



Joseph Stamp of Churchill Cresnet, Georgetown while planting a tree. **TED BROWN Weekend** displays the fossil he discovered in his back yard,

## Fossil shows Georgetown area once lay beneath tropical sea

Dear editor,  
While digging a three foot hole at the back of my property a few

### OMB turns down..

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the application, and referred the matter to the OMB. The two-day hearing was conducted earlier this month.

They feared that the 30 additional permanent homes would adversely affect their peace, privacy, water and sewage.

They also argued the project won't be compatible with their rural neighborhood because the mobile homes will create a high-density residential area.

Mobile homes must conform to building code requirements, and are moved to a permanent location, whereas trailers are considered portable.

Barber currently operates a seasonal trailer and camping business that accommodates 125 fully-serviced trailers. It has capacity for 230 trailers, but only 150 sites are developed.

Residents from Willow Park were anxiously awaiting a favorable outcome from the hearing because the Credit Valley Conservation Authority expropriated their lands last year. It has given the residents until May to find a new location for their trailers.

years ago, I came across this piece of unusual rock formation, on which a clear imprint of a fossil was attached.

Curious to what it may be, I mailed it to the archaeology department of the University of Guelph, where it was forwarded to the curator, for the Axelrod fossil collection.

I received an answer back in a few weeks, from James D. Eckert, head of the Zoology department.

My curiosity was well-founded, my fossil consists of brachiopods, a type of marine animal, distantly related to modern oysters.

Mr. Eckert said it came from

the Upper Ordovician Period, about 450 million years ago, when the province was covered with a tropical sea.

I have my fossil back; and, his letter to prove my claim to its authenticity. It is hard to comprehend that a tropical sea, once existed, where we now live, or may I say all of Ontario, was a tropical ocean.

By the way, I also uncovered an old, old, cowbell, rusty, but still rings clearly.

Yours sincerely,  
Joseph Stamp  
Churchill Cresnet,  
Georgetown

### \$5,000 damage

Approximately \$5,000 damage was done to a chimney after a small fire ignited inside it Wednesday afternoon. The home is located southeast of Stewarttown, and no injuries were reported, according to the fire department.

### False alarms

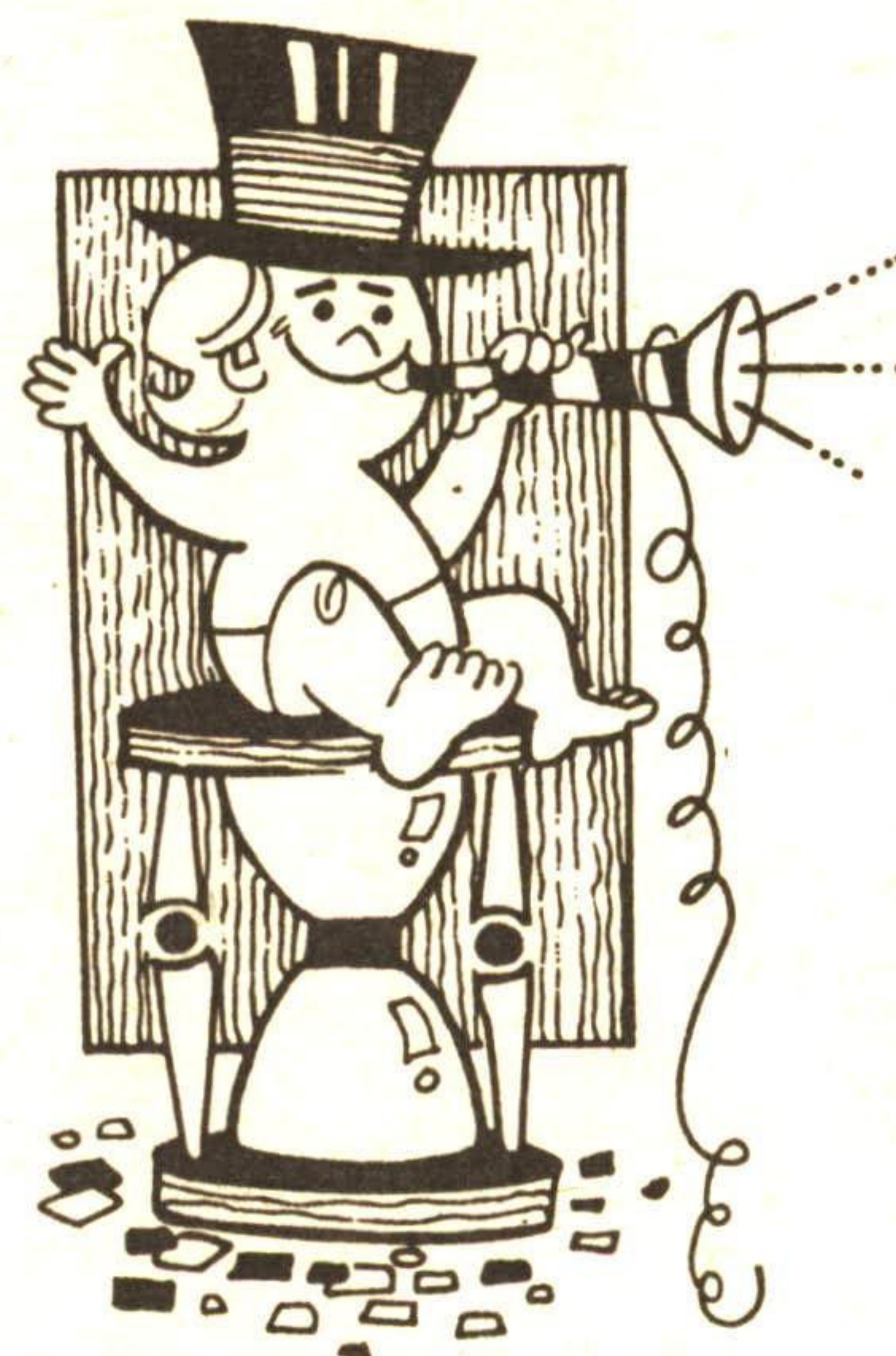
Halton Hills firefighters responded to three false alarms last weekend. An equipment malfunction set the alarms off at

the Sands Condominium in Georgetown early Saturday morning. Alarms at a home south of Acton were set off for the same reason on the following morning. Finally, late Wednesday afternoon, an alarm panel went off at the Acton Arena.

### Smoke detected

Smoke and sawdust from an electric saw set off a basement alarm at a residence north of Georgetown late Wednesday morning, according to the fire department.

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