

Garage sale a success

The first giant garage sale for the Acton Parent-Child Resource Centre was a rousing success, according to organizers.

The sale ran Saturday at the Band Hall, and cars were lined up along Wallace Street from start to finish. Barney and Baby Bop were favourites, along with a live trout pond.

Organizers thanked the following businesses for their generous donations: Acton IGA, Little Tykes, Tim Hortons and Suit Yourself. Tyler Transport, E.T. Video and Jon Hurst were also noted, for their donation of sign space to advertise the sale.



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Thyme has always been prized for its ornamental use. It's a fast growing ground cover with small purple flowers, releasing a light fragrance when the tiny velvety leaves are slightly crushed.

Garlic adds an exotic flair to a garden. Tall, flat onion-like leaves provide contrast to other plants. During the summer it displays a white globular flower head.

Tricolour sage has multicoloured foliage that grows two feet high. The leaves are oblong and slightly woolly. It has the same flavour as the regular green-leaved sage.

Lemon balm is a vigorous, spreading plant with wrinkled leaves that have an intense lemon scent. Makes an attractive ground cover.

Chives grow in tight clumps composed of short tubular leaves. During midsummer it displays bright purple flowers. Even the seed heads are attractive when the flower has faded.

Each week Len Tuitman and staff of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace.

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Rep wants lawsuit protection

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Acton Tanner

The life of a Town councillor these days is like a British sitcom, according to Acton rep Norm Elliott.

Elliott and most other councillors were met by a process server at Council last Tuesday and handed notice that they, and the Town, were being sued in connection with a second proposed development.

"This is like the latest segment of *Are You Being Served?*" Elliott remarked.

"This marks the second occasion that I've been offered a notice of action lawsuit against me, naming me personally as well as other councillors, for doing my job."

The Town and members of the previous council now face two multi-million dollar lawsuits in connection with the handling of two separate proposals in the Hwy. 401-Steeles Avenue corridor.

Elliott said the lawsuits have effectively silenced Council on two important planning decisions.

"We can't do business as usual and the latest lawsuit restricts us from voting on anything in that corridor."

Elliott charges that democracy is being subverted by the lawsuits, and ratepayers in the corridor are being disenfranchised because only the three new members of Council, who are not named in the suits, are able to debate and vote on the proposals.

"Maybe we should, if we ever get out of this quagmire of lawsuits, be the town that initiates something to prevent this from happening again. We were doing our job when we made these deci-

sions and we were sued."

Elliott suggested that municipal politicians, like provincial and federal ones, should be immune from personal suits.

