


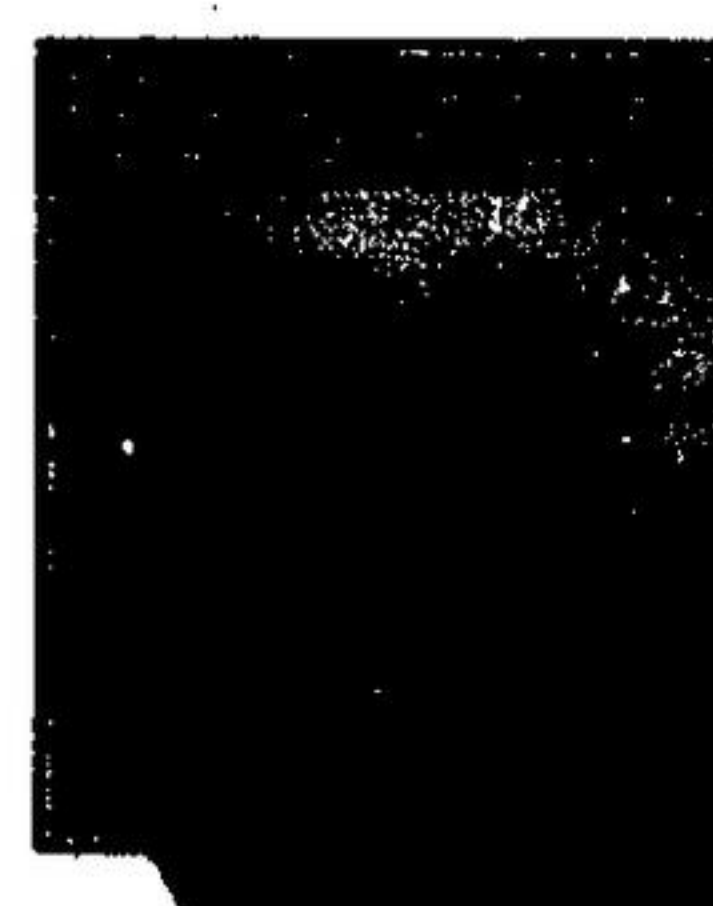
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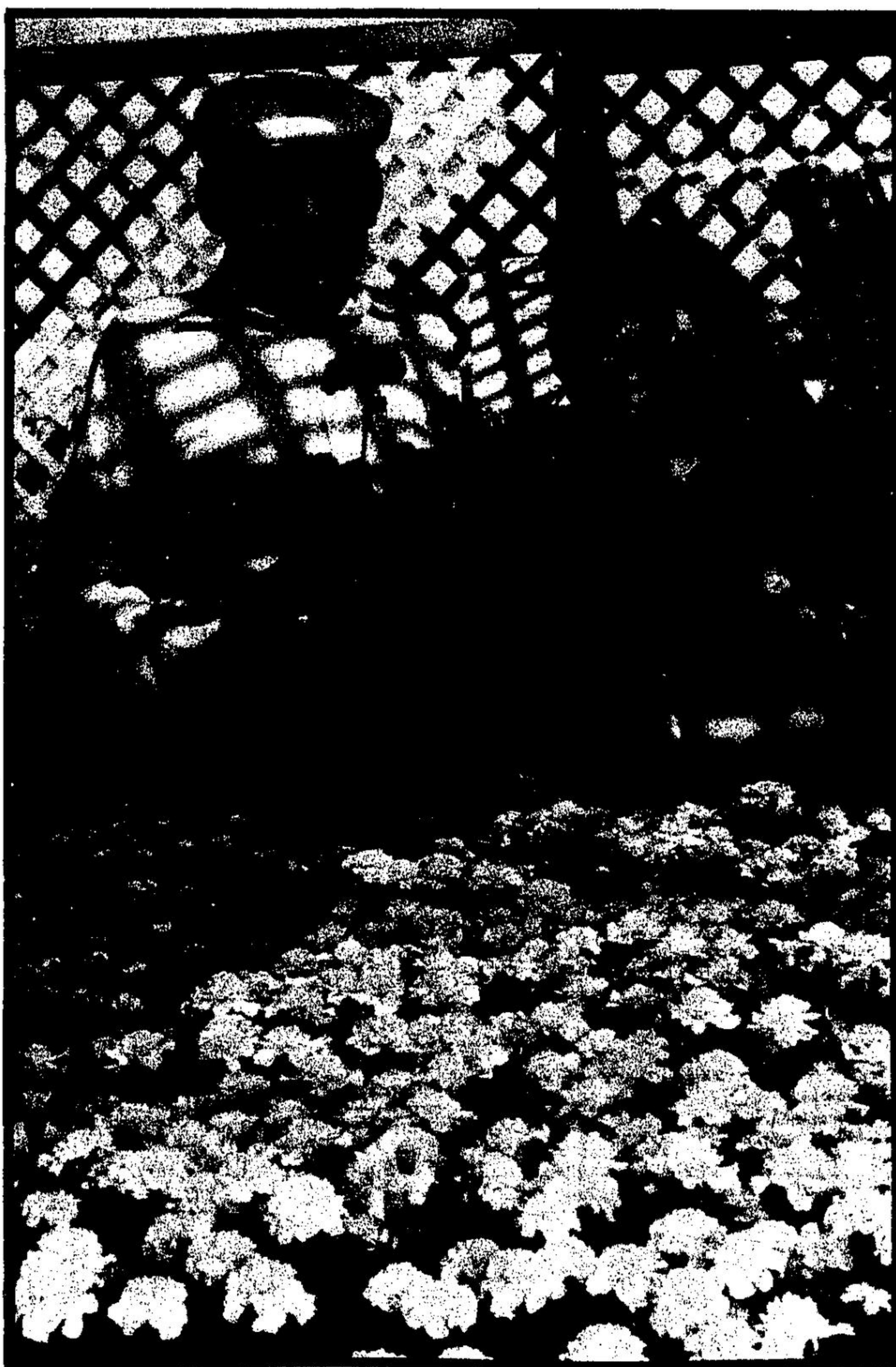
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"Hometown tourists"

