

Acton Days are a success, next year's in works now

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The unquestioned success of the 1978 Back-to-Acton Days pleased organizers of the three-day July 1 weekend festival and even surprised organizers of the Calithumpian parade, an integral part of this year's success.

At a meeting Monday to begin organizing the 1979 Back-to-Acton Days, Terry Grubbe, one of the Calithumpian parade organizers, said the parade bettered even the most optimistic estimates.

Before this year's Back-to-Acton days, Mrs. Grubbe had hoped 30 people would participate in the Calithumpian, a fun parade which anyone can join in at any time along the parade route. The parade attracted approximately 500.

"We honestly didn't anticipate in any way shape or form that number of people," she said.

Mrs. Grubbe even amalgamated the parade, intended to start at three points and meet at Mill and Main Streets, along the route fearing there wouldn't be enough people to have three separate parade routes.

"I had visions of the third parade being five people," she said.

Mrs. Grubbe credited the success of the parade to its spontaneity and said it is important to keep the same spontaneity for next year's parade. She said people were

waiting at the end of their driveways waiting to join in with the parade.

She said the participation was a surprise because few people had acknowledged they would participate in the parade.

Monday's meeting discussed improvements and additions for the 1979 Back-to-Acton Days. Ed Wood, an organizer this year said authorities such as the fire department, the police department, and town engineer should be notified well in advance of the committee's plan to close Mill Street to avoid confusion.

He said he didn't realize until just before the festivals start both Mill (Highway 7) and Main (Highway 25) couldn't be closed off to traffic. The year before, because of construction, residents put up their own detour signs on Main and no one realized until this year that two highways can't be blocked.

Mr. Wood said notification of involved authorities would eliminate much of the confusion which occurred just before 1978's Back-to-Acton Days.

Clea Saxon suggested 1979's Back-to-Acton Days include events for the under age people. Mrs. Saxon's suggestions included a hamburger barbecue and a street dance including the young non-drinking people. The meeting considered

alternatives to improve teenage activities but Mrs. Grubbe said it is up to the teenagers to plan events if they wish more teenage-related activities.

"It is not enough for us to plan for teenagers," said Mrs. Grubbe. She emphasized Back-to-Acton Days is not a result of a select committee, but a volunteer community effort.

Optimist President Bill Chagnon said his club will investigate activities to sponsor for young people during Back-to-Acton Days but during next year's Back-to-Acton Days, Mr. Chagnon said the Acton Optimist Club will not hold the bicycle rodeo during Back-to-Acton Days hold it during May in conjunction with Respect for Law Week.

Monday's gathering of volunteers interested in Back-to-Acton Days discussed how

to handle the train interruption for the 1979 Back-to-Acton Days Calithumpian parade. Since 1978 is the first time Back-to-Acton Days had held a Calithumpian parade, no one anticipated the Canadian National's 11:01 a.m. train interrupting the parade. Asking of the other half until the train passed Acton Optimist Club vice-president Bob Hart suggested safety guards dress up as old fashioned constables with billy clubs and funny hats specifically to guide the parade safely across the railway tracks.

Mrs. Saxon said activities should be spread out to cover the entire blocked off section of Mill Street instead of centering activities on the block from Main to Willow Streets.

