

# Town committee reaffirms decision, Mr. Donut sign application rejected

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An explanatory appeal on behalf of the proprietors of Mr. Donut, a take-out restaurant soon to open on Highway 7 in Georgetown, failed to sway the opinion of the town's general committee Monday night about a pylon sign requested for the site.

Despite the assurance of an official of Marport Corporation Ltd. that Mr. Donut's sign will be much smaller and not as flashy as the sign for Frank Vetere's Pizzeria next door in the Delrex Market Centre lot, the committee voted 6-0 on a recommendation by Coun. Mike Armstrong that would have overturned an earlier resolution rejecting the Mr. Donut application.

The tie vote failed to have any effect upon council's previous decision, and the Marport official, Fred Eisen, was advised to "sweat it out" until next Monday, when the matter could be reintroduced and revised in his company's favor by council.

**SAME DISTANCE**  
Mr. Eisen told the committee that he can appreciate the concern of some council members about the proliferation of commercial pylon signs along the community's main thoroughfare.

He pointed out, however, that Marport would never have designed that Frank Vetere-Mr. Donut site the way it now appears, with the two outlets staggered to give the impression of some open space, had it realized there might be some difficulty in gaining municipal approval for the signs.

Mr. Eisen reported that the Mr. Donut signs will measure 15 feet by six feet, compared to the 14 by 10-foot Vetere's sign, and would have no flashing lights around its perimeter.

Coun. Armstrong told Mr. Eisen that he probably would have voted in favor of the Mr. Donut application had he been in attendance at the previous council meeting, but acknowledged that council does not want to see a conglomeration of signs along the highway.

He asked the Marport official whether council can expect any more sign applications for the same area if the Mr. Donut application is approved. Mr. Eisen answered that his company is now fully aware of council's concern, but conceded that one more application, and no more, could still be submitted.

**FUTURE BY-LAW**  
Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said council is still hoping a comprehensive bylaw will be completed in the near future to govern the erection and displacement of commercial signs. Mr. Eisen told her that the Mr. Donut is scheduled to open in a week to ten days.

Mayor Pete Pomeroy drew a few chuckles when he asked Mr. Eisen whether he felt council may have made a mistake in initially approving the Vetere's sign and thus creating site problems for the company. The spokesman told him that facial and rooftop signs have already been approved for the Mr. Donut outlet, but simply do not "do the job".

