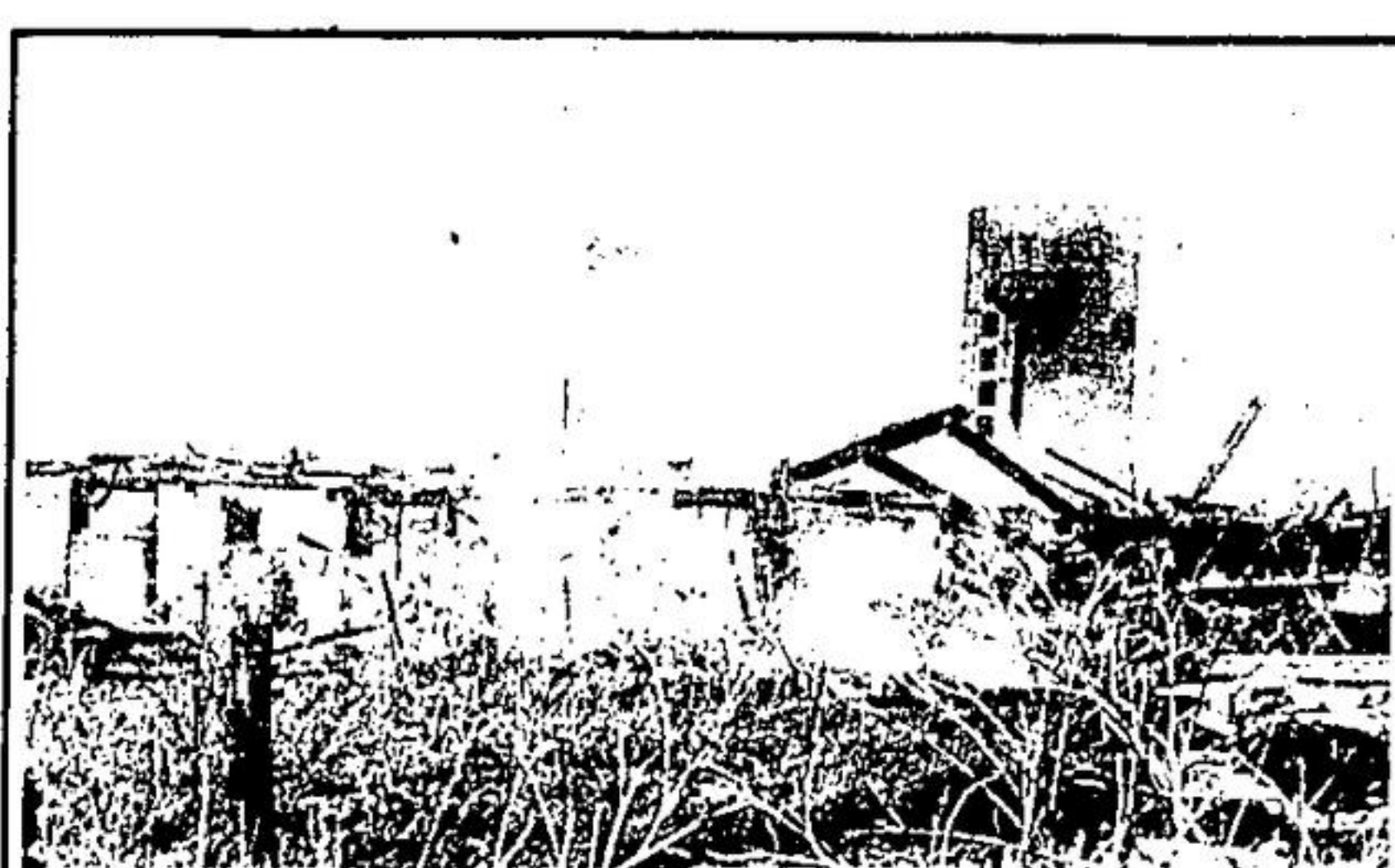
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Scene of \$10,000 barn fire

Seven units from the Milton and Halton Hills volunteer fire departments answered a call to a fire on Lot 4 Concession 9 last Tuesday evening which levelled an unused barn owned by Armando Mauti of Downsview.

The fire was discovered at 5:30 p.m. by Debbie Sluski of Brampton when she arrived at the house to feed the tenant's pet dog. The tenant, Michael Smith, was away on business

and had left Miss Sluski to "look after things" during his absence.

Damage is estimated at \$10,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. Halton Hills firefighters were also called to a bush fire on 22 Sideroad west of the Sixth Line around 10 o'clock Saturday evening and to a bonfire in Norval immediately following the first call. Neither blaze caused any damage.

Two honored by Optimists

Georgetown Optimists made a second presentation of Respect For Law awards at a meeting last week.

Steve Waldrum and Steve Allworth were awarded plaques for their part in capturing a suspect accused of trying to steal \$200 from Georgetown A & P store in October.

Mr. Allworth, who was a customer in the store and Mr. Waldrum who worked in the store at that time chased the suspect, caught him and held him until the police arrived.

Optimist President Clarence Baker presented the awards to Mr. Allworth and Mr. Waldrum's parents. Mr. Waldrum enlisted in the Canadian Forces in March and was unable to be present to receive his award.



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<p>ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH Anglican Rev. R. Gallagher B.A., S.T.B. Sunday, June 4 Trinity Sunday 2 8:00 The Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist 9:30 & 11 Sunday School 9:30 & 11 Nursery Provided</p>	<p>GEORGETOWN ALLIANCE CHURCH 14 Main St. S. Pastor Peter Ralph Sunday, June 4 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 6:30 p.m. Evening Service Everyone Welcome Come make our church your church</p>
<p>HALTON HILLS PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY Trafalgar Rd. and No. 7 Highway Pastor Rev. E.J. Friesen Sunday, June 4 7 p.m. Musical Night Hear the Mississauga Gospel Temple Choir presenting "Love and Kindness" 10 a.m. Family School 11 a.m. Morning Worship Tuesdays 7:30 Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study</p>	<p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Windsor Road at Carole St. Rev. Harold R. Potzer Sunday, June 4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Church of the Lutheran Hour MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH 177 Maple Ave. Georgetown Sunday, June 4 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER REV. DAVID FIFE 11:00-12:15 Sunday School for the deaf</p>

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