

# GRAPEVINE



## New use for old Tanners?

A new type of housing insulation made from recycled newspapers will be tested by Zions Construction in one of the homes in its West Meadows Village subdivision. The product is environmentally friendly and cost-competitive with standard insulating products.

Peter Zions hopes to have building permits by this fall for the 31 units recently approved by the Town to complete the 91-unit development which is south of Wallace Street and east of Danville Avenue.

## No lights, no camera, no action

Halton Cable System's decision to pull the plug on broadcasting the Town's general committee meetings is not playing well with some politicians who want coverage of both general committee and council meetings to continue. If that's not possible councillors will ask Halton Cable to videotape and broadcast the general committee meetings where most of the debate takes place.

Halton Cable programmer Nick Appleton said there was "too much programming of council meetings" and that halving broadcast time to about two hours per week will open up time for other shows, including "more in-depth coverage of community events." Appleton could not say how many viewers tune in to watch the Halton, Milton and Halton Hills council and committee meetings now

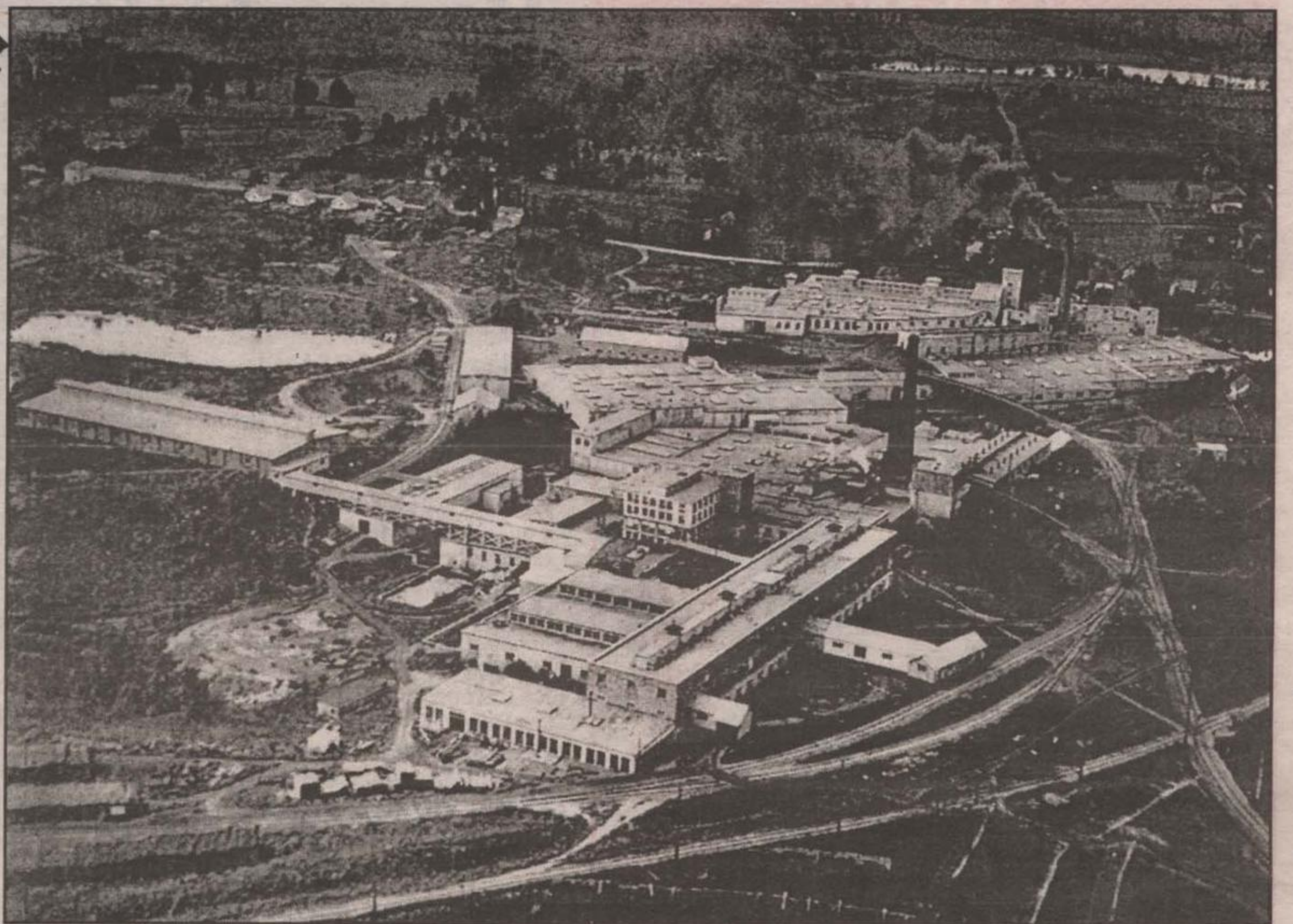
broadcast. Coverage will change by October.