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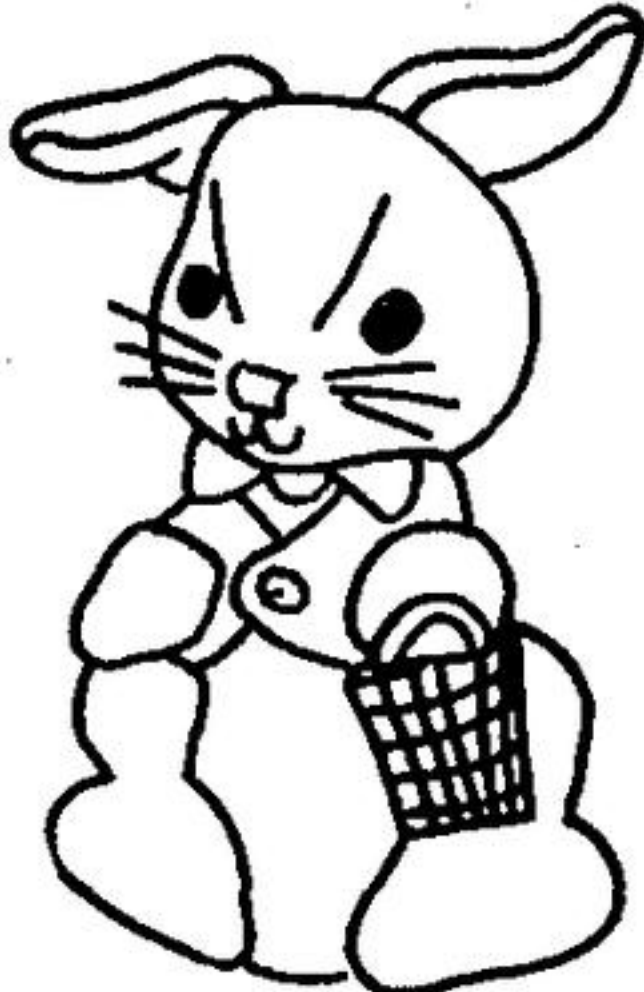
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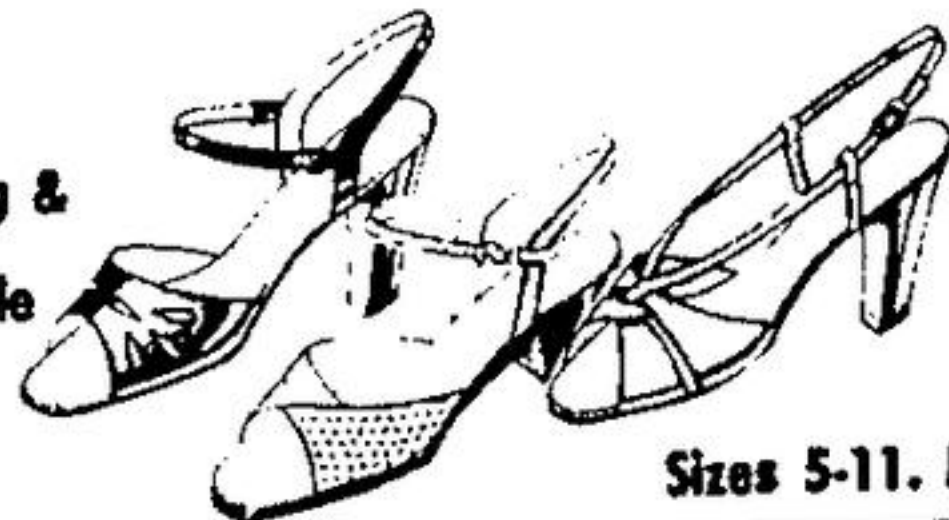
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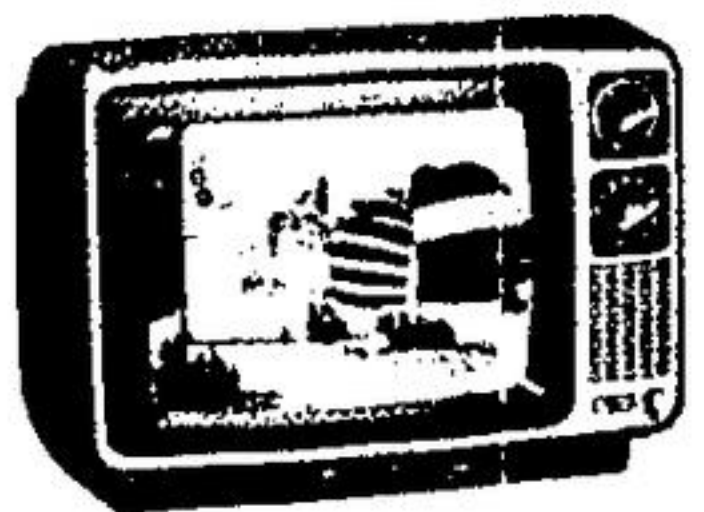
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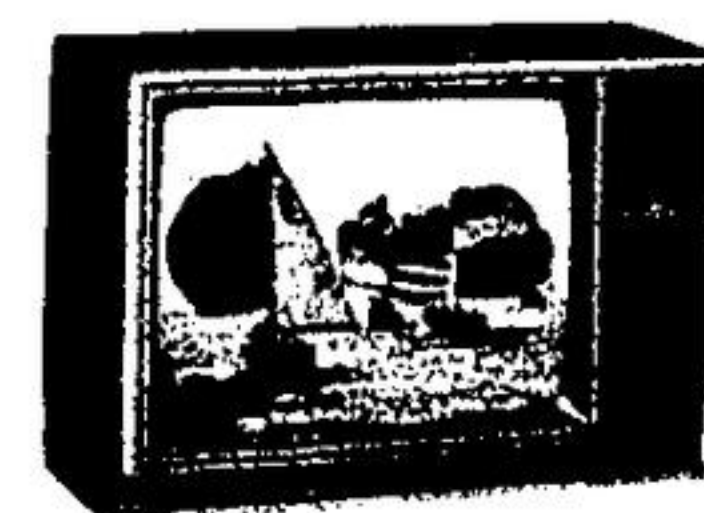
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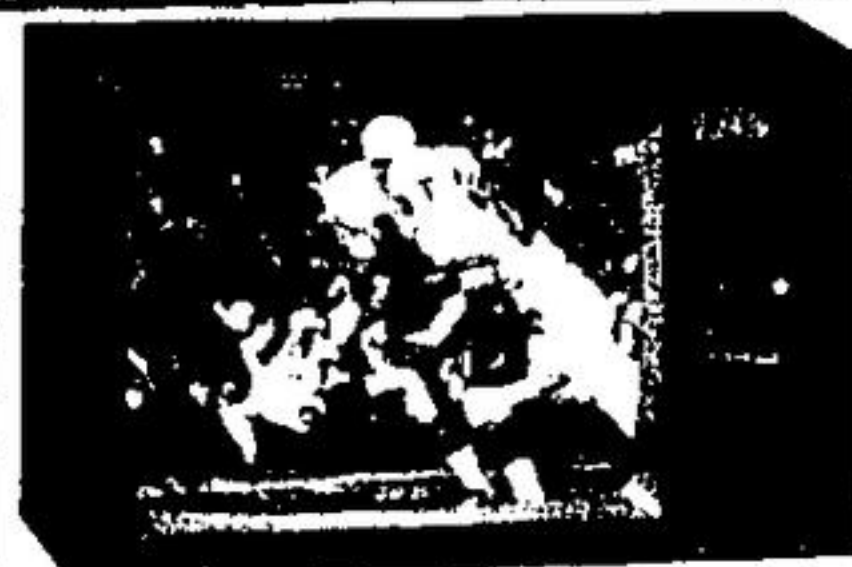
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### People's Food hearings this weekend