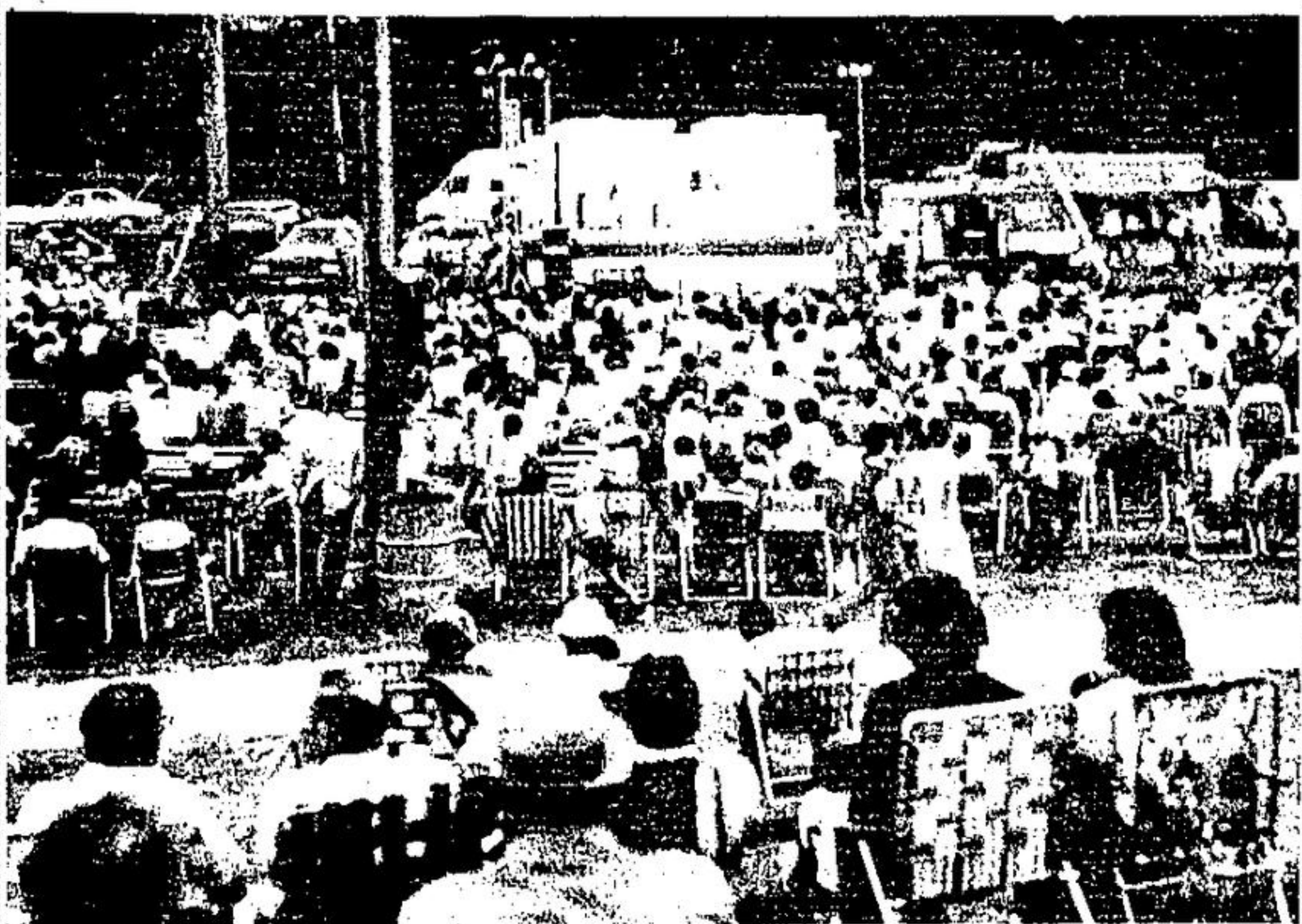
Kay Dills said Dills Publishing moved the Willow-Main area from up the street because of the lull in activity

further up Mill Street. Monday's committee discussed the suggestion of entering a walking display in the fall fair and Christmas parades to promote Back-to-Acton Days participation.

Mrs. Grubbe suggested asking some of the people who dressed up in costumes to walk in the fall fair parade representing Back-to-Acton Days.

The committee also started to discuss which day of the July 1 weekend the 1979 Back-to-Acton Days should be held. This year July 1 fell on a Saturday but next year July 1 falls on a Sunday. The meeting didn't resolve which day the Calithumpian parade and downtown activities such as log sawing and nail hammering contests should be held.

Mrs. Grubbe said another organizational meeting could be held during August.



The crowd at the garden party

31st annual Hornby Garden Party

More than 1,000 people filled the Hornby ball park Saturday for an evening of baseball and entertainment in the 31st annual Hornby Garden Party.

Streetsville Mississauga Businessmen provided the major entertainment as they held a two inning rally for a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over the Glen Williams Way-Jays in the featured exhibition baseball game.

Glen Williams held the lead into the sixth inning when the Businessmen erupted for two unanswered runs. They then ended the game in the seventh on two more runs.

Ron Stuart earned the win for Streetsville

while Jeff Haines took the loss for the Glen.

The loss for the Glen came despite a first inning single run and a fourth inning home run by Brian Peavoy which forced in another runner.

The weather couldn't have been better for the party as the warm sunny evening changed into a cool, but refreshing dusk.

Local amateur talent was featured during the evening's variety show and special guest Billy Meek, of the Pig and Whistle television show also provided the audience with enjoyment.

But for those that just wanted to enjoy the evening and relax, there was also all the usual fixings for hot dogs, hamburgers, cool drinks, and ice cream.



Glen Williams short-stop Joe South tags Streetsville's Ralph McFeeters as he steals third



The Hornby General Store performs

Town views request for heritage group

Halton Hills could follow the example of some 77 other Ontario municipalities by appointing a local architectural conservation advisory committee (LACAC) which would help select, designate and preserve historical buildings in the area.

Council Monday referred a request by the Esqueping Historical Society to have the LACAC appointed to its finance and administration committee for further consideration. If the request is approved, Halton Hills will probably be the last Halton municipality to implement the program locally.

John McDonald, who made the request to council on behalf

of the society, alluded to several buildings and sites in the area which could be considered for possible future designation as historical structures.

