

Countryside director cleared of stealing residents' money

Continued from page one, spending of the residents and the amount of money in their accounts. In most of the charges, Judge LeSage said there was no evidence that any money had been taken from the resident, either by Mr. Bilodeau, or by anyone else.

In four of the charges, Judge LeSage said that while circumstances surrounding the withdrawal of money from residents accounts raised questions, and even suspicions, no evidence had been presented linking Mr. Bilodeau with the missing money, beyond a reasonable doubt.

One of the charges dealt with the withdrawal of \$140 from the account of a resident who as a rule withdrew only \$40 at a time. The prosecution attempted to link this to the purchase of an airline ticket for \$168 by Mr. Bilodeau on the same day, and while Judge LeSage said

some questions were raised about where the money had gone, there was no proof that Mr. Bilodeau took it.

Judge LeSage suggested the additional \$100 might have been used to cover a two-month period when no withdrawals were made.

Another withdrawal from the account of a resident was linked by the prosecution to a deposit by Mr. Bilodeau into one of his bank accounts, but Judge LeSage said he accepted the testimony of Mr. Bilodeau and his wife, Ruth, about the source of that money. He described Mrs. Bilodeau as one of the most credible and impressive witnesses of the trial.

One of the allegations by the crown attorney was that Mr. Bilodeau had taken money from one of the resident's accounts to assist with the purchase of a new car. Judge

LeSage described the allegation as "nothing more than speculation".

"The crown has failed to prove that the withdrawal had anything to do with the purchase of the car," he said.

Mr. Bilodeau had been alleged to have used some money belonging to a resident for a retreat at Keswick, and while Judge LeSage said he was satisfied that Mr. Bilodeau had in fact not gone to Keswick, he said there was no evidence that Mr. Bilodeau had taken the money.

Judge LeSage said the strongest evidence in the trial was related to the charge of the theft of \$2,558.30 from the account of one of the residents.

He said he couldn't understand how so much money had been spent, by the resident, or how she had been allowed to spend it. While the amount she

spent on clothes, gifts and other items was excessive, he said it still didn't account for the entire sum of money which appeared to be missing.

NO MORE

One of the allegations was that the resident, while staying in Mr. Bilodeau's home, had withdrawn \$1,200 from her account. Judge LeSage said he believes Mrs. Bilodeau when she testified that none of the money was deposited into Mr. Bilodeau's account.

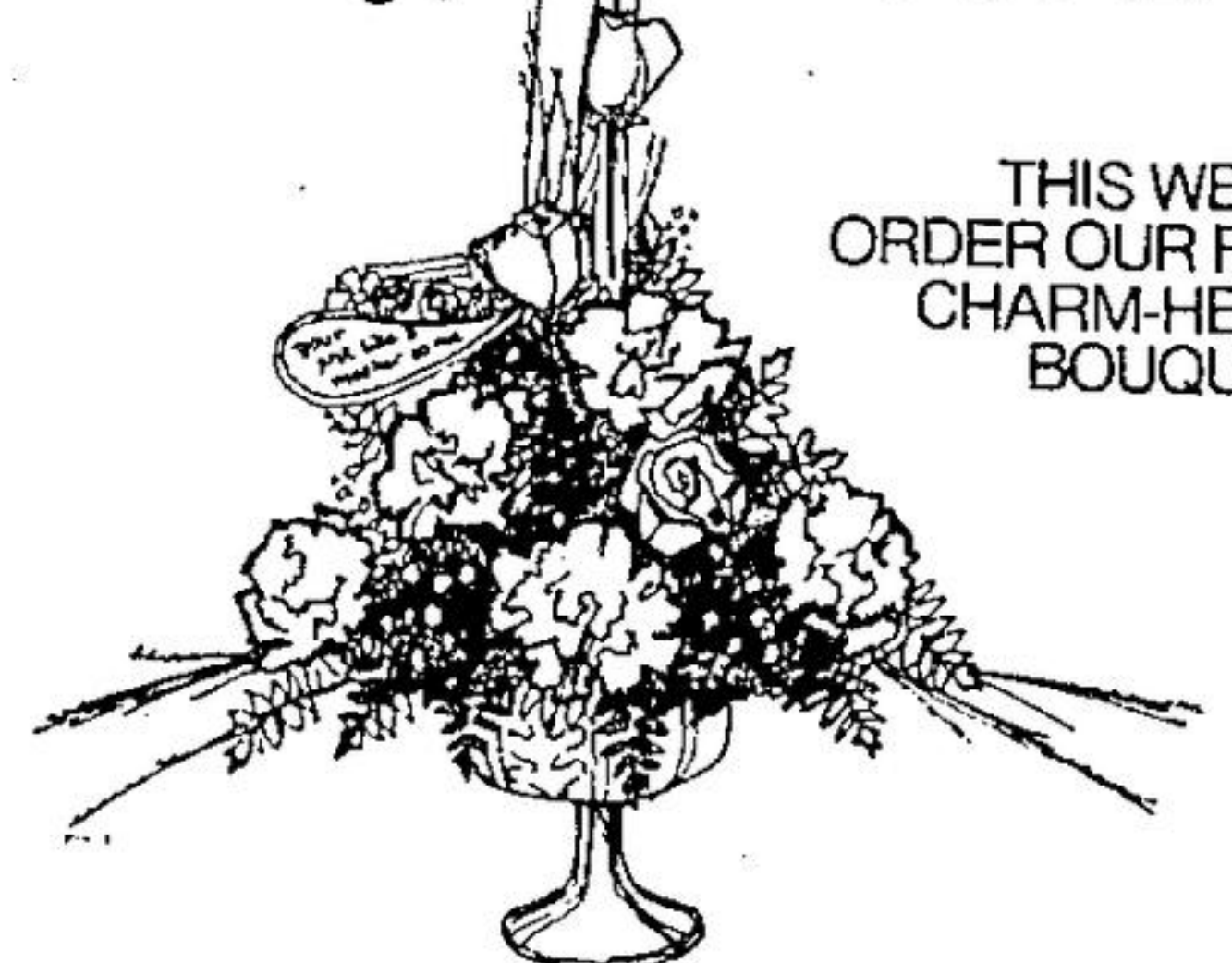
"There are many questions left unanswered about this resident's account, but I am not satisfied that the accused was responsible for the missing money," Judge LeSage said.

