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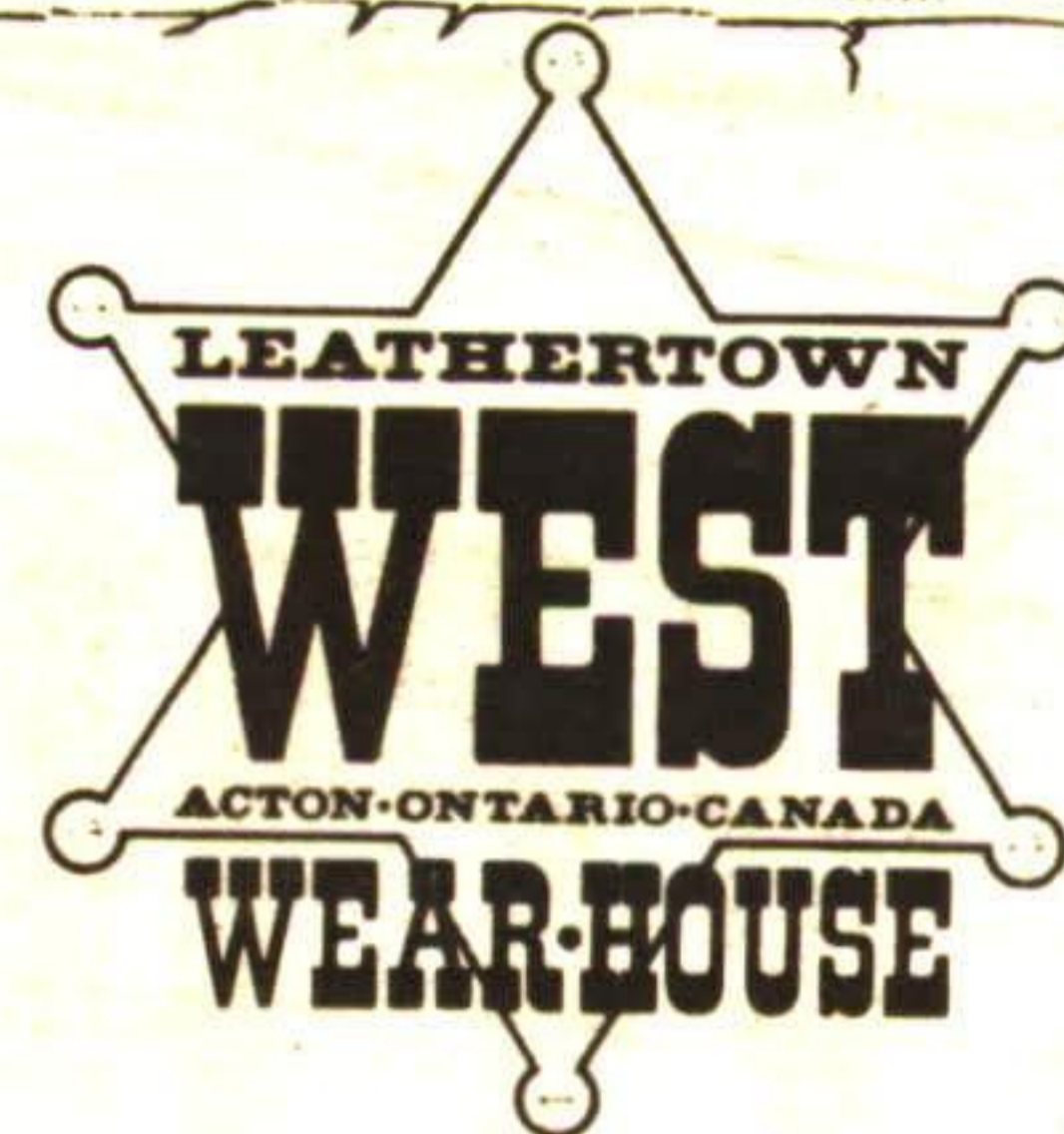