He cited Berwick Hall, the stately mansion at the corner of Park and Main Streets in Georgetown which was once home to Colonel John Barber Sr. and was designed by architect Edward Lennox, who went on to draft plans for Toronto's old city hall and the King Edward Hotel.

Mr. McDonald also mentioned the limestone kilns located in Limehouse and the former Bank of Hamilton building in Georgetown which he referred to as the first chartered financial institution in Halton County.

Designation of any building as an historic site, regardless of its current use, requires the town to advertise its intention in the local media for a period of 30 days. Mr. McDonald explained. If the LACAC and council are unable to resolve any objections that might arise, he added, a review board will hear the case on behalf of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which initiated the LACAC program.

Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson informed council that the only costs that will arise from the program involve newspaper advertising and staff reports which may be considered necessary for some buildings.

Permits pass \$3 million mark

Halton Hills built department issued over a million worth of building permits, the most issued in any single month since May, 1977.

The June total is a substantial increase over the previous month's total of \$866,580. The total for June of last year was \$967,764.

The largest single category under which permits were issued was other residential dwellings, which includes multiple dwellings such as condominiums and townhouses. The Gardendale Development project known as River Run was responsible for the increase in that category. The project calls for the construction of 89 townhouses in the River Drive-Mountainview Road area.

The next category in value was single-family homes not under the plan of subdivision. The value of permits issued here was over \$400,000. These two categories were followed by industrial additions and alterations, and commercial additions and alterations.

Although the value of permits issued increased sharply this month, the six-month total from January to June of this year is down somewhat from the value of permits issued during the same period last year. The total this year so far is \$5,845,372, while last year's total for the same period was \$6,553,657.

Town wants signs for old town names

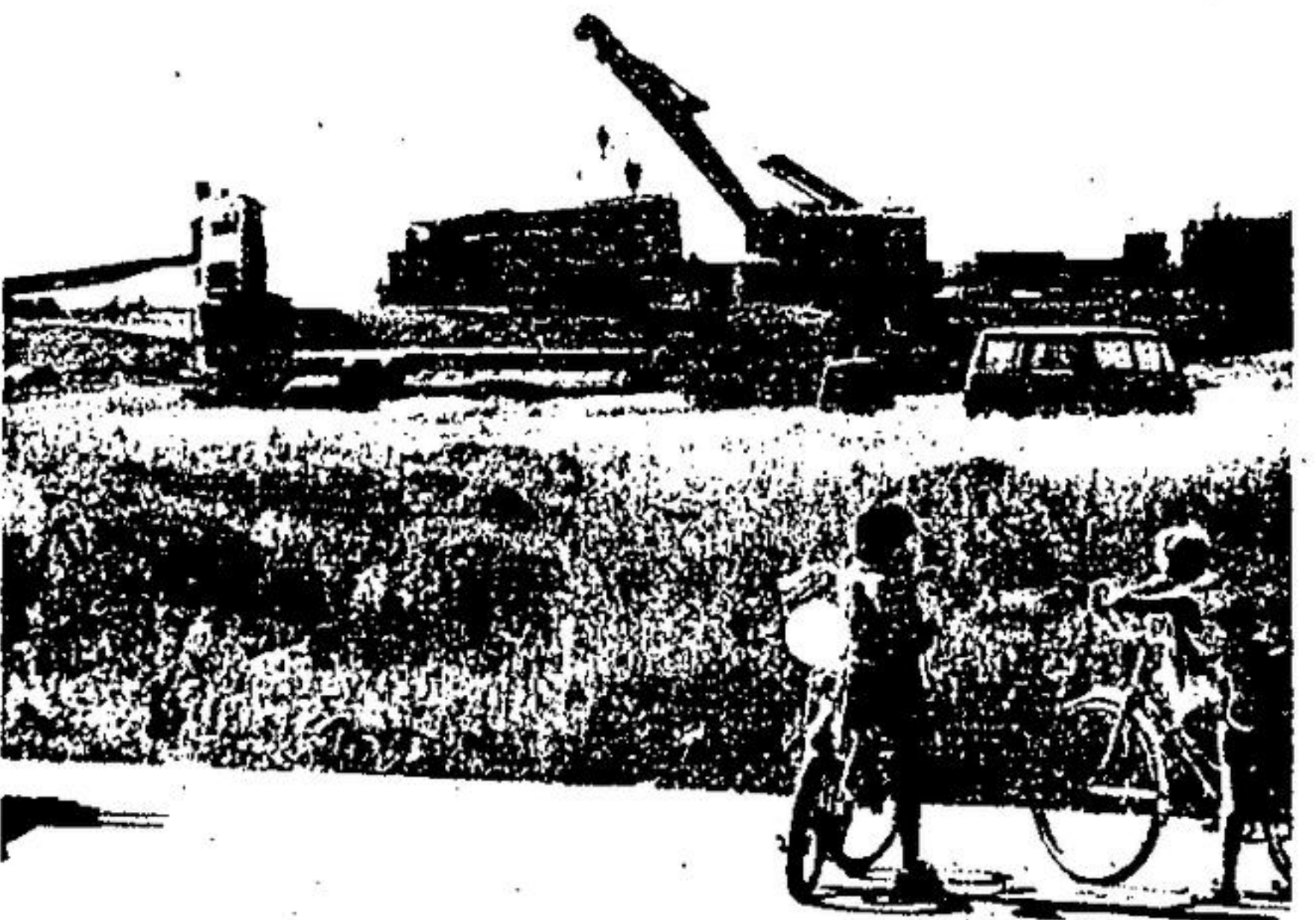
Town council will again appeal to the provincial ministry of transportation and communications to revise road signs along Highway 401 so that directions to Halton Hills will also name the former towns of Acton and Georgetown.

