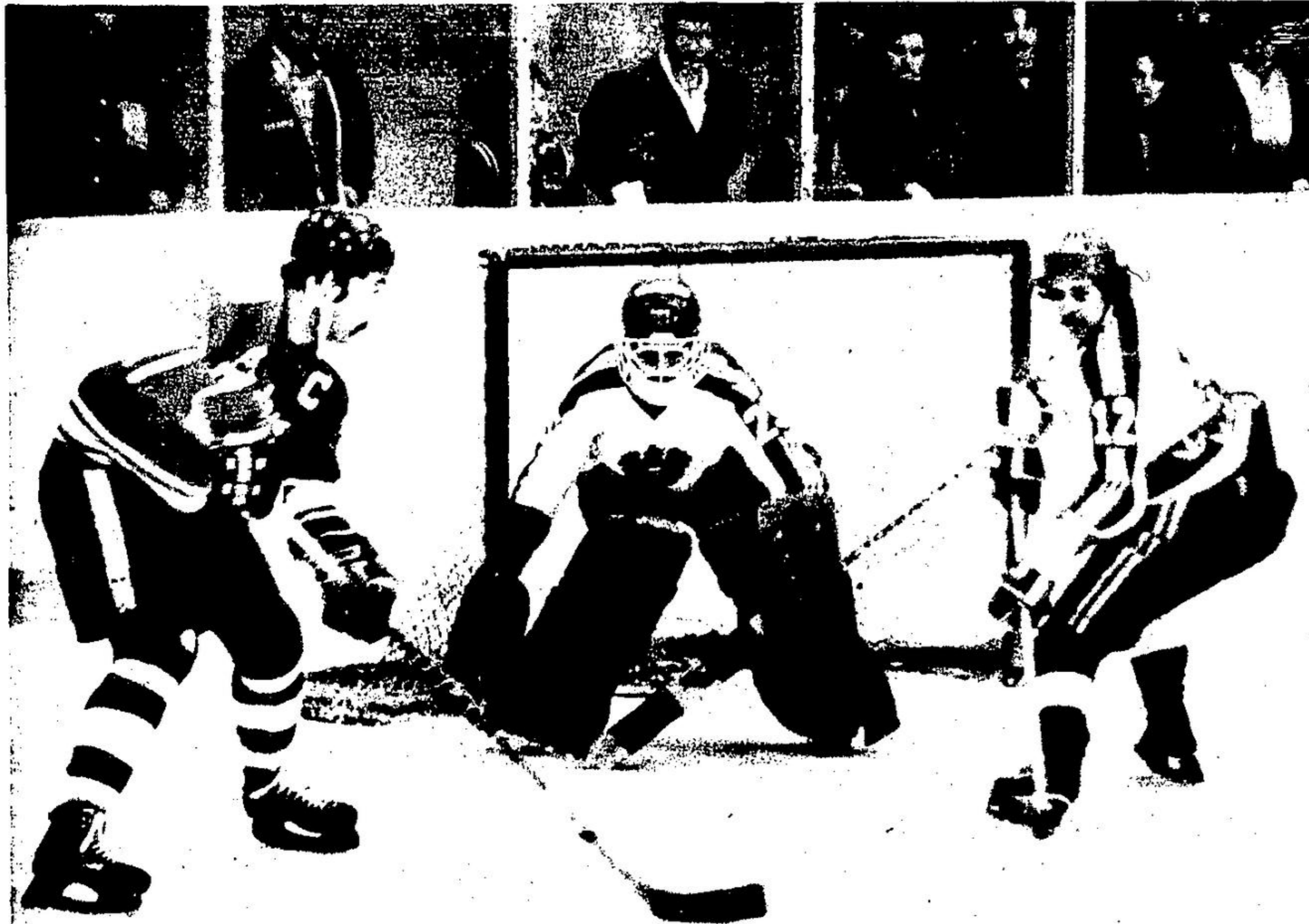


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RAIDERS TOP AUSTRIAN NATIONALS

Ray Tonelli had a good scoring chance on the play above, but his backhand was stopped by the Austrian National team's Daniel Grilich. The Georgetown Raiders did go onto win the game 3-2 after the Austrians led at one point 2-0. Tonelli was named the game's Most Valuable Player on...

the Raider side and Grilich took the same prize for the Austrians. For complete results see Pages 22 and 23.

