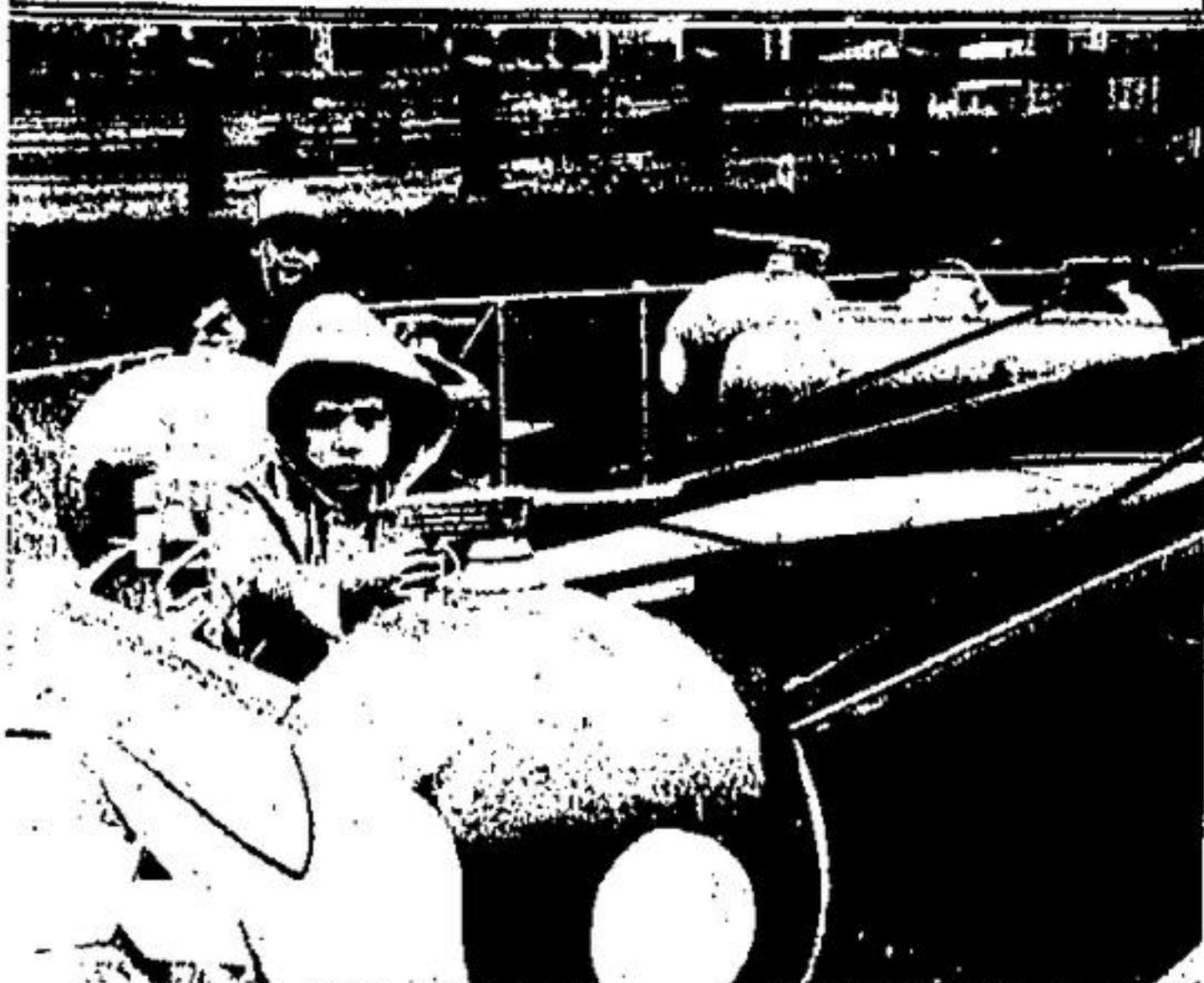


**Midway madness**



Wet weather cancelled a number of events, but the amusement rides went as scheduled at the