Mrs. Bilodeau began crying after the judge had completed

the reading of his judgement, and Mr. Bilodeau comforted her after he had left the docket. Outside the courtroom, Mr. Bilodeau refused to comment on the trial or his plans for the future.

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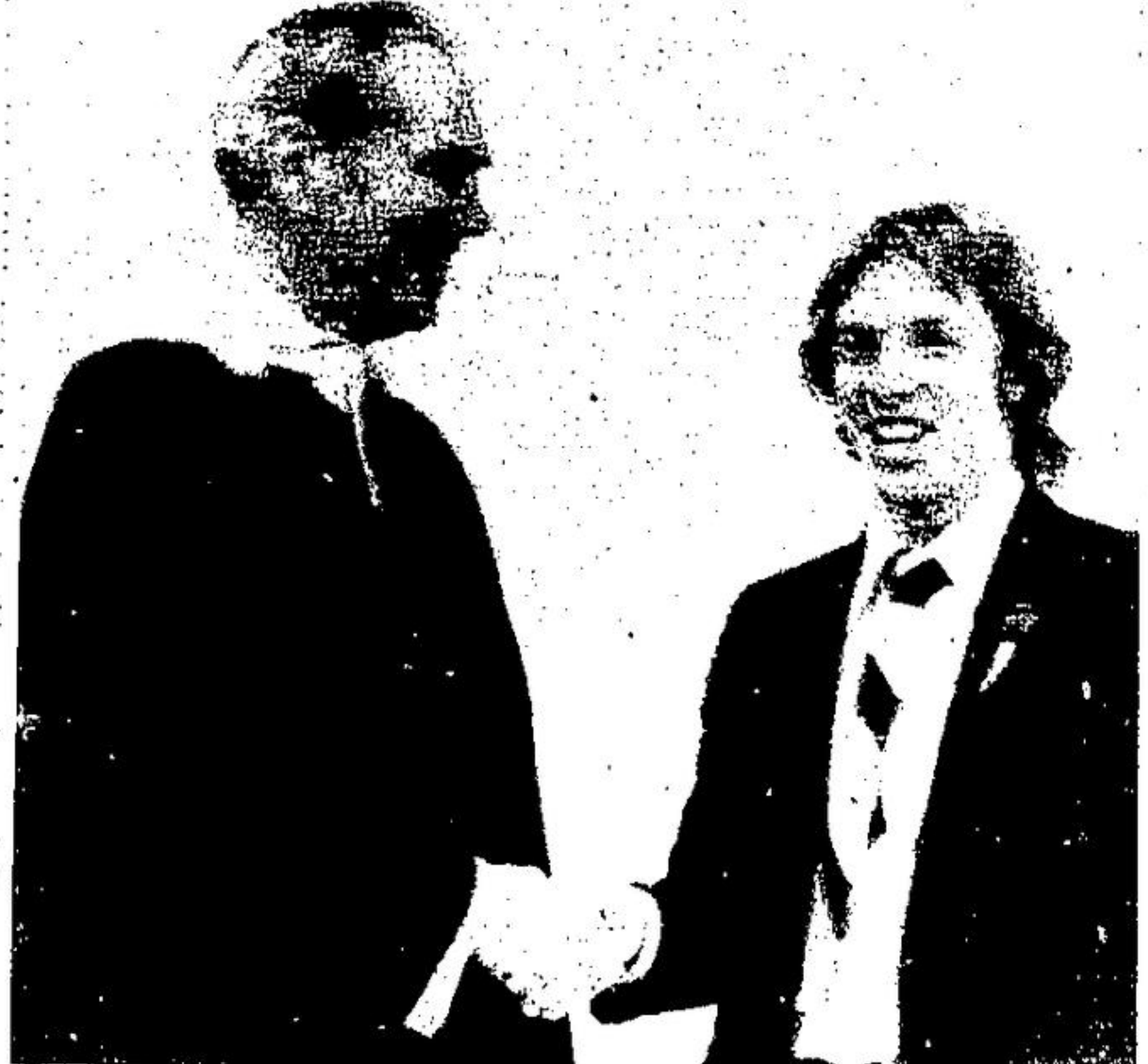
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7:00 p.m. C.S.B. Battalion
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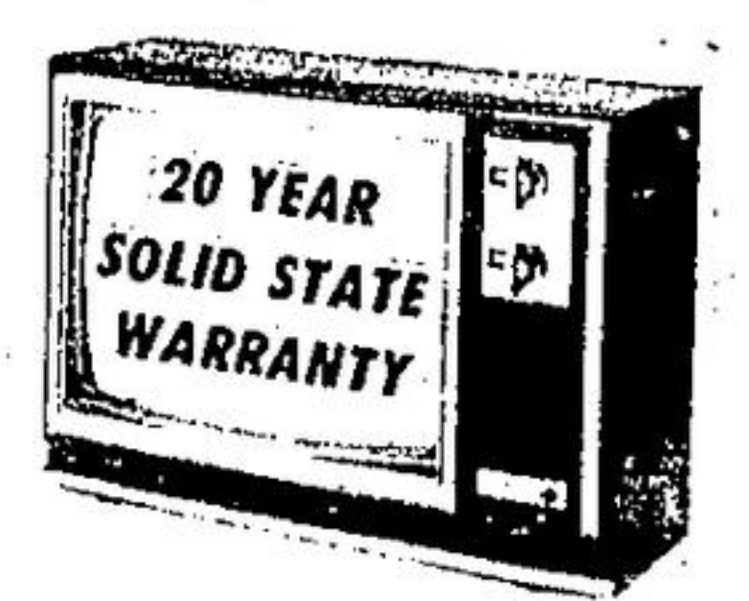
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Acton subdivision appears likely