(Herald photo by Tony Panacchi)

May end today

Hydro hearing told more power is not needed

The Ontario Municipal Board has heard more than 16 witnesses during seven days of testimony at the Gordon Alcott arena in Georgetown into Ontario Hydro's proposed 500,000 volt hydro corridor through Halton Hills and all sides are expected to conclude their cases at today's session of the hearings.

Ontario Hydro surprised many by calling only one witness at the hearing, John Bousfield, a planner who studied the proposed route, and

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primarily re-stated the power corporation's position that the fifth concession line is best for the town in his testimony. The move left Ontario Hydro in the position to rebut witnesses called by the town of Halton Hills, Halton region and the Interested Citizens Group, all groups opposing the route.

During the seven days of testimony, so far, the groups opposing the corridor route through the town called numerous farmers who outlined bad experiences they have had because of hydro lines over their property, as well as Halton Hills farmers objecting to the prospect of the lines over their properties.

Stag dancers are cleared

Charges against three Toronto women for taking part in an obscene performance at a charity stag held by the Georgetown Volunteer Fire-fighter's Association last November were dropped in provincial court in Milton Monday. The women were originally charged with taking part in an immoral or obscene performance, and performing an indecent act in a public place. Two men were also charged with assisting in the performance, because they had driven the women to Georgetown.

limited to family, friends and acquaintances of the firefighter's association, he said.

Mr. Price said access to the country club is provided only to members, or by invitation. The tickets were sold in limited numbers, and they were not advertised, or sold at a public booth or at the door in any member of the public who came along.

Mr. Price said that as far as anyone being offended by the performance was concerned, those buying tickets to the stag were informed as to the nature of the evening, and no one appears to have been offended by what took place.

Mr. Price said that in view of the evidence available did not provide the necessary proof that the performance had in fact been given in a public place. In asking that the charges be withdrawn, Mr. Price said he wanted to go into more detail in his explanation of his request, because of the publicity which has been attendant on the case.

Mr. Price said that police had been guided in their decision to make arrests as a result of their investigation by the results of another court case, where a conviction had been registered on a performance which was substantially the same as that given at the stag held at the Georgetown Golf and Country Club. However, the circumstances of the two incidents were different in the locale of the performance.

'PRIEST' REMANDED, TRIAL DATE TO BE SET

Dennis Scallen was remanded to March 5 to set a date for a trial on charges of rape laid against him in connection with an alleged religious retreat he operated outside Limehouse.

Mr. Scallen is presently appealing a conviction on charges of fraud for which he received a suspended sentence last spring. The charges rose from questions as to the validity of his organization, and whether or not he was a properly ordained priest. Mr. Scallen referred to himself as Father Maria Benedict, and his organization as The Benedictine Order of the Immaculate Conception.

Mr. Scallen is a former Georgetown resident.

This Week

Break-ins on increase

Home break-ins are steadily increasing in Halton, particularly among rural homes which are relatively isolated. The Herald talked to Sgt. Keith Robertson of Halton Regional Police about ways in which homeowners can make their homes more secure, and speed up recovery of their property if it is stolen.

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What's the OMB?

Each week seems to bring more news of another impending hearing to be conducted locally by the Ontario Municipal Board. Inside, Herald reporter Maggie Hannah takes a look at the busy organization that regularly makes decisions that are oftentimes in importance only to those of the Ontario Cabinet itself.

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Norval's Marion Reed

Another Herald feature, Halton's People, this week reviews the life and times of Norval's Marion Reed, mother of Halton-Burlington MPP Julian Reed.

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Meet the president

Meet the President, a weekly feature in The Herald, today introduces Dale Thibideau, president of the Georgetown Jaycees, that highly-active band of interested citizens who annually bring us the hilarious Crazy Boat race and numerous other community-oriented activities.

