



A picture of the old Georgetown Public School. (Herald file photo)

## LEFERINK DISPOSAL:

*Firm's business is picking up*

By CHRIS AAGAARD

Albert Leferink isn't squeamish about garbage.

With other people's weekly output of trash, he's been able to build a successful family business, whose name and fleet of blue trucks are as well recognized in North Halton's rural area as silos and cedar fences.

Private contractors, like Leferink Disposals Ltd., collect garbage in the rural area, unless residents prefer to cart it off to the region's landfill site in Burlington or to a "transfer" station on Georgetown's Armstrong Boulevard.

Rural ratepayers pay for their own garbage collection, although garbage in the urban areas of Acton and Georgetown is collected by the town's own garbage trucks.

Over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, business is always brisk.

**TREE TIME**  
"At Christmas time,"

Mr. Leferink said during a recent interview, "there's a lot more garbage, mostly wrapping paper and boxes. It's lighter than the stuff we normally pick up."

"Now we'll start picking up the Christmas trees."

In the trash pick-up trade, the winter months of December, January and February tend to be the "slack time," Mr. Leferink commented, adding that household and yard trash amounts also level off during the peak of the summer "when people go on holiday".

"But in the spring and fall, that's another story," he said. "People have been cleaning out the woodshed or the yard and there's an awful lot of damp leaves."

Albert Leferink, a Netherlands native, began collecting trash from fellow rural neighbors in 1968. At that time, he was employed with the old Domtar paper plant in Georgetown; the garbage pickup was earn-

ing some extra money for his family.

**FIRM GROWS**  
Eventually, the growth of his list of customers was putting too much of a strain on what was supposed to be part-time operation.

"At night, I would work at the mill," he said. "And then I'd be on the road during the day collecting garbage. In my first week, I got 43 customers."

Mr. Leferink eventually left Domtar to concentrate full-time on his burgeoning trash collection business.

Now, his fleet of trucks number eight — three big "roll off" trucks (one with a trailer); two trucks with a front-loading fork; two smaller pick-up trucks for collections in the rural area and a container delivery truck.

Leferink's Disposals most significant expansion came just six years ago when it started to enlarge its equipment inventory from two trucks.

Private firms empty

the large trash containers used by industries. A growth of customers from the industrial areas spurred Leferink to meet demand by buying more equipment, Mr. Leferink explained.

In addition, Leferink Transfer Ltd., is responsible for operating the solid waste transfer station on Armstrong Avenue.

All trash collected in Halton Hills and bound for Burlington stops at Leferink's transfer station first. Here, solid waste is compacted into smaller, heavier loads. Leferink trucks haul 30 tonnes of waste to the landfill site each day.

Truly a family business, the Leferink Disposals and Leferink Transfer firms provide livings for a number of family members.

Albert Leferink's sons, John, Bert and Wayne and nephew Jack Klooster work for the firms, as does his brother-in-law, John Gillissen, the treasurer.

## New owner marketing natural wigs

By KAREN PAYNE

Herald Special  
Donna Lambert, the new owner of Scissors Unisex Hairstyling Salon has been demonstrating to her customers how natural it looks to wear a wig.

"I've lost a number of different customers due to hair loss and I'd like to help," said Mrs. Lambert in explanation.

"You would be surprised at how comfortable it is to wear a wig," explained Mrs. Lambert. "I've been wearing this one for a couple of weeks now and most people haven't been aware of it until I told them," she said.

"The shade of the wig is almost identical to my hair colour. The firm I'll be dealing with provides a large variety of different colours."

June Nielsen, a hairdresser at Scissors accompanied her to a wig distribution center in Toronto recently.

"They were cold and insensitive to the buyer. There was absolutely no personal contact and they didn't seem to care if we were satisfied or not," Mrs. Lambert said.

"We were told that we would have to choose

from a limited stock. This, in turn, meant the styling of the wig was non-negotiable," said Mrs. Lambert.

"They aren't the only ones who've noticed the lack of concern in the sale of wigs."

Jerrie Snook of Main Street, Acton, says her mother feels the same way. "My mother goes down to the States to buy hers because prices are more reasonable and she can get the style she wants."

Mrs. Lambert will be starting the distribution as soon as the ownership transactions of Scissors is complete.

"I'm going to get in touch with the Cancer Society so they can let chemo-therapy patients know there is an outlet in the district."

**REASONABLE**  
"The prizes are going to be reasonable," she explained. "Up to date there is nothing over \$50. I'll be charging for the fitting and styling of the wig itself," she said.

"I just want to help people who feel bad about their hair. The customer might have had hair loss due to health reasons or they might just simply have had hair."



