

# Fallout shelter survey is conducted in Halton

A summer-long fallout protection survey of all major buildings in Halton County began on Monday morning, when teams of surveyors started measuring, inspecting and sizing up the radiation factors of commercial, industrial and large residential buildings in the north end of the county.

The survey is being taken by surveyors from the Canadian Department of Public Works as part of a nation-wide survey to find the maximum protective shelter for Canadians in cases of nuclear war or other disasters. The surveyors are working from the Milton office of the Halton Emergency Measures Organization, and are headed by W. J. Woelfle, a zone group leader in the protection survey department.

Six young men, all second and third year students at Ontario universities, are working in teams of two to examine floors, walls and roofs of any suitable buildings where fallout protection could be afforded. They are primarily interested in government buildings, industrial and commercial buildings, institutions and high-rise apartment buildings, Mr. Woelfle explained. No private homes or buildings of less than 1,000 square feet are being included in the survey.

"We find the public is quite leary of our surveyors, and we would like everyone to know exactly what we are doing," the group leader explained. For this reason, all surveyors carry an identity card bearing their photograph, and they hand each owner or manager of a building about to be inspected a letter explaining the survey, and signed by Ontario's regional emergency planning officer J. F. McLean.

The group has just finished a survey in Wellington county, and expects to stay in Halton for the rest of the summer. The teams began their work Monday in the northern end of the county and by the end of next week expect to start logging statistics in the more heavily populated southern towns of Oakville and Burlington. Mr. Woelfle said there were probably over 500 suitable buildings to be surveyed in Burlington alone.

"Each inspection should not take more than half an hour, and we try not to interfere with normal activities at any of the buildings," the group leader said. "Most people have been very co-operative so far."

"We are really just taking stock -- for emergencies," he added. "We want to identify and locate buildings with a potential

shelter space, estimate their capacity, and determine the protection they will provide against radioactive fallout."

One thing they are looking for is the services available to such buildings. The surveyors make note of ventilation, protection levels above and below ground, and the availability of water, electrical power and sanitary facilities.

A pilot survey was taken in Alberta in 1964, where protection was located for an estimated 1,650,000 people. The cross-Canada survey was launched two years ago and should be completed later this year.

And what happens to all the information collected? It gets shipped off to Ottawa where computers sort out the data and make a report on the availability of accommodations for safety-seeking Canadians in the event of any outbreak of nuclear-charged animosities between our country and its global neighbors... or any other disaster, as the surveyors stress.

Eventually, Halton E. M. O. hopes to receive a list of the suitable buildings. A few years ago the Halton organization did a similar rough survey, taking into account municipally-owned buildings, commercial buildings,

# Council won't back down enforce Twp. building by-law

A mistake in builders' plans which left a house being erected on Lot 3, Concession 5, over 100

square feet short of the minimum 1500 square feet required in Esqueping township, was eyed sympathetically by council. However, they made no exception for B. and L. De Mann, the owners, when they appeared at the last meeting of council with builder E. Devogel.

plaza stores and hospitals. "But we did not go into it with the scope these fellows will," said Halton E. M. O. Co-ordinator W. Bruce McGregor.

The inspection teams covering Halton this year include John Noonan and Bill McLelland, J. Lambert and R. Frederiske, D. Nelson and D. McBride. All are students at Guelph, Waterloo and Western universities, some of them engineering students who are picking up some practical engineering pointers while they measure up Halton's fallout-free shelters for the benefit of future generations.

"The bylaw says a house must be 1500 square feet. Your house is short 76 feet on each floor. The next guy may only be 50 feet but we must abide by the by-law," Reeve George Currie told the builder and owner.

Where did the mistake occur? Neither, builder, owner or council could trace fault. The owner doesn't deny applying for

a 1500 square feet permit. The house has the frame up, roof on, doors and windows in.

"You could build a porch," suggested clerk K.C. Lindsay to add the extra necessary feet. "It would spoil the looks," replied the owner.

Council stood by the by-law, and advised both owner and builder to work something out with building inspector Tom McLean so the house would come up to standard.

# Look, ma — cavities

The dental division of Halton County Health Unit has been busy inspecting school children's teeth during the past nine months, and presented some figures on its work to the recent Halton Board of Health meeting.