## Hwy. repairs approved

Repairs and resurfacing of the former Highway 25 - now Main Street - from Highway 7 to the boundary with Wellington County will begin late this month and should be complete by late September. The County, the Town and Halton Region are working jointly to repave their respective sections of the road from Acton north to the former Highway 24. The price tag for the Town's section from the railway tracks to the Halton/Wellington boundary is \$66,720. When the Province downloaded ownership of Highway 25 to the Town it provided \$101,550 for repairs and maintenance and the extra cash will be used to maintain the former Highway 25 in the Acton urban limits as well.

## Not yet

Glitches in new tax billing computer software means the Town will not issue its long-overdue final 1988 tax bills tomorrow (Friday) as expected. Treasurer Andy Koopmans said they hope to have the problem solved and the bills out by the end of the month. The anticipate lots of calls from property owners, some who will be hit hard by a combination of provincial downloading, new provide-wide current value assessment and tax shifts. Unlike some municipalities that have hired additional staff to handle the tax enquiries, Halton Hills will train existing staff to deal with the calls.



The Beardmore tannery, now being demolished, looked like this in 1920. You can see the Toronto Suburban Railway ran diagonally through the foreground of the photo while the CN Railway spur which ran over a span into the plant. There were only a few houses on the Cemetery Hill (Main St. S.) then and the only development west of Main St. was Fairview Cemetery. The warehouse at the extreme left was removed about 1934 while a fire in the 1930s destroyed the centre area.

## Slurred words and press boners

Many of us know people who slur their words. More than a few of us do it ourselves at times. We can't all be models of decorum like some of the self-anointed but we can try to improve our pronunciation of the Queen's English so sensitive ears are not offended.

Richard Lederer, writing in *Verbatim* (a language publication), notes that people "afflicted with sensitive ears wince at such mumbblings as 'guvmint' for government, and 'assessoris' for accessories."

We are assaulted by a slew of slurrings, says Lederer, everywhere we turn:

"We meet people who 'hafta,' 'oughta,' or are 'gonna' do something, or who 'shoulda,' 'woulda,' or 'coulda' done it."

As an example, he gave what he called a typical American (it could just as easily be Canadian) exchange:

"Jeet?"  
"No, jew?"  
"Sgo."

Translation: "Did you eat?"  
"No, did you?" "Let's go."

In the *New Yorker*, in an issue in 1949, writer John Davenport called this type of slurring language "Slurvian."

Lederer, "to help to translate Slurvian into English," listed some of Davenport's entries, as well as those of H. Alan Wycherley, who wrote for the now-defunct pamphlet, "Word Study:"

Bar. To take temporarily: "May I bar your eraser?"

Dense. A tooth expert: "I have a dense appointment today."

Forced. A large cluster of trees. "Only you can prevent forced fires."

Formally. Earlier: "Today she's a millionaire investor, but formally

### Coles' Slaw



by Hartley Coles

she tried to make a living as an English teacher."

Granite. Conceded: "Too many people take a the good life for granite."

Intensive. An idiom, as in "For all intensive purposes."

Lays. The opposite of gemmen. "Lays and gemmen, I now present our speaker."

Less. Contraction: "Less get started."

Lining. Electrical flash of light: "Thunder and lining."

Mere. A reflecting glass: "Mere, mere on the wall, who's the fairest one of all?"