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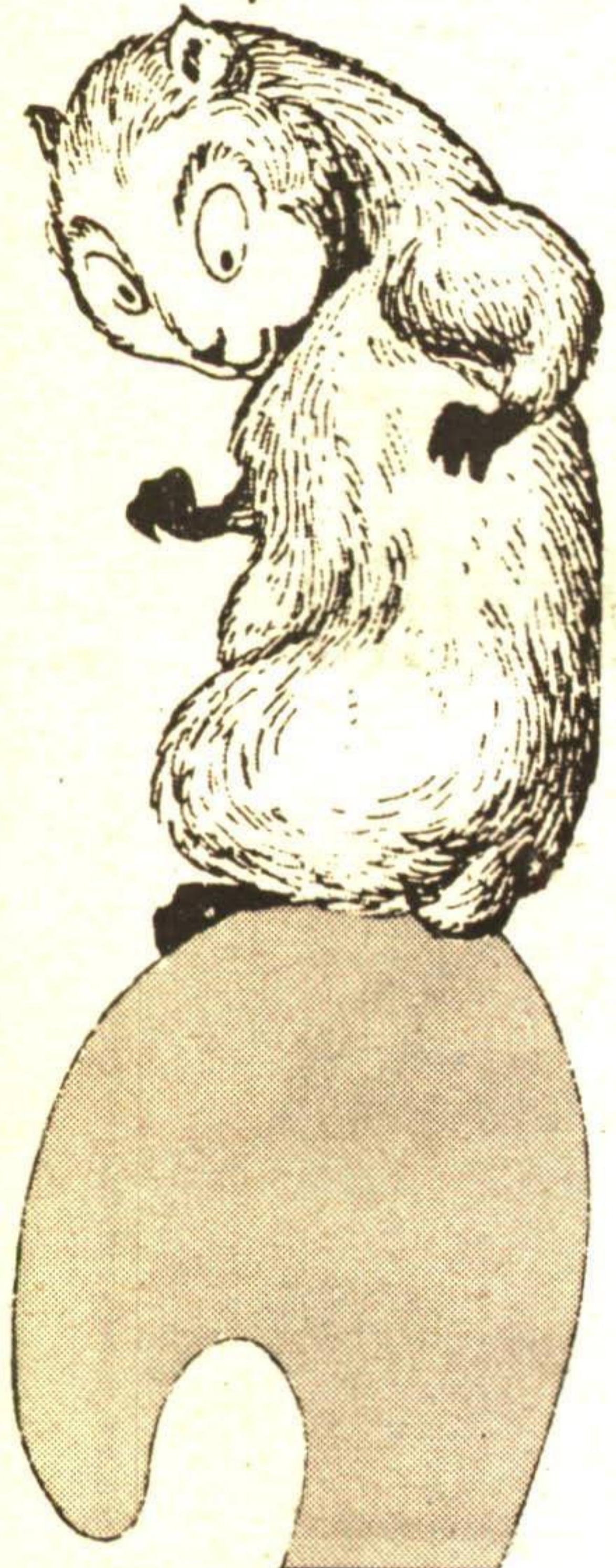
