

Triplex plan rejected

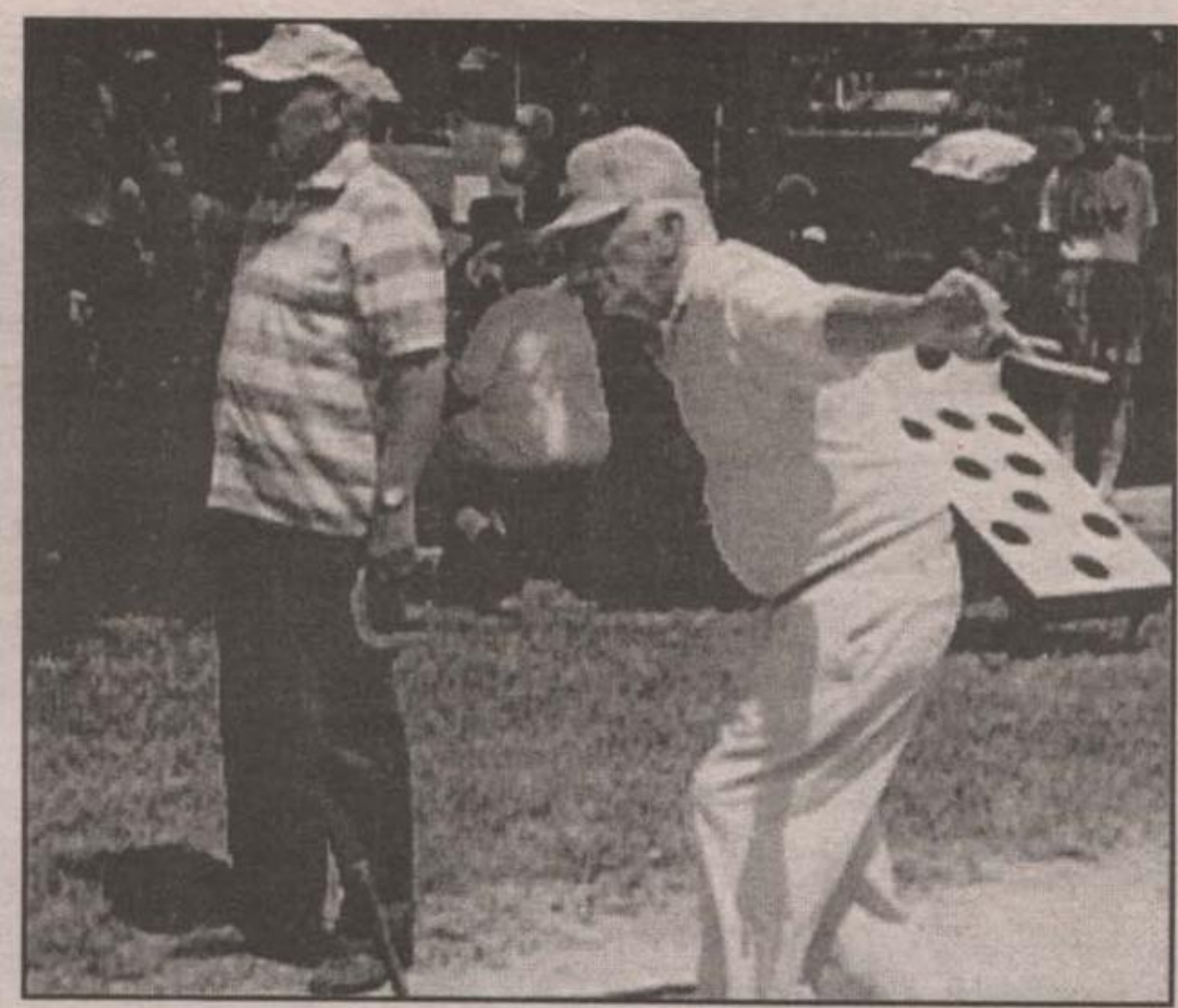
The owners of a house at 113 Main Street North have not abandoned plans to legalize a third apartment unit at the property, despite a refusal of a minor variance application by the Committee of Adjustment which said recently that the application is "not necessarily inconsistent with the area," but beyond the scope of the Committee.

Owner Peter Fobert of Georgetown will apply for a rezoning and official plan amendment to allow him to continue renting a basement apartment in the house, which has operated as triplex for 19 years. The basement apartment was vacated while the application was heard and remains empty.

Although the Official Plan designates the property as low density residential with room for one unit, in 1979 the Committee of Adjustment allowed a duplex dwelling on the property.

Planning staff noted that on-site parking and amenities are limited on the property and don't see the minor variance application as either "minor or desirable."

Fobert's agent, his father Harold Fobert, argued that since the triplex had been in existence for almost 20 years with no objections, the minor variance should be allowed. The building is in a bad state of repair and Fobert said that improvements would not be made if the approval for the triplex was not received.



BOCCE ANYONE? At left, George Lee, right, and Frank Thompson enjoy a round of bocce at the recent Acton Seniors' Picnic at Prospect Park. Above, watch out for flying horseshoes as Jack MacFarlane and Paul Thompson try for ringers. — Ellen Piehl photos

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Remove Opportunity

This week I want to talk about removing "OPPORTUNITY."

Several times over the past few weeks I have been in grocery stores, (I do the shopping) and it causes me concern that ladies will leave their purse in a shopping cart unattended. They are providing a very good opportunity for a thief to grab the purse or just reach in and take money.

Although this is not a criminal opportunity, it is a safety matter that has to be addressed. In the past few years the Halton Regional Police Service has investigated several accidents in the downtown core of Acton. These accidents occur when people park downtown and open their car doors into traffic. These accidents cause serious damage to the vehicle, and if you happen to be holding onto the door, could cause you serious injury.

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Attack on coach unwarranted

To the Editor:

As I was warming up for my 3-pitch league on Wednesday, June 14 at Prospect Park I was appalled at the actions of a parent on the 10-12-year-olds Acton boys' ball team. The 10-12-year-olds were finishing up their game against Carlisle. After the game a parent of one of the boys on the Acton team stood on the bleachers and began to verbally attack the head coach and the coach's son for the loss of the game.

I can't repeat what this man said (it's not fit for print) but I know I have never heard such verbal assault in my life.

The last time I checked baseball was a team sport and nine players make a team, not one!

I was embarrassed for the residents of Acton, myself included, in front of the out-of-town teams. This man's actions and disgusting remarks towards the coach and the coach's son were uncalled for.

I don't know the coach's name but I wish him the best in coaching this team. It took a special person to listen to the verbal assault against his son and himself and not retaliate.

Obviously the coach and his son are special people.
D.K., Acton

Sample Fest a success

To the Editor:

The Acton BIA's fourth annual July 1st Sizzling Summer Sample Fest was a great success!

Proudly carrying small Canadian flags, tour groups were led by Gerald Rennie, who gave the historical highlights of his walk on the Historical Tour and Ron Hudson, who challenged his group with true and fictional ghoulish stories on the Ghost

Tour.

Thanks to the businesses (Red Dog Café, Station Hotel, Clarke's Newfoundland Store, Sweet Dreams Café, Godfathers and Cones) that provided such a delicious selection of food and beverages on the tour. We also thank Gerald and Ron, who made our history come alive with their colourful and interesting stories.

Janis Fread, Acton BIA

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