Mill. Between the beginning and the end: "A table stood in the mill of the room."

Mince. Units lasting sixty seconds: "I'll be back in a few mince."

Neck store. Adjacent: "I'm in love with the girl neck store."

Nigh. Opposite of day. "She was screaming in the mill of the nigh."

Of. Have: "I could of danced all night."

Pain. Giving money: "I'm tired of pain these high prices."

Pal. To propel a craft of water: "It's your turn to pal the canoe."

Paramour. A modern grass-cutting instrument: "I mowed the lawn with my new paramour."

Pitcher. An image or representation: "As soon as we get the pitcher framed, we'll hang it above the sofa."

Torment. A competition: "Mabel and I have entered the bridge tor-

ment."  
Whore. Inspiring terror. "Whore firms always scare the pants off me."

Win. Movements of air: "He was awakened in the mill of the nigh by flashes of lining and gusts of win."

Winner. Opposite of summer. "The Pilgrims faced many a hard winner."

That doesn't let the press off easy either. Carol Verdun of the now defunct national *Elmira* (Ont.) *Independent* culled some press boners for inclusion in a column including:

"It took rugby more than 100 years to become a success overnight," from the *New Zealand Herald*.

This headline is from the *Parkersburg* (West Virginia) *News*:

"Ray Charles: A Rocker Well Before his Predecessors."

From the *Anchorage* (Alaska) *News*:

"Changes of this magnitude would, of course, take hundreds of years - more like centuries."

From the *Aberdeen* (Scotland) *Press and Journal*:

"The man CID are seeking is describes as being male."

From the *Richmond* (Virginia) *Times-Dispatch*:

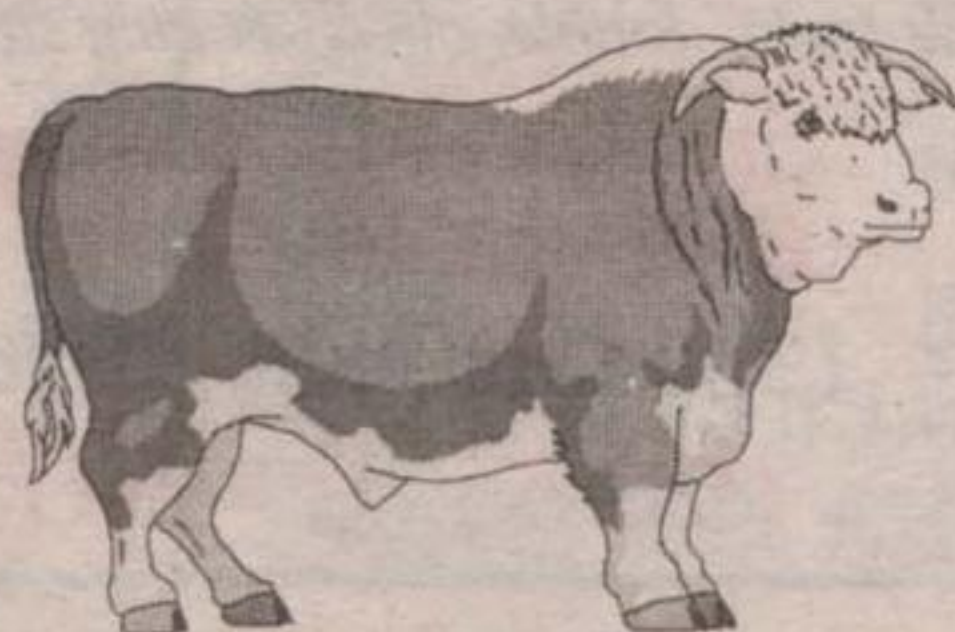
"Richmond's all-time hottest July day was August 6, 1918, Linton said, when the mercury climbed to climbed to 107."

From the *Guide and Gazette*, *Dundee*, Scotland:

"Most of Scotland's raspberry growing takes place in Scotland."



SIGNS UP: Noticed the new signs on Highway 25? No longer a Queen's Highway, 25 has become Halton Region 25 as far north as the Wellington County boundary when it becomes Wellington 125. - Angela Tyler photo



## WHAT'S YOUR BEEF?

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