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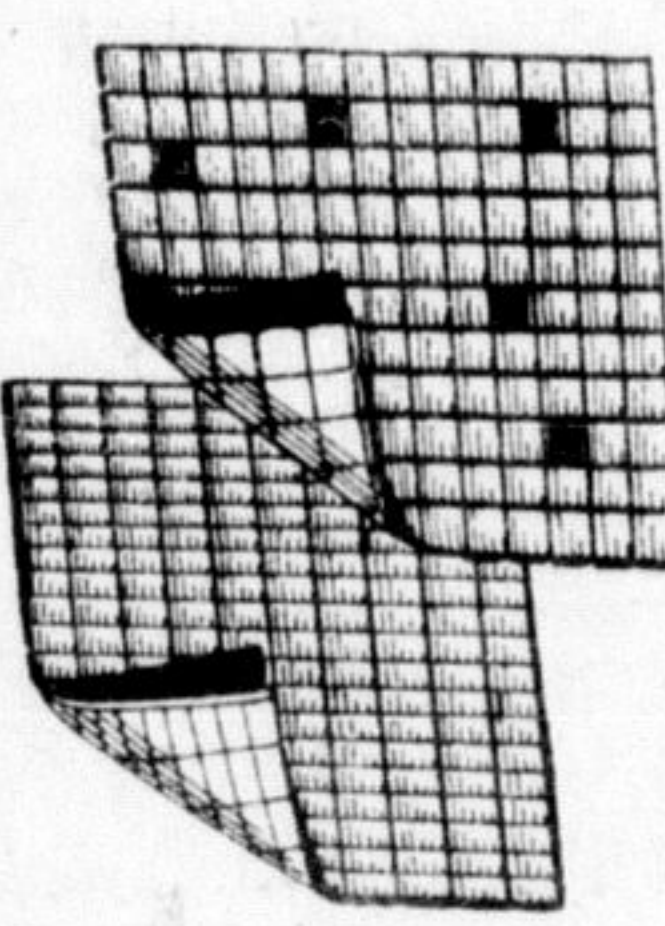
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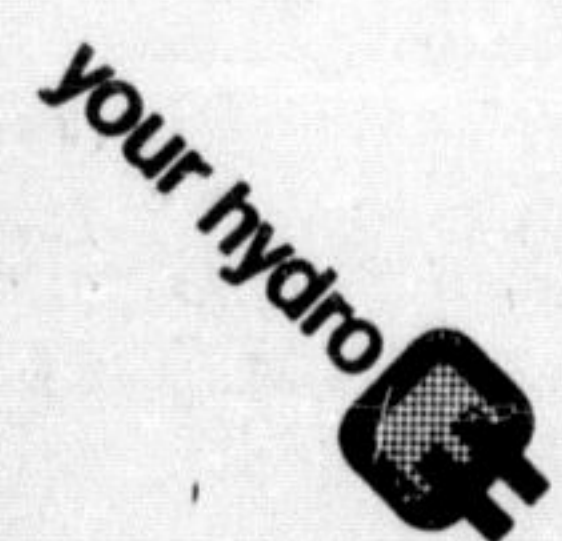
Co-ordinator W. B. McGregor and zone survey leader Walter Woelfle discuss the project while student surveyors John Noonan and Bill McLelland measure up the Halton County Administration building in the background. (Staff Photo)



