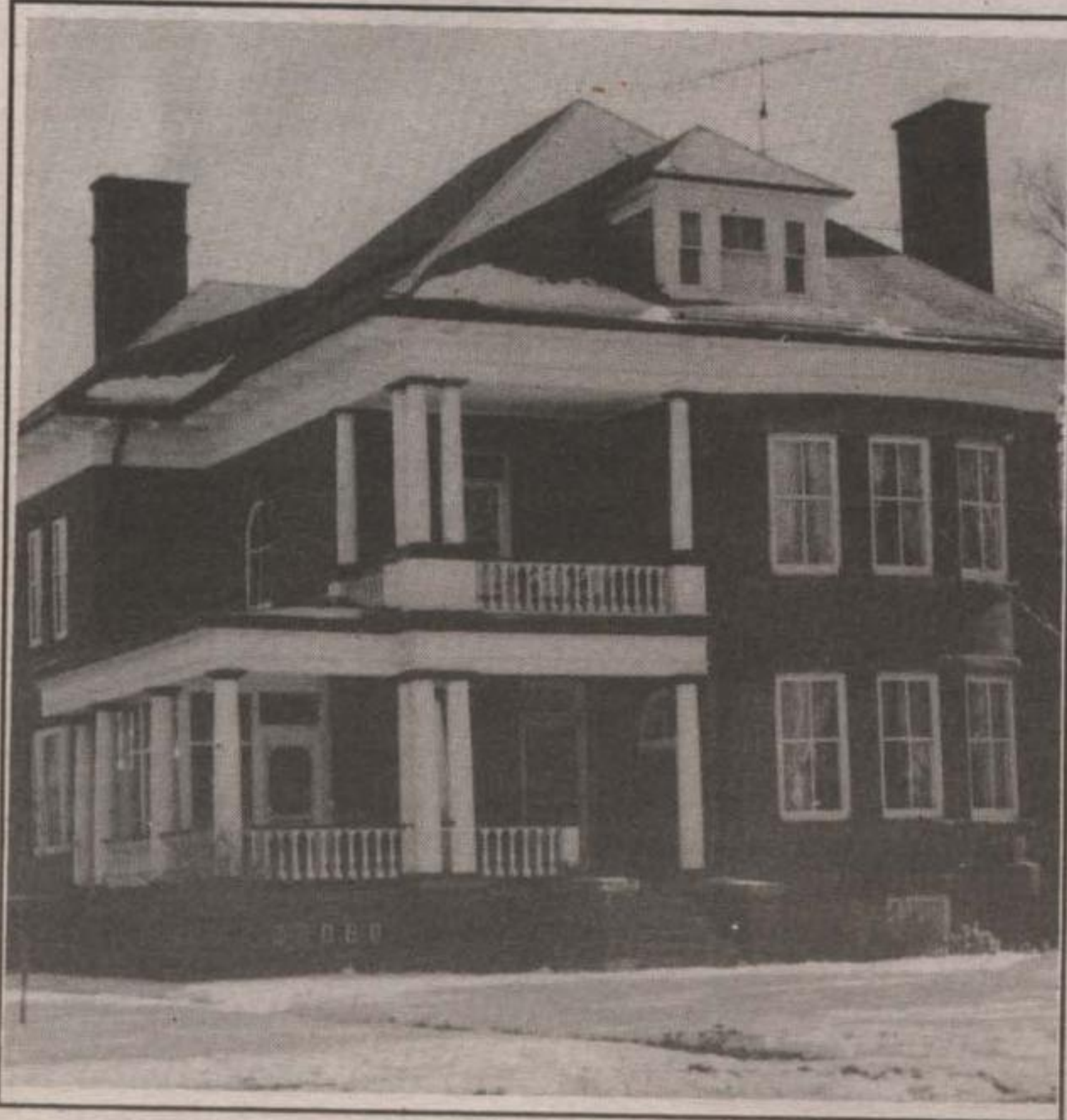


Lots of work remains for Heritage Halton Hills



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"Not by a long shot." That's what Acton Councilor Norm Elliott said when asked if Halton Hills Heritage, the committee he sits on as Council's designate, has done enough to try to preserve Acton's heritage buildings.

"Heritage is tricky," Elliott said. "Just because a building is old doesn't make it significant and there are two aspects to heritage - architectural and historical."

Elliott said they are hampered by a lack of money and a long and involved designation process.

"We're working with a budget of \$7,000 to \$8,000 - it's a peanuts budget for the Heritage committee and, as a matter of fact, if the com-

mittee hadn't received a little extra from council, it wouldn't have been that high," Elliott explained.

Elliott said that there are other properties in Acton that should be looked at in terms of a heritage designation, but declined to name them in case identifying them triggered some action on the part of the owner.

Two Acton buildings have been designated under the Act including the old Town Hall on Willow Street and Moorecroft, the former Beatty house on Church Street.