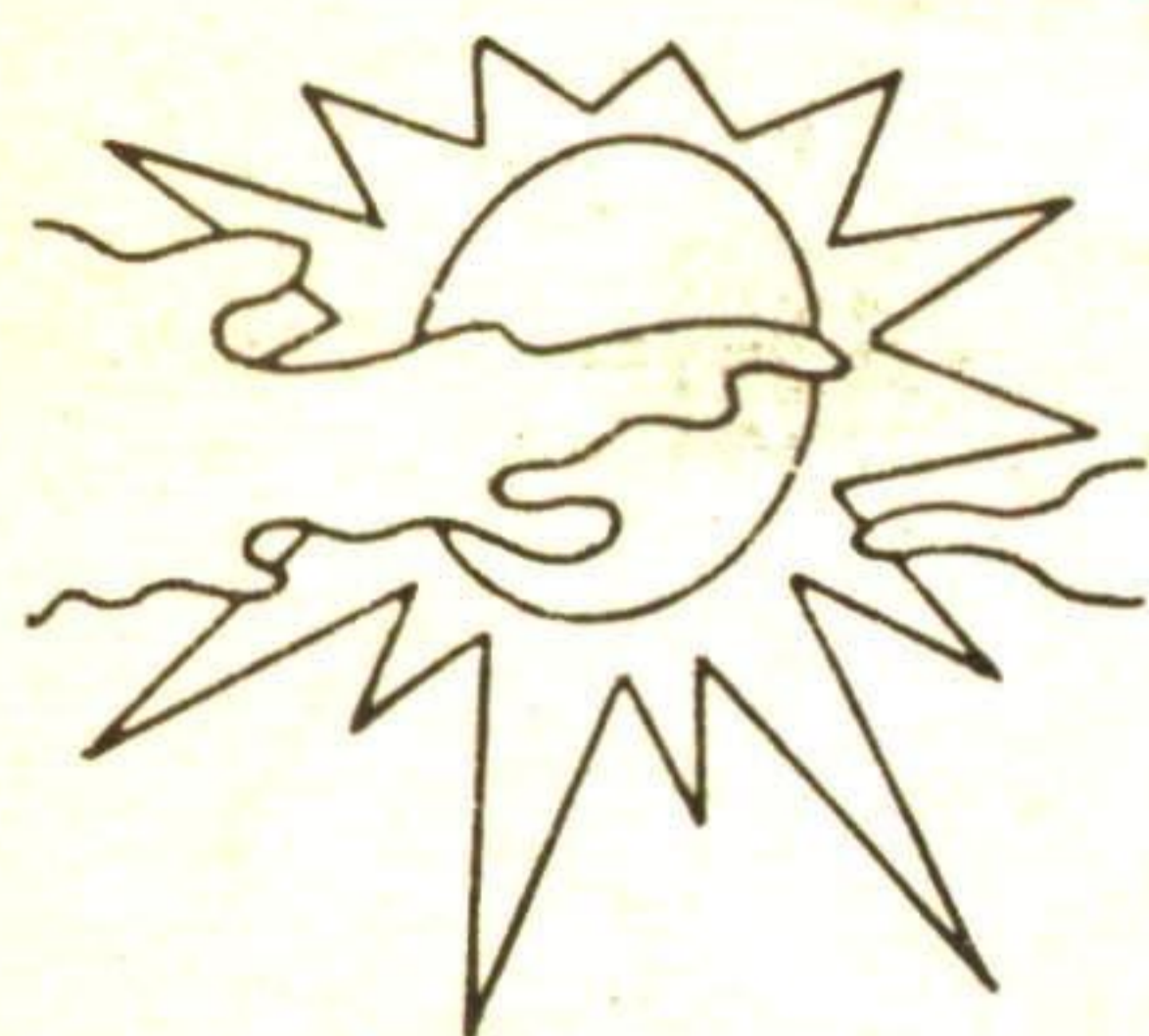
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What's the verdict, Willie?

