

GRAPE VINE

stating "Working towards a new image."

Parkette plans displayed

The Town has given the BIA two suggested proposals for the landscaping of the parkette at the corner of Mill and Main Streets.

These proposals are on display at the Bank of Montreal all this week, during regular business hours. A public meeting will take place tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 pm at the bank to explain the two design concepts.

BIA co-ordinator Janis Fread encourages everyone to take a look at the two designs and to bring their comments to the meeting.

"Both of the proposals are just suggestions - we can still change them," she said.



Proud plaque

Although the official unveiling won't take place until Sunday, Aug. 11 during the Leathertown Festival, a commemorative plaque has been installed on the front of the old Acton Town Hall on Willow Street, which has been designated as a heritage building.

The Town Hall, built by William McCulla at a cost of \$5,500 (over budget by \$926 because of the cost of the bell tower), was opened in 1883 and included a police lock-up and the municipal council.

In part the plaque reads that the building was "built to reflect the aspirations of a small community and preserved through local effort in 1977."

Image is everything

Faced with possible by-law charges by the Town and the wrath of angry neighbours, operators of the used car lot at the old Beaver gas station on Hwy. 7 have cleaned up their act and tidied up the site, which was an eyesore with piles of junk, debris and junked cars.

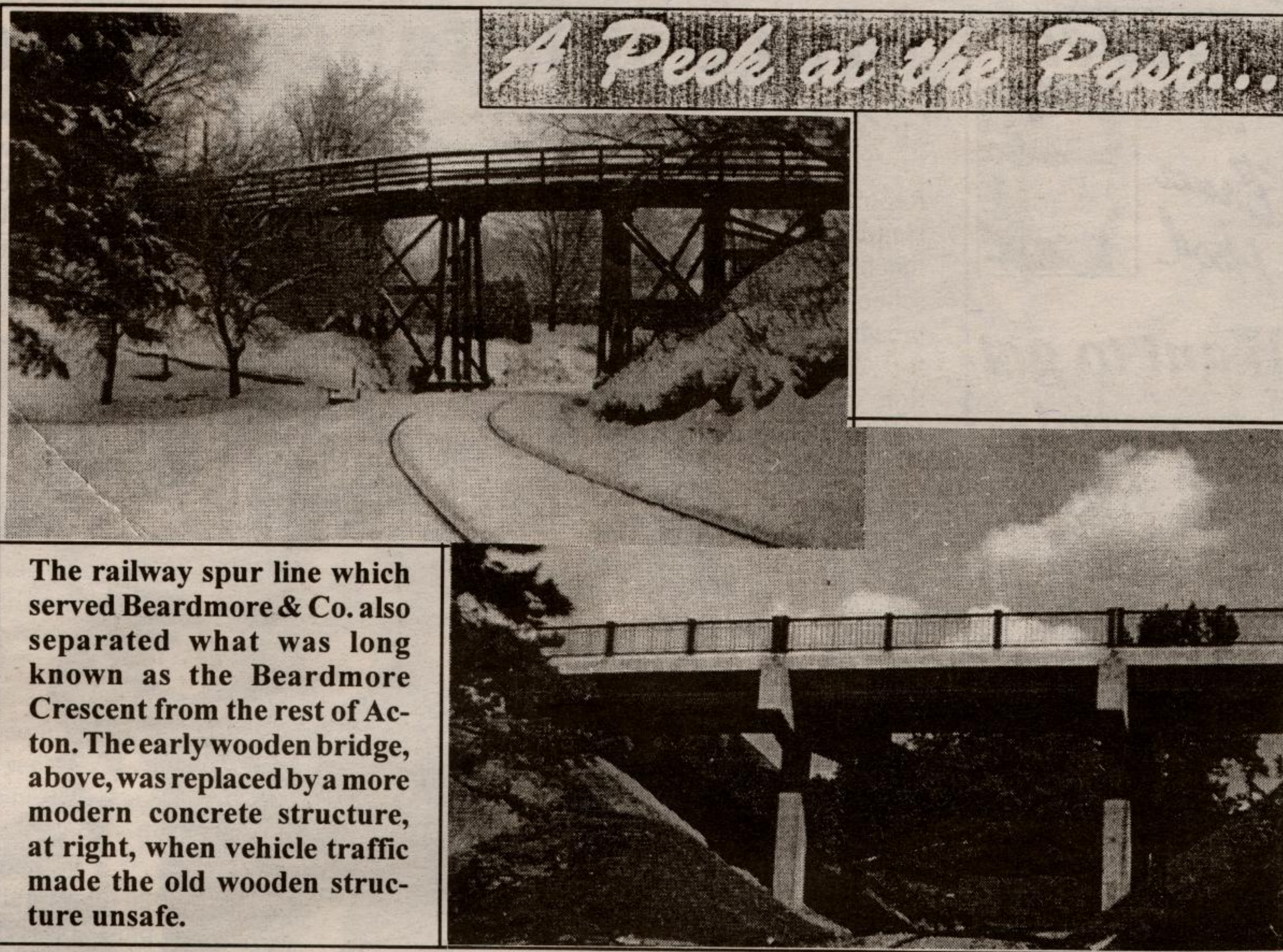
Bruan Enterprises staff want everyone to know how hard they are trying to clean up their act - there's a handwritten sign on the front door

A grand party!