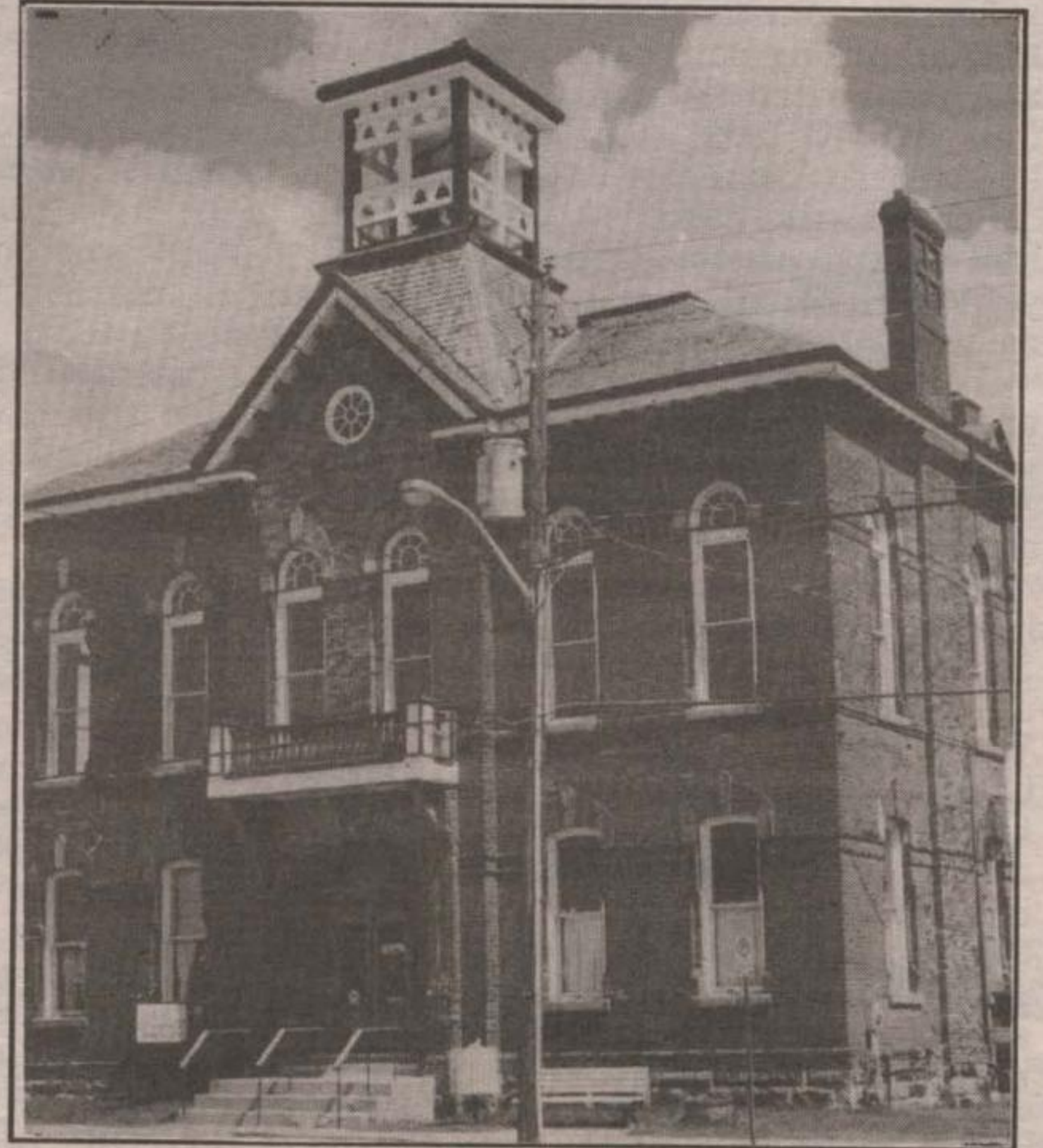
"There are older homes, for example that need to be considered, and it would be a shame to see certain properties disappear," Elliott said, noting that if Heritage Halton Hills had been around when

plans were made to add the fire hall onto the rear of the Town Hall, it probably wouldn't have been built because it affected the over-all heritage aspect of the Town Hall.

Working under a Provincial mandate, and with dwindling dollars, Heritage Halton Hills identifies and tries to preserve buildings with historical or architec-

tural significance. A property owner must agree before an historical designation is made. That designation restricts what can be done to a designated building without Council's approval.

Elliott said one of the first jobs of the committee this year would be to update and revise the heritage inventory of buildings in downtown Acton.



HERITAGE INVENTORY: To date, two Acton buildings have been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act, the old Town Hall on Willow Street, above, and at upper left, Moorecroft, the former Beatty house on Church Street.



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