An extensive and widely-varied agenda has been prepared for the Halton-Peel People's Food Commission hearings this Friday and Saturday in Norval.

Visitors from two third world nations will be among the special guests and speakers during the two days of afternoon and evening sessions scheduled to take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church hall. A skit on the quality of supermarket food, to be presented by students of Georgetown's Centennial Public School, will kick off a series of half-hour presentations, discussions, and workshops aimed at building the public's awareness of problems that exist within North America's food production and distribution system.

**FOOD COMMISSION**  
The People's Food Commission has been described as a nation-wide inquiry into the production and marketing of food products that is being conducted by members of the lay public, rather than any government agency. It is hoped that, through hearings such as the one taking place in Norval this weekend, possible solutions can be found to existing problems that affect all shoppers.

CUSO (Canadian University Students Overseas) has sponsored a visit to Canada of five people from developing nations in order that they may see the country, attend the People's Food Commission hearings and relate their own experiences and ideas. Two of the visitors will be attending the Norval hearings to make presentations that have been tentatively scheduled for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Visiting from Sierra Leone in West Africa is Alimany Bangura, a liaison officer for a CUSO functional literacy project underway in his native country among farmers. Jointly sponsored by the Canadian and Sierra Leone governments, the project is directly related to the practical realities of food production, storage and marketing.

Puerto Rican farmer Jorge Gaskins will describe his work with a farmers' union in the Caribbean nation as well as his involvement in an organization known as Mission Industrial, which deals with community and environmental concerns.

In addition to the scheduled presentations, a delegation from the Peel-Holstein Club will be on hand to answer any questions concerning dairy farming. Time will be made available after each presentation for questions from the audience. The entire two days will be recorded for the production of a final report. Anyone seeking additional information is invited to phone Grant Pattullo at 877-6229.

**Who Split the Peas?**  
Split peas are called such because they are actually split during processing. A machine breaks them in half after their skins have been removed.