Fairgrounds. As a result of the bad weather, a number of people chose not to attend. (Herald photo)



This year's Bang-o-Rama was a damp one, but that didn't mean those attending couldn't have fun. Here Dave McCallum lifts Jeff Timmons up while the two were on the



Damp, cool weather was the main reason why many people stayed away from the 48th annual Bang-O-Rama held Monday at the Fairgrounds. Many events had to be

cancelled, but the amusement rides were open to those who attended the event at the Fairgrounds. (Herald photo)

# Downtown gets boost from doctors

Downtown Georgetown will soon have a spanking new professional building on Mill Street. A group of doctors, dentists and lawyers are combining their resources to build a two or three floor building across the street from the Gregory and the Salvation Army store.

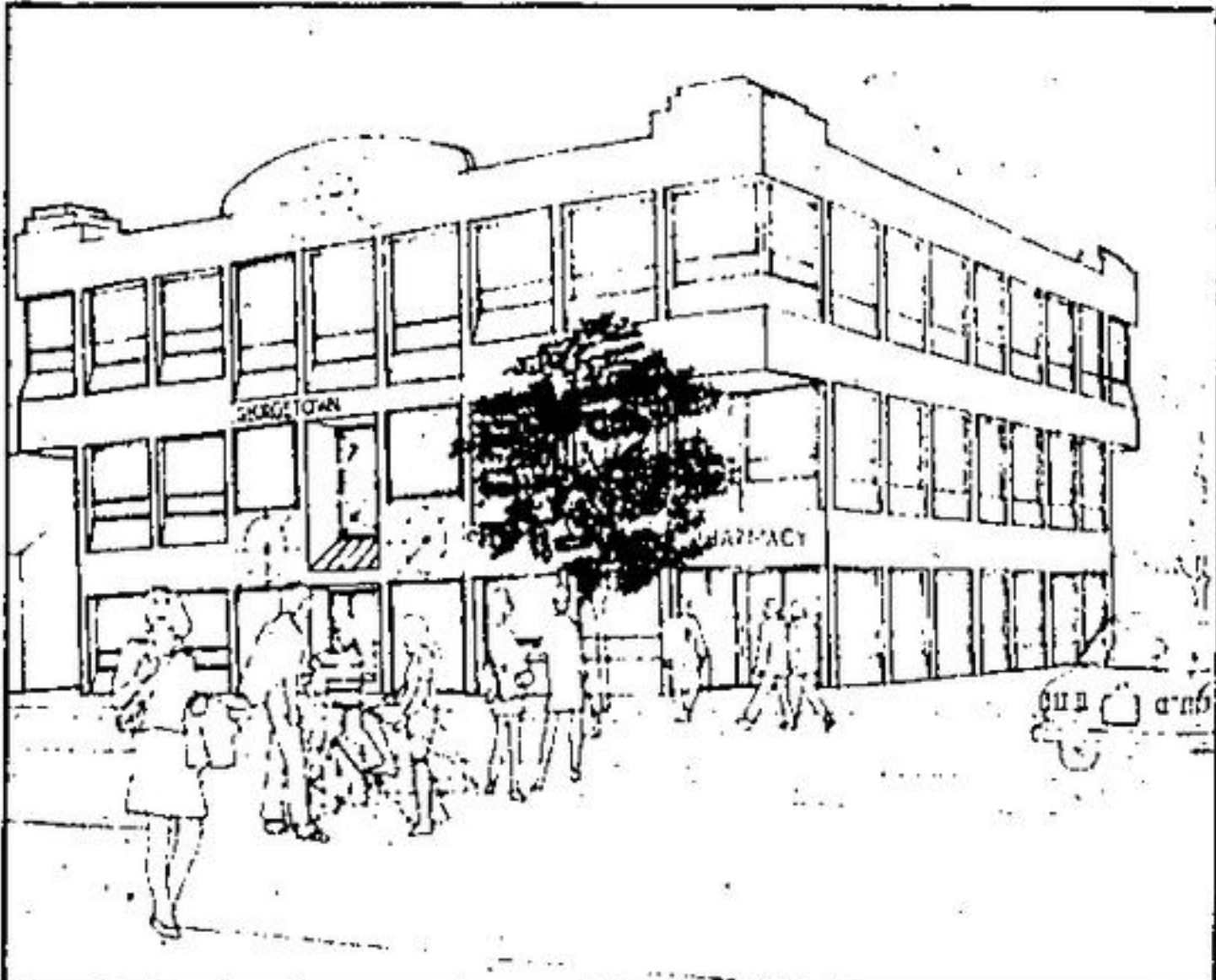
The building was most recently the home of the Halton Regional Police until about five years ago when they moved into a new facility on Guelph Street.