Warton Willie is due to poke his nose out of his burrow today, (Saturday, February 2) and tell us whether we'll have an early spring or a late winter.

It's all in the shadow. If this furry creature sees his shadow, according to the traditional tale, it means six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see his shadow at noon, so the story goes, spring can come anytime.

An animal biologist at the University of Guelph scoffs the legend and says if groundhogs appear on February 2nd, it is because it's time for him to chase girls for the mating season.

According to such places as the Kortright Centre for Conservation which sponsors a Gary, the Groundhog Day annually, the animal's shadow has been correct seven times in the last 10 years.

We'll leave it to you to decide on the merits of the myth.

What budget committee did:

No to Acton arena, yes to new fire hall

By STUART JOHNSTON

Acton may have to wait another two or three years before it gets a new arena, but a new firehall there is expected to begin construction this summer.

The Town's Budget Committee slashed the approximately \$4 million arena project from this year's capital budget Tuesday night, according to chairperson Councillor Pam Johnston.

"It was cut...partly because of the economy, and the relocation of the arena was another factor — we have no land right now," Johnston said in an interview.

The new Area One firehall was approved, in principle, at an estimated cost of \$1.04 million. Approximately \$95,000 was taken from the Fire Department's training account to help pay for the new facility, which is to be located on the

southeast corner of Churchill Blvd. and Hwy. 7.

The Budget Committee also approved the purchase of a new pumper for the Fire Department.

All decisions by the committee must be approved by council in the spring.

The replacement cost of a new arena was tagged at \$4 million, with approximately \$3.25 million funded by debentures. The annual debt charges would have resulted in a 7.3 per cent increase to next year's taxes, according to Johnston.

The budget committee rejected a staff recommendation to apply for Provincial grants this year in order to receive the money and begin construction of the project in 1992. Instead, the application will not be submitted until next year, which

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NDP has no cash for Acton arena

By JANET BAINE

Like all provincial politicians, MPP Noel Duignan says he is defending his corner of the province and is trying to bring government funding to Halton North.

But not for a new Acton Arena. Funding for a new arena was top on the list of priorities for the newly elected MPP at Queen's Park.

However, Duignan told this newspaper Wednesday, arenas aren't included in a list of possible NDP projects. The New Democrat is still hoping some of the \$700 million the Ontario government is committing to public improvement projects will make its way to Halton Hills.

Duignan added he is also looking at alternative sources of funding.

When the MPP heard Halton Hills' budget committee axed the arena from their list of 1991 priority projects, Duignan said provincial

money will be harder to get for the project.

"Council hasn't made a commitment, until they do, it will remain a low priority for the Province," he said.

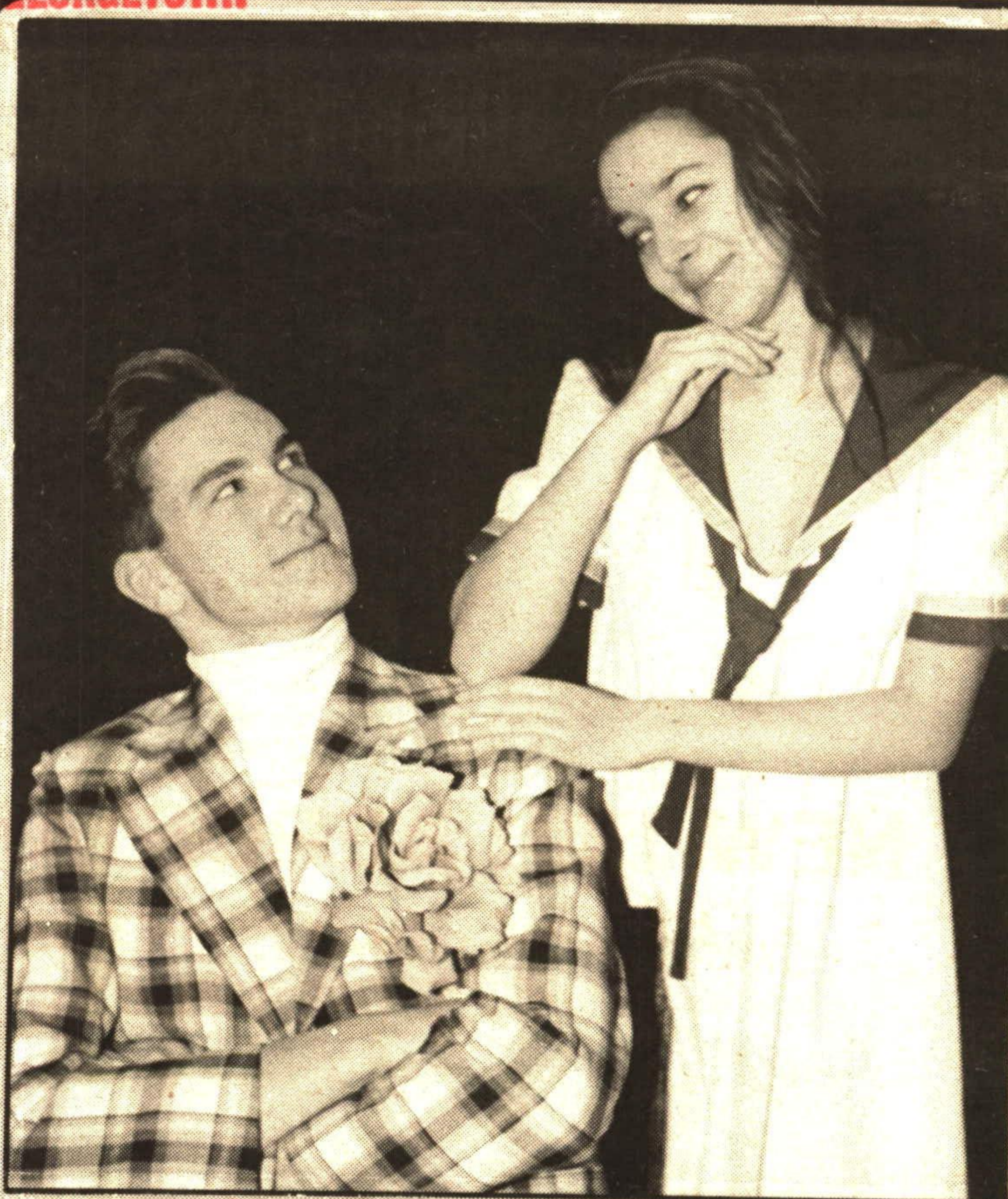
"It makes it a little difficult if you don't have the local council behind the project," he said. "But that still won't stop me."