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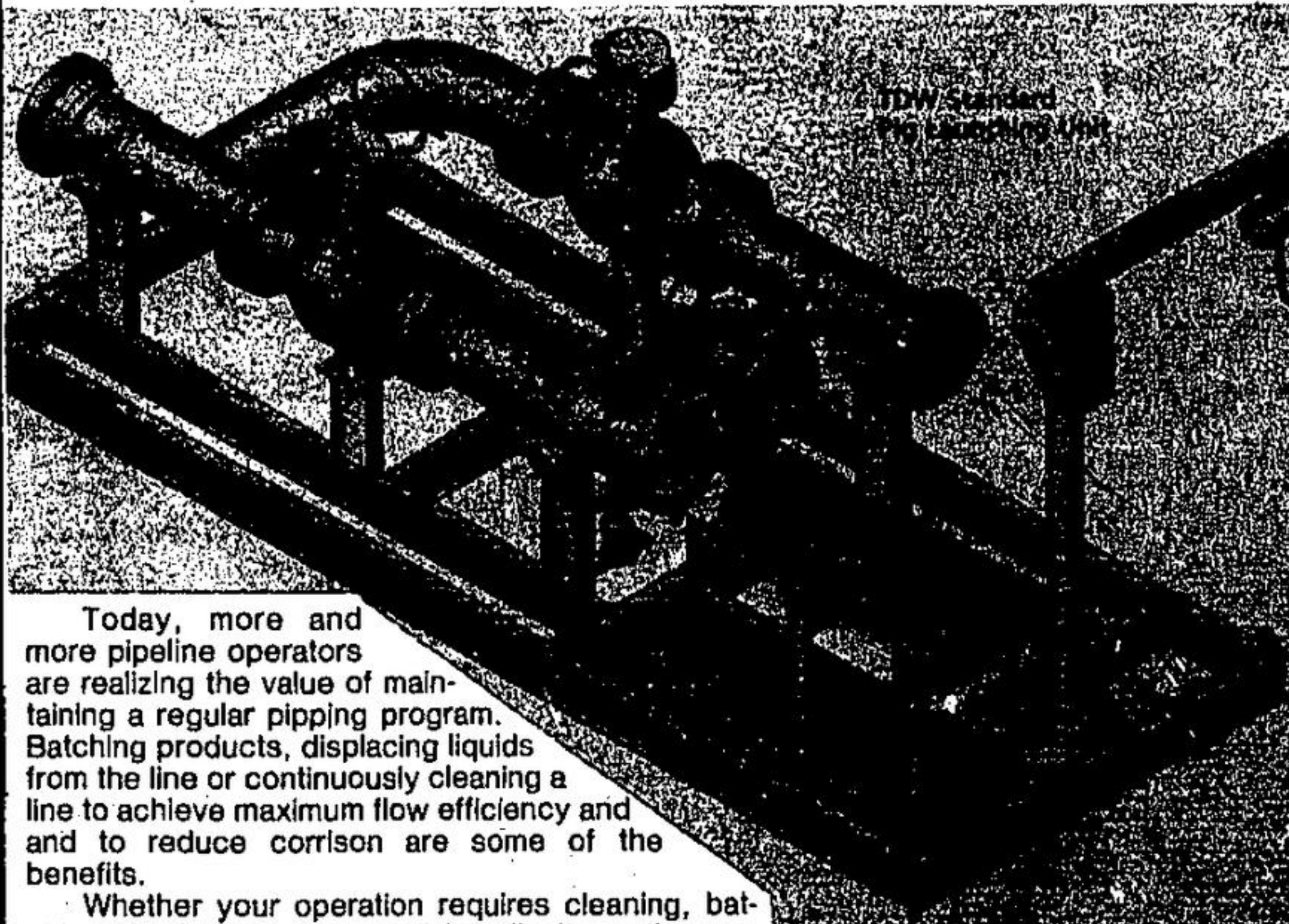
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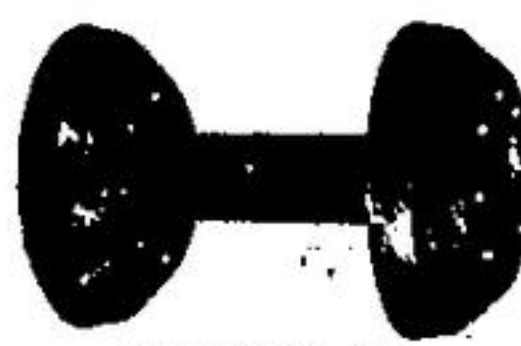
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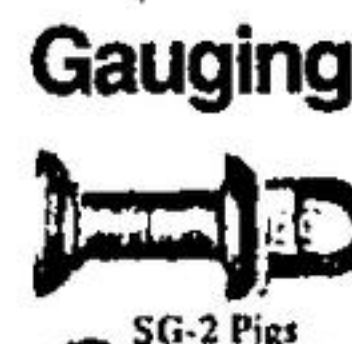
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