These "hometown tourists" were at the Dominion Seed House last week for their supplies for planting season. The warm weather this past week had everyone out in their gardens, brightening the land-

scape with flowers. Here Gus and Maria Mikolet of Georgetown demonstrate the beauty of this season's floral treasures. (Herald photo by Donna Kell)

Region backing Milton dumpsite

If Halton Region has a strong voice in provincial government, three appeals launched by groups against the proposed Regional landfill site in Milton could fall on deaf ears.

Halton Region said in a report last week that it is "content" with the choice of the Consolidated Hearings Board which chose a site on Highway 25 in Milton over a Burlington site near Aldershot.

The Region spent \$10 million in 10 years to research a landfill site for garbage which is presently being shipped out of the Region, as far away as New York.

"The Region is prepared to proceed to landfill at (Milton) in accordance with the conditions ordered by the Joint Board," says a Regional report.

"The Region of Halton respectfully requests that (Ontario) Cabinet uphold the decision in favor of Site D (in Milton)," a Regional report prepared for Cabinet revealed last week.

But local groups had 28 days from Feb. 24 to launch an appeal against the proposed site south of Britannia Road. The provincial government received appeals from the Town of Milton, the Milton Area Citizens Coalition and NSP Investments Limited.

The Town of Milton claims that a test pit dug at the Highway 25 site in April last year revealed fractures in an unweathered till. They say this evidence was not presented to the Consolidated Hearings Board.

But the Region argues that Milton had a chance to present its evidence. The Regional report responding to the Town of Milton also says the issue is not whether

fractures exist, but whether or not water or leachate (water contaminated by garbage) would flow through the ground.

"It is respectfully submitted (to the Provincial Cabinet) that if the Town of Milton had concerns about the suitability of the unweathered till at Site D (in Milton) for use as liner material, it had ample opportunity to obtain such evidence from its own witnesses while the hearing was in progress," the Region said.

"The Town of Milton, for reasons which are undisclosed, chose not to reveal evidence developed in a test pit during the hearing, and chose to forego the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses for the Region."

The Milton Area Ratepayers said in their appeal to provincial Cabinet that it is not "sound or reasonably necessary" to expropriate land belonging to four families on Highway 25. The Region responded, saying there would be greater impact on a smaller number of people at the Milton site. The Burlington site would have a milder effect on a greater number of people if approved.

The ratepayers also say the Joint Board did not take the Foodland Guidelines into consideration when choosing the Milton site. The Region insists the Ontario Municipal Board and the Environmental Assessment Board "considered the impact of the Foodland Guidelines on applications brought before them."

But the ratepayers say the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food preferred the Burlington site

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Local doctors assist prescription drug bust

A Toronto man has been charged with 18 counts of "double-doctoring" in connection with illegally-obtained prescriptions from the Halton Hills and Burlington areas over the past year.

Police say Roberto Paul Rendace, 25, was charged Monday with illegally obtaining prescriptions for Fiorinal C, a codeine drug, from local pharmacists in the Town of Halton Hills and the City of Burlington.

In a two-week investigation, police say local pharmacists and doctors were instrumental in help-

ing them solve the case. "This offence, which is becoming quite wide-spread" involves "receiving prescriptions for narcotics to treat bogus illnesses," a police press release says.

Police say under the Narcotics Control Act, anyone seeking a prescription must inform the physician of any drugs prescribed in the previous 30 days.

Mr. Rendace of Downsview was scheduled to appear in Milton Provincial Court for a bail hearing yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon.

He was arrested by police at his Downsview residence.