Continued from page one and it won't tie up this development," the planner said. "We'll just lay around with 20,000 gallons of sewage."

Coun. Mike Armstrong, chairman of the planning board, argued that plans have been submitted for the two subdivisions and suggested that Coun. Levy was "missing the intent of the mayor's amendment."

Coun. Roy Booth, absent from last week's board meeting, commented that it was "nice" to see a development proposal granted speedy approval for a change, but sought assurance that another subdivision scheme before the board, involving a 137-acre site in Stewarttown, would similarly receive a quick decision, whether positive or negative.

Coun. Pat Patterson was the only member to respond as Coun. Booth had hoped, complaining that council is too slow in processing development proposals.

"We've sucked the hind teat so long in this town it's not funny," he said. "We've sat on our fannies too long. I'll definitely support (a quick decision) on this proposal and the one for Stewarttown."

Councillors Levy and Marilyn Serjeantson were the only opponents of a slightly revised resolution directing staff to prepare the necessary official plan amendments. Those voting in favor were Mayor Pomeroy and councillors Booth, Armstrong, Patterson, George Malby, John McDonald, Russ Miller and Ross Knechtel. Councillors Walter Biehn, Terry Grubbe and Ed Wood were absent.

Obstacles to servicing the two sites found their focus in a related recommendation, which was rejected by the board, to have staff review Acton's residential growth potential as it relates to available sewage treatment capacity. Mr. Venditti assured Mayor Pomeroy that preparing a re-

port on the situation would not be a great deal of work for his department, but agreed that it could be undertaken separately.

"It's nothing complicated, Civiero spokesman Paul Nielsen drew the board's attention to "several misunderstandings" contained in Mr. Venditti's preliminary report, including a review of nearby development sites. Mayor Pomeroy asked him to defer further comment on the servicing aspects of the proposal until details of the situation could be examined.

Tax ceiling trims increase

Continued from page one ceiling is virtually a fait accompli," he said. "Anyway, to come down from a 13 per cent hike to a five per cent hike is quite a thing."

Mr. King reported that the province will match the town's 1979 resource equalization grant of \$530,000 again next year, but the situation in future

years has yet to be determined. With residential assessment having increased much more than commercial assessment since 1970, when current factors were first computed, he said, the province is attempting to counteract any negative effects by discounting residential assessment by 15 per cent.

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