Dr. Bob Bourns is the president of the group, consisting of five doctors, two dentists and two lawyers. The property was purchased May 5 and the new owners hope to have

said Dr. Bourns. By building their own building, the doctors and other professionals can help to plan and design the structure. Nowadays, doctors are concerned with better patient flow and avoiding running from one room to another. Dr. Bourns said.

The tenants will each have a share in the building, as they are also the owners. Medical Data Sciences (MDS) will run the laboratory and they will own a share of the building as well.

The owners felt that it was important for the building to blend into the surrounding architecture and this has been done, Dr. Bourns said.



This is an architect's drawing of the new professional building that will be built on the site of the old police station on Mill Street in Georgetown. The red house at 79

Mill Street beside the structure will remain. The present building will be demolished and a two or three floor structure with a basement will be constructed.

their new building completed by the early months of 1987.

The building will have to be demolished and a new structure put up because it is too impractical to renovate, said Dr. Bourns.

When looking for a location for a building, the doctors wanted to be downtown, Dr. Bourns said. "It was downtown or nowhere. The most significant factor was for us to be downtown," he said. "It certainly shows the professionals here are committed to the downtown," he added.

The owners still need a town building permit before they turn any sod, which is proposed for June. The building will be three stories plus a half-size basement, depending on whether a few more tenants can be found, Dr. Bourns said.

Ironically, the building used to be the home and office of Dr. Reginald Paul, a physician who worked out of his home about 25 years ago. After that, it was used as a bank.

## Rookie councillors debate 5 year planning

**By ANI FEDERIAN  
Herald Staff**

It was left to a handful of rookie councillors to pare away at the capital budget forecast Thursday night. It was the second evening of budget committee deliberations for the years 1987 to 1990, and still the job has to be completed.

A third meeting was scheduled for Tuesday (yesterday) evening, as *The Herald* went to press.

Under the leadership of Coun. Pam Johnston, Couns. Betty Fisher, Gerald Rennie, Lillias Bowman, Al Cook, Joe Hewitt, and sole veteran Coun. Peter Norton, town representatives decided how to spend taxpayers' dollars to the end of the decade.

Fencing the back of the Maple Avenue fire station next year at a cost of \$13,500 was dropped Thursday night, although it had been left in the capital forecast at the first capital budget meeting.

In order to keep taxes within six per cent increases annually, councillors had to cut away \$715,000 from the 1987 capital forecast; \$160,000 from 1988; \$790,000 from 1989 and \$800,000 from 1990.

It wasn't an easy job.

The fifth phase of a road reconstruction project in the Durham, Sarah, Elgin Streets and Ostrander Boulevard area was moved forward to 1988. The same prospect fell to the Armstrong Avenue storm sewer project's phase 2.

Deleted from the 1987 capital forecast was \$10,000 to make the Gordon Alcott Hall air conditioned.