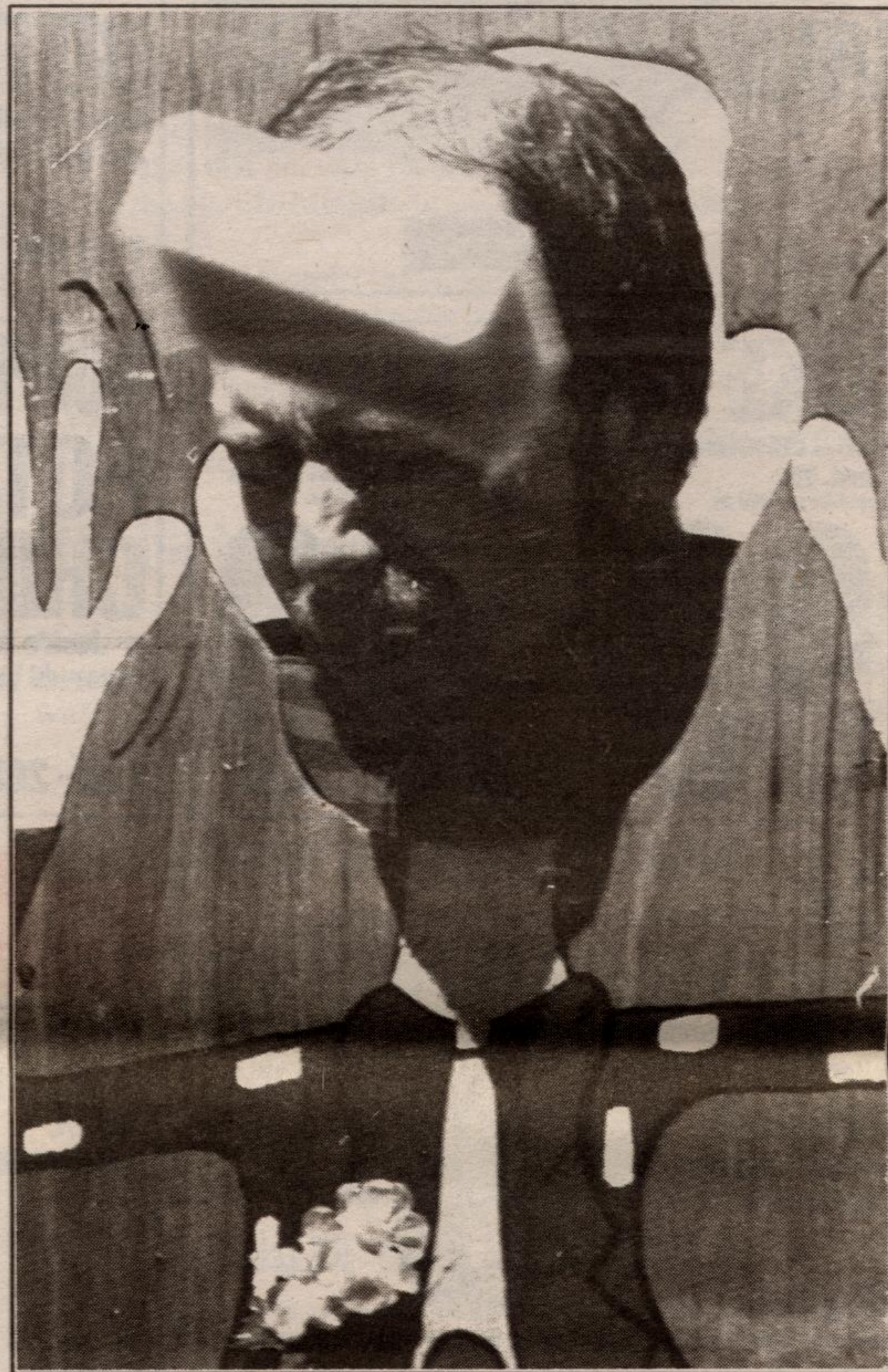
"When Equity Waste and Panorama personally named us in lawsuits they effectively removed any critical commentary on their proposals because we all have a pecuniary interest.

"I'm praying that during this term of council we will have our

day in court. We haven't been able to tell our side of the story and it needs to be told," Elliott said.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette said the lawsuits are making all councillors a lot more cautious.

"We are being sued for doing our job. Eventually the Province will have to look at the issue of councillors being personally named because this is precedent-setting," Bonnette said in an interview last Wednesday.



DIRECT HIT! Teacher Kevin Dorscht gets hit with a wet sponge at Robert Little's third annual spring carnival on Saturday. Some 1,000 people attended the Parents Assisting Children and Teachers (PACT) event, which raised about \$2,500. (Paul Nolan photo)

Workers don't want union at Acton plant

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pit management against employees," Kitson said.

"We have serious doubts as to whether we will get fair treatment at the Board and we also think that whoever wins the election should clear up the Board."

Kitson said at first glance it might look like a union versus company battle, but actually it's a union versus company workers battle because the union wants their jobs for its members.

Kitson said if the union came and asked employees if they wanted to join, he would abide by his employees' decision.

Ninety per cent of the APM workers do not want a union and hired a lawyer to draft a petition against unionizing.

Millwright Bill Rogers said they will apply for intervenor status at the Labour Board hearing.

"If the Board rules that this is a union shop then we, as employees, don't want a union," Rogers said in an interview on Monday.

Rogers said if APM loses the fight the employees will immediately move to decertify.

At press time Liberal Walt Elliot was the only candidate to respond to APM's concerns.

Elliott called the APM case another illustration of how Ontario's labour laws hurt small business and drive investment out of the province.

Vandals paint GO booth

Police report damage to the GO transit booth on Main Street North. The booth had been spray painted, around 6 pm last Saturday.

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