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Tree troubles

Halton regional council's efforts to revive a tree protection bylaw that fell to the wayside with the introduction of regional government were temporarily stalled last week when concerns over a newly-revised bylaw necessitated a second look.

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Inside Austrian hockey

Sports editor Tony Panacchi speaks with a Canadian member of the Austrian National team.

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Library board sets timetable, final proposal for May release

By LOUI TAYLOR Herald staff writer

The Halton Hills Library Board have set themselves a timetable in which they hope to be ready to present council with their final statement of the purpose, goals and objectives of the library service in the town some time in May.

The board has said that by defining the purpose, goals and objectives of the library, they will be able to determine exactly what kind of facilities are needed in Georgetown, since the facilities would be dictated by the functions of the library. Bill Kriesel, of the Field Services branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, filled in new board members Grant Pattullo and Carol McMurray on his association with the board, which has been to help them define the purpose, goals and objectives of the library to resolve the problem of what to do with the Georgetown branch.

Mr. Kriesel said that since his last meeting with the board November 8, it has become evident that there is "still a lot of emotion around the library issue."

"The latest indication of that was the threat to cut off the library's funds unless they resolved the problem," Mr. Kriesel said. "I'm not sure what 'problem' they were referring to, but that's okay."

BOARD CONSENSUS

The consensus of the board on the coming year was that the concern in Action would be maintaining the present level of service, but the prime area of the board's concern would be Georgetown.

Mr. Kriesel said that in his view, because of the reaction the library board has been getting, the first step is to prepare some kind of answer for the board's critics, to let them know where the board is at present, where it's going and how long it will take them to get there. He also suggested approaching key community groups to ask them their views on what a library should provide for the community. Once this input is included in the final statement of purpose, it will develop community support for the library services, he said.

The board set out a list of what remains to be done before they can present a final statement to council, which includes evaluating present services in light of the goals of the library service, getting information about the growth planning and economics of the town in the future, to determine the feasibility of their goals, seeking out the community's perception of what the library should provide and making the community aware of the alternatives available. The board also intends to find out what other community organizations such as the YMCA, and the Parks and Recreation Department have in mind for future programs of their own.

Mr. Kriesel said it would be advisable to visit council with an interim timetable and later with a tentative statement of purpose, goals and objectives, involving council in the whole process.

CAN'T SAY

"That waxy they can't say, 'You should have asked us about this' three months ago,

Majority want theatre according to survey

By MICHAEL BOLLETT Herald editor

Over 200 people responded to a recent newspaper survey advertisement asking local residents whether or not they support construction of a theatre at the Howard Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown and, according to survey sponsors, 98 per cent are in favor of the proposal.

CONVERT CENTRE

In October of last year, the Georgetown Little Theatre group sponsored a number of large advertisements in Halton Hills newspapers explaining a proposal that would see a combination theatre-gymnasium built at the Howard Wrigglesworth Public School. The advertisements asked readers to fill in a form on the ad indicating whether or not they support the proposal. Respondents were also invited to submit additional comments.

The Halton Board of Education are already planning renovations at the school to convert the present resource centre into a gymnasium but without a stage.

The GLT, along with other local groups, are advocating that stage facilities, along with dressing rooms and make-up rooms, a ticket booth, a lobby and a refreshment booth be incorporated into the renovations plans.

The facility would also be used by the local choral society and other cultural groups.

Advocates of the proposal say the school board will consider a joint facility with the town as long as funding is supplied. The theatre group say funding would have to come from the town of Halton Hills, donations and Wintario. QUITE IMPRESSED Pat Joynea, publicity direct-