"Is that really needed?" Coun. Betty Fisher questioned. "I don't have it in my home. We don't have it in our schools."

Recreation Director Tom Shepard agreed that no, it wasn't needed. However, he said if the hall had air conditioning, more community groups would rent it out in the summer.

Also dropped from the 1987 budget was a five year energy conservation project costing \$30,000 in its first year. The project is eligible for a \$10,000 subsidy.

A new roof, costing \$15,000 for Cedarvale was questioned. The recreation director said the current roof is in bad shape and was to be replaced this year, but was put off for a year.

"If we don't look after it, you'll be after structural problems. We patched it last year and it still leaks. I think we've prolonged the expenditure long enough," Mr. Shepard said.

Although the Cedarvale roof

stayed in the 1987 budget, drainage work at Fairview Cemetery was dropped. Town engineer Bob Austin explained the work was to include the planting of trees along the northern boundary.

Also deleted was money for a creative playground at Acton's Greenore and Kingham area and a parkette and play area for John Street.

Although a big pitch was made for \$25,000 to be socked away for land acquisition for recreation, councillors chopped away.

Town Treasurer Ray King said the town had over \$100,000 in its parkland reserve fund from subdivision agreements.

"You're looking at three and a half acres for one soccer pitch and \$100,000 isn't going to get you very much," Mr. Shepard said.

He said less than 50 per cent of the recreational activities scheduled by his department are played on town-owned property. The rest are on leased lands from industry or sports fields on school properties.

"We're at the mercy of somebody

else," Mr. Shepard said. "It's a ridiculous way to operate."

He complained about the Halton Board of Education sports fields, that they aren't maintained or can't be used to the recreation department's satisfaction. Many of the fields aren't the right size for adults, aren't fertilized or weed sprayed at the right time, Mr. Shepard said.

"I don't know whether we're blessed or cursed, but there are more and more adults playing sports in Halton Hills," he said.

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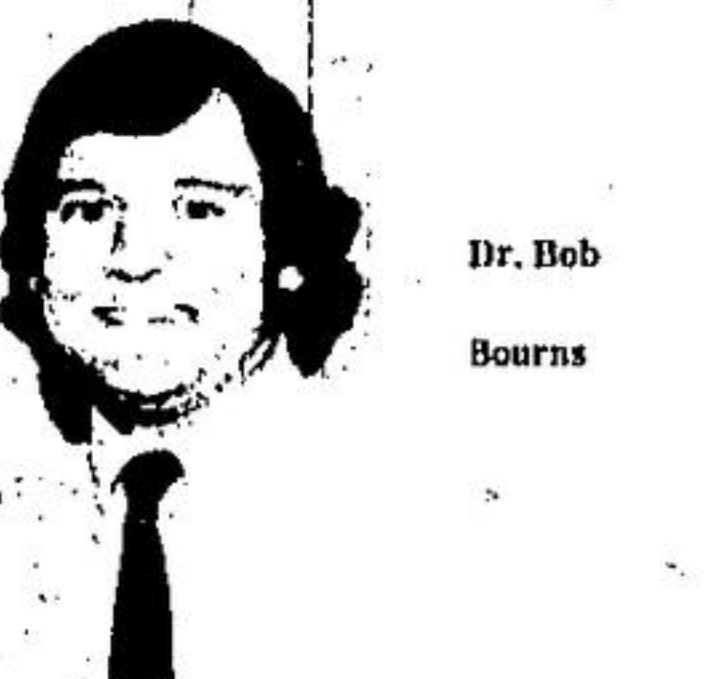
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Dr. Bob Bourns

The vast majority of the doctors moving in, practise in the downtown area and some have done so for over 20 years, he said.

The building will have access to the handicapped and provide parking, an elevator, an X-ray and laboratory plus a pharmacy.

"For the doctors it's convenient to have one stop medicine (all in one building)," he said.

"Our concern was to move into a more modern (medical) facility."

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