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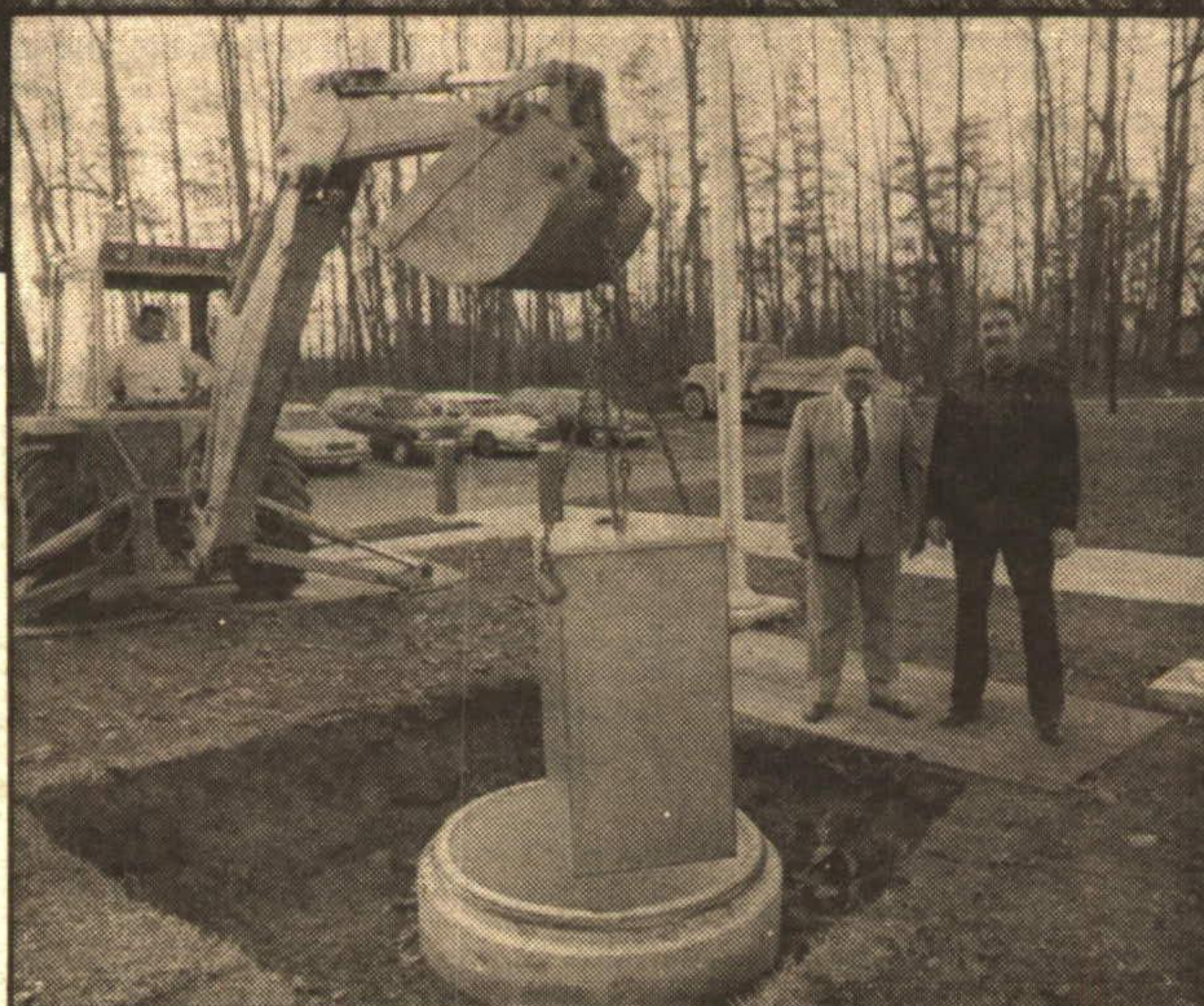
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Capping it off

The time capsule at the Halton Hills Civic Centre was laid to rest in the ground in front of the office Tuesday afternoon, to remain undisturbed until the year 2024; 50 years after the incorporation of the Town of Halton Hills. Mayor Russ Miller and Rec and Parks Director Tom Shepard watch as town employee Larry Frizzel lowers the metal structure with a backhoe, (at right) before Dave Shannon and Susan Ferguson (above) seal the concrete lid with some coaching from Foreman John Dunn and Bob Tracey. See page 15 for the contents of the capsule. *TED BROWN/WeekEnd.*



New Acton arena, Glen water system Duignan's priorities

By JANET BAINE

Tuesday's throne speech at Queen's Park will be followed by "an avalanche of announcements," says North Halton MPP Noel Duignan.

He plans to make a couple of the announcements himself on NDP government initiatives and policies. Duignan won't say what his announcements are going to be about.

While the throne speech has been criticized for its lack of specifics, Duignan defended it by saying it provided only the backbone of government initiatives, with details to follow.

Premier Bob Rae's fledgling government has promised to fight the recession by spending \$700 million on public improvement projects. The government says this will put more people to work and stimulate spending in the economy.

Duignan submitted a list of projects he considers a priority in this riding, including:

- a new arena for Acton, at a total cost of \$7 to \$8 million;
- money to complete the \$8.6 million Leisure Centre in Milton;
- extend the municipal water system to Glen Williams, at a cost of \$1 or \$2 million;
- provide Halton Region Conservation Authority with funds to buy the Lac Minerals' property adjacent Kelso Conservation Area.

Duignan doesn't know if any of the \$700 million will come directly to his riding to help finance these projects, nor how projects will be selected. He's waiting for details, he said.

One of the highlights of his life was being in the legislature when Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander read the speech, he said.

"It was quite a tremendous experience. It's hard to describe in words," he said.

The exact contents of the speech was a surprise to MPPs, even

though they submitted items which they thought should be included.

Duignan had a number of concerns, including:

- current problems resulting from quarry licences granted years ago, before environmental concerns on the Niagara Escarpment were raised;
- any development should have to go through a full environmental process;
- zero chemical discharge into the Great Lakes by the year 2000;
- alleviating poverty through increasing the minimum wage, rent controls and plans to make home ownership easier.

But Duignan was pleased with the throne speech. He said everybody in Ontario will come out on top.

SEE DUIGNAN'S new job on page 4

United Way



exceeds residential campaign goal See story page 9

AHS fruit drive in Acton today

High school students will be making the rounds of Acton neighborhoods today (Saturday) in a fund-raiser for a school band trip.

The Acton High School band, which is headed for Calgary and Vancouver next spring, hopes Vancouver houseolders will support today's citrus fruit sales.

The students will be taking orders today, with the fruit to be delivered soon after.

Region asks 'Big Three' garbage kings to consider running our waste management system. See story page 3



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