Mrs. Louise Lindsay recently celebrated her 80th birthday with a party at her Crescent Street home.

In attendance were her four children (Jim, Don, Margie and Mary Jane), 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lindsay and her family would like to thank all who attended the celebration.



The railway spur line which served Beardmore & Co. also separated what was long known as the Beardmore Crescent from the rest of Acton. The early wooden bridge, above, was replaced by a more modern concrete structure, at right, when vehicle traffic made the old wooden structure unsafe.

No sanctuary for terrorists

Two hundred and thirty people were murdered when T.W.A. Flight 800 exploded just off the coast of Long Island. Although the authorities have not yet confirmed that a bomb destroyed the jumbo jet, there is little doubt that an explosive device brought the giant plane down.

Last Friday night a pipe bomb ripped through Centennial Park in Atlanta. Millions saw the replay on TV. One woman was killed and a TV cameraman died as a result of a heart attack while rushing to the scene. Hundreds of innocent bystanders were injured.

For years, we in North America seemed immune to terrorist acts. We saw scenes from Europe and the mid-east on nightly TV and wondered about the state of humanity overseas. We had some scares with hijacked airlines, but tighter airport security soon had that problem in hand.

The destruction and mass murder at the federal building in Oklahoma City changed all that. Home-grown maniacs were on the loose. In Canada, some coward bombed the Provincial Legislature in P.E.I. I can't help but wonder why we don't hear anything about that incident. To the best of my recollection, no one has been charged. Has this investigation been quietly shelved?

The bombings of T.W.A. 800 and Atlanta may signal a new round of terrorist activity. I think we have to take the shackles off our police forces when they are investigating suspected terrorists.

President Clinton is considering wider wiretap usage by the F.B.I. In many cases, these kooks are known to police but the cops can't do anything until an offense is committed. By then, it's too late for the victims.

Notwithstanding our gutless justice minister, terrorist acts in Canada should be punishable by

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summary execution. If a group is involved then we should hang everyone involved in the planning and support of the actual cretin who performs the dastardly deed.

Terrorists must not be allowed to seek sanctuary in Canada. Too often in the past, murderers have taken advantage of our lax justice system to avoid being held responsible in the jurisdiction where they committed their crime. Parliamentarians made the laws that fugitives are using to hide out in Canada. Isn't it about time they fixed the law before some filth like the T.W.A. bomber seeks refuge here?

The people of Montoursville, Pa. - a small town like ours - never thought they'd be touched by terrorists. They lost 16 of their children. We have to be concerned and our government has to act decisively. I have no desire to tie ribbons on trees.

A group of workfare protesters recently stormed into four Toronto restaurants protesting the government's plans. From what I've read, there are no plans to allow workfare people to toil in any business situations. But the facts never stop these protesters from their rounds.

I'm getting a little fed up with the laissez-faire attitude of the authorities to this mob. One protester tried to grab the \$20 bills from a cash register. Not only was this person not arrested, police in Toronto called the incident a "minor skirmish."

Attempted robbery is a "minor skirmish?" Even though the mob

had moved on by the time the cops arrived, there were some good clues. The protesters had their pictures in the paper. I trust the Halton Police will not have the same attitude should a similar incident happen here.

Protesters claim that workfare projects, such as cleaning up the highways, are demeaning. But when the Rotary Club does it, we put signs on the roadside to honour them. It doesn't seem to be demeaning to Rotarians.

Our town is one of the areas chosen to begin implementation of the workfare program. The real problem these folks have is that the Harris government is determined to derail the gravy train that many in the "poverty industry" have been living off for years. The target is not the genuinely needy but rather those who abuse the system.

Perhaps the next time these protesters raid a restaurant the patrons should fight back. A food fight - of course.

I'm constantly amazed at the nincompoops who run the City of Toronto. Councillor Kyle Rae is a perfect example. Rae, who was raised in Oakville, recently called his former home a "bland, plastic place." He added that he wouldn't move back "if you put a gun to my head."

True, Oakville doesn't have a lot of the things Toronto has. There are no usurious parking lots. I miss being hounded by street people. Oakville doesn't have Barbara Hall, who arguably has the most annoying, whining voice in the world.

Oakville has many attractions that Toronto doesn't: peace, quiet, Donovan Bailey, Don Cherry and beaches that don't glow in the dark. Best of all, Oakville doesn't have Kyle Rae.

HEY! How does your garden grow?



"I had my garden professionally landscaped by White Oaks Landscaping and I also have it maintained by Ray's Gardening Service. I don't have the time myself to do it and this works out great."
Lonnie Harkins, Acton

"We just moved in and I haven't had a chance to do anything yet. In the fall, I'll plant shrubs and next spring put in a vegetable garden."
Susanna Mesich, Birchway Place



"I help Mom pick weeds. I like picking and eating the carrots and lettuce right out of the garden. I just ate my first raspberry from our bushes."
Heather Zions, 3 1/2 years old

"I have no vegetable garden because I'm allergic to garden dust. I can plant flowers in planters but I can't walk on the actual dirt. It's a real nuisance."
Helen Jocque, R.R. #4, Acton