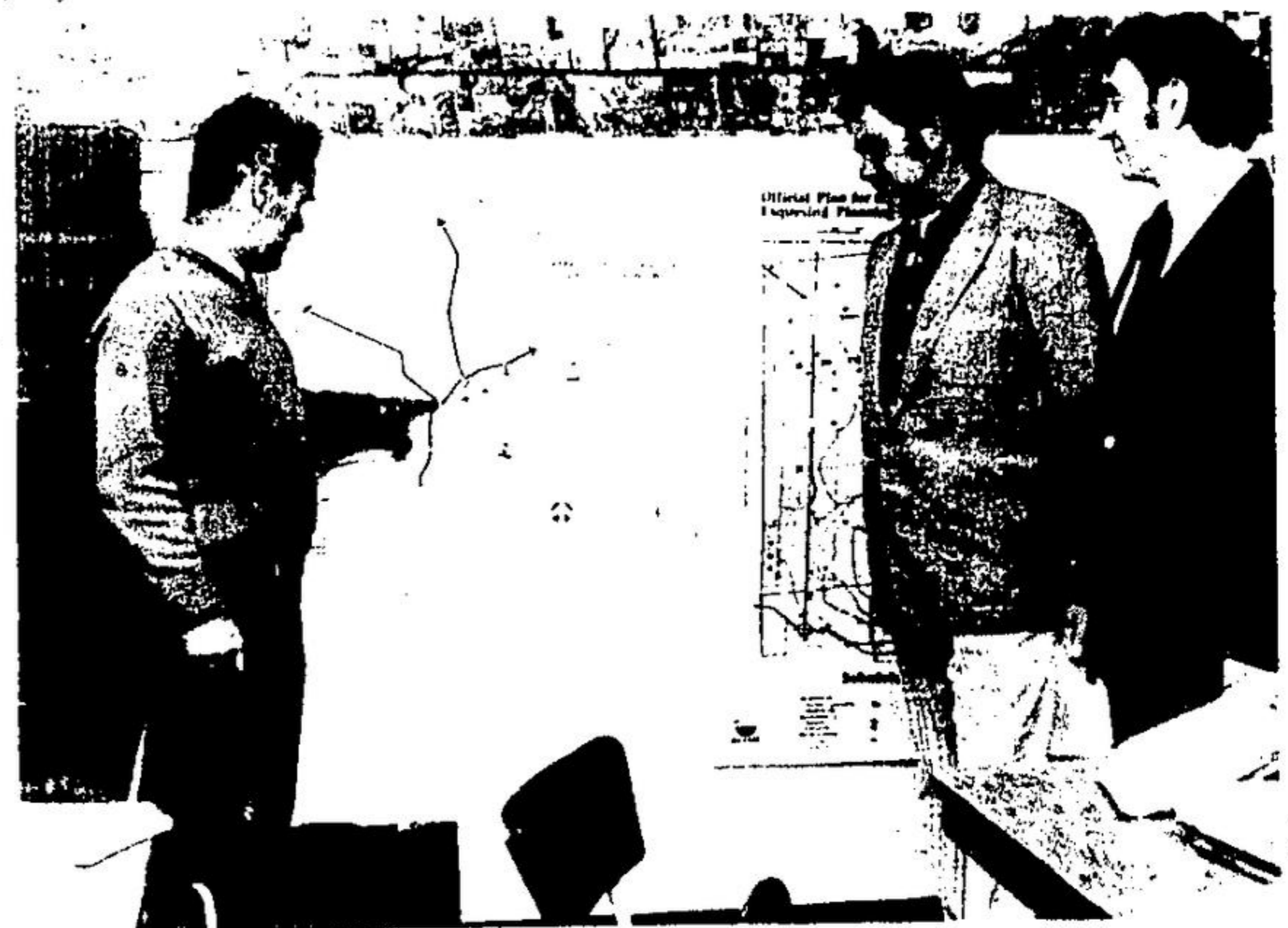
or for GLT said she was "quite impressed" with the public response to the survey.

"I think this proves the plan is supported," she said.

Mrs. Joynea also said that the groups' regular sellout performances for their four plays per year also demonstrates that the group has strong backing within the community.

Many of those commenting referred to the "obvious need" for a theatre facility in the town.

Other writers referred to the lack of adequate facilities within the town for cultural groups. The GLT will present the results of their survey at the January 15 meeting of council. At that time council will consider commissioning a feasibility study of the proposal, which is necessary to qualify for a Wintario grant.



HYDRO HEARING

Dave Moffat, Elmer Echlin and Walter Scott study the grid system of power corridors in southern Ontario, as set out in

this map provided by Ontario Hydro.

(Herald photo)