Announcements will be made within the next 10 days on how the \$700 million will be spent. Duignan wouldn't speculate on which Halton Hills projects the money might be used for, or how much money might come to his riding.

Money won't be spent on a partisan basis, so NDP representatives have no guarantee that money will come to their riding, he said.

When he first went into office, Duignan handed a list of local projects he considered priorities over to the government. Projects on the list included:

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Don't they make the sweetest couple? It seems Wayne and Wendi of the Georgetown High School Drama Club are about to tie the knot, and this is their "engagement" photo. The groom, Wayne (better known as Dave McCallum) is about to wed the wondrous winsome and sometimes wiley, Wendi, (who GDHS students may recognise as Sarah Selhi) at a rather tacky ceremony at Jack Tanner's Table in Acton, Feb. 21.

You're invited to

Wayne and Wendi's wedding

Have you ever wanted to be the less than perfect wedding guest, but instead was forced to mind your P's and Q's?

Well, through the combined efforts of Georgetown High School's OAC drama class and Open Door Youth Centre, you will have the opportunity to act out your most outrageous wedding guest fantasies, to wear your most tacky wedding "dress-up" clothes and to have a really good old let-your-hair-down time.

The GDHS drama class will perform a mock wedding with a less than perfect couple — Wayne and Wendi — and the "guests" are expected to throw their two cents in at the most inappropriate times. The concept is based on dinner theatre plays now popular which involve the audience. Last year Open Door had a similar fun whodunit mystery evening.

This year's participatory evening will be held Thursday, February 21 at Jack Tanner's Table in Acton. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Dinner and dancing follows the ceremony.

Tickets, with proceeds to Open Door, are \$30 per person. Partial tax receipts are available. For reservations call Vanessa at the Open Door, 873-2966.

This fund-raising event for Open Door will enable it to continue to offer its teen drop-in centre and a Young Parent program at St. George's Church in Georgetown.

Sunday Brunch

The Tradition Continues

A casual relaxing mid-day meal among family and friends is a delightful activity for many on Sunday.

The cosy, country setting offers a warm and inviting feeling for your gathering.

For your enjoyment our chef prepares new & seasonal breakfast specialties each Sunday.

Traditional favorites include our carving

station and the popular Create Your Own Omelette Station.

Plus - fresh made waffles, a selection of country breads, fresh fruits and berries, pastries from Dufflets. Fruit Juices, homemade desserts and other creations to please your palate.

The tradition continues Sundays, at Jack Tanner's Table.

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