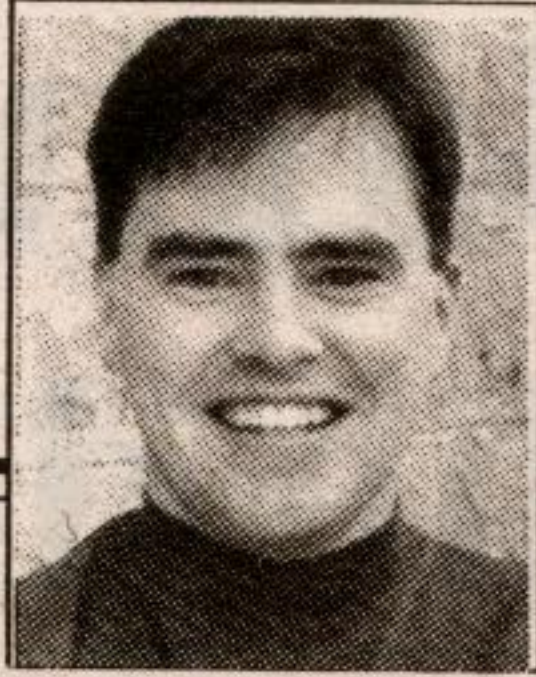


## EDITORIAL

With Paul Nolan



### Right way, wrong way

Another informal meeting of local business people last week produced some terrific proactive, "pro-Acton" ideas. Once again, there were over 20 participants, and we were able to further define our strategy for making this town a better place in which to do business.

Jack Carpenter, Steve Dawkins and Dave Manes were three of the new faces who came to share their experience and wisdom with the group, and by the time things wrapped up, we'd come up with such novel ideas as a weekly "trunk sale," the issuing of "Leathertown Loonies," and selling our community in the pages of the new "Acton Visitor" publication.

Everyone at the meeting actually made a commitment to devote some time and energy to a local group (the B.I.A. or Tourism Committee, for example) in order to affect positive change.

I must stress, this is not a business association, *per se*; rather, we are simply a group of business owners and managers, and private citizens. What we share is a common objective — moving Acton forward, in many respects, after years (decades?) of commercial and industrial decline. Our strength lies in our ideas; our licence and legitimacy lie in our belief that Acton could be and should be a great place to be.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 8 pm, Wednesday, March 2 at Andy's Restaurant. All are welcome!

Speaking of meetings, the next B.I.A. gathering is slated for 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Dan Dolliver's office.

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I had to laugh when I saw, in last week's *Tanner*, Counc. Norm Elliott's defense of the decision to use a Burlington printer to produce a "lure brochure," meant to attract businesses to Halton Hills.

The irony was lost on Counc. Elliott, as he explained that the Burlington printer "had the expertise and background we were looking for. Local printers are just printers; they don't have the experience."

He went on to say that the Burlington company "aren't just printers; they put the wording together."

You can imagine my surprise, then, when I opened up the brochure and saw, right there on Page 2, underneath a photo of a Georgetown intersection, the line *Friendly Downtown's*.

Now, surely some local printer would know the difference between a possessive and a plural. Heck, I'm sure a lot of sixth-graders would catch this mistake.

And who, I must ask, came up with the strategy for alternating back and forth between U.S. and Canadian usage? We're told about the urban *centers* of Halton Hills, then we turn the page to read that this community boasts one of the finest educational *programmes* in Ontario.

The brochure also introduces us to the Halton Hills Cultural *Center* ... obviously the American sister of the Cultural *Centre* we all know and love.

But to get a real appreciation for the linguistic merits of this \$14,000 project, have a go at the following sentence, to be found on Page 3:

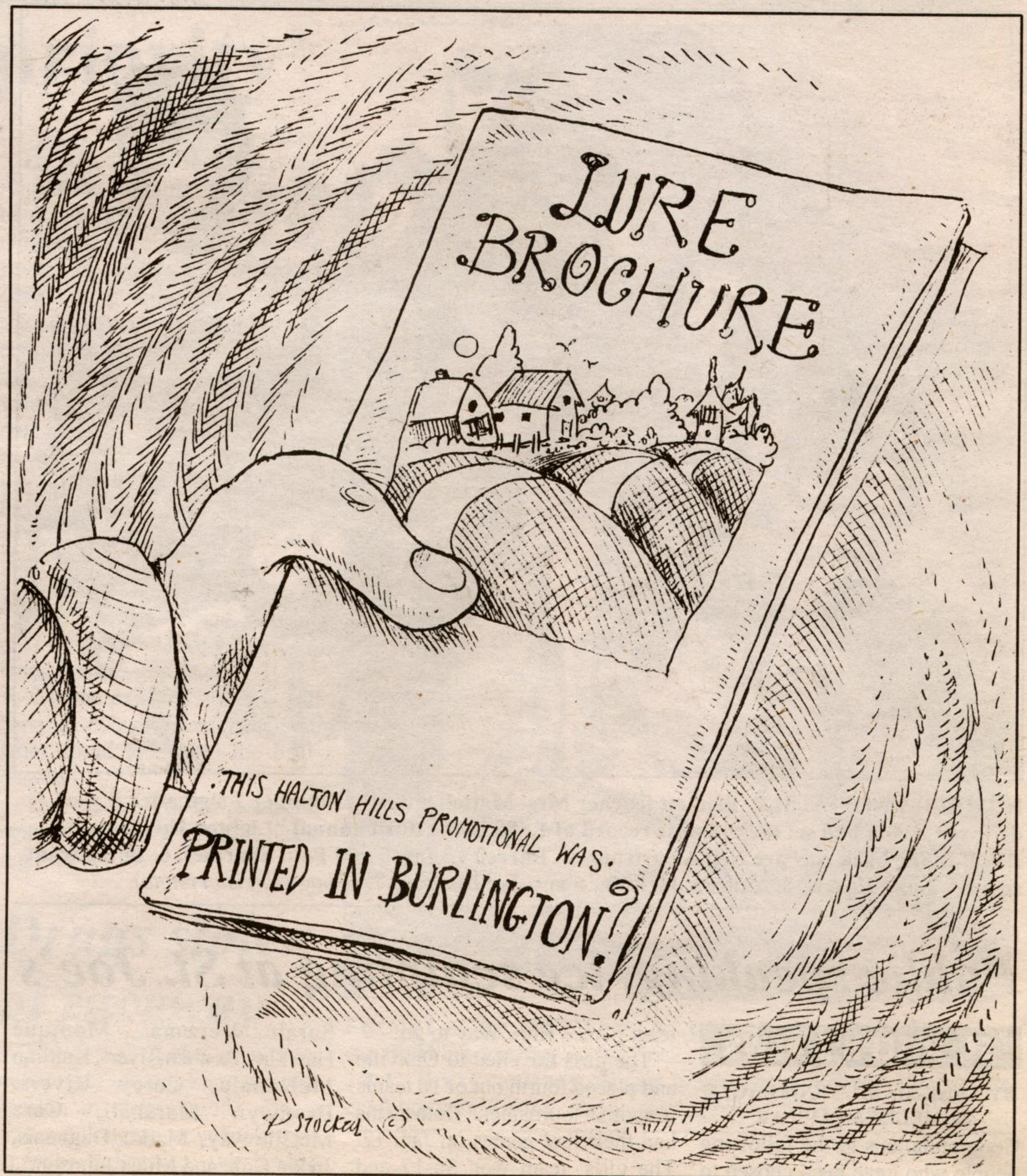
*"Through visionary foresight, careful community planning, and conscious design, the integration of urban development and the preservation of the environment have become Halton Hills' distinguishing signature."*

It's enough to make you want to cry.



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## LETTERS

### Acton is 'united in faith and fellowship'

To the Editor,

Every so often in life, events take place that are watersheds in the focus provided to communities. This special community is known for the compassion and caring of its people.

On Sunday, Jan. 30 such an event took place in Acton. Because of the

kindness and co-operation of the local Legion, the Acton Ministerial Association, church leadership bodies, music directors and many others, a combined worship service of the community churches took place at the Legion.

For the "Week of prayer for Christian Unity," people of our community were able to worship together with fellowship and love as we celebrated unity.

With co-operation of everyone involved, once again Acton demonstrated its commitment to people and to its belief in the goodness of people.

Well done Acton!

Keith J. Black  
Rockwood

### FoodShare says 'thank-you' to Acton

To the Editor,

As you are aware, Acton FoodShare has relocated to 153 Perth Street in Acton. On behalf of the Board of Directors we would like to thank the following people, who made the move easier: Jon Hurst from Hydro for the donation of a hot water tank and its installation; Peter Zions for his workmanship; Dobbie Frizzell and Duncan Waldie for their electrical work; Joe Rinders for the work on the windows; and many other volunteers including Wyman Little for the other tasks both large and small.

The year has come to a close and we would also like to thank the many supporters who assisted FoodShare throughout the year with monetary and food donations.

Recently, the Four Seasons Restaurant and Roadrunners Hardball Club were able to provide FoodShare with a donation of

243 pounds of food. The efforts of Acton High, St. Joseph's and McKenzie-Smith schools provided FoodShare with 677 pounds of food.

E.C. Drury, through Building Products in Acton, provided \$156 for FoodShare. We also received donations of muffins from Mr. and Mrs. Malinosky of Tim Horton's, Acton. We are grateful for the generous donations which assist us greatly in these times.

Don Hearn of Johnson & Associates initiated a "Food for Cinema Tickets" program, to benefit FoodShare. We thank you Mr. Hearn and those who participated by donating food to you.

At FoodShare, we are very fortunate to have such a caring community which supports us.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank all our supporters and volunteers and wish all a prosperous and happy 1994!

Arlene D. Fritz  
Secretary, Acton FoodShare

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