Council Monday night accepted a recommendation made at last week's finance and administration committee meeting by Coun. Walter Blehn, who pointed out that the signs continue to confuse motorists from out of town who are unaware that Halton Hills was once made up of the two communities.

Coun. Blehn suggested that signs for both eastbound and

westbound traffic at the Highway 25 exits from Highway 401 should read "North - Halton Hills (Acton)". At the Trafalgar Road exits, the name Georgetown would be added in a similar fashion.

Coun. Les Dudy applauded the suggestion, noting that he frequently greets visitors to Acton who finally found their way to the community after driving miles out of their way along Highway 401 in search of town names that no longer officially exist. Regionalization offered no such problem in Cambridge, Coun. Dudy stated, where the names, Galt, Hespeler and Preston are still found on road signs.



CN railway crane works to clear the tracks near Highway 25 after Monday's train collision.

Five hurt in train crash, three engines derailed

A 22-car CN freight train collided with a work train in Milton near Highway 25 Monday, injuring five crew members and derailling three locomotives and five freight cars.

The five crew members, Ronald Bowden, 22, Antonio Corria, 24, Zygmund Solinski, 62, Gary Monaghan, all of Toronto and Vince Muecl, 46,

of Brampton, all escaped with minor injuries and cuts. All were kept at Milton District Hospital for observation. Neil Hill, from Fort Erie, an engineer in one of the locomotives, walked away without injuries.

Damage in the crash was extensive, CN spokesman said. One of the locomotives was overturned, the second was

pushed down the side of the embankment to the ground below, and the third was pushed several feet from the tracks. A small ground fire started near one engine after the crash, but was put out before it reached the engine.

Cause of the crash is under investigation by the Canadian Transport Commission, and CN. Police say the investigators are considering the possibility that one of the trains should not have been on the track where it was. There are two tracks on the line.

The freight train was on its way to Fort Erie from CN's MacMillan Yard, which is the railway's major freight yard just north of Metro Toronto.

Mark Howell, 15, was sitting in the McDonald's restaurant just north of the tracks, when the crash occurred. He saw the train try to slow down before hitting the other train.

"It was just unbelievable -- the cars just buckled up," he said. Mark ran to the counter and told the McDonald's staff to call the fire department because there had just been a train crash. He said he and his friends ran up along the tracks in company with people from factories in the area. People brought along fire extinguishers to try to put out the small ground fire before it reached the engine and caused an explosion.

"We weren't afraid at the time, but after, when we thought about it, it was pretty frightening," Mark said.



TEERING OFF

Al Pilutti watches where his ball was heading after he tees off the second hole during the second annual Bud Whiting Golf Tournament Thursday at Erin Heights Golf and Country Club. The tournament, which attracted 128 golfers, raised more than \$3,000 for Muscular Dystrophy. Frank Murphy, MD representative, from Toronto, was amazed and pleased with the success of the tournament, said Erin Heights golf pro Bill Richardson. The Rex Hespeler trophy was won by Jim Gordon, George Wagner, Bill Ward and Ralph Culp. John McNally of Georgetown won the low gross trophy with a score of 38 while Ernie Dodnar of Georgetown won the low net trophy with a score of 33.

Board program head resigns

Halton board of education's program superintendent Bruce Mather has resigned effective Oct. 15, to take up a position as director of education for the Hastings County board of education.

Mr. Mather has some familiarity with the Hastings County area, which includes the town of Belleville, having spent almost eight years as superintendent of program for the Leeds-Grenville County board of education, and prior to that, the Frontenac County board, which includes Kingston.

Prior to joining the Frontenac County board, Mr. Mather spent 14 years with the Peel County board of education, working his way up from elementary school teacher to secondary school vice-principal.