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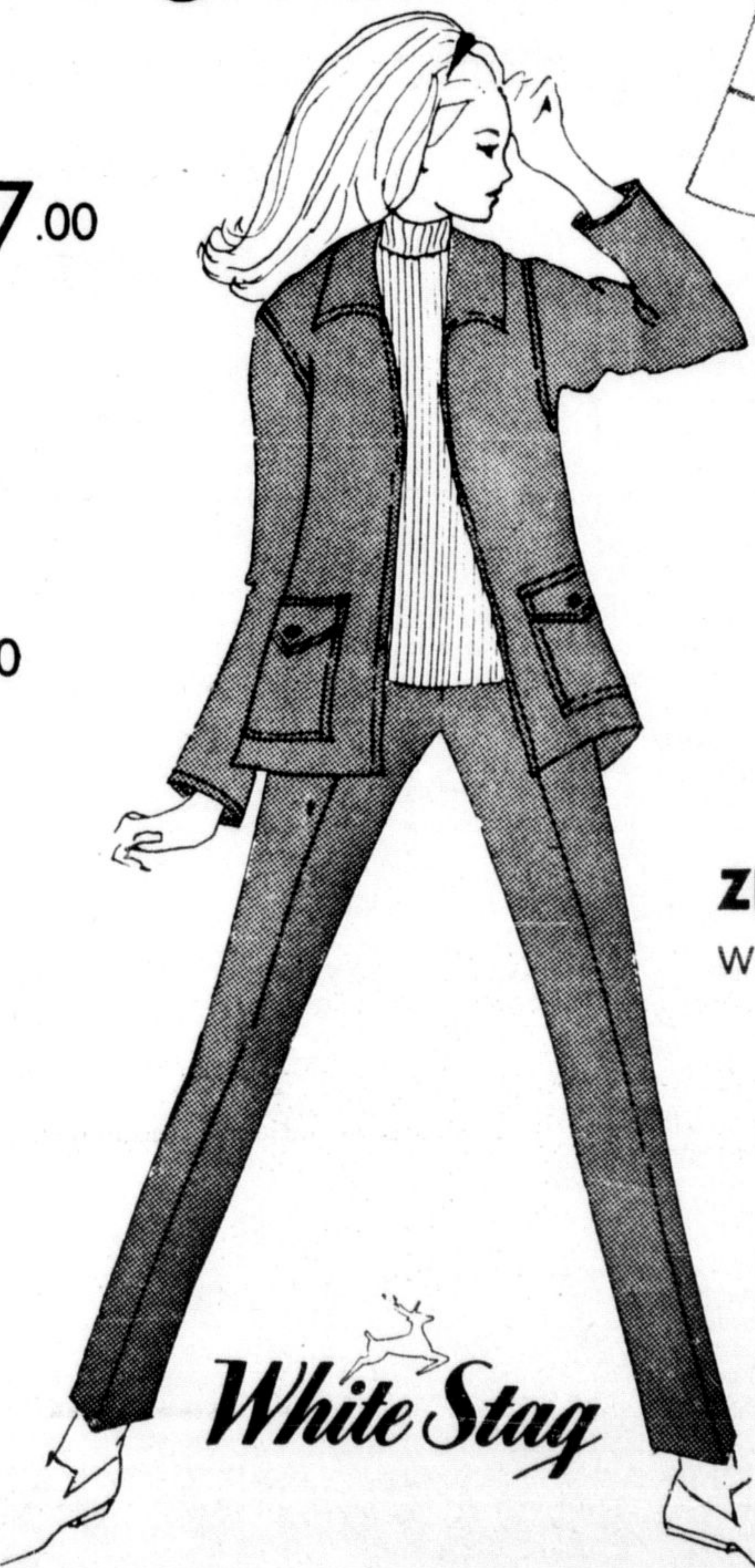
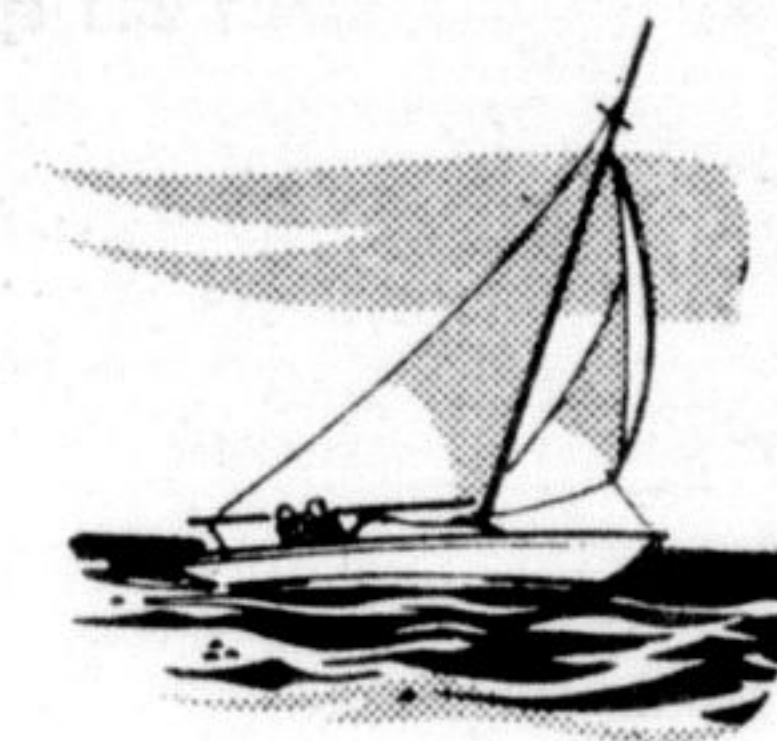
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